

WORDS OF HOPE

AUGUST 2014

ADVANCING DAWN



Dear Friend of Sanctuary of Hope,

Welcome to the **Season of Summer** and in four more months it will be Christmas, Wow and Praise the Lord! Last month, I received my release from my doctor, since my bike accident on Nov. 10, 2013, about **nine months** later, **what a journey** this has been! Again my deepest thanks to the good Lord and to all of you for your prayers, concern and help here at ole Sanctuary of Hope in keeping our mission going forward.



One of our live-in members and a former associate, **Anita Martinez**, who has been here **since 2006**, felt God's call to begin a **new ministry** in reaching out to others in bringing them closer to Jesus thru her Church involvement. This mother and grandmother will be babysitting her grandchildren and great grandchildren as well. Anita has been a **real joy** to us all and to our guests. Her love for God and his people just beams out of her. Her **love for gardening and decorating** with flowers and making the guests rooms so inviting have touched us all. We will miss her cooking too, and her baking, and the desserts she could plan for staff and guests. Anita also led retreats here, especially for those who needed employment and a deeper love of the Scriptures, and empowerment in their lives. She has been a real asset with the **Hispanic Community**, and her ability to network with others is **global**. Please **keep her in your prayers**, and we pray she will continue to **bless every life she and her best friend**, Jesus, touch together. Anita told

me that she can do a lot of good for our mission being outside and making referrals. She will miss her garden, and it will miss her! I will also miss her "little ones" who would visit here so often. Anita's beautiful parting words were: "I have been loved at the feet of Jesus."

We are looking for a couple of **new live-in members** and pray to God for someone to be an **associate spiritual director**. I would like to see some **younger ones** in these positions as we transition into another phase of our ministry of prayer and retreat. On November 1, the Feast of All Saints, we will celebrate our **18th year** of incorporation. Our next **20 years**, we need to reach out more to **the larger community** which we serve. This, in addition to fixing our **numerous windows**, East entrance way, and deciding on how best to use the **House of Peace**, God willing! We did receive a most generous gift to purchase **new steel benches**, and to create a **new labyrinth**, which we have wanted to have here for years now. Also, we were blest to have several donations toward our **new security cameras** that are now operative here. What blessings these improvements will be! You can find **job descriptions** for the above positions on our website: www.sanctuaryofhope.org.

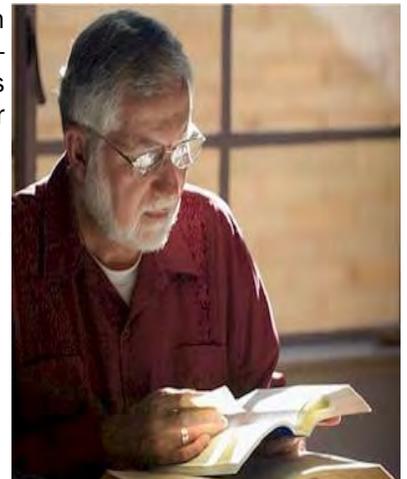
The **Scripture** that comes to my heart, and that will guide us into the next decades is:

"The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness, my portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him...It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord."

(Lamentations 3: 22-26)

Love, prayers and gratitude,

Fr. Dennis Wait, your brother always



WORDS OF HOPE--REFLECTIONS

Some of the best ways to enjoy the beauty and unique touches that Our Creator lovingly places here are while doing some of the little chores that are placed on heart. Colorful birds scatter momentarily while one fills a birdbath or feeder. Their songs will reflect their Joy, and one's response may be to water the flowers in the potted plants at the shrines or near the entrances. Then the butterflies and hummingbirds waft in delicately and, if one kneels nearby to pull a few weeds in a flowerbed or straighten some edging, they may feel the tenderness of His Mercy. Dew on the grass following a summer's evening rainstorm is fresh and cool, enjoyed as one reaches down to pick up sticks and limbs blown

down from the crowd of trees arching the drive and out from the woods at the lawn's edge. Our huge front wooden porch enjoys getting swept and the cobwebs brushed off and having the company of someone swinging on the porch swing to enjoy the smells, sounds and touch of a breeze even if from one of the line of lazy fans overhead. The view from the screened Garden House is all the better having lunch after sweeping and dusting inside or cleaning the gutter. You might get a curious turkey hen and her brood of seven come close just to see what the deer were rooting for on the mulched trails that wind their way to the butterfly garden. All of us Creatures are begging your presence joining in to enjoy the transforma-

tive power of one flower planted or one limb trimmed opening a further peek into this garden of His Love.

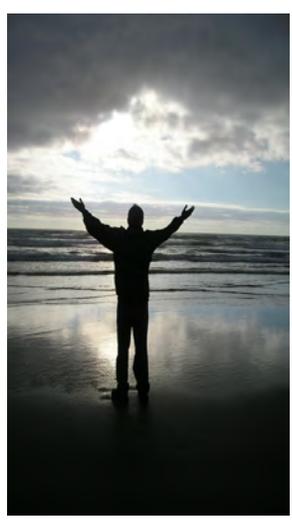
By Jeff Stock



Today, as I was spending time with the Lord, He brought me to the Scripture in Luke 7:36-50. This is the account of the sinful woman who washes His feet with her tears, anoints them with perfume, and wipes them with her hair. In that culture, a woman's hair was her glory. This woman literally laid all her earthly glory at His feet in repentant adoration and worship. He, in turn, forgave her sins and blessed her. I

asked the Lord what was my highest earthly glory, to lay at His feet. His answer surprised me: "your time". Simple time. In our rushing, busy, hurried and harried society, time is our most precious commodity. When we choose to set aside time to seek Him in prayer, adoration and praise, we are laying our glory at His feet. He can then speak to our hearts, heal us and bless us. Do you need

the blessing of the Lord in some area of your life? Give Him your time. Spend an hour, or a day or even a weekend. Give Him your earthly glory, lay it at His feet, and allow Him to bless you. I promise you won't be sorry - He gives lavishly, beyond anything we could ever ask or think. **By Sharri Orndorff**



Wish List

SOH is looking for new live-in members

Please go to our website for a job description

www.sanctuaryofhope.org

Volunteers to help with the on-going maintenance of our grounds and building

Easy way to donate stocks to Sanctuary of Hope

SOH has established a brokerage account with US Bank to receive stock donations easily.

The account number is 13531546 and DTC #is 0280. Any questions- call SOH at 913-321-4673 and ask for Lou Finocchario or Julie Elwell.

SOH is very grateful for the generous stock donations made by caring supporters.

**HOLY GROUNDS BOOKS &
GIFT SHOP NEWS**

Holy Grounds Book and Gifts continues to operate in our new space next to the dining room at Sanctuary of Hope. We have recently refreshed our inventory with additional handmade soaps and some lotions from the Benedictine Abby in Clyde, MO. We also are expanding our line of handmade greeting cards so there will be some new contributors on the greeting card rack. Additionally, we have many new items hanging on our walls. We recently received a new shipment of ceramic clutching crosses from our artist in TX and these are truly some of the nicest ones we have shown. We will once again bring our

inventory to the Hope Benefit in November so please look for us there. Also on Nov. 13, we will have our 2nd Annual Open House in Overland Park. This will be held in a private home and was the gift shop's biggest fundraiser of the year in 2013. We will have many original gifts for Christmas and for the spring events such as First Communion and Weddings. Details of this event will be available at the Hope Benefit.

Thanks for your support and look in our shop next time you are at SOH.

By Ann Hatch

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 16--Silent Saturday 9 am-Noon
- August 30--12 Step Spirituality? 10 am-2 pm
- September 6--Aging Gracefully Retreat 9 am-1pm
- September 25--Healthy Eating 8:45 am-3pm
- November 8--9th Annual Hope Benefit Dinner,
- November 13--Open House for Holy Grounds Gift Store
- Associates' Meeting--4th Fridays @ 6:00 pm
- Work Day --2nd Saturdays @ 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Please visit our website for additional information about any of the events listed above.

**Aging Gracefully Day of Reflection
Led by Sr. Antonella Bayer, C.S.J.
September 6 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sanctuary of Hope Retreat Center
\$25--lunch included**



- *Reflect on the chapters of your life
- *Keys to well-being in later life
- *Gateways to spiritual growth
- *Making the most of your life adventure

12 Step Spirituality?

August 30 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Sanctuary of Hope Retreat Center

\$20--lunch included

**Speakers from: Narcotics Anonymous,
Al-Anon Family Group, Alcoholic Anonymous,
Overeaters Anonymous**

Another few months go by and our volunteers are still making the difference. They're everywhere, they're everywhere! Thanks to the Lord for providing! We have been delighted to have several youth groups volunteer their time and help in a variety of ways, particularly in maintaining our trails, working the butterfly garden and preparing the grounds for the 2014 Run the Good Race held in June. Groups that aided us are St. James Academy in Lenexa; Ascension Catholic School and Holy Spirit Catholic Church's Youth Ministry both in Overland Park. We were also privileged to have the two Youth Volunteer Corps Summer of Service groups here in June. Then, of course, there was the "Run" - We are so

thankful for all the volunteers who helped us with this event - before, during and after. It took a great deal of time and effort and we really appreciate everyone's assistance. Thank you!



Based on the current needs at Sanctuary of Hope, we are looking for volunteers to fill in as Retreat Attendants and/or Kitchen Assistants. These positions are currently being handled by our live-in staff, but due to changes and an increase in retreats, we need additional assistance to effectively

provide for our retreatants. If you think you may be interested in filling one of these positions, please contact julie@sanctuaryofhope.org. A training session will be scheduled to provide the information needed for either of these positions. Please keep in mind, we will have a variety of days and hours available to choose from and the time commitment will be only one to four times a year. We will be flexible in scheduling the volunteers. Please consider this. This might be the perfect unique and fun volunteer job.

Peace, Love, Joy
Colleen Cook



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014
REARDON CENTER
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