



MARY'S HOMES OF HOPE  
PROVIDING HOMES THAT ARE "INNS"  
OF FAITH, HOPE & PRAYER

A Franciscan Ministry 

August 2021

### *The Assumption - August 15th*

How lovely are you, O Virgin Mary. You have left this world to be joined with Christ.

Adorned with heavenly power you shine forth like the sun among the Saints.

Liturgy of the Hours Volume IV

Our Mother now sits in Heaven next to her Son and as Queen of Heaven! She is that perfect Mother who loves us unconditionally, and comforts us, shares our joys, sufferings, helps us to be good and happy, prays for us and most of all brings us to her Son Jesus and helps us to get to Heaven.

**Give thanks to our most beautiful Mother for loving us so perfectly. We love you Dearest Mother!**



### **Our Lady of Fatima, Pilgrim Statue at MHOH**

The Pilgrim Statue will be at MHOH Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> through Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Come to pray the rosary at 7 pm every evening. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration as the rosary is prayed!

### **MHOH Masses**

Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Food and fellowship following Mass.

Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am – with a special celebration for Fr. Vittorio's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination following Mass! Join us to congratulate Fr. Vittorio.

### **Fr. Vittorio's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass & Celebration**

Annunciation Parish will also have a mass and celebration of Fr. Vittorio's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Mass will begin at 9:30 am.

## **Our Lady's Champion for the Unborn**

### **Hank Axmacher**

On June 10<sup>th</sup> God called His faithful servant Hank, home. Hank and his wife Armalee (married 70 years) have been a very special part of Mary's Homes of Hope and Mary's Maternity of Motherhood homes for many years. They have shared their lives selflessly for the unborn. They became a loving family to everyone in the homes. They were a family that brought God's love and kindness.

Hank always went that extra mile to make sure that not only the moms and babies received what they needed, he also shared Christ's love in abundance. Hank's joy and humor always brought smiles and laughter. After all he was that "good lookin guy" and reminded us regularly. ☺ Armalee continues to be that wonderful example of God's love. So she is carrying on for that "good lookin guy."



Placing Hank in a quote from Congressman Henry Hyde at Cardinal John O'Connor's funeral, who was the founder of Priests and Sisters for Life. I share these inspired words. "When the time comes, as surely as it will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgement, I have often thought as Bishop Fulton Sheen wrote, That it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocate, you are there alone standing before God. And a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world. But are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world, and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God. "Spare him, Spare her because they have loved us. And God will look at you and say not, "Did you succeed?" but "Did you try?"

So we rely on you, Hank to keep helping moms and babies, through your most powerful prayers.

***Rest in Peace Hank***

## **Our Lady's Special Gift to Her Home**

Ciara Marie Leal has been in Girl Scouts for 13 years, starting out as a Daisy in kindergarten. She is from Troop 63449 located in Lakewood, Colorado. Her mother, Maria, is from Yigo where her grandparents Annnie and Renato Quiogue currently live. Ciara graduated from St. Bernadette Catholic School in 2017 and graduated with this year's senior class from Lakewood High School in the International Baccalaureate Program.

Being in Girl Scouts allowed Ciara to give back to the community and to serve God as well. She will be a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts as a high school graduate. The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can attain. To earn this award, Girl Scouts must complete a project that displays leadership has a measurable and sustainable impact, and addresses a local challenge related to a national and/or global issue. MHOH was thrilled that Ciara choose our ministry as her project.

On July 15<sup>th</sup> Ciara Marie Leal was awarded her Girl Scout Gold Award for her work helping Mary's Homes of Hope educate the community and nation about single mothers and the struggles they face. Ciara's project was the creation of a website for Mary's Homes of Hope to spread awareness about single mothers in need of support. She aslo collected baby supplies and household items that were donated to MHOH for the women who live there.

Ciara was motivated to choose this project because it is faith based. Her sister is an unwed mother, and she has seen the struggles her sister faced. Ciara hopes to make a positive impact in her community and the world by addressing this issue that is important to her will allow her to grow, learn and help change the community and the world one step at a time.

You can visit the website at [www.maryhomesofhope.com](http://www.maryhomesofhope.com) to learn more about the issues single mothers face, and lots more! She has put MHOH on the world wide web, God will surely bless this work!

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