

FOREWORD

It is impossible to put history into little boxes because all parts of life intermingle all the time. But, that is what we are going to attempt, one “chapter” at a time. Telling history in chronological order has its merits, but it is not going to happen here. Now that we have passed the 30th year of Holy Redeemer in Indiana, it is time to tell something of our story. This is for those who have shared that story with us, those who have been curious, and those who may wish to build on our blessings and/or learn from our mistakes.

We are publishing our story through the Evangelical Orthodox Church (EOC) website. To honor the privacy of those around us, we will not be including the names of those still living at the time of this writing who have been a part of our life. This is our story of more than thirty years of grace, challenges, growth, and fruit.

Many thanks go to those who have assisted us in the content of our history by reading rough drafts and adding to the questions which needed answered. Many thanks, also, to those who photographed our lives and shared those pictures with us. Especially, thanks to those who have interceded for us in prayer throughout this entire project. Lord, You who have loved us enough to put us on this journey, thank You most of all.

Just as a whole story does not fit a straight timeline, the history also does not stop. This history was written in 2018, and by the time it appears on the EOC website several significant things will have already changed. Please see the POSTSCRIPT for some details.

As this is written there are three women living in Holy Redeemer’s Agape House in Greenwood, Indiana. The writer is Paula Barbara Seiple, born in 1945, raised in an Anabaptist Protestant congregation, a religious sister in 1981, and a professed nun in 1997. One of the editors is Pilar Callen, born in 1951, unchurched as a child, a religious sister in 1982, and a professed nun in 1997. The other editor is Carol Yehnert Cornelius, born in 1954, raised in a solidly Baptist Protestant Christian home, a divorced mother of two children, a grandmother of twelve, and a member of Holy Redeemer’s Board of Directors. All three have been members of the Evangelical Orthodox Church for many years and are currently a part of St. Paul the Apostle parish.