



# NFL OUTREACH COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

## Mission

Cultivating opportunities for all people to answer God's call  
through works of mercy, charity, justice, and solidarity  
as inspired by Catholic social teaching to live the Gospel.

Ann Bollheimer

# OUTREACH COMMISSION

## Annual Report

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### JULY 2017

#### **SUMMER SOLIDARITY PROJECT** “The Right to Read and to Dream”

Children from St. Michael Vacation Bible School and Ss. Peter & Paul VBS created one banner to present to our friends from El Salvador who will visit in August. Deanna Chappie facilitated this project, with “art assistance” from Jill Bornhorst. Total funds collected to be used for books in the library as of July 27, 2017 is \$481. Students from SM Vacation Bible School collected \$ 141 and other parishioners at St Michael donated an additional \$ 245. Ss. Peter & Paul parishioners donated \$ 65 and a donor from outside of Region sent a check for \$ 30. San Cristobal secured an additional \$300 from the Archdiocese of San Salvador for the library, and the youth of San Cristobal collected 21 books from other donors.

### July 31, 2017

#### **OUTREACH COMMISSION MEETING**

Attended: Joyce Bornhorst, Tony Bornhorst, Jenny Ferguson, Deanna Chappie, Paul Timmerman, Shelley Middendorf, Ann Bollheimer. Absent Terri, Jeff and Donna.

Next Meeting Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of October, January, April & July

### AUGUST 2017

#### **VISITORS FROM EL SALVADOR**

August 2-9

David Marcia and Augustin Fernandez are members of our sister parish in El Salvador. They spent a week in our pastoral region. Highlights included a tour of the University of Dayton VLCFF program, the libraries of Hardin Houston School, Fort Loramie Elementary, the town library. Other activities included kayaking on Lake Loramie, Dayton Dragons game, U.S. Airforce Museum, teaching Spanish language students to make Pupusas. This was a full English language immersion for them. Other opportunities that parishioners had to meet them included a presentation at both SM Parish Council at the hall, and at the Family Life Center at SPP. On Sunday evening, 25-30 people gathered to learn Cumbia, a popular dance in El Salvador. Augustine brought the banner back to El Salvador that students made during VBS. This was their first visit to the U.S.A.

### OCTOBER

#### **OUTREACH COMMISSION MEETING**

October 24, 2017      7:05p

Attendance: Donna Deloye, Deanna Chappie, Ann Bollheimer, Shelly Middendorf, Joyce Bornhorst, Tony Bornhorst, Jeff Phlipot, guests: Shirley Larger, Kevin Musser Absent: Paul Timmerman

### NOVEMBER 2017

#### **SHARE THE JOURNEY CAMPAIGN Sep 2017 - November 2019**

In the story of Cain and Able, Holy Scripture reveals the origin of the fear of the other in the inability to understand and cherish difference. Scripture calls on us to overcome this fear, learn to welcome difference as richness and opportunity. Fleeing from the other is like fleeing from oneself. The relations between God, humanity and the earth are closely interconnected and determine our personal identity.

#### **10,000 LETTERS** November 11, 12, 2017

Archbishop Schnurr’s goal was to send 10,000 Letters to Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman to express support for legislation that provides a path to residency for the many immigrant youth. The letter outlines our belief in protecting the dignity of every human being, especially that of our children and vulnerable. Among those protected by these bills are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

recipients, a program that has benefited over 780,000 young people across the country. Signatures were collected beginning after all masses on Nov 11 and 12. Our Pastoral Region collected 132 letters / signatures that were sent to Senators Portman and Brown. Ohio Churches, Schools, and organizations in Ohio collected nearly 15,000 letters/signatures in total that were mailed or delivered to our Ohio congressional representatives.

**MISSIONARIES** We started a discussion on how to promote, support and budget for Missionaries from our pastoral region. What does this look like? The discussion was tabled until the January meeting.

\*Financial support is provided for parishioners who travel to El Salvador.

**MISSION BREAKFAST** Planning for a Palm Sunday breakfast was tabled for discussion until January. Upcoming food fund raisers and gatherings that are set in the near future include: Jan. 10 SPP Parish Dinner | Jan. 28 Knights of St John Spaghetti Dinner | Feb. 7 Generations of Faith Dinner and Entertainment | Feb. Hospice Spaghetti Dinner | Mar. 4 Fort Loramie Service Club Pancake Sausage Breakfast | Mar. 11 SPP Men's Pancake Sausage Breakfast | Mar 25 Palm Sunday.

## DECEMBER 2017

### ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION DIRECTOR, DAYTON OFFICE

Dayton Office Director, Pam Long Retired December 31, 2017. Her replacement is Sara Seligmann, a graduate of Xavier University with a Bachelor Arts in Theology with minors in religious education and Peace studies. She has a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministries from Santa Clara, CA. She has experience as a resident campus minister at both Xavier and as an Ignation Solidairty Intern at Santa Clara. For the past two years she was Chaplain in Residence and Pastoral Associate for youth Ministry at Georgetown University. She is married and has a son. We welcome Sara back to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The "Northern Collaborative" has been developing in the St Marys and Sidney deaneries. Parishes who have representation include NFL Pastoral region, St Henry Cluster, Wapakoneta Cluster, and Holy Angels, Sidney.

### ADVENT OUTREACH

Thursday, Friday | December 7, 8 | After morning Mass

Twenty parishioners made visits to 43 homebound parishioners in our pastoral Region . Visitors brought a box of candy, Christmas card, poinsettia, bulletin, and prayer aid. Parishioners who live at home received communion on Friday after mass.

**GIVING TREE** Youth Ministry organized a successful distribution this year. This is the giving tree report on what was collected from the Giving Tree. Tags donated were valued from \$10 - \$50 per tag:

1. 17 tags for Clear Creek Farm
2. 48 tags for New Choices
3. 86 tags for Rustic Hope
4. No report for St Vincent de Paul
5. Elizabeth New Life Center Report: St Michael: 124 tags with no names & 16 tags with names; Ss Peter & Paul 51 tags with no names & 35 tags with names Items received: 8 Bath tubs, 31 bibs, 34 receiving blankets, 2 Boppy Support pillows, 4 Bottles, 1 Bottle Brush, 36 Burp Cloths, 3 Diaper Bags, 20 Packages of Diapers, 53 Formula, 26 Hats, 12 Hooded Towels, 5 Laundry Detergent, 1 Lotion, 2 Monitors, 96 Onesies, 42 Outfits, 10 Pants, 1 Safety Gate, 4 Shampoo/Wash, 38 Sheets, 38 Sippy Cups, 54 Socks, 43 Toys, 44 Wash Cloths, 45 Wipes, 1 Rock - n- Play Sleeper, 1 \$50 Gift Card.

## JANUARY 2018

### SISTER PARISH

The teams are making plans for San Cristobal to receive visitors from our pastoral region June 2, 3, 4, 2018. The hope is that a few members of San Cristobal will be able to travel with our delegation to CRS

and the Consulate during the delegation. English Classes continue with adults and students. See the website for updated photos.

## FEBRUARY 2018

### 400 Casseroles for a Cause

400 pans and recipes were at the entrances of both churches with lids, recipes and instructions were displayed beginning Feb 3. Volunteers took a pan, made the recipes and returned pan on Presidents day to either church parking lot (Monday, Feb 19 from 6p-7p.) St. Vincent de Paul paid for the pans, St Ann's and SPP Ladies Auxiliary organize the project. 150 casseroles were delivered to Holy Angels Soup Kitchen, and 250 went to SVDP Dayton.

### TASTE AND SEE IRAQ

February 19 St. Michael Hall

A simple supper began at 6:00p with recipes from Iraq. Thanks chef's Leon Stockman, Patty Timmerman, and Ann. The Food was donated, and 38 people attended. Mohamed Al Hamdanie, an Iraqi-American Muslim shared his story of coming to the Dayton, Ohio as a refuge from war torn Iraq, in the early 1990's.

### SALT AND LIGHT

Feb 22, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 6:30p - 9:00p | New Bremen

The Archdiocese sponsored a Salt and Light Series focusing on Caring for God's Creation and Options for the Poor, Facilitated by Sue Sack. Salt & Light is an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching and is based on the Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1993. Participating may receive 5 credits for VOCAR Catechetical Certification. No parishioners from our pastoral region attended.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

#### 400 Casseroles for a Cause

Monday, Feb 19 from 6p-7p

About 75 casseroles went to Holy Angels soup Kitchen, Sidney and the remaining 350 casseroles went to St. Vincent de Paul (Apple Street, Dayton) Thanks to organizers Peg Pleiman, St Ann's, SPP Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to everyone who made the casseroles, and to St. Vincent de Paul for paying for the pans,

#### Financials

December	Deposit \$4,151.00	Expenses: \$1,359.41	Balance: \$7,490.04
January	Deposit \$152.00	Expenses: \$1,244.61	Balance: \$6,355.35
February	Deposits \$0.31	Expenses: \$934.38	Balance: \$5431.57

#### # of Households who came to the Food Pantry

December	25
January	24
February	22

#### # Food Items Donated to the Food Pantry

December	1393
January	1291
February	862   Casseroles donated to area soup kitchens: 425

\*Spring Baskets 30 baskets of Household items will be distributed at the April 23 Food Pantry. (\$40 value)

## MARCH

### FORMATION FOR EL SALVADOR CULTURAL ENCOUNTER May 3 - June 5, 2018

MEETINGSL March, April, May

Facilitated by CRISPAZ Christians for Peace in El Salvador, the 8-day 7night delegation includes in-country travel & housing, meals and translator. Cost with travel subsidies is about \$300-\$400 per person plus the cost of the flight. The actual cost of the program is \$950. The mission office will support \$350 for first time "travelers". There are three preparation meetings on Sunday mornings in March, April and May. The

follow-up includes a meeting and a shared program “Share the Journey” over the summer. Information meetings for travel are Wed. January 30 and repeated on Wed. Feb 7 at 6pm in the parish office.

### **MEETING BETWEEN THE MASSES (CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FORMATION)**

A Brief discussion was held on what program(s) could be offered for Catholic Adult Formation and Evangelization (CAFÉ) possibly on Sundays from 9a-11a in the parish office. Program time: 9:15-10:45a.

### **NORTHERN COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS CONTINUE | “FIELDS OF JUSTICE”**

A collaborative has been developing for a few years in the St. Marys and Sidney deaneries. Parishes who have representation include NFL Pastoral region, St Henry Cluster, Wapakoneta Cluster, and Holy Angels, Sidney. Becky Fullenkamp is the northern-area liaison for the social action office. She is inviting other parishes to increase this collaborative.

### **LENT OUTREACH                      March 22, 23**

Parishioners made visits to 44 homebound parishioners in our pastoral Region. Thanks for making visits: Pat Holthaus, Vickie Schulze, Sandy Gehret, Frieda Sanders, Gretchen Eilerman, Nancy Romie, Mary Berning, Joan Maier, Annie Bollheimer, Norma Toller, Theresa Langenkamp, Jim and Mary Hoehne, and Theresa Chaney. Visitors brought an Easter Lillie, Word Among Us, “Little White Books” and an Easter Card. Parishioners who live at home received communion on Friday after mass.

## **APRIL**

### **SISTER PARISH MEETINGS | San Cristobal El Salvador**

The sister parish teams are now meeting monthly via Skype / Video conference calling at the parish office. All parishioners are invited to join in these monthly meetings, to see what projects we are working on.

**Saturday, February 3** (Agustin, Maricela, David, Franklin | NFL: Deanna) Notes: The Catechist program is of high interest.

**Saturday, March 17 6:00p** (Agustin, Maricela, David, Franklin | Paul, Deanna, Ann, Chuck, Nick)

Notes: Franklyn is a new member of the sister-parish team. Working on leadership for the catechist program, discussed the library project, and visit to the community on June 2,3,4.

**Saturday, April 14 6:00p** (Agustin, Maricela, David, Franklin | Paul, Deanna, Ann, Chuck)

The Catechist program is scheduled to begin May 27. They are planning for 12-16 Catechists to participate in the first class for catechist certification. The first Class is “Introduction to Catechesis”. Ann will research the best ways to get the books to El Salvador. The University of Dayton will facilitate the online process. The cost including books is about 60 per person per 5-week class.

**Saturday, May 19 at 6:00p** (Augustine, Maricela, David, Franklin, Deanna, Paul, Ann, Theresa, Shari, Rachel)

Agenda included:

1. Planning for visitors from our pastoral region on June 2 and 3, 2018.
2. San Cristobal is working on what members of San Cristobal will travel with our delegation to visit CRS Sights, San Salvador, and stay with us at the guest house.
3. English Classes continue with adults and students. We decided to practice the song “Imagine” by John Lennon. After the meeting we also began practicing Head Shoulders Knees and toes (in English)



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SHARE THE JOURNEY CAMPAIGN

September 2017 - November 2019

**BI-LINGUAL MISSALETES (Spanish/ English)** are now availed for use at both St. Michael and Ss. Peter and Paul Churches. There is a basket at the main entrances of both churches. Please invite / show your Spanish- speaking friends where they are, and encourage them to use!

### MISSIONARIES

How do we promote, support, and budget for Missionaries from our pastoral region. What does this look like? \*Financial assistance has been approved in the past for parishioners who travel to El Salvador to meet with friends in San Cristobal and to learn about the Culture of El Salvador, and other mission projects \*The Commission Reviewed the El Salvador Applications. (Discussion tabled)

**BUNDLE SUNDAY** 8:00a - 5:00p Sat. & Sun., April 28, 29, 2018 Ss. Peter & Paul Church Parking  
Donations accepted include gently used clothing, furniture, and household items. Volunteers are always needed to load the truck in an orderly manner and to help those who may need assistance." Future volunteers may call Steve at **937.497.7236**. Urgent needs include towels, bed sheets (twin and full size), and men's underwear.

**VLCFF** San Cristobal committed to adult faith formation through the University of Dayton VLCFF. Cost for each student is \$60 per person. This includes fees and books for each person.

MAY 2018

### CRS RICE BOWL (Lent program)

Approximately 475 Rice bowls are distributed through the CCD program (and picked up at church)

\*note in 2016 SPP bowls were not counted, and the \$ was not separated.

#### ST MICHAEL CRS RICE BOWL REPORT

Year	St. Michael TOTAL	Other participants	Returned Rice bowls	Coins	Bills	Checks	Taste/See & Retreat
2018	\$ 1,498.57	40 Taste Iraq	89	553.29	767.28	\$ 178.00	\$ 40.00
2017	\$ 1,307.13	19 Taste El Salv	67	\$ 595.50	\$ 711.63	\$ -	
2016	\$ 2,123.86	30 retreat / 80 ret.	80	\$ 851.00	\$ 1,011.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 203.00
2015	\$ 2,386.17	60 Taste of Tanz.	109	\$ 1,137.69	\$ 1,249.00	\$ 362.61	\$ 110.00

#### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL REPORT

\*2017 Family night introduced CRS Rice Bowl with stations of the spotlight country

Year	SPP	Other Participate	Returned Bowls / envelopes	Coins	Bills	Checks
2018	\$ 111.91	4	9	\$ 62.91	\$ 9.00	\$ 40.00
2017	\$ 189.45	87	18	127.14	62.31	\$ -
2016	\$ 534.00	x	x	x	x	x
2015	\$ 265.13		15	\$ 205.13	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00

**BOTTLES FOR BABIES**

Benefit Project for Elizabeth New Life Center, Sidney Ohio

Empty baby bottles were set out at all church entrances May 6-May 27 for people to take home, fill with coins, and bring back. Donations received from St Michael and Ss. Peter & Paul totaled \$2,350.69.

**June****EL SALVADOR CULTURAL ENCOUNTER May 29-June 7, 2018****Depart from Dayton Airport**

Facilitated by CRISPAZ Christians for Peace in El Salvador

10-days, 9nights | Included in-country travel & housing, meals and translator. Cost of the program with CRISPAZ is \$950 per person. The cost of flights ranged from \$495 - \$620. The Mission Office provided \$350 for one person (a first time traveler to El Salvador), \$350 for the delegation coordinator and half of the cost for our guests from San Cristobal who traveled with us (\$80). Four parishioner's travel awards ranged from \$100-\$300. Participants include: Deanna Chappie (SPP), Rachel Bollheimer (SM), Theresa Garlock (St. Charles, Lima), Shari Eilerman (SM), Chuck Wray (SM), Dcn. Paul Timmerman and Ann Bollheimer (staff). A summary of the itinerary includes:

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

- ♥ Santiago Nonualco is where the four U.S. church women were raped, killed and buried in a shallow grave in 1980 | Lunch at Santiago Nonualco with food prepared by the guesthouse
- ♥ We picked up a cake at the local bakery to celebrate Sonia's birthday (our host mom)
- ♥ Conversation with CRISPAZ Executive Director, Francisco Mena and closed with a reflection.

**Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

- ♥ Conversation with members of COFAMIDE the Committee of Family Members of Migrants who have Died or Disappeared at the CRISPAZ office
- ♥ Lunch with Cofamide and the artisans
- ♥ Listened to the story of migrant who lived in Columbus, Oh for 3 years, and returned recently to El Salvador
- ♥ Juan Ramon Toledo from ALSARES Alianza de Salvadoreños Retornados (Aliance of Returned Salvadoran) talked with us about a new organization to help Salvadorans deported from the US

**Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

- ♥ Schicali is a cooperative run by differently abled people who make hand-crafted pottery.
- ♥ Divine Providence (Hospitalito) where Mons. Romero lived during his time as Archbishop, and where he was shot
- ♥ Encounter at the Hospitalito where delegation member's blood pressure dropped. Nun giving the tour provided a CRISPAZ cocktail, a sprig of Romero (rosmary) in a can of Sprite. IV fluids, medical forms were exchanged, IV fluids administered and out the door in 30-minutes - no charge
- ♥ Lunch at Nelly's with an opportunity to tap-out a tune of "Chop Sticks" on the rhumba. There was an applause and one generous patron gave a \$2 tip
- ♥ Jesuit campus of the University of Central America (UCA), the Centro Monseñor Romero museum and Rose garden dedicated to the Jesuit Martyrs and their two women collaborators (mother and daughter)
- ♥ Visit from Brian Rude, a missionary Lutheran pastor from Canada who's vocation brought him to El Salvador during the civil war



### Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

- ♥ Friends from San Cristobal, Marinela, Franklin and David arrived at the guest house
- ♥ Metropolitan Cathedral: Spent some time in the crypt where the body of Monsignor Oscar Romero is entombed in a larger than life-size bronze sculpture, of this soon-to-be saint.
- ♥ School sponsored in part by Catholic Relief Services. The school administers the Youth Builder Program.
- ♥ This long day ended with Pupusas at Paseo El Carmen where Maricela met up with us after work, and Fr. Orlando found his way there as well - eventually



### Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- ♥ Meeting with Fr. Mauro Verzeletti CS, director of the Center for the Pastoral Care of Migrants, at the new welcome center for migrants who are being deported to El Salvador
- ♥ Cojutepeque, at the Shrine of our Lady of Fatima at Cerro "Las Pavas"
- ♥ ARRIVE IN San Cristobal and had lunch with friends from San Cristóbal on a mountaintop. We sampled homemade coco wine (fermented coco beans)
- ♥ Corpus Christi Celebration with music and dancing
- ♥ We divided and went to our guest homes for dinner and to spend the night

### Sunday, June 3

- ♥ Mass | Corpus Christi Procession to shrines in different homes
- ♥ Went back home with families for lunch
- ♥ Meeting with Sister Parish Team / English Program / Students of VLCFF Adult Faith Formation Program / Library / Computer students
- ♥ Games, Pupusas Dinner, Cumbia Musical at the Parish with the Parish Council, families and Fr. Orlando Erazo and then home with families

### Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

- ♥ Farewell to the families
- ♥ Visit with organic farmers  
The farmers are conscientious and educated about growing crops by using organic methods and without using manufactured chemicals.
- ♥ Arrive at the Center for Art and Peace in Suchitoto
- ♥ Sister Peggy talked with our group along with Scranton University students | Free time in Suchitoto

### Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

- ♥ Met with Unbound in Cinquera / Visit with Concepcion / Lunch at Hostal Bosque de Cinquera
- ♥ Went to the Rain Forest with Unbound
- ♥ Back to Suchitoto at the Art Center for Peace

### Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

- ♥ Boat Ride at the Lake Suchitlan to Copapayo
- ♥ Conversation with leaders in Copapayo
- ♥ Visit to the new the chapel
- ♥ Boat back to Suchitoto
- ♥ Chalchuapa, Santa Ana at the Pre- Columbian Mayan Ruins Tazumal

### Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

- ♥ Traveled back to the U.S.



## SISTER PARISH PROGRAMS

On Sunday afternoon, June 3, 2018 San Cristóbal's multi-purpose room was full of life, as the delegation from our pastoral region arrived after lunch to see what was all going on. The room was very loud, but the students were focused on whatever was in front of them. Adults and children were working on computers with the English program in the center of the hall. Participants of the VLCFF adult faith formation program were making the most noise in the front of the room, as the audio from the video echoed throughout the hall. The students of the computer program were working quietly in the back, while a group of adults were working on a different set of computers.

Opportunities to learn and to dream in a safe space in El Salvador is not a common place. The financial assistance from our pastoral region covers the costs of basic program expense, and the leadership in San Cristobal is necessary for these projects to continue.

- ♥ Students below are participants of a computer Course accredited through the Salvadoran government.
- ♥ Shelves and books of the library are on the left.



- ♥ The VLCFF Adult Faith formation class is in the back. They are using the screen in the center.
- ♥ Students of the English Program are using the two tables in the center/front.



En nombre de nuestra familia parroquial de San Miguel y Ss. Parroquias de Peter y Paul:  
On behalf of our parish family of St. Michael and Ss. Peter & Paul parishes:

¡Gracias, amigos en San Cristóbal!

Thank you, friends in San Cristóbal!



### SUMMER SOLIDARITY PROJECT July 8 – July 29

Both St. Michael VBS and Ss. Peter & Paul VBS participated. Deanna Chappie and Ann facilitated the learning stations for VBS at both parishes. This included a 15-20 min learning station each day on Caring for God's Creation, with a focus on the monarch Butterfly. See the flyers for details. With the rainforest being the theme of St Michael VBS, participants learned that the rain forest is far away, but the decisions that we make in Ohio affect the rain forest. The monarch butterfly migrates to Mexico in the winter. All summer, it lays its eggs on the common milkweed and the larva eats the leaves - it is the only plant that it lays its eggs. This is a summary of the week:



- ♥ **MONDAY** Introduction to the Monarch Butterfly / migration / and video of the monarch
- ♥ **TUESDAY** Mr Alvin Brown of New Bremen demonstrated "raising/protecting/feeding monarchs"
- ♥ **WEDNESDAY** Daniel Francis (Pheasants Forever) demonstrated making mud balls with pollinator seeds of flowers that are not invasive to Ohio. The children took the mud balls home to plant
- ♥ **THURSDAY** Daniel Francis joined us again, and participants learned about different pollinator plants.
- ♥ A pollinator garden and an American Rose Bud tree (Ana's tree) was planted behind St. Michael's old Cemetery. A pollinator garden was planted next to the utility shed at SPP along with a ninebark bush.
- ♥ **FRIDAY** (SM only) Deanna summed up the Solidarity Project with El Salvador Rain Forest: El Impossible National Park: Deana showed photos from the delegation in June.

**DONATIONS from VBS Participants for this project include:** St Michael \$126 | Ss. Peter & Paul \$4.00

**EXPENSES:** Sodcutter \$80; American Redbud \$26 (SM); Ninebark & materials for soil prep \$60 (SPP).

**400 Packs of seeds of pollinators** donated by the Ohio Pollinator Habitat were available at both churches for parishioners to plant. Fifty two families from children who participated with St Michael VBS requested packs. As of July 24, only 40 packets remained at St. Michael Church (I do not have the count for SPP)

## JULY 31 Agenda

### COMING EVENTS TO DISCUSS

1. FORMATION
2. CRS RICE BOWL
3. Sponsors for VLCFF are Still needed
4. Meeting Date October 16 - Could we change to September?
5. World Mission Sunday October 21
6. October 14 | Canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero

### *Romero, El Salvador's First Saint*

*CRUX Inés San Martín / May 19, 2018 / VATICAN CORRESPONDENT*

*ROME - Pope Francis has chosen the date for the ceremony that will see the Catholic Church officially recognize the sainthood of Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, who was martyred as he was celebrating Mass.*

*They will be canonized on Oct. 14, 2018. The October ceremony, to be celebrated by Francis, will be in Rome, during the Synod of Bishops on the youth that will take place from October 3 to 28, 2018.*



*Oscar Romero, who will become the first Salvadoran saint, was born on August 15, 1917. He was gunned down during Mass in a hospital chapel March 24, 1980, a day after telling an army made up largely of peasants that they were killing their own people.*

*"No soldier is obliged to obey an order that is contrary to the will of God," he said. He was shot through the heart by gunmen linked to a right-wing death squad while celebrating Mass, after saying, "one must not love oneself so much as to avoid getting involved in the risks of life that history demands of us, and those who fend off danger will lose their lives."*

*Romero was outspoken against military oppression during his country's bloody civil war in the 1980s, and also of the role the United States played in it.*

*In a letter he sent to U.S. president Jimmy Carter in February of 1980, he urged America not to send military aid to El Salvador: "You say that you are Christian. If you are really Christian, please stop sending military aid to the military here, because they use it only to kill my people."*

*His death is considered by the Catholic Church to have been in "odium fidei," meaning in hatred of the faith.*

*Romero was beatified in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, in a ceremony that drew an estimated 250,000 people, believed to have been the largest religious gathering ever held in Central America*



## OVERVIEW

1. **Faith Formation**  
 Good News People (study)  
 Year of Mercy (Dec 8, 2015 - Nov 27, 2016)  
 CRS Retreat "One on the Journey" *A solidarity walk of Mercy* January 25, 2016 5:30-9pm  
 "Gather and Send" Formation in the Archdiocese began  
 Encounter Mercy Retreat | February 25, 26, 27  
 Salt and Light | 5 weeks in October | Commission Formation.  
 Taste and See El Salvador  
 Taste and See Iraq
2. **Summer Solidarity Project (VBS through Last Sun of July )**  
 2015 2 Computers for English Program | coloring pages for friends in el Salvador  
 2016 8+ computers for English Program" | coloring pages for children in San Cristobal  
 2017 The Right to Read and to Dream in El Salvador | Collect \$ for Books in library in San Cristobal.  
 Vacation Bible School a banner was made (both VBS) to present to Agustin and David in August 2017  
 2018 Planted small Pollinator Gardens at each parish | 400 Seed Packs distributed| Monarch Butterfly
3. **Lent Outreach**  
 Visit homebound parishioners, Nursing homes
4. **Advent Outreach** Visit homebound, Nursing homes 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday December
5. **St Vincent de Paul**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Response – Visits to those in need (*The heart of SVDP*)
  - Food Pantry (*third Saturday*)
  - Neighbors Helping Neighbors (*Christmas distribution*)
  - Casseroles for a Cause ( *In Collaboration with St Ann's and Ladies Sodality*))
  - Gift Baskets (*spring*)
  - Bundle Sunday - March & September
6. **Mission Breakfast**
7. **Catholic Relief Services**  
 CRS Rice Bowl (Lent) | CRS Collection (week after Easter) | Distinguished Speaker (September or October)
8. **Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection**  
 November collection
9. **Unbound Sponsorship** (\$360 per year - per person) | Concepcion de La Luz (El Salvador) | Pablo from Bolivia
10. **Sister Parish Team**
  - 2014 October | First Delegation to San Cristobal
  - 2015 August: Fr Orlando made a visit | October: Delivered two computers for English Program
  - 2016 Funds were collected for the English program: 8 computers, Mimio tech, and Rosetta Stone  
 Skype Meetings | Delegation to El Salvador in June | Salvadorans travel with Delegation June 3
  - 2017 Juan Gomez (Maryknoll Missioner) gave Mission Appeal in June 2017 (benefit of Maryknoll)  
 David Mancía, Agustin Fernandez visited our pastoral region in August 2-9, 2017  
 Solidarity Project: Collected for Library in San Cristobal
  - 2018 Skype meetings Mar, Apr, May  
 Delegation May 29 - June 7 (7 people) stayed in the community 2 nights. Deacon Timmerman celebrated at mass (Feast of Corpus Christi)  
 Catechist Formation Program began (University of Dayton) 12 participants \$60 per person.
11. **Cultural Immersion** 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018 to El Salvador
12. **Mission Co-op Appeal Speaker**
  - 2016, July Kip Hargrave, Maryknoll Lay Missioner
  - 2017, June Juan Gomez Maryknoll Lay Missioner – parishioner of San Cristóbal
  - 2018 July 28, 29 Teresa Philips from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office

