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Dear Sharing Friend,

"Life is a lament in one ear and a song of joy in the other" *

Throughout the hours of Good Friday my heart and soul experienced a full spectrum of emotions. At times my feeling expressed themselves as sung prayer:

"Above below, and around me,
Before, behind, and all through me,
Your Spirit burns deep within me.
Fire my life with your love."**

The joy I felt during our holy day liturgy was manifest as I witnessed and greeted so many family units. One strong image that stays in my heart is of the three-generation Hansberry family of Hingham and Hanover, NH, who were ahead of me as we trudged up and down our "hill in the Park". Led by a tall young father, Mark, a doctor who first walked as a high school student, with his wife, Melinda, by his side. On Mark's shoulders, riding in a handsome, ergonomic, screened backpack chair was nine-month-old Thomas. There was a little red wagon with an ever-changing cast of riders and pullers: Lydia Hansberry who is four and a half year old, Anna and Jared, Mark's seven year old twin nephew/niece, and Ethan another four and a half nephew. Essential to and at the heart of this family constellation was Mark's mother, Nancy, who was walking her 500th mile!

I mourned the recent deaths of two long time Walk supporters; Martha de Normandie of Lincoln, MA who first walked on Good Friday in 1976 along with her minister from First Parish, Bill Gregory, and Astrid Donaldson and Abigail Avery. She and her daughter, Alice, also joined our group trip south in 2003. Among many memories the most vibrant one is a visual one. As the car from Lincoln was heading back after that first Walk it passed me still plodding along. Martha's smiling face leaned out a rear window as she shouted with joy and encouragement in what could be labeled a "you go girl" moment.

I am most grateful for having known, loved, inspired and encouraged by her.

The other long-time supporter, Bayard Underwood of Groton MA, died last month at ninety-three. Bayard began walking in 1981 and enthusiastically solicited sponsors from then on. He faithfully contacted people each year. In 2008 and 2009 when his health confined him to a sit-down job he sent his usual letter asking support for all the miles he couldn't walk!

My joy was amplified as I re-collected and remembered my previous thirty-eight Walks, bringing to mind and heart so many who were with me this Good Friday in

*Sean O'Casey **The Servant Song by Donna Marie McGargill, OSM

spirit only. I believe that perhaps, unknown to my consciousness in 1972, as I first read about the people in Mound Bayou, MS, my soul was singing one of the other verses from "The Servant Song"

"I hear you call my name Lord, and I am moved within me.
Your spirit stirs my deepest self.
Sing your songs in me."

I sing them still. As I will during my visits to friends and projects in Mississippi and Alabama from May 16 through June 2.

*Shalom,
Kay Doherty*

P.S.

During my 2010 Good Friday Walk I also mourned for the blatant injustice of what has happened to Jamie and Gladys Scott in a Jackson MS prison.

"... [They} are each serving two consecutive life sentences for an armed robbery in 1993 in which no one was injured and the take, by most accounts was about \$11.00. Supporters of the Scott sisters have long tried to draw attention to their case, as an extreme example of the distorted justice and draconian sentencing policies that have overloaded prisons, crippled state budgets and torn families apart across the United States. But in recent months, their cause has taken on a new urgency, because for Jamie Scott, an unwarranted life sentence may soon become a death sentence..."

For more information on the case and what you might do to speak out about the current outrageous circumstances email me for the full text of the article that appeared in the March 17, 2010 edition of the Greene County Democrat published in Eutaw, Alabama, or join the Facebook group, "Free the Scott Sisters".

You can join me in contacting the Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour at P O Box 139, Jackson MS 39205, telephone # 601-359-3150 and Attorney General Eric Holder. U S Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20530-0001, Hotline Phone 202-353-1555

Some highlights of our 2010 Good Friday Walk

Special thanks to the following people for their outstanding efforts:

- all those who generously sponsored others
- all those who did the not-so-easy work of getting many sponsors
- those walkers who raised around \$1,000 - Patricia Carson***, Rev. Stan Culy, Teresa Doyle Smith, Faith Fenske, Ralph Paige, Shirley Samson, and Maggie Warshaw
- those walkers who raised around \$1,500 - Bill Larson, Judy Larson, Sue Rudalevige, and Rev. Don Rudalevige
- those walkers who raised around \$2,500 - the Genovese family, the Shires family, and Rev. Rich Weisenbach
- Austin O'Connor who raised over \$5,000

*** FIRST TIME WALKER

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

600 miles
 Colleen Benevides Kingston, MA
 Roni Herlihy Easton, MA
 June Newman Braintree, MA
total to date 13

500 miles
 Louise Bisson Stoughton, MA
 Mildred Bowker Brockton, MA
 Nancy Hansberry Hingham, MA
 Dave Howe Vernon, CT
 Linda Sylvester Rockland, MA
total to date 31

400 miles
 Penny Frabotta Hingham, MA
 Cindy Helwig Needham, MA
 Jim MacDonald Abington, MA
 Lori Thompson Tolland, CT
 David Vaughn Hanover, MA
total to date 38

300 miles
 Melinda Cerny Hingham, MA
 Rubbie Jenkins Okolona, MS
 Russ Latham Rehoboth, MA
 Bob Lyle Vernon, CT
 Wayne Roberts Willington, CT
total to date 59

200 miles
 Harriet Chmela Lexington, MA
 Wilma Goodhue Norwell, MA
 Margaret Small Melrose, MA
total to date 93

35 years
 Al Donaghy Abington, MA
 Ron DuBois Braintree, MA
 Anne Manna Hanover, MA
 Nancy Reid Abington, MA
 Jane Thompson Manchester, CT
 Nancy Thurson Scituate, MA
 Marybeth Worrick Quincy, MA
total to date 9

30 years
 Judie Culy Vernon, CT
 Bob Pickett Plymouth, MA
total to date 15

20 year commitment
 Bill Austin Hingham, MA
 Susan Bell Middleboro, MA
 Michael Donaghy W. Roxbury, MA
 Betty MacDonald Abington, MA
total to date 36

10 year commitment
 Donna Kasey Hartford, CT
 Kevane Family Melrose, MA
 Judy Leahy Hingham, MA
 Elaine Meador Melrose, MA
 Charlie O'Neal Weymouth, MA
 Elizabeth Shaul Canton, MA
 Bob Zeller Hingham, MA
total to date 269

2010 Good Friday Walk Locations

where		how many people	how much pledged	amount for Sharing
Attleboro	MA	1	\$105	\$105
Blowing Rock	NC	4	\$125	\$125
Bonita Springs	FL	2	\$250	\$250
Cheshire	CT	47	\$1,460	\$1,460
E. Bridgewater	MA	15?	\$125?	\$125?
Falls Church	VA	4	\$250	\$250
Harvard	MA	377	\$20,000	\$4,000
Hingham	MA	308	\$60,000	\$60,000
Mystic	CT	55	\$4,300	\$3,225
Newtown	PA	1	\$20	\$20
Rockville	CT	197	\$12,300	\$8,200
South Hadley	MA	3	\$300	\$300
Wakefield	MA	44	\$5,500	\$3,660
Westford	MA	300	\$24,000	\$1,500?
North Carolina		1	\$270	\$270
Assisi	Italy	5	\$200	\$200
locations	15	1,364	\$129,205	\$83,690