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*In Christ, through the
shedding of his blood,
we have redemption and
forgiveness of our sins.*

Ephesians 1:7a

On the C.P.P.S. Site in Liberty, Mo.

Renewal Center Offers Healing and Hope

(Editor's note: Dennis Colby is the director of engagement at the Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty, Mo. He wrote the following to introduce the center to its members, Companions and friends of the Cincinnati Precinct.)

Dennis Colby

One of the first things a visitor to Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty, Mo., sees is a wall hanging with a quote from Fr. Joe Noland, C.P.P.S., who was the Kansas City provincial director when the new center building was dedicated. The quote comes from his address at the dedication ceremony:

"Though we should never and again, we dare to walk this way, for this truly discloses the life that awaits us."

The next thing a visitor is likely to see is another quote on another wall hanging just inside the main meeting room, this one from Basil, the 4th-century

Persian poet and saint explains:

"Come, come, wherever you are wandering or wandering ... it doesn't matter. Come, even if you have broken your way a hundred times. Come, over again, come."

These two quotes capture much of what the renewal center is about. We shape our programming around these ideas and our mission statement: "Precious Blood Renewal Center is a safe and sacred place, offering healing and hope, renewal and reconciliation for all people." The mission statement flows from the values of the Kansas City Precinct, which include emphasis on racial justice, ministry and interfaith solidarity, reaching beyond members of the Catholic Church.

We have felt the urgency of this mission statement acutely in recent months.

The renewal center sits on the 12 acres that have housed the Kansas City provincial office since the late 1980s.



The Precious Blood Renewal Center is in a three-story renovated building on the C.P.P.S. grounds in Liberty, Mo.

Four buildings sit around a large pond and are enclosed by walkways and lay fields. It is a green oasis in a forest and signature room.

Kathy Kearney, a Precious Blood Companion and certified spiritual director who has been with the renewal center since its early days, describes it as "an escape into a beautiful setting where the divine is clearly visible. Over the years, I have witnessed countless people seeking to the center and finding a renewed sense of wholeness and connection with the Creator."

The other longtime staff members, Director of Hospitality (Continued on page 60)

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