

Happy Thanksgiving!





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*Our Lady of Hope Mary Immaculate
St. Maria Goretti Our Lady of Joyful Hope*

Our 20th Anniversary

Dear Family and Friends,

We celebrated the 20th anniversary of Comunita Cenacolo America! We thank our Lord for these years in which many young men and women found new hope and peace in their lives, after so many years of hopelessness and desperation. By encountering the forgiveness and mercy of Jesus, they have been able to

forgive themselves, forgive those who wounded them, and ask forgiveness of those whom they harmed. They have discovered that their life is truly a gift, which has purpose and meaning. Their healing brings healing to their families, who walk their own journey during the years their sons and daughters are in Community.

We especially thank Bishop Robert Baker, who felt the call to





help addicts and invited Mother Elvira to expand Comunita Cenacolo to the United States.

On October 25-27, we celebrated with a two-day retreat for parents and families, followed by a Festival of Life on Sunday. With over 400 family members in attendance, Friday was a day of repentance, forgiveness, and mercy.

Powerful catechesis by two of our Community priests prepared us to encounter our Lord. Through guided prayer as we all knelt in Adoration before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, we felt the embrace of His love, enabling us to admit our weakness, errors, and sins, and giving us the courage to look honestly at our need to give all this to Jesus



in genuine repentance through the Sacrament of Confession. Our Father who is rich in mercy poured a tidal wave of His grace upon us! Adoration continued as people waited in very long lines for confession. After confession people came back and sat before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, continuing to adore Him. We are thankful to the eight

priests who offered us this sacrament of God's mercy for three hours!

The Holy Mass following the three hours of Confession and Adoration was filled with joy! Everyone felt clean and at peace, and their eyes radiated this interior freedom, reconciliation, and joy!



The girls of St. Maria Goretti presented a play about their struggles in darkness and their journey of conversion in Community, as well as two lovely, graceful dances. Their smiles reflected the forgiveness and peace they now experience.

The young men presented “Nothing is Impossible for

God,” a creative play about a modern day young guy with an addiction, who unexpectedly finds himself in the time of Jesus, where he is present at many of Jesus’ miracles and at His passion, death, and resurrection. The story shows his journey into trust and faith in Jesus, leading to the transformation of his own life.



A small group of young men also presented The Mask Dance. The dance tells their story of wounding that leads to a life of darkness and lies, in which they wear different masks to hide who they truly are. Their encounter with the forgiveness of God gives them the strength to remove their masks and to live in freedom and truth.

Thank you for helping us during these 20 years! Truly, you have been God's Divine Providence for us, and we are genuinely grateful!

We pray for you and all those you love!
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