

TRINITY HEIGHTS QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINE SIOUX CITY, IOWA

SUMMER 2021

DIVINE MERCY GARDEN DEDICATION AND BLESSING

Well, this has been in the works since October 2019, and on May 18, 2021 we welcomed Bishop R. Walker Nickless, our Rector Fr. David Hemann, Fr. Andrew Galles and Fr. Brian Hughes alongside our many visitors and donors to a wonderful blessing and dedication of the new addition to the Queen of Peace Shrine. It was truly a beautiful day, rain forecast, but stayed away for such a glorious event to add to the much heralded and storied history of Trinity Heights the Queen of Peace Shrine.

We welcomed all in attendance to join in an opening prayer written by Pope John Paul II, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary that was simply perfect for this day, and every day. Inserted in this mailing is a copy of this prayer on the back of the image of the new statue of St. John Paul II that is installed in the Divine Mercy Garden. Please, take a moment now, pray this prayer with all of us and ask the Blessed Mother to continue to watch over the Queen of Peace Shrine, along with all of your families as well. After the prayer was recited, we welcomed all to join in praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Fr. David Hemann sang the Chaplet and those in attendance responded with those precious words so many of us pray daily, "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world". What a better way to begin this blessing and

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dedication. Bishop Nickless began the blessing with prayer, a reading from the Gospel of John, and a beautiful homily reflection. Bishop Nickless proceeded through the new area pausing to bless the mural of the Divine Mercy of Jesus, the statue of St. John Paul II, and a blessing of the mural of St. Faustina. What a wonderful sight when he paused, laid his hands upon each with a silent prayer and moment of reverence at each site.



with the funding necessary to not only complete this addition, but provide the funding necessary to continue to maintain this beautiful tribute to Jesus and Mary. Fr. Harold Cooper envisioned so long ago. I thanked those benefactors in attendance on that day May 18th, and I thank all of you now. Without your support, both financial and prayer support, Trinity Heights the Queen of Peace Shrine simply would not be here today. God Bless each and every one of you!!



The dedication concluded with our executive director personally asking all present to join him in thanking the donors who have provided the financial resources that enabled us to complete this gorgeous addition to the Queen of Peace Shrine. As it has happened throughout our history, so many of you, our wonderful benefactors, have stepped forward to provide us



COME AND VISIT

We are open to visitors, individuals, and tour groups again, finally, (thank you Lord!). We hope many of you will plan a trip to Trinity Heights the Queen of Peace Shrine soon. We have been working tirelessly on the grounds to make certain when you come to visit you will find that beauty, peace and quiet meditation that you find here on these holy grounds of the Queen of Peace Shrine. Our volunteers are simply magnificent servants of Our Lord sharing their amazing talents preparing the many garden area, shrines, grounds and you will not be disappointed when you walk the grounds and observe the beauty they bestow upon us all. Our staff also continues to work tirelessly as well, mowing, trimming, weeding the over 16 acres our shrine sits on. This is not a task for the weak of heart. Every week it seems the task may be overwhelming, but week after week, day after day, they answer the call. Jim Berens and Mike Koch, our maintenance staff, really do work so hard. Please, when you visit, if you see them on the grounds, pause to thank them, along with the many volunteers who give their all for Our Lord and the Blessed Mother in presenting this shrine to the very best of all their abilities. God Bless our Staff and Volunteers!

Pictures on page 2 and 3 by Renee Webb and the Lumen Catholic Paper.



From left, Fr. Brian Hughes, Bishop R. Walker Nickless, Mary Ellen Kistin and Fr. David Hemann



PLEASE NOTE, DATE CHANGE... SAVE THE DATE...

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

This year Trinity Heights will again host a prayer service for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. We are one of 196 locations throughout the United States chosen by this organization, the National Day of Remembrance, Priests for Life. Traditionally this prayer service has been held on the second Saturday in September, but with the events going on around the country in remembrance of 9-11, it was decided to move this year's day of prayer to September 18th 2021 at 11:00 am. Please plan on joining us for this ecumenical prayer service held at the Queen of Peace Shrine, the Circle of Life. All are welcome!



A BRIEF WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we progress forward through 2021, we are so very thankful the Covid-19 pandemic infection rates are still falling off and we are able to resume our daily activities. Our visits with the elderly, our families and friends, and also our daily and Sunday mass attendance. Yes, as we discuss and talk about, ask you to come and visit the Queen of Peace Shrine, we also hope all will resume receiving all the Sacraments we have been away from during these difficult times. Mass attendance, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and coming to spend an hour in Adoration of Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament in Exposition, we hope all will prayerfully consider. Receive the Sacraments, Pray the Rosary, Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and ask Our Lord for continued blessings as we progress through 2021.

Fr. Harold Cooper founded Trinity Heights the Queen of Peace on these pillars of our faith, and as we continue to pray for all of you, we beg of you, keep us in your prayers as well!

Blessings and Peace,

Terry Hegarty

Executive Director

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