Masses

Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 7:15 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm Children's Liturgy of the Word During:

Weekday Masses

8:00 am & 6:30 pm Saturdays 8:00 am

8:45 & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:15 pm Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

24 Hours a Day, 7 Days

Devotions

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after 8:00 am Mass and Monday-Friday at 6:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily at 3:00 pm Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after 6:30 pm Mass Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays after 6:30 pm Mass

St. Joseph Novena: Thursdays after 6:30 pm Mass

Clergy

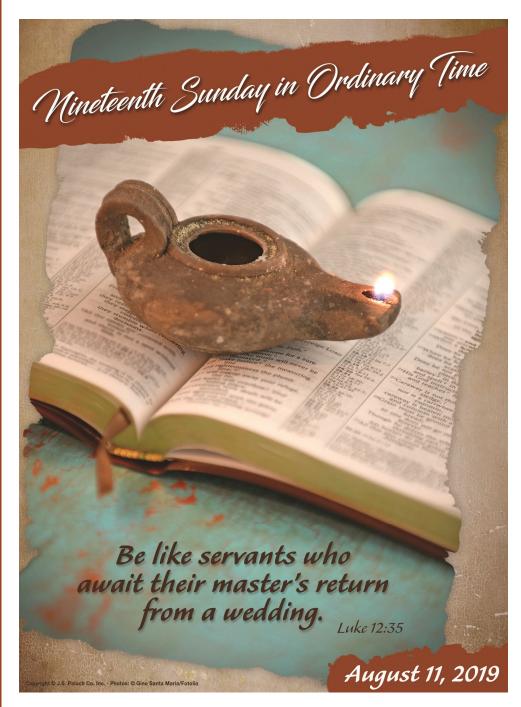
Pastor: Fr. Sy Nguyen
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Hoa Tran
Parish Director/Deacon:
Denis Zaun
Deacon: Nick Sherg
Deacon: Mark Murphy

Parish Office

Open: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm (Closed Noon to 1:00 pm) Friday, Saturday, Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

714-970-2771 | www.smdpyl.org 19767 Yorba Linda Blvd. Yorba Linda, CA 92886





Our Parish Mission & Vision

St. Martin de Porres is a Stewardship and Hospitality parish. As Catholic Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, we are Christ's disciples dedicated to faith formation, worship, community life, and service. All are welcome as we use our unique gifts to serve the world as a visible sign of God's love.

For an electronic version of the bulletin visit: smdpyl.org/bulletins



SEPTEMBER 27 -29, 2019

Silent Auction

event, we will include a silent auction to raise funds for the numerous community service and outreach programs benefiting both our parishioners as well as our surrounding community. This is our church's largest fundraiser of the year. Please partner with us and make this event a great success! We are requesting donations of gift certificates, merchandise or services, airline tickets and time shares. We are a non-profit organization and therefore, your donation is tax deductible. We will gladly pick up your donation, or it can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Our address is listed below should you want to mail the donation.

Oktoberfest is around the corner. As part of the

We ask all items to be in the Parish Office by Sunday, September 15, 2019. Please include your name and address with your donation.

St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church Attention: Silent Auction 19767 Yorba Linda Blvd. Yorba Linda, CA 92886

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email. Our Federal Tax ID will be provided upon request.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Megan Hamrock, Robert Aulick and Paul Carnegie Oktoberfest Silent Auction Chairs silentauction@smdpyl.org or 714-213-2551

Water Bottle Donations

Can you donate a case of water? We will be collecting cases of bottled water during Oktoberfest sign-ups the weekends of September 7-8 and September 14-15. This water will be used to hydrate our volunteers during Oktoberfest weekend. Just bring the water with you to Mass on the above weekends and we will collect at the door. Thank you for your generosity.

Food Donations

With Oktoberfest expenses rising, donations are one way we can improve our bottom line. This was a huge success last year and it gave families the ability to give, even in small amounts. If we all pull together, we can make a difference. This year, we are asking for donations of specific, non-perishable food items. We have listed the items below. Please contact oktoberfest@smdpyl.org for specific quantities and details.

- 6- 1 gallon bottles buttermilk ranch dressing
- 6- 1 gallon cans spaghetti marinara sauce
- 12- gallon cans chili con carne, no bean
- 3- 500 packets brown spicy mustard
- 2- 200 packets pickle relish
- 3- 500 packets yellow mustard
- 2- 200 packets mayonnaise
- 4- 1000 packets ketchup
- 2- 1 gallon apple cider vinegar
- 4- 1 gallon vinegar
- 30- 2 liter root beer
- 13- 4 lb. bags white refined sugar
- 48- 1 lb. powder sugar
- 2- Costco size spray cans of Pam
- 1- bottle chile powder
- 6- 1 gallon cans tomato sauce



Altar Server of the Month - July

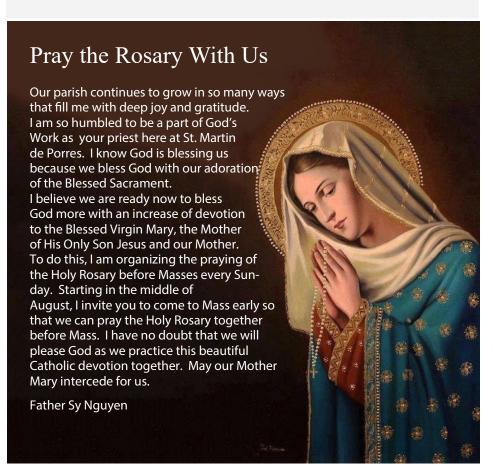


Please join the Altar Server Ministry in recognizing Noah Vasquez as our Altar Server of the Month for July 2019.

Noah has served in the ministry for a year and has shown great leadership skills in every mass he serves. He has shown confidence in serving and always takes initiative when our clergy need assistance. Noah always has a positive attitude and has a pleasant smile that lights up the room. Younger servers have voiced that they are comfortable asking him questions because he is so approachable. It is our hope that servers

showing this positive attitude will grace the ministry for many more years to come. Congratulations on your award, Noah and thank you for your service to St. Martin's.

In addition, the Ministry would like to recognize the following servers who have exemplified extraordinary appearance, reverence, attentiveness, and efficiency: Tristyn Lee, Isaac Monning, Nicolas Nogal, Emmy Lopez, Kobe Asrani, and Marisa Thaete.



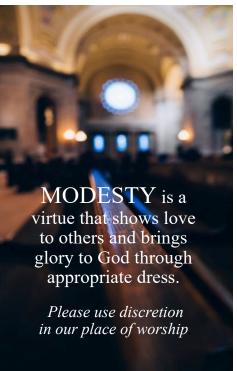
PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



Call 657-888-4631, **write** adoration@smdpyl.org, **or go to** www.smdpyl.org/



Faith Formation & Worship

Congratulations to Our Newlyweds

Kelly & Keith Murphy July 27, 2019 Fr Hoa & Deacon Denis



"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." ... He who loves his wife loves himself. Genesis 2:24





Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

August 14 Vigil Mass | 6:30 pm Mass August 15 | 8:00 am & 6:30 pm Mass

Youth Ministry News

Middle School, Confirmation 1 and 2 Registration is online.

Don't forget to register! Deadline is August 15.

Open Youth Room Tuesdays from 1:30 - 9:30 pm. Next dates are August 13, 20, and 27. Bring a friend and come hang out.

ONE August 11- Country Line Dance taught by Brother Cole-7:00 - 8:45 pm in the Parish Hall

Middle School Summer August 12, and 26 at 6:30 - 8:30 pm. We meet in the Youth Room then proceed to various off-site local locations.

High School Leadership (Confirmed Juniors and Seniors) Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 pm. Other dates are September 18 and October 16.

What's Trending September 4 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Room. Current topics that High Schoolers have questions about and how these topics pertain to their faith. Please contact Youth Ministry after 1:00 pm that day to see what the topic is, topics may be delicate. Other dates are October 2 and November 6.

Moving Forward August 14 at 7:00 pm in the Youth Room. Come take your faith to the next level no matter where you are. Other dates are September 11 and October 9.

High School Adoration August 28. Join us in the Youth Room at 6:15 pm - we will attend 6:30 pm Mass together and go to Adoration after Mass. Other dates are October 23 and January 29, 2020.

For the One Youth Ministry's Praise Band - Do you have a love for music? Do you play an instrument or sing? Want to share it with others? Call Kristi with questions. Follow us on Instagram @smdpyouthministry



For more information:

Kristine Biederman, Associate Youth/ Young Adult Director kristineb@smdpyl.org | 714-970-0514

Youth Ministry Assistants:

Katie Castillo katiec@smdpyl.org Tanner Jauregui tannerj@smdpyl.org

Young Adult Ministry News

Young Adults (18 - 22) September 5 at 7:00 pm. Call Kristi for location **Two or More (21 - 28)** September 13 at 7:00 pm. Pick any Bible verse. Call Kristi for details.

Young Adult Adventures September 27 - Oktoberfest Bingo & Music. Call Kristi to RSVP.

Follow us on Instagram @smdpyoungadults



For more information:

Kristine Biederman, Associate Youth/ Young Adult Director kristineb@smdpyl.org | 714-970-0514

Faith Formation & Worship

Early Childhood Ministry

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for all Fall 2019 Sunday Children programs. Registration closes September 20 unless classes fill before the deadline. Register your child on our parish website!

All Sunday Children Ministries are open during the 8:45 am and 10:30 am Masses. Our Summer schedule for each ministry follows:

St. John's Childcare, will be open through the month of August for children 1 - 3 years of age. New families who desire to use this service are welcome in our parish.

August 11 Topic: Noah's Ark (In St. Matthew Room) August 18: 10 Commandments (In St. Matthew Room) August 25: Jonah and the Whale (In St. Matthew Room)

Kid's Quote of the Week: "Jesus did miracles because He is awesome!" Luke Anderson

Children's Liturgy of the Word serves 1st through 4th Grade. No registration is required! CLW is closed for August and September and will reopen October.

Adult and Teen Volunteers are desperately needed for the Fall programs. Through these programs, our children are offered the beauty of the Catholic faith while being in community with their peers. Prayerfully consider serving one Sunday a month in one of the ministries above. It is because of the generous hearts of our parishioners that our parish can offer these ministries.





Please contact Colleen Picou Colleenp@smdpyl.org



Sunday Adult Faith Classes 10:00 am in St. Paul Room

Another FREE GIFT! Come enjoy this blessing to deepen your faith & love of God and His Church every Sunday. Walk-ins are welcome for class as we journey together weekly with RCIA catechumens/candidates & team.

Date	Faith Topic	Teacher
Sunday, Aug. 11:	Who is Jesus?	Chuck Cyprien
Sunday, Aug. 18:	The Paschal Mystery	Father Sy
Sunday, Aug. 25:	The Holy Spirit, Breath of God	David Tung
Sunday, Sept. 8:	The Church: Mystical Body of Christ	Deacon Denis
Sunday, Sept. 15:	Mary & the Saints	Maureen Williams

Cathy Fitzpatrick, Associate Director of Adult & Child Faith Formation 714-970-2771 ext. 112 | cathyf@smdpyl.org

Child Faith Formation Classes

August 15 Registration Deadline is this week!

Please visit us at the Welcome Center after Mass with any questions
Register online NOW for Grades 1-5 Fall Classes since space is limited.

2019- 2020 Class Times

Eucharist 1: Monday 3:30 - 5:00 pm or Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm **Eucharist 2:** Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm or Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm **Creades 2: CFF:** Wednesday 3:00 - 4:30 pm or F:00 - 6:30 pm

Grades 3-5 CFF: Wednesday 3:00 - 4:30 pm or 5:00 - 6:30 pm

"Let the Children Come to Me. Do Not Hinder Them."



Can You Help CFF Purchase this Statue?

Child Faith Formation would like to purchase a Blessed Mother Pilgrim statue to rotate weekly among the homes of our families. If you would like to contribute to this great blessing, please submit donations to the Parish Office labeled "Pilgrim Statue". Thank you for your generosity.

We Need You!

"Teach them his decrees and instructions and show them the way they are to live" Exodus 18:20 Is God calling you to lead our children closer to Him? Come and join our awesome Child Faith

Formation team as a Co-Teacher. Please prayerfully discern co-teaching Grades 1-5 on weekdays or Sundays Preschool and Kindergarten. All you need is to love God & children & families. Teaching materials provided. God will bless all involved. Mark your calendars for Teacher Orientation/In-service on August 28 at 3:00 pm in St. Elizabeth Room.

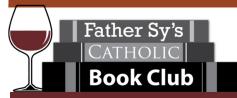


Questions, please contact Child Faith Formation Team

Debra Orrin: debrao@smdpyl.org

Cathy Fitzpatrick: cathyf@smdpyl.org | Anne Leger: annel@smdpyl.org

Faith Formation



Join Father Sy Nguyen's Catholic Book Club

What

A monthly book club for adults 21 and over facilitated by Father Sy. Each month, the meeting will start with a wine tasting (led by a wine connoisseur) followed by a discussion with Father Sy on that month's book.

When

Starting August 22, 2019. The 3rd Thursday of the month in the St. Martin Parish Hall from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Registration

Fee is \$50 for August 2019 - May 2020 session. (Does not cover the cost of books. Books can be purchased at the first meeting on August 22 or individually online. Books will not be sold in the Parish Office.) Register online at smdpyl.org/bookclub or registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Must be 21 or over to register.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

with Fr. Sy Nguyen

Mondays | 7:15 - 8:30 pm St. Paul & St. Elizabeth Room

Join Fr. Sy as he walks us through the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph by paragraph! These classes are free. No registration is required.

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No classes in September				

Community Life

Men's Retreat 2019



SAVE THE DATE – The St. Martin de Porres 2019 Men's Retreat is scheduled for Friday, November 22 - Sunday, November 24, 2019, at the Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. The registration forms will be available in the Parish Office in a week or so. If you need additional

information, please contact Jody Martin at (cell) 714-858-0140, or email at **jodymartin717@gmail.com**.

St. Martin's Brothers In Christ Men's Group

Brothers in Christ Men's Group will meet on Saturday, August 17 at 8:45 am in the St. Andre Room following the 8:00 am Mass. Our speaker will be Gene Hernandez (City Council Member, and past mayor). He will provide us with a "State of the City" update. Please join us for what is expected to be a very interesting and informative meeting.

InterParish—Young Adult Fellowship

All young adults ages 18 - 39 are invited to check out InterParish Young Adult Fellowship, a new young adult ministry that meets at St. Martin's, with the purpose of studying and training for mission and outreach to our young adult friends who may be far from Jesus and His Church.

Do you have young adult friends who have fallen away from the Catholic faith, or who have never had a relationship with Jesus and the Church? Would you like to learn what the Magisterium of our Church, the saints, and the Scriptures have to say about the call to missionary activity, including our own Diocese's recent focus on the priority of evangelization?

If so, you are welcome to come and check out InterParish any time. We meet the first three Thursdays of the month, and have a special event on the fourth Fridays of the month. Check the parish calendar on the St. Martin's website for updated meeting locations, and email us at **interparish@outlook.com** to get on our emailing list with weekly updates.

Oppose SB 24—The Provision of Abortion on University Campuses in California

Join us in praying for the protection of infants and young college-age women from the scourge of abortion. Bishop Kevin Vann urges all Catholics and all Christians to join together in prayer from August 3 - 11, to pray a novena to our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of unborn children, asking her powerful intercession to defeat this bill.

Novena

Mother of the Christ Child and Patroness of all unborn children, we implore your intercession for the defeat of Senate Bill 24 and for the protection of all human life. Guide our public officials to see the tragedy and the injustice of abortion and to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.*

Service & Outreach

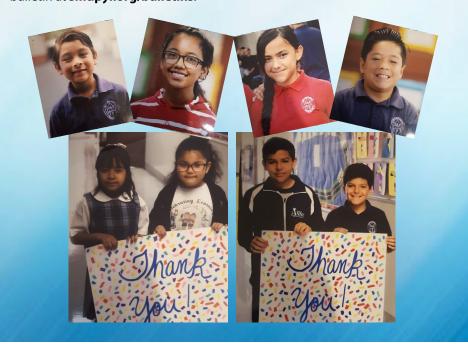
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Education. To read the letter from Sister Teresa, view the August 11, 2019 web bulletin at **smdpyl.org/bulletins**.



Pancake Breakfast

August 18

After 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 am Masses

Join us next Sunday for our Famous Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall.

In a hurry? Grab a \$5 breakfast burrito outside of church after Mass on your way out.

You are born a man. You become a Knight. Join today. Contact George Alfaro at **gk@smdpknights.org** or 562-631-7783.



Ecumenical ProLife Prayer Event

Join the Knights of Columbus, the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and many ProLife advocates as they pray together at the countywide ProLife Prayer Event held at all Planned Parenthood locations on Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 - 10:00 am. Let us unite our prayers, as we stand and fight for the lives of the unborn.

Pro-Life Help Line

www.optionline.org or 800-712-HELP (4357) Option Line is a 24/7 call center connecting women and men to pro-life medical clinics and pregnancy help centers across the United States and Canada.

New Outreach Center Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer for the Outreach Center, your gift of time is a great blessing. The Center is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, and the first Tuesday of the month 3:30 - 6:00 pm. Our greatest need for volunteers is on Tuesdays, both at the weekly 9:00 am - 12:00 pm shift, and the once a month (first Tuesday) shift of 3:30 - 6:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering any day, please email outreach@smdpyl.org.

Worship

Sacraments/Rites

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office with your request. **Baptism for Infants**

Come to the Parish Office to pick up an information packet (3 months ahead). Or visit www.smdpyl/baptism to register online for Baptisms. For non-infant Baptisms, please contact the Parish Office at 714-970-2771.

Funeral Rite

For assistance with funeral arrangements, kindly direct your questions to the Parish Office at 714-970-2771. Please note that in most cases, funeral requests require 7 days of preparation and planning.

Rite of Matrimony

Call the Parish Office for an appointment with a priest/deacon at least 6 months prior to the planned date of marriage.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:15 pm Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Scripture Reading for the Week

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12;

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8,

16-17; Mt 18:15-20 **Thursday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1

-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

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Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21 -22, 24;Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-

8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Died in Christ

George Villanueva Mike Gibbs Deanna Stoll

Prayers for our Men & Women Serving in the Military

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 10:

8:00 AM (Fr Sy) Connor Miller, Ed Berriman †, Jim Hemann † 5:30 PM (Fr Hoa) Jeff Miller

Sunday, August 11:

7:15 AM (Fr Hoa) Mass for the People 8:45 AM (Fr Hoa) Michael Kolonics † 10:30 AM (Fr Sy) Elaine Polick † 12:15 PM (Fr Sy) Philip Salvatore † 5:30 PM (Fr Sy) Zora Sangoluisa†

Monday, August 12:

8:00 AM (Fr Scott) Steve Yun Se Lee † **6:30** PM (Fr Hoa) Elaine Polick †

Tuesday, August 13:

8:00 AM (Fr Sy) Priest Intentions **6:30** PM (Fr Hoa) Priest Intentions

Wednesday, August 14:

8:00 AM (Fr Sy) Jason Kirkwood † and Alma Jessop †

6:30 PM (Fr Hoa) Mass for the People

Thursday, August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM (Fr Sy) Mass for the People **6:30** PM (Fr Sy) Mass for the People

Friday, August 16:

8:00 AM (Fr Hoa) Jerry Sennott †
6:30 PM (Fr Hoa) Hildebrando
Enriquez †, Bob Garcia †, Maria Elena
Bernardo †

Saturday, August 17:

8:00 AM (Fr Hoa) Carmella Denieolo †, Blanca Villa †, Felizardo Lotuaco † **5:30** PM (Fr Hoa) Donn Fassero †

Sunday, August 18:

7:15 AM (Fr Sy) Mass for the People 8:45 AM (Fr Sy) Meg Carbone † 10:30 AM (Fr Hoa) Maria Khan Cao † 12:15 PM (Fr Hoa) John Tucker † 5:30 PM (Fr Sy) Shou Cho Koo and Wei Gin Chow †

Prayers for the Sick

Maria Dinh Easton Parker
Peggy Jones Harry Paris
Mary Chavez Lynn & Gary Clark

Wedding Banns

Javier Mendez - April Arra Mendoza

Administration

Pulpit Announcements

Send to pulpitann@smdpyl.org with a copy to ParishOffice@smdpyl.org by the Tuesday prior to the weekend. Contents are to be only 1 - 2 sentences.

Bulletin Deadline

Submit articles **10 days before the weekend** (Holiday submissions vary). Send to Becky Fautch at: bulletineditor@smdpyl.org or leave a printed copy at the Parish Office.

Facility Reservation

For all requests or those which includes tables in the outdoor Gathering Plaza, please visit smdpyl.org/reservations on the Parish Website. *Requests must be submitted two weeks in advance*. After your request has been approved and entered, you will receive a confirmation from the Parish Office.

Outreach Center Hours

Monday	9:00 am -	12:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am -	12:00 pm
First Tuesday of month	3:30 pm -	6:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am -	12:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am -	12:00 pm



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Mission Co-op Appeal	\$3253

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1324 South Main Street, Santa Ana, CA 92707 · Tel. 714-542-9328 · Fax. 714-542-3431

July 16, 2019

Dear Father Sy,

The timing of this very generous donation of \$20,000 from the estate of one of your long-time parishioners which will assist needy families came at just the right time. During July many of our parents are making the decision to return to Saint Anne's for another year or are just coming to our school. Because 80% of our families struggle financially and need tuition assistance, we work with the diocese to give as much help as possible. Sometimes our families cannot afford our tuition of \$5,250 per child, even with this help. This \$20,000 will help 13 families afford our tuition and 31 children continue at Saint Anne School. Thank you!!! Thank you for thinking of us here in Santa Ana! Let me tell you now about the families you are helping through this most generous donation:

Mota Family: \$2,500

This is a family of five girls, 3 who now attend Saint Anne School. At the beginning of last year they were homeless, living in a motel until one of our board members and myself went to see them in the motel. We were able to find housing and encouraged them to bring their girls to Saint Anne School, which they did. Audrey graduated at the top of her class last year and is now receiving a very large scholarship to Mater Dei High School, her other sisters, Alexandra will be in Grade 7, Ruby Grade 2, and their youngest is repeating Kindergarten. They have found a second home at Saint Anne's.

Segovia Family: \$2,000

This is a family of a single mother who never married but who adopted two sisters, one in First Grade and the other in Second grade. This mother works minimum wage, receives no additional help for the two girls who would have been separated and in foster care. They are both happy, beautiful girls who are now well adjusted and feel loved and at home in our school.

Caluag Family: \$1,000

This is a single mother with a daughter going into Fifth Grade. The mother was involved in a very serious accident last year and is still struggling to get back on her feet. She is the only bread winner and struggles financially because of the car accident. Isabella is a good student who works hard to help her mother and do well in school.

Parra Family: \$2,000

This is a family of six, mom and dad and four children. The oldest daughter is attending a community college in Santa Ana, the first in her family to go to college, the other three children are going into Second Grade and Kindergarten, and there is a new baby. The dad often rides a bike to work as they have one car which the mom uses. The dad is a hard working man who gets jobs whenever he can.

Rivera Family: \$2,000

This is a family made up of a mom and dad and four children. The oldest will be an 8th grader, an A+ student who will be in our Advanced Math class that I will teach this coming year, and a 4th grade boy, also an excellent student, and this year they will be sending their 3 year old daughter to our Preschool for the first time. This is a very faith filled family, the mom is an alumni of the school, and they value Catholic education and have seen what it has done for Andrew and Max, their two sons in our school, but with four children and now the tuition for three children it would be impossible for them without this help this year.

Ramirez Family: \$2,000

This is a single mother of three children, one in Mater Dei High School with a 4.0 grade average, the oldest boy will be in Grade 8, also an A student with a 12.9 grade equivalent in language arts, and the youngest will now be in Kindergarten. The mother is struggling financially as she is working in a restaurant three full days a week at minimum wage and although she tries to pick up any other times offered to her, it is not enough to pay the tuition of Mater Dei High School and Saint Anne School. She is always behind in tuition, although she makes payments all the time. We are working with Mater Dei High School to try to lower that cost as well as we know that with a Mater Dei education, Amy will be able to help her mother out of poverty once she graduates from college.

Pacho Family: \$2,000

This family has three children, one in college, one going into Grade 8, and a new student in our Transitional Kindergarten and a mom and dad. The mother is very involved with the school and works at our monthly food sales after all the Masses on the first Sunday of the month. Last year she lost her job and although she has a new one, it does not pay as much as the previous one. This family had decided not to enroll the youngest one because of the financial strain it would put on their family, but with this generous donation, the mother said she is able to bring the little one.

Colindres Family: \$1,000

This is a single mother of 4 children, two of them adults, one in high school, and the youngest in our 8th grade. Estella came three years ago when her brother brought the mother to our school to register them (he thought you just signed up and had no idea there was a cost involved). I met them at the door and was so impressed with them that I got their address. When they did not return the next week I went to go see them in their one bedroom place in Santa Ana, where the kitchen, sleeping beds, and everything was in the living room. The grandparents had the only bedroom in the house and they ate outside under a tarp. I have done everything I could to make sure that Angel and Estella came here as this is a very faith filled family whose mom attends Mass almost every day and works as a house cleaner.

Uribe Family: \$2,000

This is a family of a mom and dad and 6 children. They live in a two bedroom apartment in Santa Ana. They have one car and a bike for the dad to ride to work (given by the school). Until last Christmas the boys slept on the floor. The oldest one is working now and in the community college, the oldest boy just graduated, the second oldest boy is in Grade 7, and they have two twin girls in Grade 4, and a little one going into Kindergarten. This is another faith filled family who are involved in our church and are grateful for any help we can give, At Christmas this is one of the families that receive gifts and food from charities that help our needlest families.

The Vega Family: \$1,000

This is a family of a mom and dad and two children. One daughter will now be in Kindergarten and the other will be a 4th grader this coming year. Both parents work and the dad also helps to coach our Volleyball Teams. They struggle financially and that is why they did not have their oldest daughter in our school last year - due to the cost of one more child. But in seeing the wonderful education their youngest daughter received here, they decided this year to also make sure their oldest would receive the same education. We want to help them make that dream a reality through your donation.

Torres Family: \$1,000

This is a single mother with three boys. When I first came to the school they were living in a garage in Santa Ana and walking to school as the mother is illiterate and has never owned a car. The oldest boy was in high school and a straight A student but has since graduated and received a full scholarship based on his academic record to San Diego State. A donor gave him a bike and also helped this family last year when they became homeless, living in a motel for a time, and then a single bedroom with another family from our school. They were evicted from the garage by the city, the mom who was a forklifter was injured on the job and let go when she could not do the same work. With help we were able to help her get disability and an assurance that once she had the surgery she needed she could go back to work in the company that she worked in for over 15 years. Until she is able to work again she takes a bus with her two boys, one in Grade 8 and the other in Grade 4, and helps in our Federal Lunch Program.

Caratechea Family: \$500

This family is a mom and dad and four children, one is severely disabled and the oldest, the other children are a boy in Grade 6 and a girl in Grade 3 and a new baby. The mom works at Disneyland and also washes cars. The husband does minimum wage jobs. They share an apartment with another family to save on rent which often makes it impossible for Noa to do his homework, thus we began our own 'Homework Club' at school so they can do their homework with the help of a teacher right after school ends. Both are great students.

Ramirez Family: \$1,000

This is a brand new family to Saint Anne School. They have two daughters, one in Second Grade and the other going into Preschool. They were on the fence as to whether or not to send them to our school due to the amount they would have to pay monthly, but with this \$1,000 tuition assistance they have agreed they could pay the amount monthly. The Diocese is also paying half of their tuition for this coming year, so now it is manageable for them. I do not have a photo of these children yet.

I am sending you a photo of the children that you are sponsoring this year in the hope that you can let the family know what a huge difference their generous donation is making for families and children. I am also sending a couple of brochures which show what a quality Catholic education we are able to offer here at Saint Anne's School. We are almost fully enrolled now with over 260 students attending our school. We are able to offer amazing academic programs, with current curriculum in language arts, math and science. We have a STEM lab, a robotics club, all the usual sports, an award winning Academic Decathlon Team, Title I Programs for those struggling in Language Arts, Advanced Math, and a band program taught by Mater Dei High School.

On Thursday, December 12th, we would like to invite you and the family making this generous donation to a Mass at 8:30 am and sit with some of the children they are sponsoring. After Mass we will have a luncheon and our band will perform, some of our students will dance Folklorico, and we will be able to thank you for your generosity which is helping a student succeed now and in the future so that their cycle of poverty is stopped in their generation.

God bless and thank you again for your great thoughtfulness and generosity! Be sure of our daily prayer for your intentions.

Gratefully

Sr. Teresa Lynch, CSJ



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