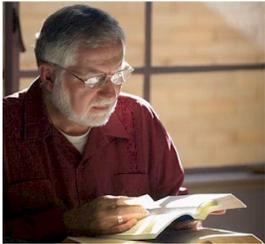


Words of Hope

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The Advancing Dawn
September 8, 2012
Nativity of Mary

Dear Friends of Sanctuary of Hope,

Welcome to fall, the Season of many vibrant colors, de Colores! At one of our Tuesday prayer meetings, Sue Ryan, an associate of SOH, had the theme of being grateful, having an **attitude of gratitude** for all of life.

She read the following scripture: “be filled with the Spirit...addressing one another in psalms and hymns, singing and praying to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father”. (Ephesians 5: 18-20)

I want to express **my own thanks** to all of you and so many others who shared with me on my 40th Anniversary of Priesthood on May 26th of this year. Your cards, notes, letters, prayers, gifts, very presence, touched my heart deeply and those of my family and friends too. Wow, and Praise the Lord! I can still feel the presence of us all at the Eucharist. I wanted to just stop the Mass and hold onto my family, my nieces and nephews who brought up the offertory gifts, just **hold onto the love** that was so real and touchable. Several people told me how they felt the whole Church was being lifted up to God, especially during the singing of the Lord’s Prayer, the Our Father. I too felt this in the swaying of my body as I sang with all of you as well. Yes, just like what Paul said: “singing and praying to the Lord in your hearts (and bodies)”.

I just quote a couple of lines from the outpouring words and hearts of so many: “I can still see you holding our newborn daughter, Krista, with arms stretched out and up singing a dedication song at her Baptism...God is doing so many good things through you”. “In a world where witness and example matter more than titles and offices, you are a true gift to the Church and to the priesthood...we are grateful to know you as a priest and a friend. May God continue to bless you with many more years of active and fruitful ministry.” I pray these words myself, that God will bless all of us with many more years of active and fruitful ministry, service and compassion as we hold our arms outstretched and up to receive all that God desires for you and me. A friend of mine told me just last month that as much as I want to delight in God, how much more so does **God want to delight** in me. Wow, blessed be the name of the Lord!

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My family was brought back together on July 18 and 19 to celebrate the homecoming of my dear cousin, **Ron Whitney**, who died suddenly the week before. Talk about life and death, so side by side, so quickly. I know Ron is home with God and his loved ones, but I will miss him and his calling me so tenderly, "Fr. Denny". Please keep Ron's family, especially his children and grandchildren, in your prayers. We have a saint who helped to shape early on the grounds and buildings of Sanctuary of Hope into the prayer and retreat center it is today. I give thanks to God for him.



Ron Whitney & Fr. Dennis

I do ask your prayers for myself, as I make my personal, silent retreat this September and pray that I hear what the **Father wants** to say to me personally and about the mission of SOH. I sure look forward to the years ahead and how God wants to shape our ministry.

I want to invite you to attend our 7th annual **The Hope Benefit**, dinner, dance and auction on November 10, 2012, again held at the Reardon Center in KCKS. The theme this year is: "Sanctuary of Hope, a **Beacon of Light** for all." This is our main fundraiser for the year. It is also a time for us to gather and share our gratitude for each other and invite others to come and learn about the mission of SOH. So we encourage you to come and invite someone new and enjoy the evening. I know Fr. Tom Kearns, who preached so joyfully at my 40th Anniversary, will be waiting to dance the night away, and I hope to dance some myself in deepest gratitude to God, for calling me unto Himself and placing this Beacon of Light, SOH, into all our hearts and lives.

Love, prayers and gratitude,

Fr. Dennis Wait
Spiritual Director

You loved me Lord, You called me
and consecrated me as your Priest.
A life would not be enough to
thank You for it and to make you
known to the world.

The 7th Annual Hope Benefit, November 10, 2012

Campaign \$17.60

Here we are again, moving closer to the 7th Annual Hope Benefit. Where does the time go?

Reflecting on this request to each of you who have so generously contributed to this campaign each year, we are so thankful for your past support and the many ways you contribute to this holy place. We all know how difficult it has been for so many people as our economy has struggled to reenergize. Plus, there are so many worthy causes competing for our limited funds.

We are again proposing a campaign seeking your financial help in supporting our beloved Fr. Dennis Wait's vision for a house of peace and prayer in Kansas City, Kansas. Our theme for the 7th Annual Benefit is Sanctuary of Hope: *A Beacon of Light for All*. Through last year's campaign, we made over \$900.00 that went directly into the SOH operating funds and contributed to the success of the 6th Annual Hope Benefit. Thank you, thank you.

Again, if everyone receiving this newsletter would donate a minimum of \$17.60, we would reach our financial goal for the 2012 Hope Benefit of \$45,000. This \$17.60 would add to the operating budget of SOH and will be used for those needs, repairs and expenses to keep this old building and SOH activities of peace and love available to all who seek it.

Please send your love and support to SOH by writing a check for \$17.60 to SOH. To assure that your donation will be credited to this campaign, please write \$17.60 in the memo section of your check. Please send the check to: Sanctuary of Hope, P.O. Box 172018, Kansas City, KS 66117-1018. Thank you for supporting this campaign.

If you are unable to help with this campaign or cannot attend the 7th Annual Hope Benefit, I ask that you keep SOH and the 7th Annual Hope Benefit in your daily prayers. May God Bless each one of you.

Thank you. Jane Walton, SOH Board and the Hope Benefit Committee Member.

Holy Grounds Books and Gifts

By Ann Hatch

Holy Grounds Books and Gifts would like to thank all those who have purchased items from us over the last few years. We continue to contribute financially toward the support of Sanctuary of Hope. Our sales are increasing and as always, we offer a unique selection of spiritually- based items and books.

We will be bringing the Holy Grounds Books and Gifts to the 2012 Hope Benefit this year for those who have not had a chance to visit us in person. We will have some beautiful Christmas items as well as our wonderful selection of original photos, cards, journals, jewelry, clay pieces and framed art. This will be a unique opportunity to visit with us in person and find out what we are all about. Some of the artists will be present and it is a great time to ask questions and meet them in person.

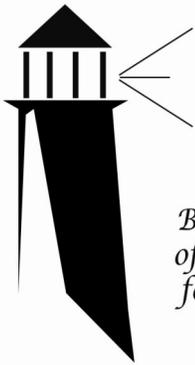


Our artists have many new items and are always expanding their creativity with one of kind pieces. One of our more popular artists is Molly O'Sullivan, whose clay clutching crosses are beautifully crafted and each piece is individually designed and decorated. Molly also has some whimsical angels which are new items in the store. These are fabulous gift items and please a wide range of tastes.

Additionally, we have expanded our line of handmade soaps. These are a favorite with many people, and we are now displaying some enticing new scents. You can find these beautifully packaged soaps in Citrus Mint, Lavender Lace and African Musk to name a few. These are fabulous hostess gifts and a relaxing treat for anyone.

Please stop in or visit with us at the 2012 Hope Benefit and remember us when you are looking for that special gift.

The Hope Benefit 2012



*A
Beacon
of Light
for All*

Sanctuary of Hope

Dear Friends of Sanctuary of Hope,

Sanctuary of Hope **Prayer and Retreat Center** (SOH) is truly a “Beacon of Light for All People” in our community, as we work to bring to life our ecumenical mission of being committed to knowing, loving and serving God, each other and those in need. SOH shines its light of Hope in many ways throughout the year, most notably, by providing space and accommodations for over 700 people making retreats each year. Our guests come seeking a place to be one with God for contemplation, prayer and service to others.

Last year over 4,000 service hours were performed by many people, especially youth, giving them the opportunity to be an individual “Beacon of Light”. SOH’s community outreach in Kansas City, Kansas, includes assisting the Economic Opportunity Foundation, the Sunrise Towers, the Woodland Apartments (low income housing), and the Home for Single Mothers.

Once again, we are reaching out to the community and to our many generous benefactors who have supported us over the years. The Hope Benefit is our major fundraiser which provides crucial financial support for the operation of SOH. Your support and prayers this year will ensure that SOH remains a “Beacon of Light” for all who walk through our doors. We have weathered the past few years of difficult economic times and have seen that today there are more needs than ever in our community.

The 2012 Seventh Annual Hope Benefit will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Jack Reardon Convention Center in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Again this year, we invite you to attend and solicit your help through financial support, donations of items for the live and silent auctions, underwriting opportunities and advertising in our event program. Please see the attached details of all of these sponsorship opportunities. Additionally, your donation of new, quality items for our auctions, beginning now, will be greatly appreciated. We will be happy to pick up items, just call the office at (913) 321-4673 or e-mail Julie at Julie@sanctuaryofhope.org to make arrangements, or if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

Remember, through your support and prayers, you can help keep Sanctuary of Hope a “Beacon of Light for All” shining in our community as a place **to embrace God’s peace**. Attending is also your chance for fun, fellowship, and renewal of friendships, so watch for your invitation to arrive soon, and we hope that you will join us on November 10th!

Let us prayer for each other,

Fr. Dennis Wait
Spiritual Director

Linda Baska
President of the Board



The Hope Benefit Sponsorship Opportunities:

<u>Sponsorship Level</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Benefits</u>
Grand Benefactor	\$1,500 - \$3,000 & Up	Full page program ad, website recognition, special recognition during event, 10 event seats
Benefactor	\$1,000 - \$1,499	Full page program ad, website recognition, recognition during event, 8 event seats
Patron	\$750 - \$999	Half page program ad, website recognition, recognition during event, 6 event seats
Sponsor	\$500 - \$749	Quarter page program ad, recognition during event, 4 event seats
Donor	\$250 - \$499	Business card program ad, 2 event seats
Friend of SOH	\$100 - \$249	Listed in program, 1 event seats
Supporter of SOH	\$50 - \$99	Listed in program
Corporate Table Hosts	\$650	Listed in program, 10 event seats

The Hope Benefit Program Advertising Rates:

<u>Program Advertising</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Ad Dimension</u>
Full Page	\$200	6-1/2 across X 9-1/4 high
Half Page	\$100	6-1/2 across X 4-1/2 high
Quarter Page	\$60	3-1/8 across X 4-1/2 high or 6-1/2 across X 2-1/8 high
Business Card	\$30	3-1/2 across X 2 high



The Hope Benefit - Underwriting Opportunities:



- ♥Wine at Tables
- ♥Live Entertainment, Band and DJ
- ♥Silent/Live Auction Items
- ♥Decorations

All underwriters will be recognized in the program and during the event.

For more information or questions, please call us at (913) 321-4673

*The Hope Benefit Dinner and Auction will soon be here! Would you like to donate an auction item?
Here are our categories:*

*Gift Certificates (Restaurants, Stores)
Jewelry
Art
Sports
Holiday Seasonal*

We will pick up any items, or you can bring them to the receptionist at Sanctuary of Hope.

For pick up call Julie at 913-321-4673. For the live auction we will be auctioning off a beautiful cream colored hand quilted quilt, a KC Sporting Signed Soccer Ball, Dinner with Father Dennis, a week in San Diego among other items. We need more big items for the auction.



By Jeff Stock

Sanctuary of Hope's Open Forum on August 25th was well attended and many great ideas were put forth during our discussion time. Our many needs and concerns were acknowledged and met head-on with aspiring solutions, ideas, and opportunities. The community spirit was fed with prayer and leadership when attendees broke into small discussion groups with thoughtful and personal questions evoking the collective experience here over the past sixteen years.

The goal and outcome seemed to be less about specifics and more about the general perceptions, emotions and visions for this sacred place. The wheel has already been invented and the forum gauged the direction we've gone and might take moving forward. Many said this gathering was long overdue and should be followed up soon to further clarify the vision and direct the community. Whenever two or more are gathered, and we had 46, He has promised to be there. May we continue to honor that presence at SOH with the Joy.



2012 Sanctuary of Hope Benefit - SILENT AUCTION ITEM
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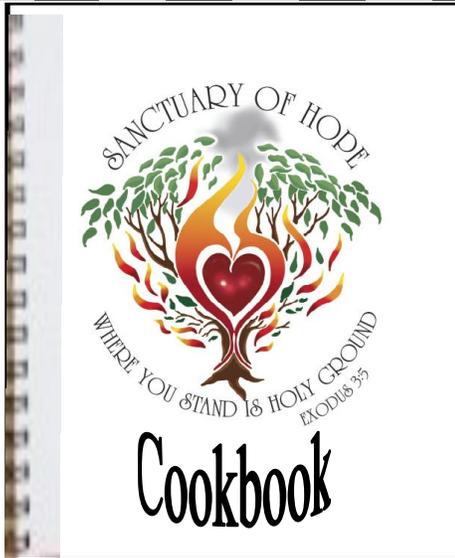
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How would you like to be listed in the program?



Available for purchase
**November 10, 2012 at
 7th Annual Hope Benefit
 Dinner, Dance & Auction**

To order your cookbook contact:

**Julie Elwell
 913-321-4673**

julie@sanctuaryofhope.org

\$10 per cookbook + \$4 for shipping & handling

Sanctuary of Hope Wish List

20-25 ft Scaffolding

Institutional refrigerator

Wireless microphone for use during large gatherings

Top Soil & fill dirt for gardening & landscaping



COMING EVENTS

Work Days are held the second Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
 Lunch is provided to all volunteers.

Our Associates meet the fourth Friday of each month 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 HIV/AIDS Prayer Group meets second Thursday of month 7:00-9:00 pm

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| September 12 | Caregivers' Retreat 2:00-4:00 pm |
| September 29-30 | Annual Charismatic Renewal Retreat |
| October 27 | Paths to Peace w/Elder David Hepworth of the Mormon faith & Appachu
Kodira of the Hindu faith |
| November 3 | Silent Saturday 9:00 a.m.-Noon |
| November 10 | 7th Annual Hope Benefit Dinner, Dance & Auction 6:00-11:00 pm,
Reardon Center |
| December 8 | Work Day & Christmas decorating 8:00 a.m.-Noon |
| December 15 | Silent Saturday 9:00 a.m.-Noon |

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Sanctuary of Hope's
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