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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 Coday is the director of engagement at the Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty, Mo. He wrote the following to introduce the center to the members, Companions and Amici of the Cincinnati Province.)

Dennis Coday

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 Nassal, 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 stumble now and again, we dare to walk this way, live this truth, discover this 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 Rumi, the 13th-century

Persian poet and Sufi mystic:

"Come, come, whoever you are wanderer or worshipper ... it doesn't matter. Come even if you have broken your vow a hundred times. Come, come 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 Province, which include emphasis on social justice ministry and interfaith ministry, 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 32 acres that have housed the Kansas City provincial offices since the late 1980s.



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

Four buildings sit around a large pond and are encircled by woodlands and hay fields. It is a green oasis in a literal and figurative sense.

Kathy Keary, 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 retreating to the center and finding a renewed sense of wholeness and connection with the Creator."

The other longtime staff member, Director of Hospitality (Continued on page 86)

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