

Winter has come to an end at Trinity Heights and we prepare for the spring work. Anyone who would like to spend some time volunteering with ground maintenance work should call the office, 712-239-8670. We welcome Confirmation Project groups and classes who are looking for community projects.

## QUEEN OF PEACE WISH LIST

We are in need of:

- A gas powered weed trimmer
- A gas powered grass blower
- A new pump for the pond and stream
- A new pump for the fountain
- A very large item is a new roof for the St. Joseph Center

Thank you in advance for any help that you may be able to give us in helping us make this wish list come true.



Carmel Guild Board Members "adopted" the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Their work of adding and keeping up flowers and plants are greatly appreciated and enjoyed. YES, other shrines are in need of adoption! Your group can contact the office, 712-239-8670, or email info@trinityheights.com.

## TRINITY HEIGHTS DESIGNATED PILGRIMAGE SITE

Bishop Nickless has designated Trinity Heights as an official Year of Faith Pilgrimage Site. During the Year of Faith (October 11, 2012 to November 24, 2013) the faithful may receive a Plenary Indulgence by taking a pilgrimage to one of the Catholic Churches or consecrated shrines in the Diocese of Sioux City designated by Bishop Nickless for the Year of Faith and go to Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, or spend some time in prayer and devotion and pray the Apostles or Nicene Creed. The general conditions for the indulgence must also be met. More details are posted on [www.scdiocese.org/yearoffaith](http://www.scdiocese.org/yearoffaith).

Other events at Trinity Heights to help celebrate the Year of Faith (but not listed as indulgence acts) follow:

- Public Rosary: Daily rosary at 4:00 p.m. in the Divine Mercy Chapel; Patriotic Rosary on July 4th at the Mound of Mary; and Family Rosary for Peace at the outdoor Statue of Mary at 7:00 p.m. daily June 1-August 31.
- Divine Mercy novena at the Marian Center Monday, April 1-Saturday April 6.
- A documentary on salvation history Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., beginning April 10.
- Year of Faith: Marian Pilgrimage April 21 at the Marian Center from 2:00-3:30 p.m. including a Marian talk, May crowning, along with an outdoor rosary.
- Dedication of the Veteran's Memorial July 14.
- Prayer and Celebration Banquet September 28.
- Liturgy of the Hours led by Deacon Mike Hand in the Chapel on the special feast days designated by Bishop Nickless.
- Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays when a priest is available.
- Guided tours of the Last Supper wood sculpture and the first class relic of St. Faustina.
- Peaceful strolls along the grounds of Trinity Heights with stops at the awe-inspiring statues

of Jesus and Mary, the Outdoor Cathedral, Circle of Life Memorial, Way of the Saints, Veterans' Memorial, and unique sculptures.

## Marian Center Bookstore & Gift Shop

### Hours:

Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday, 12 Noon - 4 p.m.

Phone: (712) 239-5835

Visitors will find an array of products in our gift shop including:

- Medals
- Prayer cards
- Bibles
- Rosaries
- Nativity sets
- Mystic Monk coffee
- Baptism gifts
- Crucifixes
- Home school books
- Religious statues
- Unique gift items
- Confirmation gifts
- Artwork
- Church & papal documents
- Children's books
- Prayer & faith books
- First Holy Communion gifts

## YEAR OF FAITH AT TRINITY HEIGHTS CELEBRATED WITH LECTURE SERIES ON 2000 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY

Other Prayerful events at Trinity Heights to help celebrate the Year of Faith are:

- ❖ June 1 through August 31, Trinity Heights hosts a family rosary for peace at 7:00 p.m. Participants gather around the statue of Our Blessed Mother and engage in five decades of public prayer.
- ❖ July 4th, the Patriotic Rosary honoring the history of our country has been a special ceremony for years at 7:00 P.M. on the Mound of Mary.
- ❖ Daily rosary at 4:00 P.M. in the Divine Mercy Chapel. A first class relic of St. Faustina is placed for veneration. Sr. Faustina Kowalska of Poland was known for her revelations on the mystery of Divine Mercy.
- ❖ Prayer and Celebration Banquet with Father Frank Pavone will be celebrated on Sunday, September 29th.

Consider the opportunities in the following:

- Plan a visit to Trinity Heights with your family, enjoy the peaceful prayerful surroundings of the Way of the Saints on the grounds.
- View the life-size wood carving of the Last Supper inside the St. Joseph Center. Using Leonardo da Vinci's classic work of art for inspiration, award winning carver Jerry Trauffer of Le Mars, Iowa used local models to create the images of the 12 apostles and Jesus. The table, chalice, plates are all hand carved as well, and this masterpiece is only one of four in the world. Jerry devoted seven years of his life in completing this amazing project.
- Spend time at the Mound of Mary viewing the 30 foot stainless steel statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, by Dale Lamphere, which is celebrating her 20th year on the Trinity Heights grounds. Her image towers near the Trinity Gardens and the Circle of Life Memorial to the Unborn which honors the sanctity of Life. Rachel

Weeping art work of Sondra Jonson looks over the Tomb of the Unborn.

- Wander the western boundary of the grounds to the 33 foot stainless steel statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by Dale Lamphere, presiding over the Outdoor Cathedral, the Eight Beatitudes, St. Francis, shrines to the Blessed Virgin.
- Take a moment at the Veterans Memorial to pray for those who are remembered in this area who have served this country in military service.

The peaceful settings of Trinity Heights, away from the everyday hassles, beckons you to a religious experience opened to all faiths. We serve as a center for prayer to bring people closer to God. We are Catholic in our theology and ecumenical in our intent and appeal.

### Trinity Heights 20th Annual Prayer & Celebration Banquet Sunday, September 29, 2013 @ 5:30 PM Sioux City Convention Center

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$40 per ticket - \$280 table of eight)

**Return to:**  
Queen of Peace, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1707  
Sioux City, IA 51108

I am unable to attend but am enclosing a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to sponsor Clergy guests or to help offset costs. Thank you.

Go to [www.trinityheights.com](http://www.trinityheights.com) for more information.



# TRINITY HEIGHTS

Queen of Peace, Inc.

Sioux City, Iowa

Spring 2013



## FATHER FRANK PAVONE COMING TO TRINITY HEIGHTS

We are pleased to announce that Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life will be the honored guest at our 20th Anniversary Prayer and Celebration Banquet, September 29, 2013. Father Pavone will be the featured speaker at the 20th Prayer and Celebration banquet, to be held at the Sioux City Convention Center.

Father Pavone will be available for a Meet and Greet dinner on Saturday, September 28th, held at Trinity Heights in the Marian Center.

Father Frank Pavone is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world.

Father Pavone originally from New York was ordained in 1988 by Cardinal John O'Connor. He is presently a priest of the Amarillo Diocese and serves full-time in pro-life leadership. In 1993 he became National Director of Priests for Life. Father Pavone is the President of the National Pro-Life Religious Council and the National Pastoral Director of the Silent No More Awareness

Campaign and of Rachel's Vineyard, the world's largest ministry of healing after abortion.

He travels throughout the country, to an average of four states every week, preaching and teaching against abortion. He produces programs regularly for religious and secular radio and television networks. He was asked by Mother Teresa to speak in India on the life issues, and has addressed the pro-life caucus of the United States House of Representatives. The Vatican appointed him to the Pontifical Council for the Family, which coordinates the pro-life activities of the Catholic Church. He also serves as a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life. He was present at the bedside of Terri Schiavo as she was dying becoming an outspoken advocate for her life. He was invited by members of the Class of 2009 at the University of Notre Dame to lead an alternate commencement ceremony for those students who refused to attend the ceremony in which President Obama was honored. Fr. Frank was invited by members of Congress to preach at the prayer service they had in the Capitol just prior to the vote on health care reform. He is the recipient of the "Proudly Pro- Life Award, by the National Right to Life Committee.



### GROUNDS OPEN

9:00 am - 9:00 pm

### ST. JOSEPH CENTER

open

May - September

Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Sunday 12 Noon - 8:00 pm

October - April

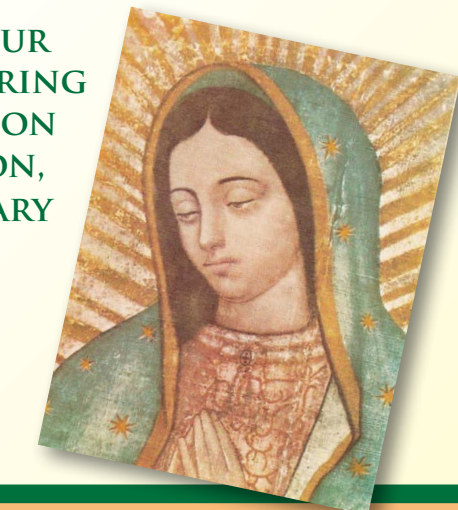
Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sunday 12 Noon - 4:00 pm

**For tours call  
712-239-9158  
or email to info@trinityheights.com**



COME AWAY WITH THE LORD JESUS AND HONOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY IN THIS YEAR OF FAITH! DURING THIS MINI PILGRIMAGE, WE WILL LISTEN TO A TALK ON MARY THE PATRONESS OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION, RECITE THE ROSARY, AND HAVE A CROWNING OF MARY

**Sunday, April 21, 2013  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Trinity Heights**



## PRAYER AND CELEBRATION BANQUET HONORING THE 20TH YEAR OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE QUEEN OF PEACE STATUE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 29, 2013



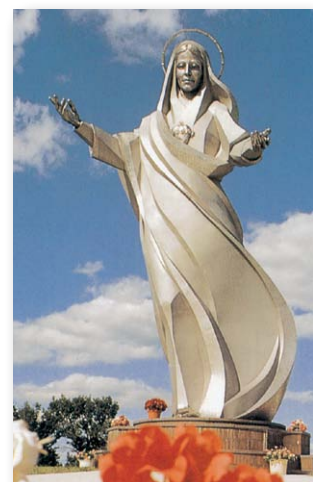
Reservations are now being taken for the celebration program at the Sioux City Convention Center. The program will feature Father Frank Pavone as the honored speaker. In addition Dale Lamphere, of Spearfish SD, the artist who produced the Queen of Peace statue will give his story of how Mary came to be. He has a spell binding tale of the design and production problems, the logistics of travel and the actual erection of the Statue. Dale will also be in attendance at the 'Meet and Greet' special dinner on Saturday, September 28th at the Marian Center. Jerry Traufler, the Artist of The Last Supper and his wife Arlene have been invited as special guests to our weekend events.

All past and present Queen of Peace Board Members will be receiving special invitations in recognition of their participation. Initial Board Members will receive special

recognition for their insight and dedication in making the Queen of Peace and Trinity Heights the special place it is today!

- Tickets for the Prayer and Celebration Banquet, at the Sioux City Convention Center are \$40 each, or a table of 8 for a cost of \$280.
- Tickets for the Meet and Greet on Saturday evening at the Marian Center with Father Frank Pavone, Dale Lamphere and book signing of the History of Trinity Heights by Beanie Cooper are \$50 each.

Please see the registration form within this newsletter. For more information on the 20th Prayer and Celebration, call Sue at 712 239 8670 or [www.trinityheights.com](http://www.trinityheights.com).



### TERRY HEGARTY, *New Executive Director*

Queen of Peace, Inc Board of Directors began the search for a new Executive Director almost one year ago. After discussion with several candidates, the Board hired Terry Hegarty and he assumed the duties of Executive Director, effective January 1, 2013. Terry and his wife Paula are Sioux City residents and active members of St. Michael Church.

Terry's relationship with the Queen of Peace goes back to the early days with Father Cooper. Terry delivered parcels to the Queen of Peace when there was just a dream for the future. Father Cooper said to Terry on one of those early delivery days, "You just wait young man, someday this is going to be the most beautiful Shrine to Mary you have ever seen."

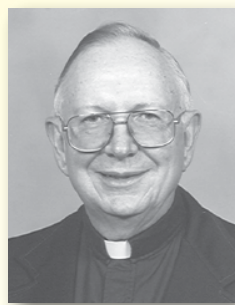
Since that first meeting Terry became friends with Beanie Cooper and Terry actually performed vocally at the Dedication of the Statue of Mary in June of 1993, in addition to a couple of Prayer and Celebration

Banquets.

Terry states, "I am humbled and very blessed in becoming the Executive Director. It seems like I have been a part of Trinity Heights from the beginning and now it is a dream come true. Following in the footsteps of Beanie Cooper and Don Stevens will be an enormous challenge as they have both done so much for Trinity Heights. Every day I will remember all of you, our friends of Trinity Heights in my prayers and I am asking you for your prayers in my mission. Father Cooper had a special vision and the Blessed Mother continues to watch over us. This is as Father Cooper said the most beautiful Shrine to the Blessed Mother and I am honored to accept the torch for the future".

Terry and his wife Paula have three sons who all attended Catholic Schools. They are proud grandparents of three little grandchildren. Terry recently retired from United Parcel Service as a route driver and was working in building maintenance at St. Michaels parish and school before coming to Trinity Heights.

## WHY HONOR MARY?



Rev. Msgr. Leonard Ziegmann  
Former Chaplain  
at Trinity Heights

The legal name of the corporation which owns and operates Trinity Heights is Queen of Peace, Inc. It obviously refers to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Some people

ask the question, "Do Catholics give too much attention to Mary? After all, she's only human not God." The question deserves an answer. As this is the 20th anniversary of the placement of the Queen of Peace Statue on the grounds of Trinity Heights, what a perfect time to be honoring Mary the Mother of Jesus!

In Genesis we read that humans are made in the image and likeness of God. According to St. John, God is love. So, the more we love, the more similar to God we are.

Now, in the Gospel of St. Luke, the Archangel Gabriel takes a message to Mary and calls her the "highly favored one" ..... "full of grace". Now if a messenger from Heaven highly praises Mary, can we do less?

Because of her relationship with Jesus, Catholics see and love Mary. So maybe many do seem to exaggerate their expressions of love and affections for her. This, however, is the way with lovers. And rarely will anyone offend a son by

praising and loving his mother.... especially this Son and this Mother!

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the arrival of the statue of Mary, and to support the diocese in promoting the Year of Faith, Trinity Heights is sponsoring a series of presentations documenting salvation history from the time Christ walked the earth to the present. Because we are a Marian shrine it will emphasize the role of Mary.

Based on historian Dr. Warren Carroll and illustrator Gloria Thomas' book, "2000 Years of Christianity", the series will retell our family history --- twenty centuries of the Catholic Church.

Like all family histories, many of the stories will be familiar to us but many may be less well-known. Our saga is full of adventure and intrigue including political influences and world empires; of bigger than life heroes and heroines; of papal succession; of murder, abductions,

wars, inquisition, intellectual and spiritual struggles. It is the story of how the Good News was spread to the ends of the earth. It will remind us of the faithfulness of the Lord's compassionate mercy and His promise to be with the Church until the end of time. The retelling of our history by area speakers will be treasured by all ages.

To supplement the talk, an exhibit of narrative paintings by Gloria Thomas will be displayed in the Marian Center. The paintings are a finely illustrated timeline created to capture major events of Christian history to celebrate the millennial celebration at the turn of the century.

The series will begin Wednesday April 10th at 7:30, There is no charge. The chapel will remain open after the presentation until 9:00 to accommodate pilgrims who wish to take advantage of the special indulgences defined by Bishop R. Walker Nickless of Sioux City.



## VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DEDICATION

*Sunday, July 14th, 2013 at 3:00 pm*

The Veterans Memorial that is at the base of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has turned out to be a very solemn place for those who have had their names placed at the Memorial. The Veterans Memorial was officially blessed by Father LeRoy Seuntjens on July 4, 2011. The official dedication will take place July 14, 2013. The event planning committee reports this will be a very emotional and moving experience. The dedication will be held at 3:00 pm to coincide with the closing of the State of Iowa American Legion Convention. Several delegates of the American Legion will be in attendance at this ceremony. Father Will Vit, Chaplain of the 185th Refueling Wing will dedicate the memorial with special prayers.

Ed Rohner, Vietnam Veteran, American Legion Vice Commander, and graduate of Carroll Kuemper, will present special welcome home lapel pins to all Vietnam Veterans in attendance. Ed says "The Veterans of the Vietnam war were never officially welcomed home because that war was unpopular with the American people at that time. The men and women who served their country in the Vietnam conflict accepted the call when asked and it is now time to recognize their



service. This small token of the appreciation will serve as our honoring these veterans."

The All American Band will perform patriotic music before and during the ceremony. This all volunteer organization performs a few concerts throughout the year to help non profit organizations. To show their respect and to honor the veterans of the Vietnam war, the All American Band purchased a brick to honor their members who served this country. All American Band volunteer Bob Knowler, states, "the band is honored to be a part of this ceremony honoring our veterans".

The 185th Air Refueling Wing will be in attendance with their presentation of the history of the America's Flags.

Any person who has a place in our Memorial will be sent special invitations as honored guests.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT CHALICE TO QUEEN OF PEACE, INC.

Seibert's son, Fr. Leroy Seuntjens served as chaplain from 2007 until his brief illness and death.

On November 18 in the Divine Mercy Chapel, many 4th Degree Knights, under the Leadership of Sir Knight Kenneth Kafton, Assistant to the Master, presented the Chalice to Trinity Heights.

Fr. Leroy Seuntjens studied for the priesthood in Rome. He served as a sacristan at St. Peter's in Rome during his studies for the priesthood. As a little "thank you", one of the sisters working at the Vatican arranged for this Chalice to be used by the then Pope John Paul II.

This same Chalice was used by Bishop Walker Nickless at the funeral Mass of Fr. Leroy Seuntjens on May 14, 2012.