



Dear Redeemer Family,

When were you last surprised by beauty? Perhaps a lovely blossom, a vibrant rainbow, a baby's smile or a soothing selection of music caused you to pause and admire the unexpected gift of beauty before you.

This year, our Redeemer Month theme, **"Blessed by Beauty,"** will provide all of us in the Redeemer Family with the opportunity to ponder moments of beauty in our lives and give thanks to God for the nurturing gift that beauty is. Experienced through our human senses—sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell—moments of beauty can be a healing balm in the midst of life's difficult challenges.

For anyone new to the Redeemer Family, Redeemer Month (formerly Redeemer Week) has been in existence for over 30 years. This celebration is an opportunity to give thanks to each of you and all who carry out, day by day, the Redeemer mission. It is also a time to be mindful that Redeemer Health shares its name with the Sisters of the Redeemer and is named in honor of Jesus the Redeemer.

Redeemer Month reminds us that, united in our call to serve in the ministry of Catholic Health Care, we give witness to the redemptive, healing love of God. This love is at the root of what we do together each and every day. We reverence the sacredness of life, respect all faith traditions, and deeply value the beauty of diversity. It is a time for everyone at Redeemer Health to celebrate the collaborative efforts and experiences that support our charisma, spirituality, and mission.

**I'm happy to announce Redeemer Month 2023 will be held from September 1 through September 30. During this month, we will also celebrate, on September 9, the official Feast Day and the day of birth of Blessed Alphonse Maria Eppinger, our Founder.**

As we celebrate Redeemer Month, I invite you to reflect on how you have been blessed by beauty—the beauty of creation, the beauty of relationships, the beauty of diversity, and the beauty of peace. Beauty is all around us. Let us celebrate it.

Throughout the month, you will be invited to share the various ways beauty has blessed your life. Additional information will be available in Connect beginning September 1.

As always, the Sisters welcome the opportunity to participate in as many Redeemer Month celebrations and prayer services throughout Redeemer Health as possible. If you would like a Sister to visit your worksite during Redeemer Month or if you have any questions, please contact Sr. Anita Bolton at [abolton@holyredeemer.com](mailto:abolton@holyredeemer.com) or Sr. Anne Marie Haas at [amhaas@holyredeemer.com](mailto:amhaas@holyredeemer.com).

Thank you for the blessing of beauty that you are to us.

Gratefully,

Sr. Ellen Marvel and your Sisters of the Redeemer