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Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an
instrument of Your peace.*

*Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;*

*where there is injury,
pardon;*

*where there is doubt,
faith;*

*where there is despair,
hope;*

*where there is darkness,
light;*

*and where there is
sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so
much seek
to be consoled as to
console;*

*to be understood as to
understand;*

to be loved as to love;

*for it is in giving
that we receive;
it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we
are born to eternal life.*

Sacred Space Hayward – Celebrates 1st Year Anniversary

Sacred Space Hayward celebrated its 1st year anniversary on Sunday, May 5th, 2013. It was a festive day with 6 priests, 1 guest priest and 2 deacons who celebrated the Eucharist together.



We had approximately 60 people celebrating, including members of several parishes in the Southern Alameda and Alameda Deanery. There was a potluck lunch which consisted of foods from Mexico, salads, sandwiches and refreshments and most importantly a large sheet cake.

Our members were quite excited to be a part of our 1st year of existence along with meeting those parish members who make their lunches each week. We had St. Clare's Music Director, Margaret Secour leading the singing along with the Harpist, Maureen Atkins from All Saints who entertained and provided beautiful music for the Liturgy. See pictures attached.

Meet our Leadership Committee Members

Sacred Space has selected two new members to join our Leadership Committee team. They are Julie Watt Faqir (St. Anne's, Fremont) and Anne Mayer (St. John's, Oakland). They will be joining the 8 other members of our team to help guide and enhance the Sacred Space ministry. The other members of our team are: Tracy Brown, Marion Pallesen- St. Clare's, Pleasanton; Claire Burke, Bronwen Howes - All Saints; the Rev. Pam Carey - St. Cuthbert's, Oakland; Melissa Counsell - Hayward; the Rev. Mary Norquist Hinse - Antioch.

If you would be interested in joining our Leadership Committee to help shape and mold Sacred Space in to the future, please drop us a line at SacredSpace@comcast.net

Grandpa – Sacred Space Oakland

At Sacred Space Oakland we have a lot of dear participants. We have come to know each other and treasure our time together. One of the most enthusiastic participants is "Grandpa", as everyone calls him. Despite chronic breathing problems, Grandpa carries the table for us, along with boxes of food and bags of clothes to the place where



they are distributed. He loves to pray and often leads our prayer circle. A couple of Sundays ago he ended his prayer with the shouted phrase, "Ain't no shame in the Gospel" in almost a sung tone. Down on "No" and up on "Shame" and a loud "Gospel!" Ain't no shame in the Gospel! No shame in loving Jesus. No shame in proclaiming God's Word. No shame in gathering together on a street corner to thank God for all God's blessings to us. There ain't no shame in loving Jesus and each other. Quite the contrary – it is a great blessing to know and love our Sacred Space and its inhabitants. Grandpa was breathing heavily the day of this proclamation, so when the nurse who works with us came, she advised him to go to the ER at the local hospital to get checked out. Grandpa wouldn't go no matter what we said. He had set apart some lunches for the folks in the apartments across the street who couldn't get out to the gathering area. He was bound and determined to make his delivery despite his lack of breath. So we left when we had finished the lunches and clothing distribution. The next Sunday, this past Sunday, Grandpa did not come to SSO. I asked around but no one knew what happened to him. I hope he is well and in the hospital if necessary. He is a great blessing to me, personally, and to all who know him and receive the grace of his knowledge of our Lord. Because of Grandpa we are all sure that there **is NO** shame in the **Gospel**. I love him with all my heart. (Photo used with Grandpa's permission)

By: The Rev. Mary Norquist Hinse

With Gratitude



Thank you to all the churches, youth groups, individuals and families that have continued to show tremendous support with making sandwiches, hot lunches and providing music at our venues. You are amazing and are a blessing to more people than I think you will ever know.

Some items that we are always in need of are: toiletries, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, reading glasses and adult tube socks. An item that has been requested for lately has been men's large flannel shirts. Yes it is getting to be the hottest time of the year, but a lot of people are still really cold when sleeping outside even on the warmest summer night.

If you have any questions regarding donations, please feel free to contact me at: glyfley@hotmail.com

By: Tracy Brown

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."
— Mother Teresa

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1st Year Anniversary - Hayward



Some of the Clergy present for our celebration



Our members and guests celebrating the Eucharist



The Potluck Celebration, food for everyone



As of June 1, 2013, Sacred Space has acquired an office at All Saints Episcopal Church in San Leandro. The Rev. Dr. Rob Droste, Pastor has offered to give us a permanent office space within his Church.

We are looking forward to setting up the office to be used by our staff and this will give us a little extra space to store our Sunday items used for Liturgy and our computer systems.

At this time, we like to thank The Rev. Ron Culmer and members of St. Clare's Episcopal Church for allowing us to fill the storage closet up with our Liturgy supplies. St. Clare's has been our headquarters for two years. Thank you Fr. Ron and all members of St. Clare's Parish for your continuous support since we have begun.



Please feel free to contact us to learn more about Sacred Space, volunteering, donating, and helping with lunch making. Thank you for your support.

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