
“Our most daunting challenge is to become fully human; to become fully human is to become fully divine.”
Father Thomas Keating

Dear Friend of Sacred Art of Living,

Autumn-Winter, 2018

For the past ten years I've had the privilege of facilitating **Sacred Art of Living & Dying** seminars around the world. In my former life as a physician and surgeon I would never have imagined a teaching career in my 'retirement years' that focused on diagnosing and transforming spiritual pain. I am frequently told that my own search to find meaning in the midst of suffering creates a space for others to face the same big questions and paradoxes in life. I know that the work of **Sacred Art of Living Center** inspires and impacts the lives of countless people in real ways. So each year we reach out to our family of friends to support our unique work and mission:

- To discover the sacred in every dimension of life
- To transform the systems we work and live in
- To build common ground between persons of all spiritual and cultural backgrounds

In the year ahead our programs will be highlighting an important theme that touches every aspect of our time and culture: ***standing in life's tragic gaps with compassion and grace***. We know that this courageous teaching requires creative commitment to the timeless Wisdom that overcomes divisions and transforms suffering. Together we will draw from the insights of mentors, like Carl Jung, who believed that, by dealing with the tension of opposites on a personal level, we are making a significant contribution to world peace.

Your support of our **Annual Appeal** is what makes this important work possible.

It is your generous contribution— both financial and spiritual— that helps to sustain and expand our mission to new venues and for the generations following us. Each year we trust that our friends will help us reach our \$75,000 goal!

We know that you have many competing priorities at this time of the year but ask that you include **Sacred Art of Living** in your generosity. We remain indebted to our family of friends as we continue our work into our 23rd year. In whatever way you are able to support us during this Season of Gratitude, know that you are truly contributing to the healing of our world.

On behalf of the entire **Sacred Art of Living** family,



Dean Sharpe MD, Board Chair and Fellow Friend of SALC