

Fr. Martin's Reflection – April 23, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We welcome back the members of the Corona Self Help Center who will be speaking to you at all the Masses next weekend, April 29 & 30. Please see the following letter we received from them regarding their ongoing work and the difference your contribution makes. If you can support them in any way, know your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

Fr. Martin

The Corona Self Help Center, Inc. www.damerica.org



Dear Mary, Mother of the Church Parishioners,

Over the past number of years your support to Drogadictos Anónimos (Drug Addicts Anonymous) has been invaluable. We have used the donations received to support our groups and maintain our services for **free**. Thanks to your generosity, many people are on the road to recovery. Your continued support is needed today as much as ever to enable us to continue our vital work with people directly affected by drug addiction, their families and the communities that need our services. Your help, without a doubt, is greatly appreciated and valued.

I would like to tell you a little of how we came about and how we have grown by the support of generous people like you: In 1982 at the 2nd International Congress of Alcoholics Anonymous 24 hours" Mexico City, several mothers, hopeless with their children's addiction approached our founder, Mr. David Cervantes and asked him; why aren't there more recovery options for drug addicts like those for alcoholics? This was the inspiration for a movement that would make an overwhelming difference on thousands of men, women and children who suffered from drug addiction. Drogadictos Anónimos (DA) a grassroots self-help organization was founded in 1983, becoming an effective alternative way to recovery from addiction, growing into a unique organization transcending frontiers and languages. We presently operate 36 facilities throughout Mexico serving over 4000 individuals and their families, following one simple principle of "**One recovering addict helping another**" offering a radical and spiritual impression on individuals who had not found the solution to their addiction. In 1999 a group of addicts that experienced firsthand the consequences of their addiction and initiated their recovery in one of our existing groups in Mexico City migrated to the United States. Once here in the U.S. together with other members in need of their own sustained recovery founded and incorporated **The Corona Self-Help Center Inc.** as a 501 (c) 3 Community based organization. We currently operate in high need areas where residents are exposed to high crime and poverty rates like South Miami in Dade County Florida and the Tri-State area of New York. We have four recovery residences in New York, Staten Island, Brooklyn, Corona, and Upstate; and three in Florida, Miami and Tampa, and Denver, Colorado serving over two hundred individuals and their families. We are currently in the process of opening a home in New Jersey. "God saw it was necessary and created The Corona Self-Help Center, Inc."

We will be speaking at all masses on April 29-30 – If you have any questions please come speak to us after mass.

Thank you again for all your support. All donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions please call (908) 731-5300.

A Secure Online Giving at our website: www.daamerica.org

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We will remain strong and hope to overcome these difficult times in unity and with much goodwill.

Kurtland Longa, Support Team Member