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COMMUNITY OF HOPE

International



HURRICANE IAN RELIEF

We welcome your prayers and financial support for hurricane recovery efforts in Ft. Myers, FL. Thank you to those who have already reached out. The COHI executive team is in contact with our Iona-Hope Episcopal Church Center in Ft. Myers, and we are coordinating an avenue for donations to go directly to the affected community. Please use the following link to make a donation that will be combined and sent as one on behalf of the entire Community of Hope.

[DONATE HERE](#)

Update from President Sarah Roberts

Due Date for Annual Reports has been extended to ***December 1, 2022.***

Please include the following in your report:

- How many active lay chaplains?
- Are you meeting regularly for Circle of Care, in person or online?
- When was your last training or when are you planning to train a new cohort?
- Please provide a narrative on the overall health and activity of your center.

Please submit your 2022 Annual Report *to your Regional Representative* or send to Annualreports@cohinternational.org.



Honoring My Friend Brother Michael Gallagher

MARIA WELLISCH

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, WEST TEXAS AND GULF REGIONS

It is hard for many of us who have been with Community of Hope International for any period of time to think of this ministry without the association of Helen Appelberg and Michael Gallagher. Yes, they were and are a team.

When I began to write this piece about Brother Michael, I realized that I know Michael so well, but I really know so little about his background and life before COHI. I always think of Brother Michael as a renaissance man. He is talented and knowledgeable about music, cooking, literature, architecture, travel, and languages. He constantly amazes me with his quick wit and joyful laugh.

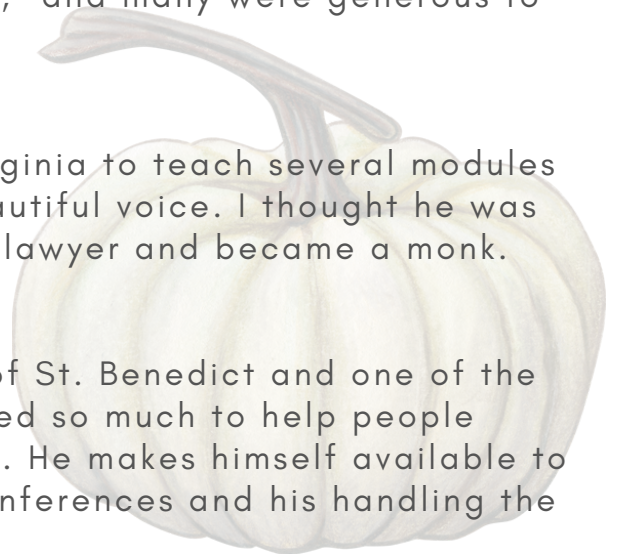
I was wondering what others might share when I asked, "Tell me your first thoughts when asked about **Michael Gallagher,**" and many were generous to share.

Carolyn Cockroft

His wit! First time I met him, he had come to Virginia to teach several modules for us. He arrived in his robe and shared his beautiful voice. I thought he was fascinating. I was intrigued that he had been a lawyer and became a monk.

Pam Heidt

Benedictine, He is committed to the teachings of St. Benedict and one of the main things I see is his hospitality. He has offered so much to help people through training groups and all the conferences. He makes himself available to all. He is always at the forefront of planning conferences and his handling the Benedictine Monastery.





Honoring My Friend Brother Michael Gallagher

Continued

Carolyn Ershler

The foundational Benedictine piece is so important. I didn't know Helen well, but Michael is charming, funny, and deeply committed to COHI and God. His deep commitment to his spiritual life is a gift for us all. He has been a constant.

Sarah Roberts

His Wisdom----Michael crystalized for me what being in Community of Hope is all about!

Lynn Ronaldi

Michael exhibits the stability of Benedictine Spirituality. His fidelity to COHI has been a gift. He is so real with us, and his sense of humor. He is a deeply spiritual man.

Pam Piedfort

Michael has an encyclopedic brain. You can start any conversation, and he will know something about the topic. He is charming whenever you speak with him, as if you always knew him. As I've gotten to know him better, I am humbled by his capacity for patience and kindness.

Nina Guerra

When I am with him, there is a joy about him. I feel like he is an encyclopedia of wine and food...Sommelier and Gourmet.

Tricia Jones

I think of his laughter, his amazing sense of humor, leadership of COHI, friend of Helen, teacher and mentor.

Steve Bartlett

The calm embodiment of Benedictine Spirituality.

Maria

I wish I could have spoken with all of COHI, but next time you see Michael, share your thoughts or write them to him.

I value all Brother Michael has given and shared with COHI, and I know we are all thankful for his gifts of spirituality and love and his wonderful sense of humor.



**Brother Michael
Gallagher**





How to submit an Honored Alum Story

In case there is confusion about how to submit an Honored Alum story, here are some details:

- Write a brief article telling how the person has been important to you and/or your center or COHI as a whole. Please use the honored alum article in this newsletter as a model.
- Please include a photo.
- You can send a donation in the person's name by clicking on the **donate button** on the COHI website and filling in the information.
- Or you can send a check made to COHI with the person's name on the memo line and mail to:

COHI Treasurer
7904 E Chaparral Rd, A-110
Box 510
Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Thank you for you generous offerings!

Monthly Prayer

THE REV. LYNN RONALDI
POHICK CHURCH, LORTON, VA

Spirit of God,

You give life to the world. You guide our leaders. You inspire our ministries. You enflame our hearts. You give strength to the troubled and comfort to the bereaved. You give gifts to all peoples:

Breathe on us, Breath of God! As we approach our annual conference, inspire our ideas, energize our ministries, and bind us in Your love to one another in community. Help us celebrate the spiritual legacies of those who have gone before us and remain among us. And finally, send us forth into the world again, rejoicing in the power of Your Spirit!

In Jesus' Name We Pray. Amen.





Contributions

Generous donations have been made by:

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Send us an Honored Alums story!
Tell us about books & blogs you like,
ways of reaching care-receivers, and
training ideas that work!



Deadline: 10/29/2022

Email Pam Piedfort at
pamelapiedfort@gmail.com to share your
story!



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information!

Happy
Fall
Y'all!

