

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2016

In Attendance: Dennis Andolsek, Mary Barnes, Kathleen Bautista, Sandy Cajigas, Mary Jo Crouch, Jerry Crouch, Flora Funk, Sister LaVern Olberding, Anne Pacheco, (Chairperson), Mark Pacheco, Denise Pippin, Nancy Ryan, Marisol Sanchez, Christina Santos, Bridget Slatten

Prayer: A Prayer for Justice 2016

Minutes of November 15, 2015 meeting: Reviewed with no corrections or additions.

“Build A Miracle” Report: (www.buildamiracle.net)

- ◇ To date \$16,500 has been raised. \$10,000 was forwarded for the construction
- ◇ Build dates for Zuniga family home – 1) Sun. 1/10/16 – mix concrete to pour pad;
2) Sat. 2/6/16 – insulation & drywall; 3) Sun. 3/13/16 paint, furniture, etc.
- ◇ Approximately 30-35 have RSVP'd for Sunday, 1/10 (review of instructions, etc.)

Plans for CRS Rice Bowl 2016

- ◇ Rice Bowls will be blessed on Ash Wednesday and distributed then, at the parish dinner (2/12) and also on the following Sunday
- ◇ The parish fish taco dinner for the launch of Rice Bowl will include an overview of what is accomplished through the RB Project, preview of featured countries for 2016 etc. Suggestions: Guest speaker from CRS Maria Arroyo. Further discussion of plans at next meeting.

Lenten Dinner / Speaker Series - Fridays 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11

- ◇ Each evening: fish taco dinner, short videos of the featured CRS country for the week & preparation of the recipe, sample of that food, then guest speaker. (recipes distributed)
- ◇ The following topics / speakers will be represented: Responsibility School in Nicaragua / David Lynch; Juvenile Detention Ministry / Christina Santos; “So Others May Eat” / Trish Souza; Trafficking of Children / Dr. Jaime Gates

Lenten Taize Service on final Friday of series 3/18 2016

Opportunities to Serve:

- ◇ **Interfaith Shelter – January 16-30** – Vista La Mesa Church – Sister LaVern will let us know of dates open for meals and /or spending a night at the shelter. (Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Lakeside is hosting a shelter for the first time this year.)
- ◇ **San Diego Walk for Life – Saturday, January 23** – Balboa Park)
- ◇ **Meals for the Homeless in La Mesa:** La Mesa interfaith Council is asking church congregations to consider hosting a Saturday breakfast once a month and to provide for showers, if possible La Mesa Methodist Church on Palm Street hosted the first one. (Calvary Chapel on El Cajon Blvd. hosts lunches every day.)

“Loose Change” Update

- ◇ November - \$933.00 Santa Letters for Responsibility School children in TJ
- ◇ December - \$1061.00 Hogar Orphanage & \$530.50 Advancing Students Forward
- ◇ January: (pending) Casa de las Pobres
- ◇ February / March - CRS Rice Bowl (boxes out each weekend during Lent)
- ◇ To Be Decided: April, May, June

Additional:

◇ Marisol Sanchez will be our coordinator with the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry and Pro-Life Issues. She distributed information about the Immaculate Heart radio program "Setting Things Right" (STR) which broadcasts every Wednesday at 11am (live) and is repeated at 9pm. The flyer also gives ways to contact the Office for Social Ministry.

◇ Sister LaVern gave an overview of the program "Alternatives to Violence" (AVP) which is currently being used at Donovan Prison and is beginning to be implemented with other groups as well.

◇ Anne distributed information regarding *A Faith That Does Justice* presentation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - Tuesday, January 5 from 6:30-8:00pm. It is titled "We All Believe in the Same God of Creation: A Muslim Response to Islamophobia".

◇ See CRS Rice Bowl information below.

Next Meeting:

Sunday, February 7, 2016 - following the 9am Mass

(minutes submitted by Nancy Ryan – 1/4/16)

CRS Rice Bowl 2016

Featured Countries, Projects, and Recipes

Week 1 - February 12 (at CRS Rice Bowl launch) – Columbia, -North West South America -"

CRS "Borderlands Project" – Producing gourmet coffee – Narino region (Maria's Story)

Recipe: Empanadas de queso con frijoles - Cheese Empanadas with Beans

Week 2 – February 19 -Laos – Southeast Asia

CRS "School Literacy and Hunger Program" – school lunches for students; literacy and nutrition training – food to take home for families (Hongkham's Story)

Recipe: Kao phiak sai tua leuang - Rice and Lentil Mash

Week 3 – February 26 - Rwanda – East Africa

CRS Health & Nutrition Programs to end child malnutrition; Microfinance loans to enable families to earn incomes; planting of small plots near homes; "well baby project" monitoring from conception to 2 years old with emphasis on good nutrition. (Odette's Story)

Recipe: Kawunga – Cornmeal With Beans

Week 4 - March 4- Honduras – Central America "Hungering to Learn"

CRS "Food For Education Project" Peer tutoring to increase student reading and writing skills

Providing meals for school children. (Mayra's Story)

Recipe: Sopa de frijoles con chayote y arroz – Soup With Chayote Squash and Rice

Week 5 – March 11 - Madagascar, Island Nation off South East Coast of Africa

CRS "Seed Fair Program"; Vouchers to farmers to buy seeds, farm tools, and livestock: local seed fairs to sell crops (Tulear Region of the nation)

Recipe: Vary amin'anana – Greens With Rice