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Dear Sharing Friend,

"At the cross her station keeping
Stood the mournful mother weeping
Close to Jesus to the last.

Through her heart His sorrow sharing
All His bitter anguish bearing"

This year these words from an ancient Latin Hymn, Stabat Mater Dolorosa, transported me across my Good Friday miles. They re-awakened memories and brought images to mind. Perhaps some of you can recall this ritual hymn that has been used during the Lenten Stations of the Cross in the Catholic tradition.

Perhaps you can picture this moment on Calvary Hill as Jesus' mother looks on helplessly while her son suffers and she can do nothing to relieve his pain and agony. Surely part of her wanted to run from the unbearable, but she didn't. Her love was the ultimate compassion - "to suffer with" - she stayed to the bitter end.

Many have private memories of when we were able to stand with someone who was suffering and those times when we could not. Perhaps we ourselves have known pain and remember those who stood by us, those who were able to BE PRESENT even if they were powerless to make it better.

I remember a year when several people took turns pushing another in a wheelchair along our bumpy and hilly terrain. One Good Friday Walk many years ago Nancy Thurson and Martha Rotchford guided a visually blind Mary Weld on her Walk.

This year I watched as Sarah Donaghy and Chris Moynihan slowed their pace and encouraged nine year old Adam Moynihan as he valiantly struggled to reach his goal of twenty miles.

This year as I passed that invisible seventeen-mile barrier, and pain became a constant companion, my dear friend, Wendell Paris, slowed his pace and offered his arm for me to lean on.
As Joan Chittister, O.S.B. says:

"To go down into pain with another person breaks open the heart of God."
For many years after Walking on Good Friday it seemed that I had "lost" Holy Saturday.
At the end of Friday I would be filled with joy; yet wasn't joy Easter's prerogative, joy in Resurrection?

What does Resurrection mean to you?

Here are some words of others that speak to me:

"Resurrection doesn't just come. It has to be birthed" -1

"Yes, Easter really wants to come
so don't you see that stone has got to go?
that stone of fear
of selfishness and pride
of greed and blindness
and all the other things we use to keep Jesus in the tomb -2

"The Kingdom of God is within us. Easter and Passover, particularly
remind us that we have to let go in order to enter it." -3

"Resurrection is about the mysterious invitation to overcome fears and
reach beyond self-imposed limits to discover new life." -4

" In the cave of our hearts In the fabric of our lives In the soul of our earth You
continue God to be born." -5

May we find our own way to birth God anew each day of this amazing Life.

I'll be in the south between May 20th and June 2nd. As always I go in your name bearing the fruits of our efforts.

1 Mary Anne Perrone, from her poem, "Holy Saturday/Barely Believing", NCR 4-6-07. p. 12
2 Macrina Wiederkehr, O.S.B., from her poem, "On Letting Easter In", *Seasons of Your Heart*, p. 100
3 Joseph Campbell, from
Thou Art That, Appendix p. 114
4 Dennis Cleary, M.M., "New Life in Seattle", "Maryknoll Magazine", April 2007 p. 44
5 Doris Klein, CSA, "Christmas", from Silent Night series

Shalom,
Kay Doherty

Some amazing highlights of our 2007 Good Friday Walk

The pledged total of the Hingham Walk reveals an **increase of \$13,000** over 2006!

This is due to **the efforts of many:**

- those who generously sponsored others
- those who did the not-so-easy work of getting more sponsors
- those eight **workers** whose combined efforts raised \$2,970 - Donna Austin, Ron DuBois, Lois Goughan, Daune Haskell, Sean Mahony, Sue Peterson, Phil Worrnick and Rena Zeller
- those walkers who raised between \$1,200 and \$1,400 - Alice DeNormandie, Bill Larson, Judy Larson and Maggie Warshaw
- those walkers who raised between \$1,500 and \$1,800 - Bill Genovese, Ralph Paige, Rev. Don Rudalevige, Sue Rudalevige and John Seavey
- Rev. Rich Weisenbach who raised over \$2,200
- Austin O'Connor who raised over \$5,300

Thanks and Congratulations to all of the above and to this year's Special Award Recipients

600 miles			20 year commitment		
Faith Fenske	Lexington	MA	Dave Bisson	Brockton	MA
Wendell Paris,	Jackson	MS	Harriet Chmela	Lexington	MA
Ed Smith	Huntington	MA	Cindy Corey	Springfield	MA
Mark Thompson	Tolland	CT	Rosemary Edwards	Hingham	MA
Nancy Thurson	Scituate	MA	Ginny Hickton	Rockville	CT
total to date 8			Pat King	Rockville	CT
500 miles			Colin Moran	Plymouth	MA
Janice Klingman	Ellington	CT	Phyllis Russell	Melrose	MA
Bill Larson	Norwell	MA	Lori Thompson	Tolland	CT
Don Rudalevige	Cape Elizabeth	ME	Jody Wood	Hanover	MA
total to date 22			total to date 82		
400 miles			10 year commitment		
Lillian Colbeck	Hingham	MA	Jan Bacon	Hingham	MA
Michelle Gerow	Coventry	CT	June Blacksten	S. Glastonbury	CT
Steve Gilmartin	Norwell	MA	Joshua Delaplain-Zook	Norwell	MA
Shirley Samson	Melrose	MA	Kate Farrell	Maynard	MA
Lynn Sedgwick	Hanover	MA	Cal Goodwin	Abington	MA
Carol Thornton	Plymouth	MA	Wendy Peterson	Ellington	CT
total to date 40			Sue Springer	Norwell	MA
300 miles			Beryl Wilson	E. Windsor	CT
Lani Armelin	Ellington	CT	Sharlet Wirzulis	Ellington	CT
Paula Carmichae	Windham	NH	total to date 257		
Joe Cole	Situate	MA	200 miles		
Teresa Doyle Smith	Rockland	MA	Cindy Corey	Springfield	MA
Ruth Hall	Marshfield	MA	Laura Delaplain	Norwell	MA
Pat Hamilton	N. Dighton	MA	Jen Grubb	Vernon	CT
Kathy Maynard	Hingham	MA	Tammy Joy	Vernon	CT
Warren Rehe	Andover	MA	Austin O'Connor	Hingham	MA
Karen Stearns	S. Windsor	CT	Steven Peacock	Tolland	CT
total to date 55			Sandy Spivey	Rockville	CT
30 year commitment			Bob White	Vernon	CT
Ron DuBois	Braintree	MA	total to date 98		
Barry Goughan	Duxbury	MA	We no longer list those Walks that do not contribute any of their funds to Sharing.		
Daune Haskell	Norwell	MA			
Elaine Walsh	Norwell	MA			
total to date 23					

2007 Good Friday Walk Locations

<u>where</u>	<u>how many</u>	<u>pledged</u>	<u>for Sharing</u>
Atlanta	GA	1	\$220
Bonita Springs	FL	1	\$145
Cambridge	MA	2	\$225
Cambridge	MA	5	\$500
Concord	NH	1	\$115
E. Bridgewater	MA	8	\$50
Falls Church	VA	3	\$240
Harvard	MA	327	\$27,000
Hingham	MA	329	\$61,650
Huntington	MA	2	\$200
Mystic	CT	64	\$6,700
Newport	RI	1	\$30
Rockville	CT	163	\$11,100
Wakefield	MA	92	\$4,850
locations	14	999	\$113,025
			\$87,835