

The Ministry of the Good Shepherd would love to announce the visit of

SISTER IMMACULATA

Come to meet her and hear of her Mission in Peru

**Where: St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
370 SW 3rd Street
Boca Raton, Fl.**

**When: Saturday June 21st. and Sunday, June 22nd.
at all Masses**

Coffee will only be served after the 12:30 Mass on Saturday and after the 12:15 Mass on Sunday



SPRING FUNDRAISING: THE SPAGHETTI DINNER AT ST JOAN OF ARC

The SJA Annual Spaghetti Dinner was a big success!!! We would like to thank Msgr. McGraw, all SJA Priests, staff, organizers, Mike and Peg Tomasso, volunteers and guests that made this a joyful event! We raised over \$7,000 benefiting Sister Immaculata's mission in Peru.



MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

Centuries ago, alchemists searched for the secret of changing base metals into gold. Needless to say, they never succeeded. Psalm 19 praises the "law of the Lord" and concludes it is "more precious than gold." That "law" is love. Love is expressed in your generous donations, which in good hands changes miserable situations into hopeful solutions. Especially for children who are counted by many as more precious than gold. Many donations honor Sister Immaculata and her vision. Her dreams drive the fundraising we do at the Ministry of the Good Shepherd. She trusts God absolutely and meets weekly with leaders of the people. They probe the Word of God and pray for direction. The results are marvelous ideas grounded in their reality of harsh poverty but empowered by hope and solidarity.

The Library, Child Care Centers, Send a Child to School Program and Transport to Santo Toribio are four special programs, all which serve young poor children, and give employment to adults.

The **Library** is located on the second floor of a two story building. Generous donations from the Ecksteins (of Boca Raton, Florida) launched this project and today, nine years later it is a hub of reading and studying for a huge community. Hundreds of children use its services under the guidance of a trained librarian-Lilian Zavaleta (one of Sister's bible group leaders). The Library was recently given an award by the Ministry of Culture and is integrated into the Regional Network of Libraries.

The **Child Care Centers** provide help to parents that struggled with the problem of unsupervised children after school, since school is half day in Alto Trujillo. "Care mothers" with homes are trained and paid to handle 10 children in their front room with desks, chairs, and educational materials on the walls. Now nine mothers from each center can go to work knowing their children are safe, supervised, fed a hearty meal and even taken to the library! Today there are 26 Child Care Centers flourishing in Alto Trujillo. Over 260 children are nourished and cherished like gold!

The **Send a Child to School Program** provides the poor children the gift of going to school with books, uniforms, shoes and lunch. Sister trudges the dusty barrio streets, finds these needy children and gets their documents in order. This scholarship program supports over 83 families get books, uniforms and shoes (over 120 pair this year and made locally). Street children are helped to be neat, dignified students and given a golden opportunity!

The **Transport to Santo Toribio** is made possible by your gifts. These are special children affected with CP, blindness, autism, deafness. They are cruelly shunned and often shut up in sheds. Santo Toribio is a marvelous free world class center for education and therapy. Through your donations a bus was hired to take over 30 special children from Alto Trujillo to Santo Toribio and back. The transformations that happen here are near miraculous! So perhaps you might see yourself as part of a marvelous, 'reign of God' alchemy in which your generosity is translated into loving and creative solutions that bring dignity and new opportunities to hundreds of sisters and brothers.

The Ministry of the Good Shepherd finds great joy in this solidarity and is looking for even more members to share in the fun! We thank you for your faithful generosity and hope we might see you at one of our meetings!

CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF OUR MINISTRY!!!

We look forward to share our stories and hopes with you. Please, call us if you are interested.
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When planning your Estate, Will and Trust, please remember
The Ministry of the Good Shepherd.
You will leave a legacy of Christianity, love and care for those really in need.
For more information, please contact, Bill Comiskey at 207.385.4030.