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Annual Benefit Event for



PILGRIM CENTER of HOPE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 WESTIN NORTH HOTEL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



Donation



Silent Auction

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9:00 AM CHECK-IN

SOCIAL & SILENT AUCTION

10:00 AM WELCOME

Eddie Cavazos

BLESSING

Fr. Anthony "Tony" Cummins

MEAL

10:30 AM AUCTION CLOSES

"LIVING A MIRACLE"

Deacon Tom & Mary Jane Fox

MISSIONARY OF HOPE AWARD
Ray Baird & In Memory of Mary Baird

30 YEARS & BEYOND Victor H. Negrón, Jr.

CAST THE NET Ann Gonsalves

RAFFLE WINNERS & DOOR PRIZES

12:25 PM CLOSING PRAYER



In 1986, **Tom and Mary Jane Fox** left their respective careers in hotel management and the travel industry to work full-time for St. Matthew Catholic Church. For the first seven years, their main ministry was door-to-door home visitation; in the first few years, they visited over 10,000 families. They helped establish Perpetual Adoration, faith formation ministries, produced programs on secular radio "advertising" the

Catholic Church, and other outreach ministries at St. Matthew.

Tom was ordained to the permanent Diaconate in August 1988. In 1993, they founded Pilgrim Center of Hope.

Their evangelization mission has extended to parishes in the U.S., Mexico, and Belize on Parish Missions and on Door-to-Door Home Visitation Outreach. Their ministry of pilgrimages has led them to Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Egypt, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland, Greece and Turkey.

Their ministry work has been featured in five nation-wide Catholic periodicals and on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) show Living His Life Abundantly in 1995. In 2008, they received the Catholic Television of San Antonio (CTSA) Leadership Award. In 2011, they received Guadalupe Radio Network's Pescadores de Hombres Award and were invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. In 2012, they were awarded the Living Stones Solidarity Award from the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation for their work in the Holy Land.

We are deeply grateful to our 2023 Rejoice In Hope Sponsors.

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"REJOICE IN HOPE"

Words by Laura & Eddie Cavazos | Music by Eddie Cavazos

Sight unseen we walk the path Journey on our way Following the still small voice Trusting everyday

The heart of our mission, the strength of our call Joyfully taken to all – taken to all

Rejoice in Hope, we've all been given Through Christ our Lord, a piece of Heaven – Amen – Amen

Faithfully we plant our seeds Watch them as they grow Mountains move from here to there Reaping what we sow

The heart of our mission, the strength of our call Joyfully taken to all – taken to all

Rejoice in Hope, we've all been given Through Christ our Lord, a piece of Heaven – Amen – Amen



Eddie Cavazos is a songwriter, arranger, music educator and music minister. During his 40+ years as music minister, his compositions include choral music, church anthems, praise and worship songs, and two Mass settings which are sung throughout the world.

He holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music Education from The University of Texas at San Antonio. Over his long teaching career, he has been a three-time Teacher of the Year Award recipient, written musicals, songs to accompany children's books by award winning authors, songs for the dedication of new schools, and folk song arrangements published by GIA Music.

Eddie and his wife, Laura, live in San Antonio. They are blessed with four children, two grandaughters, and two grandsons.

EVENT EMCEE

Eddie Cavazos, Musician & Educator



Mary Eugenia Johnson Baird was a devoted wife, loving mother, doting grandmother, generous daughter, sister, and friend. She chose to live a life of meaningful acts of love and service by faithfully serving in civil service positions, volunteering, in St. Matthew's Catholic parish, and being a consistent advocate for those in need – especially in areas of mental health, children, and the poor. Mary was very much a

follower of St. Therese of Lisieux, in that she aspired to be a missionary evangelizing her five children and ten grandchildren.

Since Mary's passing in February, Raymond Daniel Baird has continued to devote himself to family and community.

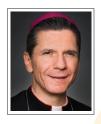
Ray retired from the Army after 24 years in 1991 and began inspecting nursing homes in 1994 for the State of Texas as an RN. He, also, has exercised loyal service in his Catholic parish, in missions to the poor and needy, and to those needing consolation in times of loss and illness. Ray joined Mary in teaching family workshops on mental illness, and since Mary's demise had stayed busy with activities for St. Matthew Catholic parish.

Mary and Ray joined Pilgrim Center of Hope (PCH) on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2018. They served faithfully as promoters of PCH's evangelization activities, becoming two of the ministry's most reliable supporters. Such dedication includes their contributions as members of the Stella Maris Campaign Committee, which laid the foundation for efforts to develop the future Stella Maris Center on PCH property.

MISSIONARY OF HOPE AWARD WINNERS Raymond Baird & In Memory of Mary Baird



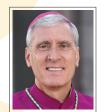
EVENT CHAIRPERSONS Linda Fernandez & Marietta Alba



Since 1993, Pilgrim Center of Hope has been a response to the Gospel call of evangelizing all people and for a new evangelization. Pilgrim Center of Hope has been an invaluable spiritual resource to the people of the Archdiocese of San Antonio as well as a catalyst for parishes and ministry groups. This ministry shares the message of hope and peace, creates encounters with Christ, and invites all people to live and share in the faith.

- Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS (San Antonio)

I congratulate Pilgrim Center of Hope, as it celebrates thirty years of faithful service to the people of God. What a blessing the Center continues to be for the Archdiocese of San Antonio and beyond! Thank you Deacon Tom and Mary Jane Fox, for your steady-handed leadership. You, and your incredibly faithful and gifted team, do so much to announce the Good News of Jesus. In a world where hope seems limited and even lost, you guide people to rediscover the hope found in Jesus Christ. Through encounters on pilgrimages, Spirit-filled events, and media outreach, you are as reawaken and deepen their faith. May God continue to bless and deepen their faith.



on pilgrimages, Spirit-filled events, and media outreach, you are assisting people to reawaken and deepen their faith. May God continue to bless and guide you in all of your endeavors. - Bishop Gary Janak (San Antonio)



Please consider a financial gift to help sustain this ministry that has such a remarkable record of success in Catholic evangelization. Your donation will help to continue the good work begun by Deacon Tom and Mary Jane Fox. We ask your prayerful support for the Pilgrim Center of Hope, so that they will, through the Grace of God, prepare laborers for the Lord's great harvest.

- Archbishop José H. Gómez (Los Angeles, formerly San Antonio)

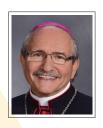


Pilgrim Center of Hope emphasizes several important elements regarding our Church and our society. First, it reminds us that we are "pilgrims," that particularly as Christians we walk a journey of faith with Christ through our lives. On this journey we need guidance, direction, encouragement. The Pilgrim Center is available especially for this reason, and thus it offers us "hope." Pilgrim Center of Hope offers a specifically Christian and Catholic

basis for the evangelization – and re-evangelization – of our families, communities, and individuals.

- Bishop Oscar Cantú (Las Cruces, formerly San Antonio)

I congratulate Deacon Tom and Mary Jane Fox as Pilgrim Center of Hope celebrates its 30th anniversary. I wish you many more years of ministry in evangelization for the service of God. I know you have had many experiences in which you have seen the will of the Lord. Take time to look back and reflect on where you have been and where the Spirit is calling you now. You were called by God and obeyed; and have given all from the heart.



The Church is truly appreciative for all you have accomplished for the Kingdom through your commitment, your faith, and your ministry of pilgrimages, conferences, speakers, and socials.

May the Spirit of the Lord continue to guide you, enlighten you, and strengthen you in these endeavors. May God who has called and chosen you always lead you. May the Holy Spirit never depart from you. May Mary our Mother unceasingly intercede for you.

As you look back on the past three decades in thanksgiving and gratitude to God, I urge you to look to the future with renewed strength and dedication. Build on the vision.

May the grace and peace and goodness of God continued to be multiplied through both of you and the outreach of Pilgrim Center of Hope.

- Bishop Michael J. Boulette (San Antonio)



Vatican II has challenged the laity to unite with the clergy in a new evangelization that will bring hope to the world in which we live. I have given my blessing to this Apostolate. Please be generous in your financial support of this well-needed ministry. This type of evangelization is much needed these days.

- Archbishop Patricio F. Flores (Deceased, San Antonio)



Pilgrim Center of Hope is one of the wonderful, rich notions of what Vatican II Council said – it reminded us again that we are a Pilgrim people...trusting in God, however God leads us. [Pilgrim Center of Hope] is a place for Jesus to be known, for Jesus to be loved, for Jesus to be proclaimed because we have to proclaim Him. I in a special way extend God's blessing and pray God's presence into this house / Center which is special for this work.

- Bishop Joseph A. Galante (Deceased, formerly of San Antonio)



OUR MISSION

Answering Christ's call, we guide people to encounter Him so as to **live in hope**, as pilgrims in daily life.

OUR WORK

We 'cast three nets' out into the world:
a Ministry of Pilgrimages organizing authentic journeys of faith,
a Ministry of Conferences organizing large and small events as encounters
with Christ and the Church, and Media Outreach.

OUR CORE VALUES Humility & Trust | Docility & Discernment | Kerygmatic Joy



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