Sister Parish Noticias Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes and Prince of Peace Catholic Community

November, 2021

Father Michael's Greeting

Dear Sister Parish,

I was recently assigned as the new Pastor of Prince of Peace, replacing Fr. Tom who retired this summer.

I've known about the Sister Parish relationship that Prince of Peace has had with you all in Honduras for many years now. I've always thought it was important for a parish to foster that type of a relationship between parishes, dioceses, and countries. In fact, at my previous parish we have a Sister Parish in Uganda, Africa!

I am so excited to hear of the wonderful ministries you all provide to the community and I'm looking forward to visiting you soon.

Que Dios les bendiga a Usted., ~~Fr. Michael

To the POP, Jesuit and JPII Communities

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful contributions to our **Hope for Honduras** fundraiser! Because of you, the Hogar and Nutrition Center will be able to supply the food, medicines and education the children need to grow and thrive. Their needs are overwhelming, but with our help they can

continue to offer much needed love and hope. With the Thanksgiving season almost upon us, please accept our sincere gratitude for your continu

please accept our sincere gratitude for your continued support of our sisters and brothers in El Progreso, Honduras.

May you all enjoy a very blessed holiday! ~Linda and David Waggoner

Hogar and Nutrition Center News

Hogar News: Dear Brothers and Sisters, Our mission continues and we thank God that four of our children received the Sacrament of Baptism. The pandemic had limited us to being able to do so.

Happy also for the success of Miguel and Rosibel, two of our adolescents who finished their second stage of studies upon graduating from high school and will continue if God allows it, studying in College, Miguel studying Clinical Laboratory Technician and Rosibel, Psychology.

Also informing that we continue to vaccinate our children and we have already been able to vaccinate all those over 12 years of age.

We are excited about the upcoming visits that will begin next year and in which we will be blessed to meet Father Michael.

Asking God, everything is normalized and, like our good God, put his hand on our beloved Honduras in the elections for President that will be held on November 28. Asking you for Prayers.

Thank you Prince of Peace for your continued love and solidarity even through difficult times.

Blessings ~~*Liliam*

Nutrition Center News: We are approaching the great celebration of our 47th anniversary of the Foundation and of walking years together in this brotherhood, in which we celebrate the lives of many children recovered in this place.

The world week for the poor is approaching, where the Holy Father Francis takes the message of Saint Mark: THE POOR ALWAYS HAVE THEM WITH YOU Mk 14,7



Baptism Day

The theme of this Day reminds us of our mission here, in the Mercedes Principe de Paz, where Jesus manifests himself in children who cry out for life, for dignity and a constant search for the love that comes from God.

Driven like this with love, we present our twins **Isaías and Damaris**, twins are 3 years old, they arrived at the Center in January 2020 before the pandemic. Isaías' recovery has been a success, working in physical therapy, speech therapy and a balanced diet, his advances are remarkable. Isaías likes to dance, Damaris likes to sing, they are very happy (see pictures on next page)

Thank you for always being united, through prayer and your constant support. God bless you.

~~ Alicia Velasquez

The full newsletter and more pictures are online.

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Sister Parish Mission Statement: To become part of the unfolding Kingdom of God by building a family relationship uniting Prince of Peace Catholic Community and Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes of El Progreso, Honduras, based upon our common Catholic faith, mutual love, interdependence and solidarity.



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Miguel and Rosibel with the national flag in the last exam they had before graduation







Far Left:

Isaías and Damaris when they first arrived at the Nutrtion Center

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Isaías and Damaris as they have improved

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Sister Parish Meetings:

Meetings are open to everyone. We invite you to join us the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.—St. Katharine's Hall. Come see how you can be part of this rewarding ministry!