



# ILLUMINATION FOR HAITI

## Aurora: The City of Lights

December 24, 2013

Greetings!

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is striving to create unity within Aurora, the City of Lights. Our hope is to celebrate together the birth of Jesus Christ, who is truly the Light of the World. Over the past several years, we at Our Lady of Good Counsel have celebrated His Light at our Christmas Eve Mass by placing luminary bags outside our church. This not only creates a beautiful glow, it is symbolic of the true Light being shown.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, located at 620 E. 4th Street, has been partnering with Hope for Haitians in supporting the construction of self-sustaining villages in the northern part of Haiti. Our continued prayer is living a life that reflects the gospel of the Matthew 25 'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.' Many of us have personally visited Haiti and have seen first-hand the destitution and poverty there. Yet, we remarkably encountered overwhelming unity in these villages. We want to unite Aurora with that same kind of love and harmony. Christmas Eve is the perfect time for that to occur. With the donations received from the Illuminaria bags we can continue to serve and grow the communities in Haiti that we have committed to support.

We want Aurora to live up to its name, The City of Lights, as we light the walk ways, steps, yards, and front porches across the city. This simple gesture will shine much light on the people and homes of our community.

Contact Theresa at [Theresa@hopeforhaitians.org](mailto:Theresa@hopeforhaitians.org) or 815-847-0656 or Colleen at 630-244-8160 or [snowwhite1847@sbcglobal.net](mailto:snowwhite1847@sbcglobal.net) to confirm your participation, as a church or individually.

Inside this packet you will find a flyer that can be used and copied to advertise our mission to light the city. You will also find reservation slips that can be placed in bulletins or throughout your church. Completed forms can be gathered together and sent as a group or sent individually to Our Lady of Good Counsel. After all of the reservations slips have been turned into Our Lady of Good Counsel on Dec 16th, a team of volunteers will arrange for pick up or delivery times. Please provide the name and contact information for your church representative. We will provide both the bags and light if each location or individual couple please provide sand or gravel for inside the bag.

Thank you for participating! We are excited to see Aurora, The City of Lights, shine this year on Christmas Eve.

Blessings & Merry Christmas,

OLGC: Hope for Haitians Committee

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