





MARY'S HOMES OF HOPE PROVIDING HOMES THAT ARE "INNS"

OF FAITH, HOPE & PRAYER

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"Take to heart these words which I command you today. Keep repeating them to your children. Recite them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down, and when you get up." (Deut. 6:6-7)

"Nothing gives me greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." (3 John 4)

During Lent, friends sent an email about a special moment regarding their 7-yr old grandson. He had been taught more about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this Lenten season. Grandma and grandpa have a prayer room and one morning grandpa went into the prayer room and discovered a yellow sticky note placed upon the cross.

"Dere Jesus

Plies make my nite mars go gone forever and here my mom to.

Amen"

Translation:

Dear Jesus, please make my nightmares go away forever and hear my mom's prayers too. Amen!

These are the fruits of grandparents sharing and living their Catholic faith and teaching the why's and how's and truth of Christ and His Church with their children and grandchildren.



Another holy moment goes back to a family living at Mary's Homes of Hope. Their 3-yr old son, Brandon, went to Mass, prayed at home, and loved the stories about Jesus. One morning before Mass he knelt before the crucifix, as he usually did, looked up and said, "Look! Jesus got a boo boo!" Just another example of the fruits from sharing faith and teaching the truth.

To share just one more holy moment of many: A pregnant mom who lived in the maternity home also went to Mass, prayed, and heard the stories of Jesus. She wasn't Catholic, but she was inspired by the Catholic Church and began her "research." After her son, Isaac, was born, she shared that she was still doing her "research," but knew for certain that Isaac needed to be baptized. Soon after her class on baptism Isaac was baptized in the Church.

If it works with the children being fed, then why not do the same with adults?

Mary's Homes of Hope feels called to begin "gatherings" for our Catholic brothers and sisters to become like children. MHOH is beginning to bring together gifted teachers of the faith to share the why's, the how's, and the Truth.

Mary's Homes of Hope's goal is to have these "gatherings" dates and times in place and published in the August newsletter. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Happy Easter and Blessed Pentecost!

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