



March 2019

RENEWING THE FACE OF THE EARTH

There is a bold prayer to the Holy Spirit asking that He fill our hearts and "enkindle in them the fire of His love," believing that "we shall be created" and that He "will renew the face of the earth."

Can this really happen? Can people become "new" and those struggling in extreme poverty and aided by a small group of Mercy Sisters give birth to creative solutions? Would far off and well-to-do Americans really care enough to generously support their projects and programs?

Let us look at the evidence:

Emerging from the dusty brown sands of Alto Trujillo we see a flourishing library, a lovely church -San Jose - with a covered walkway, a Young Adult Performing Arts Center and an Adult Technical School (CETPRO).

And beyond these impressive buildings, out in the ever-growing community, we learn about hundreds of children whose lives are rescued by being given shoes, uniforms, tablets and snacks, so they qualify to attend school. This is the fruit of Cristy Manceri's ongoing efforts - Send a Child to School.

We see that hundreds more children are given after school care; safety, nourishment, homework help, field trips - as part of the 20 Care Centers located all across the expanse of Alto Trujillo. Ten are supported by a generous grant from the Father's Table and the rest through funds donated by Ministry supporters.

We learn that "special children" afflicted with blindness, autism, cerebral palsy, and deafness, are given the chance to come out of confinement and go to a world class center, St. Torribio - because the Ministry pays for a bus to pick them up and take them there.

Promising older students given scholarships to good high schools and universities are always drawn to give back to the parish as teachers in religious education.

There exists in Alto Trujillo this amazing network of educational, material and spiritual support which offer young children, teens and young adults a real future of dignity and opportunity.

The Ministry of the Good Shepherd has been blessed to be a crucial part of this network. You, as our generous donors make it possible. We imagine the Spirit has enkindled your hearts to care for the poor and so you help "to renew the face of the earth," at least a part of it that struggles on the outskirts of Trujillo, Peru.

Marjorie O'Sullivan



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Joan of Arc Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday April 13th, 2019 from 5PM – 8PM in Mercy Center

Italian food, music and a raffle! Enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Tomasso's Pizzeria, great Peruvian desserts by Valerie Schmatz Lopez, and Peruvian dancers! Be a part of our International Mission of friendship in Peru and enjoy a fun evening.



Tickets: Adult \$12, Child \$6, may be purchased at the Parish Office, or after Masses, March 30 & 31 or April 6 & 7. Brought to you by the ladies of CCW from St. Elizabeth and Santa Ana Circles and the Ministry of the Good Shepherd.



A beautiful thank you was received from one of the students who recently graduated from the Catholic University as a psychologist. The Ministry of the Good Shepherd provided the support necessary to fund her education. The family was very poor, Dad a recovered alcoholic, but the parents are both involved in the church as is Diana (pictured). It is wonderful to see them make progress.

Immaculata Murphy, Sister of Mercy: Future Plans

It behooves us to remember that our dear Immaculata is a long committed member of the religious order - Sisters of Mercy (Southern Province - Cork, Ireland). This Order sent her and a few others to Florida in the 60's, where they opened St. Joan of Arc School. In the late 80's they elected her Superior General and six years later they blessed her decision to join a mission: Mercy Community of Irish and Peruvian Sisters in Trujillo, Peru. Now at 83 years, post quadruple cardiac by-pass and still healing from leg and hip fractures, she has decided that when she goes to Ireland in June, she will stay. As a fervent lover of the Lord and always eager student of His Word, we trust that she will continue to be that fruitful "tree planted by the water", described in Psalm 1. She is hopeful that the many programs she helped initiate will continue to flourish and receive our support. We will do our very best to fulfill those wishes!

The Ministry of the Good Shepherd has been supporting the Mercy Mission in Peru for the last 25 years and those of us who have had the privilege to visit and work with this Mission have seen first-hand the great strides being made by the people (and children) of Alto Trujillo. None of this would be possible without the financial support and prayers supplied by our faithful friends. Please consider donating to this worthy ministry.



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