



SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS - SACRED HEART COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

October 20, 2023

Thinking of Sr. Regina Boyle (artist) during October, The Feast of St. Francis

Dear Sisters & Associates, I share with you the attached newsletter from LCWR that updates their /our response to violence in the Middle East. It also highlights a call for fasting and prayer. Sisters of St. Francis' congregational ministers and general council prepared the following statement to share with people on Facebook, email, etc. Send it on to others as you please:

*In concert with Pope Francis and his call for prayer and fasting for peace and reconciliation,
the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity
humbly offer these words:*

*We call for creative ways to honor differences and to hold tension without violence.
We call everyone to work for the common good and to find a new language of peace.
We offer you Peace and all good.*

May the love we share in Sacred Heart Community extend to all who are hurting from violence around the world, both victims and perpetrators, especially in warring areas. Blessings heart to heart. *Sr. Sue Artone-Fricke.*

EARTHCARE:

"The bells of mindfulness are calling out to us, trying to wake us up, reminding us to look deeply at our impact on the planet." -Thich Nhat Hanh

BRIDGING HOPE'S FUNDRAISER:

Bridging Hope (founder Sr. Sen Nguyen) is a Colorado nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide assistance to indigent, ill, disadvantaged and disabled women and children in Viet Nam both by raising awareness of their needs among citizens of Colorado and other Americans, and by creating opportunities for charitable giving to support programs and projects in Viet Nam. For more info: <https://bridging-hope.org/about/>



Bridging Hope's 16th annual fundraiser was held on September 30 (English version) and October 7 (Vietnamese version). This wonderful event included Lion Dancing, entertainment, homemade delicious Vietnamese food, and an auction. Below are some of the comments from those who attended:

Dear Sisters,

Blessings! Thanks for your support and being a part of Bridging Hope to build "bridge" for the women and children in Viet Nam! In order to accommodate our group of diversified supporters, this year was Bridging Hope's first time, where we held two separate fundraising dinners at two different locations. Even though it was more work for our volunteers and helpers, it was a huge success! To provide a more festive picture, please check out the provided link and see a few feedbacks from our guests. *From Kathy McGovern ©2023 www.thestoryandyou.com*

Dear Sen,

It was so good to see you at Bridging Hope Saturday evening. We thought the program was one of the best ever. The tables were set so elegantly and the food delicious. The students are all so polite, enthusiastic and attentive. The items for donations were of good quality, we will enjoy the Vietnamese coffee. The lion dances were fun and colorful. You should be so proud of Bridging Hope which you have built from scratch to the dynamic organization which has helped so many. We are so glad to know you and be a part of Bridging Hope!

Again, beloved Sisters, thank you for being a member of our "bridge". Together we can expand our bridge so more women and children in Viet Nam be able to walk on this bridge with the hope of sustaining their lives and building their future. May your heart deeply be resonated by the glowing color of October! *From Kyle Turner, on behalf of Regis Campus Ministry, who sponsored a table for ASA (Asian Student Association) in dedicating to the Sisters of St. Francis: "Bridging Hope Gala 2023 - In honor of The Sisters of St. Francis for their presence and support of Regis Ministry."*



**Bridging Hope is grateful for all their supporters!
Sincerely, Thank You. Sr. Sen**

SR. SUE ARTONE-FRICKE'S TRAVELS:

October 5-27

Brazil for Pre-General Chapter

