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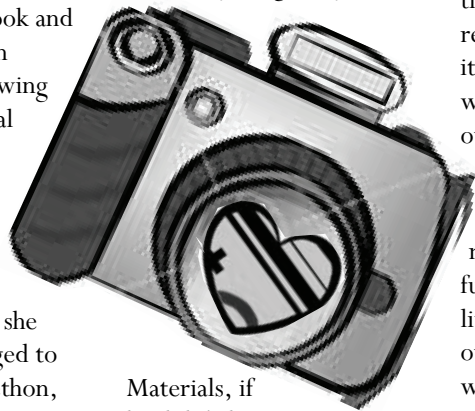
REFLECTING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

MEMORIES ARE PHOTOS OF THE HEART BY SUE RAY

God has blessed me with loving memories from the heart. I would like to share two such memories. First, as a child, growing up, I didn't know the word Stewardship. I just knew my Mother's example. She had a generous heart, always sharing everything we had and taking care of the needs of others before her own. She would cook and give food to those in need, not even knowing where our next meal would come from; she was employed at the Church of-fice so we could attend Catholic Schools; every year she made sure we pledged to the Jerry Lewis telethon, even if it was only \$1; we enjoyed 'family time' cleaning the park in our neighborhood and being so involved in our Parish community. It was who she was, it was her way of life, and Mom possessed the generous heart of a steward. She was a happy giver and extremely optimistic. She has inspired in me an un-failing trust of God and the gift of a positive attitude.

Another memory, my Husband was the most honest

and giving man I've ever known. He helped everybody; family, friends and total strangers. Even after working all day, he would never tire of lending a helping hand to others with repairs, remodeling, yard work, car repair, financial help or transportation. He never once took a penny for anything, only for the



Materials, if he didn't have them to donate. At a recent celebration of his life, it was very apparent that my Husband's servant's heart had touched so many. God blessed me with an abundance of loving memories. I choose to answer God's call. The journey now as your Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship and Evangelization is a more difficult one. I do not know where I am going and I don't know the road ahead of me, but I am

certain that with trust in our Lord; He will guide my journey.

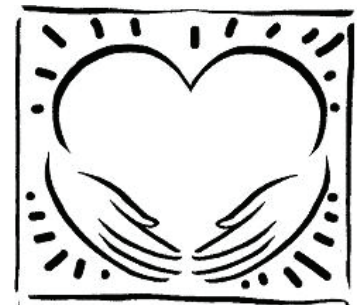
So, as with the journey of stewardship, I join each of you in embracing a way of life that allows us to return some of the gifts to God who gives us everything. Stewardship is about how we use our resources of time, talent and treasure in response to God's generosity. Starting this year, we will conduct the renewal of our resources at different times of the year.

By devoting three separate renewal times we can fully commit ourselves to living stewardship throughout the entire year. We will renew our stewardship of time during Lent, and our stewardship of talent before Pentecost. Right now we are approaching our annual stewardship renewal of treasure. On the 1st Sunday in November, we will listen to members of our community share their stories of their sacrificial giving to assist us as we prayerfully consider renewing our gift of treasure to the parish. *"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."* Luke 12:34

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**God Gives it all
Then Calls Us
to Share**

EDITOR'S LETTER

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." It's a funny thing about remodeling; there is all this mindless detail work to finish, which although my hands were busy, my mind certainly was not and I found myself repeating this simple prayer over and over. I was sitting in front of my sewing machine making curtains for our sliding glass door and some tragic information we had found out only a few days before suddenly sunk in. My husband and I found out his best car buddy was diagnosed with Louis Gehrig's disease. This is a man my husband has known since he was 19 years old. His friend was 26 years old and took my husband under his wing like an older brother, introducing him to the world of street rods.

Although my husband has many friends, this is my husband's "go to" friend. He's always up to go to a swap meet and browse for car parts they may or may not need. He's always up for a trip to the tri-cities, southern Oregon, or Montana to pick up

some old car one of them bought on Craig's list. He's always up for a long chat about rebuilding engines, chopping car tops or wiring problems. This person is such a staple in my husband's life the tragedy of the situation has hit hard, and almost brought a grown man to tears.

His friend is handling the news with practicality and determination. He had a co-worker he watched go through the progression of this disease. He knows what to expect. It doesn't really help us, but it has given him some peace of mind to know. I realize he is not gone yet, that our job right now is to be supportive and present as we do what we can to help him through the disease. So I repeat the "Serenity Prayer" realizing there is nothing we can do but be there.

I can't worry about this because there is nothing I can do to change it. But I find my heart bleeding not only for my husband's friend but for my husband. What will he do without him? What will I do without him? He is my friend too. Of course, the first thing

I did was to "google" the disease. There are people who are "living" with it. That is to say they are still alive; which gives me hope that our friend will have several more years. I know my husband will do everything he can to help his friend enjoy the rest of his life. It makes me love my husband all the more. Although there is nothing about the situation I can change, there are many things I can do. I can support my husband as he will probably be there to help his friend more than he normally would. It will take time away from the family, but I can be patient. I can listen to my husband when he is sad and help him find God in the situation. I can listen to his friend as he listened to me all these years when I was fed up with my husband's car hobby.

This is a real "let go and let God" moment. I wonder what the message is and who the message is for. I wonder, but don't question, I figure the answers will reveal themselves in God's time.

So why did I tell you this story? I told it because at some time in all of our lives

BY GRETCHEN OJALA

we are called to share ourselves with someone else. I felt my husband and I called to share our friend's journey, to celebrate him as he embarks on completing his "bucket list" and to pray for him. We have been called on to share our faith and share our lives. It will be an honor and a journey for us and we have answered this call.

What can you share? Where can you share? How can you share? These are questions we ask ourselves in the fall as we prepare to renew our commitment to the church. This newsletter is about sharing, financially and spiritually. There is a letter from our Guatemalan sister parish thanking us for already sharing so generously, there are people sharing their lives with children in need, and there are excerpts from a book on financial giving. I hope in these pages you find inspiration to share of yourself whether with your time, talent or treasure. We welcome and bless your gifts.

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

GOD GIVES IT ALL
THEN CALLS US TO SHARE

GOD PRINCIPLES OF DEBT

COMPILED BY GRETCHEN OJAL

When fall comes around we know it is time to renew our financial commitment to the church. To help us prayerfully consider our giving, I have selected three principles of debt-proof living from the book *Debt-Proof Living* by Mary Hunt:

Principle: Never keep it all. The first thing you must do when money flows into your life is give some of it away.

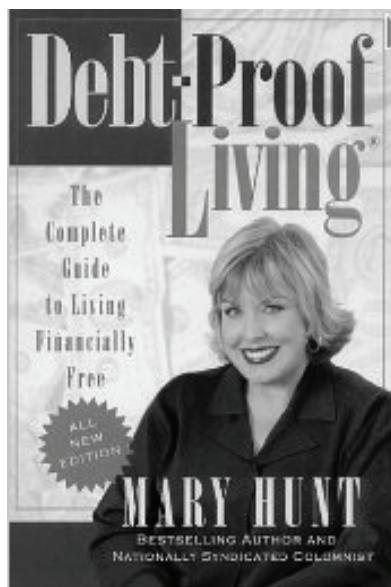
You have two enemies that will do all they can to make sure you do not live below your means – that you spend all the money you have and hope to have in the future. The first enemy is *greed*. The antidote for greed is *giving*.

Greed is that voice whispering in your ear that insists you are entitled to have anything you want and everything you like. Greed keeps you from being satisfied. Giving away some of your income brings balance to your life. It is a remarkable antidote for a condition that has the potential to ruin your life.

Giving connects you to something greater than yourself; it takes your eyes off your situation. How much you give

away is a personal decision, however I suggest that 10 percent is a good number.

Giving is the tangible expression of gratitude and proves the condition of your heart. Giving easily defeats that enemy named Greed.



Principle: Never spend it all. Your second financial enemy is *fear* – fear of poverty, fear of running out of money, fear of losing your job, or any number of money-related fears. The antidote for fear is *saving*.

Diligently save 10 percent of your paycheck – over and above any contributions you

are making to retirement plans. You must always save without fail before you pay your bills and before you spend your paycheck.

The money you save is money that will be there to carry you through times when your income stream is cut off.

And that will happen sometime in the future. Get prepared. Always pay yourself before anyone else. Always.

Principle: God is the Source. If you see your employer, your spouse, your investments, your trust account, your parents, or any other entity as the source of your income, you are setting yourself up for a great deal of worry. Employers go away, parents and spouses die, investments can turn sour overnight.

The truth is that all of these are only the conduits in the delivery system. They are the channels through which you receive money, but they are not the ultimate source.

God who gave you the talents, intelligence, and ability to think and work is the source of your money. Once you see yourself as the man-

ager or “steward” of your resources you will also understand your responsibility to be trustworthy and reliable. To care for what you’ve been given to manage. Grabbing onto this truth will bring a sense of peace and calm to your life. No longer will you fear a drop in the stock market or the plunging of real estate values. No longer will you lie awake worrying about losing your job.

The way your money is delivered may change radically and frequently, but the source never changes. It is the same yesterday, today and forever.



FOSTERING FAITH

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:37

This is the verse Gale Cazinha quoted to me; it's the one she reads when she needs the energy of the Spirit to remind her of her and her family's commitment to fostering children. I sat down with Gale to find out how she and her family share their faith by this much needed ministry.

Twenty-six years ago, she was at a crossroads in her life; feeling complacent and searching for new meaning, when she noticed a family at a soccer game with a menagerie of children. She asked about the children and was told they were foster children. Gale had never even thought about fostering children, but once the idea was planted it grew. Six months later, after much prayer and family discussion, she and her husband, Gerald, entered into the difficult and joyful world of foster parenting.

At the time, Gale and Gerald had six children of their own. They lived in Hawaii when they received their license to foster children. Four days later a four-year old girl came to share their lives. Although it was not their plan to adopt, they did adopt that little girl and five others over the years. Their oldest child is now thirty six and their youngest child is ten; they have twelve children, the last six whom are adopted. They moved to

Washington shortly after they adopted their first daughter. Gale and her husband have fostered over 80 children in the 26 years they've been ministering through foster parenting. They have fostered drug babies who needed constant rocking to teens who needed help breaking a multi-generational cycle of abuse, neglect and violence in their lives.

In the early years they

with their own agenda. They found the best ministering for these teens was structure; they needed it and enjoyed it.

When I asked Gale how they share their faith with these children, she said that simply by bringing children into an intact family, something many of the kids have never had or even seen, is ministering by example. They don't preach to the children and they honor whatever religious be-

to the foster children. Sometimes, when a child comes into their home, they are so deeply mistrustful of people, especially adults, they only feel comfortable around other children. Gale feels the fostering experience has been good for their children, both natural and adopted, because it has taught them compassion, patience and sharing. They have become teachers themselves because they have come to recognize when children coming into their home need their compassion and patience and when they need them to listen.

Gale and Gerald often hear from the children they've fostered. What they take from this family is security and self-esteem. They've received cards from many of the kids they've fostered. They always tell how they'll always remember their time with the Cazinha family. Some of the kids grow up and want to foster children; to give back the same opportunity they were given.

While Gale and Gerald are committed to ministering to the children individually, they also help the community. She feels being a presence in the fostering community is her way of being a good steward. Gale is also a mentor to other parents who want to foster, helping them through the licensing process and sometimes adoption. Like many who minister to people, Gale and Gerald feel their ministry

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Gale and Gerald Cazinha (middle) with some of their children and grandchildren.

worked with Pediatric Interim Care Center (PICC) in Kent. It's the only drug center for babies in the United States. Although these babies were difficult and exhausting, they also put a perspective on their lives that most of us will never have. When you have to stop and just rock a child for hours and hours it forces you to clear your mind.

When they decided to start fostering teenage girls they faced a whole different set of challenges; teenage girls come

with their own agenda. They try to create life lessons in everyday situations. The children who were old enough to understand wanted to attend church and after clearing it with the social worker, they enjoyed attending church and the additional structure of a faith community. Attending Youth Group and Life Teen gave the kids a chance to see how family can extend to a faith community.

The Cazinha children have also taken well to ministering

JESUS IS NOT DEAD...HE IS ALIVE!

Thursday provided an opportunity of creativity in my world, making some posters and preparing the classrooms for our wonderful children...4th grade Rocks, 3rd grade Jams, 2nd grade is Great, Welcome 1st grade, and God loves our PK-K! As I painted, Christian music playing in the background, my heart and spirit were lifted to the heavens while praying for the youngsters who would be in our classrooms! This preparation continued through Friday. As I was caught up in the excitement of the prep, an amazing world unfolded before me. I had no idea what was ahead. While waiting for the paint to dry, in came a couple of Life Teen Retreat Team members who had been out shopping for the goods that would feed our Teens this weekend. These individuals were also putting on the final touches of the Retreat! We 'tag-teamed' with the paint as even more Team members showed up to work on setting the environment that would help the youth focus on the love of Christ as seen through the cross (a fun pun they used

is "Be Cross-eyed"). Soon members of the Life Teen Core Team, the Truthful Reign Band, and the Kitchen Crew came as they all were preparing, not only the space, but their hearts...individually and as a ministry team... to lead our Teens to a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus, and a fuller understanding of our Catholic Tradition. I headed home for the evening, and this phenomenon continued to grow! This McMullen Education Center was transformed from a once quiet space to an ebb and flow of energy, small group discussions looking at moral living, large group teaching, praise and worship with song, and much prayer/reflection. It was ALIVE! The Body of Christ was definitely present in the gathering of God's people! I was blessed to witness people stewarding their gifts, along with the teens who participated in the retreat. Saturday brought continued personal growth for these youth and their leaders. I could feel the presence of God simply by walking into the building!

ASK ME HOW I KNOW BY JOAN WILLIAMSON

What joy!...But wait!...Sunday was coming! I arrived Sunday morning; an excitement in me for the Kick-Off of our PK-4th grade programs alongside the Coordinators and Catechists, the building seemed to breathe! It began with a trickle, then came the flood of Children and their families, what a thrill! Some with eyes wide open, filled with excitement and anticipation, some gently hiding beside Mom or Dad because of the unknown in this new experience. The Coordinators tending to the needs of the Catechists and greeting the families that arrived in wonder of where their classrooms were, and who would teach them. The Catechists had arrived before the flow began, to put the final touches on their rooms and ready for their presentation of the lessons. There was great energy, enthusiasm, and joy in the welcome! God is so good. What once was a building simply full of classrooms, tools, and supplies, grew into a bustling arena of Faith Formation. It was as if a body developed, with many parts,

but the same head...with many objectives, but the same goal...with many styles, but the same dance...with many stories, but the same resounding truth..."WE ARE MADE TO BE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR GOD AND EACH OTHER!" Church just happens to be a great place to deepen that relationship! We know that church is not simply a building...YOU AND I ARE THE CHURCH! In the end, this weekend, we had 70 adults and young adults who shared of themselves, their stories, and their faith with close to 200 children/teens from St. John's! Because of the gifts, and the sharing of those gifts by others, I know that the Body of Christ is alive on the face of this earth...YES, right here at St. John the Baptist! Thanks to all who participated in the dance and brought life to the center we educate and form faith in! Thank you for helping to deepen the faith of at least one individual!

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is a treasure and even though they give so much, they get so much more in return. It's made them sit down and think hard about life, the treasures they have and how they need to go out and serve

the community. She wants the community to know there are so many children out there who are in need of a foster home. One week she had calls for 21 children, but she had to turn them away because she already had two in her home. She would like

to see St. John's have a more active role with foster parents, helping them with meals and supplies, much like "Helping Hands" works with people who are sick. She understands that not everyone can be a foster parent, but she is quick to point out that any-

one can help a foster parent. *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after widows and orphans in their distress..."* James 1:27

CANINE CONNECTIONS

BY TINA REEVES

The first day of every other month always fills me with anticipation and excitement. This is the beginning of our two month training session for the dogs that are blessed to enter the Canine Connections Program. Canine Connections is a program in Echo Glen Children's Center, which is a correctional facility for youth 8 years old to 20. Every other month we get eight dogs that are on death row for their inability to get adopted. They have problems getting adopted out of shelters because they are medium to large, out of control, jumpy, barky crazy dogs that have never learned what is needed to be socially acceptable. We then match them with eight teens from Echo Glen. The teens are taught how to train these dogs purely in a positive manner.

The first day, with their pockets full of treats, they hang on to their dogs with all their strength trying to catch them doing something right. The second the dog does what is good, they get a treat. We call this the 100 yesses! They must say yes to the dog 100 times and give them treats on this first day. This could be as simple as having all four on the floor or walking without pulling even if the only reason they are doing so is because they got distracted by a really good smell. If the dogs jump on anyone, which they will, his trainer simply turns his back to ignore the dog until he stops to rest, as soon as he

does, he gets a treat. It is amazing how quickly these dogs figure it out. They are going to do what works for them. If a dog wants attention, they may jump on a person in hopes that they touch them, even if it is being pushed away. The teens teach the dogs that the only time they get the attention is when they are on the ground, better yet, sitting.

Within the first week, the dogs have already figured out that they are the lucky ones. They begin to show progress. They are

assigned one teen as their trainer for the two month session and they eagerly wait for that 12:00 hour when their trainers enter the room. For some of the kids, this is the first time in their life that someone has been excited to see them. It is loud and chaotic, but once they are on their leashes with gentle leaders, it is bonding time. Every day the teens spend time bonding with their dog, feeding them treats, petting them, talking to them and loving them. Occasionally we get an abused or unsocialized dog which requires the trainer to just sit in the kennel with them and read a book and put treats near. This helps the

dogs learn their voice and slowly but surely begin to trust. Personally, my favorite moment is when the terrified dog crawls up on the trainers lap for some love. It is wonderful for the dog and the teen alike.

The teens take ownership in their dogs. They feed, bathe, clean up and train the dogs. They get really attached and during this

two month time they realize how much the dogs' lives may be a mirror of their own.

The teens and the dogs may have gone through life without structure, without love. They can relate to the abuse the dogs may have faced; neglect,

abandonment and fear. These teens just want to be loved like any other child and they realize that is the same for their dog.

Throughout the two month session, Jo Simpson, the director of the program, along with Janet Berry teach the kids in a classroom setting all they need to know about dogs. Not just the physical needs and how to keep them healthy or the traits of a particular breed, but they also teach how these dogs feel and react to their environment. They point out the confusion and fear of going to a place they do not under-

stand and compare it to the confusion and fear the teens had when entering Echo Glen.

It is pretty clear how this program helps the dogs and it is amazing how it changes the lives of the teens involved. One resident of Echo Glen never smiled the whole time he was there until the day he taught his dog how to shake hands. Another teen had said goodbye to her trained dog the week before and was now struggling with a new crazy dog. She got frustrated and began having a bad attitude with him. Jo had a talk with her about how she can't give up on her dog when she suddenly starts crying "why not, my mom gave up on me"! Jo then reminds her how horrible that felt and does she really want to make her dog feel that way. About five minutes later, this same child is smiling and playing with her dog. Our Logo is a picture of a dog and his trainer. The teen was having a really bad day so he was told to go sit on the bleachers and tell the dog all about it. Dogs are amazing creatures and they seem to know what people need. They spent time, head to head, the dog helping him as much as he is helping the dog. We were fortunate enough to catch a picture of this.

In addition to the training program, the teens also get to experience and learn how to

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groom dogs. Twice a month, we take in dogs from the community and the kids are assigned a dog to walk, read a book to, bathe and groom. This gives them job experience for when they are released. In October, we will start a Vet Tech program for older girls. They will be trained in this field in hopes they can find a job when the time comes. In the future, we would like to open up a boarding facility and have the residents run it. This will give them business skills, experience and again, a chance for a future.

I am the adoption coordinator for this program. I get to spend time with the kids, just getting to know them for who

they are and not what they did. Just like the teens at our church, they are wonderful children of God. I help them out a little during the training sessions but I mainly concentrate on just loving them. I also spend a lot of time with the dogs trying to get to know them individually. I form a bond with them so I am able to get to know their personality. In doing so, I am able to match them with their new family. The other great part of the program is that I am able to get to know a lot of people in the community. We also form a bond because we have a lot of conversation relating to the dogs and their lives. I get to know the people adopting the dogs since they come every weekend to pick up them up for their visit

plus we usually have long conversations prior to the first visit. Every Friday when I enter the kennel, the dogs that go home for the weekends always get super excited knowing that if I am there, they get to go home soon. Often, I hear sad stories about how people lost their pets so they are looking for a new one. I sit with them as they mourn their dogs and give them a chance to talk about who their dog was and how much that dog was loved. A woman once came to meet one of our dogs that I was struggling to place with a family. She sat in our visiting room waiting for me to bring the dog in, once I let him off the leash, he walked straight to her

and put his head on her lap. The woman began to cry. Again, she needed him as much as he needed her. I have noticed that when a dog is hard to place it is because the perfect person has not had a chance to visit yet. These are the occasions that I know God is at work in this program. The teens, the dogs, the owners and of course, myself all benefit from Canine Connections and the love of a dog.

You can see our dogs available on petfinder.com by typing in the zipcode of 98065 or go to the website at canineconnectionsrescue.com for more information on the Canine Connections Program.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Delmy Yaire Perez Gonzalez
 Evelyn Kassandra Perez Gonzalez
 Gabriel Mateo Knudsen
 Graciela Maria Knudsen
 Landen Mauro Bishop
 Ariana Josephine McLaughlin
 Addison Marie Coyne
 Elias Parker Daniels
 Donald Austin Blanchard Pennington
 Alyssa Renee Tuttle
 Eli Hudson Dhoore

Marriages

James Andrew Carroll and Patricia Ann Lorenzi
 Paweljan Knap and Sarah Elizabeth Desautels
 Alan Ralph Stephens and Nina Mary Deparini
 Timothy Lee Akins and Laure Lyn Armantrout
 David Dustin Happe and Samantha Lynne Cogswell
 David Reece Kolbrick and Kathleen Marie Corbett

Deaths

James Andrew Green
 Claude Oscar Bir
 Michael Shannon Hoag

FROM THOSE WE SHARED WITH

SUBMITTED BY THE GUATEMALA COMMITTEE

[From the Guatemala Committee: Bro. Emilio is a Salvatorian Brother from Spain, who takes the same vows of poverty & service that the preists take. This is an unedited translation of his most recent email. Our Parish might get a better feel for how things are going by reading his email.]

Sept 6, 2010

Thank you for all your effort in assisting us and for keeping our community always in your prayers. We remember you all often as well.

in the town of Comitancillo – some of its villages neighbor a couple of ours (Serchil and Los Cerezos), but the center of town itself is about an hour

dance at the Ordination, which was a very great occasion as she is much loved throughout the parish. At her visit I told her that she needs

tos of the progress and completed project.



Inside the Chisguachin church filled to capacity for the ordination of the first member of the Union de los Aldeas to become a priest

to return next year for the official inauguration of the Church at Chisguachin, after all it was her idea to construct the church in the first place and her who took the first steps in ensuring this would become a reality. We would also like to invite you all as well as you have been such a great help in the construction of

The benches are also on their way to being completed; however, with so much rain this year, the wood is taking a long time to dry. We have completed a few just to test out how they will turn out. Surely, in one year there will be a wonderful celebration for the inauguration.

In terms of the project constructing houses – this month a few friends have come to spend a month here as a mission. Their main role has been to spend time with the members of the community who do not have a home or are living in a very broken, poor home. As they are still collecting data, we will know soon better how many homes are in question needing to be constructed. We are very anxious to continue this project as it is so desperately needed. With all of us working together, I am sure it will be completed.

The damage inflicted upon the harvests has been great in some areas – however, we do not as yet know how great the damage will be until the season to yield the harvest comes. We cannot establish how large the damage is until we determine how large (developed) the field was at the moment the storm came. We hope the fields can still recuperate a bit.

away. The bishop wanted Obdulio to serve there to learn

our church. We have begun painting the church – one of

Truly, the ordination of Obdulio was a very happy occasion, made even greater by the fact that we had completed our church. There was a very large turnout for the event – we approximate about 5000 individuals came out to celebrate.

Obdulio will serve at the parish Santa Cruz (Holy Cross)

“Man,” which is the dialect of the indigenous population in that area.

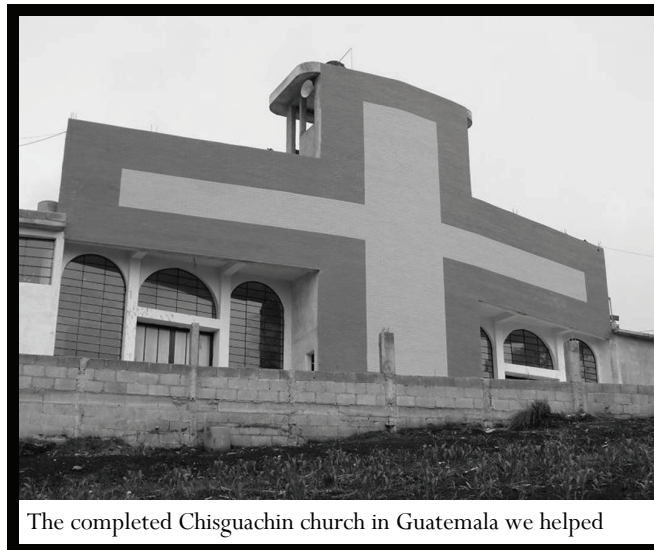
Sr. Ana Maria was in atten-

my friends from Spain who is a painter has come to assist with the project alongside members of the community. We will send you pho-

I have greatly enjoyed seeing the video you created, although it has taken me quite a while to download as our internet is so slow here.

I send you all a big hug from our community to yours.

May our Divine Savior fill you with many blessings, Emilio



The completed Chisguachin church in Guatemala we helped

CALENDAR OCTOBER 2010—JANUARY 2011

October

- Oct. 23 Parish Auction
 Oct. 24 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 Oct. 25 Confirmation Class
 Scripture Study
 Oct. 29 Fish Fry
 Oct. 30 First Reconciliation Classes
 Oct. 31 Charismatic Praise & Worship

November

- Nov. 1 All Saints Day Mass at 9 a.m.
 Confirmation Class
 Scripture Study
 Nov. 2 All Souls Day Paraliturg 9 a.m.
 Nov. 5 Eucharistic Adoration
 Green Thumb Garden Club
 Piano Concert
 (Thomas Rothschilds)
 Nov. 6-7 Senior High Convention
 (off site)
 Nov. 7 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 (off site)
 Nov. 8 What Makes Us Catholic?
 Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Mass 6:30 p.m.
 Office Closed – Veteran's Day
 Nov. 12 Creative Kindness Sewing Group
 Nov. 12-13 7th & 8th Grade Retreat
 Nov. 13 Baptism Preparation Class
 Nov. 14 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 Nov. 15 What Makes Us Catholic?
 Confirmation Class
 Nov. 16 All Parish Leadership Meeting

- Nov. 19 Socially Active Singles (off site)
 Nov. 20 Husky Seat Cushion Project
 Widowed Information
 & Consultation Services
 (WICS) Auction
 Nov. 21 Coffee & Donuts
 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 Nov. 22 What Makes Us Catholic?
 Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10a.m.
 Nov. 25-27 Office Closed –
 Thanksgiving Holiday

- Nov. 27 Blood Drive
 Nov. 28 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 Nov. 29 What Makes Us Catholic?

December

- Dec. 3 Eucharistic Adoration
 Taize Prayer Service
 Green Thumb Garden Club
 Dec. 4 Kiwanis Club Santa Breakfast
 First Reconciliation
 Celebration, 10 a.m.
 Craft & Hobby Group
 Dec. 5 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 (off site)
 Dec. 6 What Makes Us Catholic?
 Confirmation Class
 Dec. 11 Advent Reconciliation Srv. 2pm
 Dec. 12 Pancake Breakfast
 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 Dec. 13 What Makes Us Catholic?
 Confirmation Class
 Dec. 17 Socially Active Singles (off site)

- Dec. 19 Simbang Gabi Mass 11:30a.m
 Reception following
 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 Dec. 23-25 Office Closed –
 Christmas Holiday
 Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil Masses
 at 4 p.m., 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.
 Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass 10 a.m.
 Dec. 26 NO Life Teen Mass
 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 Dec. 31 Vigil Mass, Solemnity of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
 Office Closed –
 New Year Holiday

January

- Jan. 2 Charismatic Praise & Worship
 (off site)
 Jan. 3 What Makes Us Catholic?
 Jan. 7 Eucharistic Adoration
 What Makes Us Catholic
 Jan. 8 Epiphany Service & Brunch
 (for those who have lost loved
 ones this past year)
 Baptism Preparation Class
 New Member Welcome
 Gathering
 Jan. 8/9 Parish 20th Anniversary
 Celebrations

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