



CHILDREN OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

Restore All Things in Christ ~ Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking

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A Message from the President

Dear Friends in Christ,

Often we have a certain nostalgia, wishing that we lived in some other time or place, or thinking that other people at other times had it easier than we do. However, saints were always men and women of their time and we must avoid the sentimentality involved in wishing that we lived in some other time or place. As Catholics, it is our duty to respond to what Dietrich von Hildebrand referred to as the “clarion call of the hour.” St. Joan of Arc once stated, “I am not afraid, for God is with me. I was born for this.” We were all born for *this*. The particularities of our “this”, of our particular call, may vary, but we were all born for this time and this place – to respond to the clarion call of *this* hour.

St. John Paul II said that the problem of our time is not a theological problem, but an anthropological problem. Generally speaking, people in the Church today do not doubt the divinity of Christ, for example, or that the Blessed Virgin was immaculately conceived in the womb of St. Anne. But it is evident enough that people doubt the indissolubility of marriage, the intrinsically disordered nature of homosexual acts, or the value of consecrated life. I would like to suggest that this confusion stems from a deeper problem of the confusion of what it means to be human on the one hand, and on the other hand, what it means to be man and woman as such.

The Second Vatican Council’s Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* teaches, “The truth is that only in the mystery of the Incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light. For Adam, the first man, was a type of him who was to come (*Rom 5:14*), Christ the Lord. Christ the new Adam, in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, *fully reveals man to himself* and brings to light his most high calling”.

This most high calling is the call to love – the greatest commandment of love of God and love of neighbor that our Lord elevated to his *mandatum novum* on the night he was betrayed, to “love one another as I have loved you.” It is this that we have lost sight of – and it is this that is the cause of sex trafficking and all that leads to it.



Dietrich von Hildebrand, whom we at CIH are sure is a saint!

In his first encyclical, *Redemptor Hominis*, St. John Paul II meditated further on these words of the council: “Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it. This, as has already been said, is why Christ the Redeemer ‘fully reveals man to himself’. If we may use the expression, this is the human dimension of the mystery of the Redemption. In this dimension man finds again the greatness, dignity and value that belong to his humanity.”

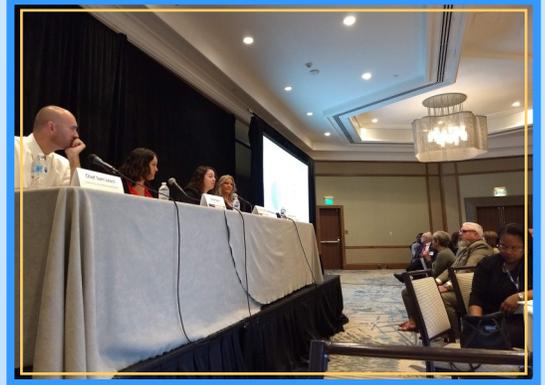
It is this that I propose as the remedy for our times and this that I propose is the “call of the hour” that we all must respond to as we feel led by God. This call to help humanity find its identity in Christ and our call to love is the work of Children of the Immaculate Heart – to live out these teachings in a very particular way to help women and girls to escape sex trafficking by providing housing and rehabilitative programs. If we are to experience renewal in our culture, we must all work to strengthen the family and bring an end to the various forms of use of other people that often take place in the so-called name of love. In his book *Love and Responsibility*, St. John Paul II developed what he called the personalistic norm, which holds that a person must never be used, but only loved. Here “use” has two meanings: “to use as a means to an end or to enjoy and derive pleasure from the object” and the saint proposes that “use” in these senses is the actual antithesis to love.

I would like to propose, as a remedy for this “use” of the other, reverence towards the other that has at its source our drawing near to Christ so that we can again discover “the human dimension of the mystery of the Redemption.” In this mystery alone “man finds again the greatness, dignity and value that belong to his humanity.”

Yours in Christ,

Grace Williams, President/Executive Director

CIH NEWS



In June, we were invited to a conference put on by the Chief Probation Officers of California to advertise our new Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program, The Refuge, to placement agents from Probation throughout the state of California. It was wonderful to experience the collegial atmosphere among the agents.

We wished we had a camera at our table so you could see the reactions of everyone when we said we were opening a new home for trafficked minors (CSEC youth)! We had agents sign up from across the state asking to be notified as soon as we receive our license because they are interested in placing girls with us.

As you probably know, trafficking victims are highly under-served and there are simply not enough programs out there to take these kids. Thank you, CPOC, for this opportunity! We look forward to working with all of you in the future.



CIH would like to thank The San Diego Women's Club for flying to the aid of one of our clients who was in need of immediate medical attention, which CIH could not finance. The sincere concern and kindness they have shown to our client has humbled us greatly and warmed our hearts!



Many thanks especially to Victoria Pashaian, head of Life Ministries at The Church of the Nativity, for making this connection for us, & to Sandy Luebben for inviting us to present our client's case to the members at their monthly meeting. May God reward you all!



This summer we were so happy to have a variety of friends and benefactors up to The Refuge to enjoy its calm and peaceful environment before the home opens. We were blessed especially the presence of some of our priests and seminarians and even got a first Mass from newly ordained Fr. R.J. Oballo, FSSP. Thank you to all who said Mass for us, graced us with your presence for lunch or dinner, and helped us make this home into a reality! It is really a grace to know all of you and have you in our lives!



In July, CIH staff was blessed to be trained in nonviolent crisis intervention by Amy Vance, the Vice President of our board, who is a certified trainer with the Crisis Prevention Institute. The training focused on recognizing early signs of anxiety in order to avoid escalating behaviors and to assist our clients with processing triggers and painful experiences that affect current behavior in order to create a peaceful and safe environment for everyone. We learned de-escalation techniques to be used in situations where emotions are escalating out of control, as well as disengagement techniques to be used as a last resort if a client were to become physical with a staff member. We had a lot of fun in the process and are so grateful to God and to CPI for this opportunity to touch up on some old skills and learn some new ones!



7th Annual Carmel Mission Basilica Banquet in Monterey, California

Friday November 8th from 5:30 p.m.-7p.m.

We look forward to seeing our friends on the Monterey Peninsula again this year! Please save the date, as we do not want to miss you. The usual crew from CIH will be back and we look forward to showing you our gratitude for your support, as well as giving you all an update on what has happened this year! Come ready to enjoy dinner, a silent auction, speakers, and more!





Oktoberfest



Come join us for our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 5th ~ 6:00 - 8:30pm

Enjoy craft beer, wine, traditional German food, and a silent auction all in support of our clients!



Fr. Alphonsus Hermes, O.Praem., from St. Michael's Abbey in Orange County will be speaking, along with CIH staff.

We are excited to have founding Vice President of CIH, Fr. David Nix present to speak as well!



For more information & to purchase tickets please visit our event page or call us at (619) 431-5537
<https://cih-oktoberfest2019.eventbrite.com>

~ Location is at a private residence in Spring Valley ~

Little House in the Parish Coin Drive

If you participated in our coin drive and would like to return your blue house, please do so at your parish office or at St. Anne's Parish office at 2337 Irving Ave.



Interested in having CIH come do our coin drive at your parish? Contact our office for more information!



Children of the Immaculate Heart has a meal train for our weekly women's group. We hold a support/development group for our clients every week, giving them the opportunity to be together, support each other, and grow in their personal human development. If you are interested in cooking for our ladies, please visit this link!

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/q3nk71>

CIH Wish List

- Dressers
- Pull-out couch
- Gift cards
- 12+ seat van
- Diapers: size 6
- All-in-one micro-phone/amplifier system
- Hygiene products
- Dry and canned food
- Real estate

CIH has a Car Donation Program!

Please consider donating your vehicle to CIH! *Car Easy* will come pick up your car, boat, or trailer whether it is running or not! Cars can be donated from anywhere in the country. To start the process just call 855-500-7433 or type <http://careasy.org/details?4567> into your web browser. Proceeds go to support our programs!



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