

BRIDGING THE VISION

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"I have made a bridge of my Word, my only begotten Son." (Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena)

Visual Prayers: Exhibit of Artworks of Dominican Nuns



The first event celebrating 800 years of our monastic existence, held October 16 and featuring two speakers, Dr. Jem Sullivan and Sr. Mary of Jesus, OP was truly wonderful. We thank all who made it possible.

The exhibit will remain in place until September 30, 2012 and may be viewed on Saturdays from 1-6 pm, as well as almost any other time by appointment. There will be two more events: on June 4, feast of the Trinity, Sr. Nancy Murray, OP of the Adrian Dominican Sisters will give a dramatic interpretation of the life of St. Catherine of Siena and Sr. Marie Therese, OP, of the Monastery of Nuns from Quebec will give an explanation and demonstration of paper making. The last event, September 30th, will bring to us Sr. Barbara Beaumont, OP, an historian of renown, who will talk about the beginnings, why St. Dominic founded the Nuns, and how we are relevant contemporarily. Two Nuns from a newly erected monastery in Vancouver, BC, Canada will sketch for us their own beginnings, and how much the arts played an integral part in their planning. So please keep those dates in mind and plan to join us.

ADVENT STATIONS

In preparation for the feast of Christmas, we will again have the Advent Stations on December 9, 7 PM at Holy Spirit Church. The Advent Stations give us a tour of the Old Testament to get to know the ancestors of Christ. We will meet seven Old Testament couples who reveal God's preparation for the coming of Jesus. Original woodcuts by Sr. Mary Grace portray the seven couples. This Advent service is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Christ. A good number attended last year and we hope that more will take advantage of this liturgical prayer voicing the beauty of faith through art and chant.





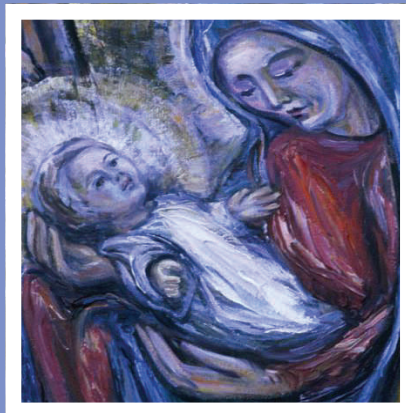
A NEW ROOF, THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, DEAR FRIENDS, FOR YOUR GREAT GENEROSITY IN HELPING US HELP THE PARISH TO PROVIDE US WITH A NEW ROOF. THE WORK IS COMPLETED NOW AND WE ARE ASSURED OF A WARM AND SAFE WINTER. HOLY SPIRIT PARISH HAS BEEN MOST GENEROUS TO US IN PROVIDING OUR HOUSING AND WORK SPACES AND WE WANTED TO DO OUR SHARE IN FINDING THE FUNDS NEEDED FOR THIS MAJOR OPERATION. WE DID NOT WANT TO BE A BURDEN. THANKS TO YOU, WE WERE PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER OUR PASTOR, FR. JOHN GRIMM, ALMOST HALF THE TOTAL COST OF REPAIR. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU



There are many problems and challenges in our world that need prayer and intercession. There are also glimmers of light, small flames that illumine the darkness around us. Did you know that this past August close to two million young people from many countries around the world gathered in Madrid, Spain, to be with our Holy Father to celebrate World Youth Day? Let us pray for our young people, the bridge to our tomorrow, that they will know the goodness in their hearts and follow the light in the journey of life.

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