

Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016

Blessing and Dedication of the Labyrinth

Welcome: Sr. Kevina

I welcome you all on this last Sunday of the Year of Mercy to join me in remembrance and blessing of our 150 years of being instruments of God's love and mercy to His people. This labyrinth was created to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. It is modeled after the Labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral, in France. Today, we dedicate this sacred prayer space in honor of 150 years of ***"Serving with Gladness"***.

Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to set apart holy places for prayer and to recognize and celebrate God's presence in those places. With gratitude and thanksgiving for this new sacred prayer space, we are now gathered to dedicate and bless it in God's Name.

(I invite you to stand around our labyrinth.)

Prayer: All

Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank you for the beauty of creation, for making us in your image and likeness, and for calling us to be your people and follow you on the path of holiness and life. In thanksgiving for 150 years of mission and ministry, we offer this Labyrinth to be set apart and blessed as a place of prayer and worship, discernment and discovery, healing and reconciliation, celebration and thanksgiving, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ, The Word Incarnate. We thank you for the gift of this labyrinth and for the many hands and hearts that helped create it and that maintain it. We ask that you send your Holy Spirit to bless us as we continue the spiritual journey of living our lives as ***"Gospels of Love"***. May all who enter this sacred path also be guided by your love.

Blessing: Sr. Kevina

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, bless this labyrinth. May it be a tool of your divine work in the world. We ask that you bless each person who walks it searching for you, for deeper meaning in their lives, and especially for the healing of their souls. May all who leave the labyrinth be strengthened and renewed to serve others "with gladness".

Sprinkle the labyrinth and the people with holy water

Mantra: All

This is Holy Ground. We're standing on Holy Ground, for the Lord is present and where He is, is Holy. (repeat during sprinkling)

All: In your name we pray: Praised be the Incarnate Word. Amen.