

AFTERWORD

By Mother Paula

As I write this it is mid-year 2024, and we have just put Agape House up for sale. From our first year in Ladoga living on \$6,000, the Lord has multiplied our resources so that we will be able to spend our final earthly years in an Indianapolis senior community which costs more than that each month. We could never have foreseen the journey He had for us!

So much has changed just since we began writing this history. The local EOC parish lost its building when the city invoked flood-risk removals, and for worship we now drive 20 minutes. We have seen both of Carol's parents go to be with the Lord, and she has since moved out of Agape House to enjoy a suite in her daughter's home. Mother Pilar is ready for a hip replacement. After a fall, I am in a wheelchair fulltime and have a daily care-giver for using a lift to get me into and out of bed. I am also on supplemental oxygen around the clock. This year has finally required the hiring of a handyman to help with building and yard maintenance.

Holy Redeemer's Board of Directors supports this future move. Together we see it as a new chapter for ministry. Mother Pilar has a wonderful gift for working with the elderly, and the space available will also allow for lots of interaction with church members and family. I will be able to continue corporate work and genealogy research by computer and spiritual direction by phone. Our new two-bedroom apartment is as large as Agape House, and our two current feline friends get to move with us.

For each of you reading this who have been a part of our story, you know who you are. Thank you. May the Lord bless you, and keep you, and make His face shine upon you. We head out into another unknown with your prayers and these Scriptural encouragements:

"Be strong and courageous and get to work. Don't be frightened by the size of the task, for the Lord my God is with you. He will not forsake you." (I Chronicles 28:20)

"Don't be paralyzed by this...for the battle is not yours, but God's. Don't be afraid or discouraged. Go out there tomorrow for the Lord is with you." (II Chronicles 20:15,17)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"Turn me away from wanting any other plan than Yours." (Psalm 37:34)

"I will make the hours of your day more profitable and the years of your life more fruitful." (Proverbs 9:11)

"We can make our plans, but the final outcome is in God's hands." (Proverbs 16:1)