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Mission Statement:

A historic landmark open to all. Dedicated to the preservation of the early Catholic History of Scottsdale “A still point in the turning world” (Rilke)

Dear Friends of the OLPH Mission Church, Old Adobe Mission

The coming year for the friends of the OLPH Mission Church and its visitors is going to be exciting.

To begin, On October 21, at 5:00 PM, The Most Reverend Eduardo A. Nevares, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix has accepted our invitation to celebration Mass at the Mission Church in recognition of our seventy-eight anniversary. There is a lot to be done, so if you are interested in helping please give us a call.

Msgr. Hever approved the proposal from All Environmental Electric for the removal of the fluorescent light fixtures and installation of dual headed halogen spotlights, with dimmer switches. This was accomplished the week of July 25, 2011 at a cost of \$2,235.00 Rad Masinelli over saw the work.

The roof will be a costly item to replace. We are currently in the process of obtaining estimates. In order to secure funds for the roof, a fundraiser will be held sometime this year. Should you have any ideas regarding this matter or would like to be the one to plan for the event please contact us.

As you all are aware there are areas in which help is needed. Please review the list below and if you would like to take ownership of a project please come forward. There are some docents/volunteers that are currently responsible for certain projects, but they could use some help.

Advertising: Be in touch with local newspapers, City of Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce, visitor’s bureau, Catholic Sun, etc, post flyers of up coming events, such as our “Lady of Guadalupe Pageant” which will take place on December 10, 2011 at 4:00 PM

Building: Look after the Mission Church for items that need to be replaced or repaired. Currently Bob Greenwald has taken on the project. Bob just updated our restrooms.

Building Maintenance: Cleaning of the Mission. A new shop-vac has been purchased to help with the cleaning.

Financial: Mary Diane Coury records the income and prepares the weekly deposits for the bookkeeper of OLPH.

Inventory: Keeping records of the number of items sold and the number of items that need to be replenished.

Landscaping: Planting and Clean Up. Jen Donovan has been instrumental in obtaining plantings and has assisted in the clean up of the Mission Church. Jim Seward attended to the watering of the plants and trees. Additional help is needed.

Merchandize Display: – Mary Ann Minton with her prior knowledge of merchandizing has accepted this position. Mary Ann will arrange our display table.

Newsletter: Write a monthly newsletter for our docents and volunteers from November to May. The name of the newsletter is called the “Docent Connection”

Prayer Line: Receive and pass on requests from our docents, volunteers and family members who are in need of our prayers. The method of communication will be via e-mail and phone calls.

Records: Keeping records for our visitor’s book and docents hours

Refreshment Committee: Currently Mary Whittle and Laurel Hirsch are doing a great job, but if you would like to join in please let us know.

Rosary: Would someone like to lead us in a weekly, bi-monthly or a monthly Rosary?

Secretary: Mary Christmas is currently our secretary, she could use some help. Should you be interested, this would also help prepare you for the position. The position of Secretary is an elected position.

Trainer: Gloria Argueso has come forward to coordinate training sessions for the new docents. Gloria would like an assistant.

According to the By Laws, four (4) meetings are to be held each year. The following are the dates of the meetings for 2011 – 2012. Please mark your calendar.

October 14, 2011 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the Mission Church

January 20, 2012 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the Mission Church

March 23, 2012 4:00 to 5:00 PM at the Mission Church

May 26, 2012 end of year gathering. Time and place to be determined

The Mission Church is a spiritual place in which people come to pray, as well as visit for the historic Mission architecture and our Catholic heritage in Scottsdale. Therefore, we are planning a weekly or monthly rosary, the time and day to be determined. This is another area in which you can help bring a new beginning.

A new brochure is being worked on; it will be a self-guided tour. Our docents will offer personal tours should our visitors prefer and we will also be available to answer any questions.

Please review our help list. Rad and/or Johanna will be contacting you to see if you are interested in any of the projects list above. Together we can make a difference in restoring our Mission Church and preserve our Catholic Heritage here in Scottsdale.

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Sincerely,
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