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Raffle to benefit the Mission school



Proceeds to buy a set of Encyclopedia & Library Books

While visiting the Mission last June our group discussed with Madre what we might do as a small project. Madre asked for a set of encyclopedia for the school library.

We discussed how we might be able to accomplish this and quickly realized several things. One the encyclopedia had to be in Spanish. Two we could not ship anything and therefore Madre would need to purchase them.

We decided that we would have a fundraiser to provide funds not only for the set of encyclopedia but for library books as well.

Madre will purchase the Encyclopedia and books of her choice for the Library.

Three generous parishioners have donated items of value for the raffle.

A Howard Miller Grandfather Clock, a large tropical floral centerpiece and a Men's PT Cruiser 26" Bicycle are the prizes to be won.

Raffle tickets will be sold at \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 beginning the first week of February through the end of March.

Drawings will be held on Sunday April 1 and will make nice Easter gifts for someone. ~

Called to be Missionaries

An article published in the North Texas Catholic on November 3, 2006 written by Vatican City journalist Cindy Wooden explains how we are all called to be Missionaries.

Pope Benedict XVI says Christians can be missionaries to those near and far

Vatican City (CNS) – All Christians are called to be missionaries, sharing the good news of God's love in their families, workplaces, or in far-off lands, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"Mission starts from the heart", the pope said during his midday Angelus address October 22, which was World Mission Sunday.

"The love that moved the Father to send the Son into the world and [moved] the Son to offer himself for us to the point of dying on the cross, that same love was poured by the Holy Spirit into the hearts of believers," he said.

Converted and saved by love every Christian is called to proclaim "the good news that God is love and, in this way, save the world," the Pope said.

Because mission is a matter of sharing the love of God, every Christian can and must be a missionary, he said.

Missionary work is not limited to traveling far away to proclaim the Gospel to people who have not heard the message, he said. Missionary work also can be striving to make one's family life holy, living one's professional life "with a Christian spirit," or dedicating one's life to God in the priesthood or religious life. ~

Solidarity and Parish Twinning: What is it?

One special way parishes have reached out in solidarity is through a process known as twinning, in which a parish in the United States develops an ongoing relationship with a parish in another part of the world. These bridges of faith offer as much to U.S. parishes as their partners. **We are evangelized and changed as we help other communities of faith.**

Parish twinning involves visits to one another's parishes so as to really get to know our brothers and sisters, their joys and their struggles, their gifts and their culture, and hopes and dreams. **Parish twinning is an invitation to live our lives and faith in a spirit of solidarity.** We welcome "twinning" relationships and encourage the development of these relationships in ways that **avoid dependency and paternalism.**



The Missions

Currently our Mission Twinning Partnership is with Madre Ana Maria Chavajay a Carmelite Missionary Sister of St Teresa of the Child Jesus in Patzún Chimaltenango Guatemala. Her Convent in Patzún is our 'base' on a mission visit. Separate dormitories for Men and for women are provided. In the beginning we did not have running water available and the electricity was unstable.

What we have done!

Thanks to our parish funding we have provided improvements in the water and electrical facilities. We have also made great improvements in the convent overall.

The convent now has 'hot' running water for showers and toilets that flush. The electricity isn't going out constantly as the power has been upgraded.

The badly deteriorated convent roof has been replaced and the convent is now rid of the rats that roamed inside the roof at night. It's not possible for them to get inside now.

The kitchen has been updated and enlarged. The kitchen is more functional.

The carpentry class, shop area has also been enlarged and now adjoins the convent under the new roof.

We have done many things for our mission partner to be proud of.

Thanks to one of our teens who visited, Children at the school now wear sandals instead of either being barefoot (girls) or wearing the knee high black boots for working in the fields (boys). Wearing the boots in classrooms caused many problems. The children had athlete's foot and smelly feet making the sandals a much better health choice for all.

When Hurricane Stan hit the area you all responded so well to provide funds for fertilizer, seed and food.

Twice you provided coats sweaters and blankets to help keep them warm.

There are many things our parishioners have done for the people of Patzún Guatemala. There are too many to mention all of them here.

May God bless all of you for your generosity and kindness toward those who have so little and are in so much need to survive.

Tabána kwenta awi y Dios nibé awiken rát.
Matiox Chawe! (That's Mayan)