

Dear Friends of Saint Charles Caritas,

Friday, March 5, 2021

**God is amazing full of love and wonders for Saint Charles Caritas.
Thank you Lord Jesus Christ!!!**

It's humbling that this month, Saint Charles Caritas is now 20 years old full of bliss. Jim (my late husband) and I never thought of running a charity but we did. We knew that our hearts are to acknowledge God loves to us. This charity runs as it is, because God is there to guide us and continue to give us His divine wisdom which we were both grateful, and to this day still very deeply thankful. With all of you generous individuals, you are very much part of this charity and the missions that we are helping. I thank God for all of you who believe that we can continue helping the poor and religious communities who needs us to succeed in their missions. Thank you all! I just knew that Jim is looking at us smiling.

I **thanked God** for our pastor, **Fr. Emilio Magana**, associate pastor **Fr. Burt Boudoin** and **Fr. Ron Kelso** for their support and **Deacons: Ken Montoya** and better half **Tina**, **Mick Dennison** and better half **Hilda** and **David Lewis** and better half **Rowena**.

Thank you to our previous pastors who supported this charity during their services at our church: **Monsignor Dennis Mikulanis**, blessed this charity and he made sure it happened, **Fr. Fernando Ramirez**, together with Jim named this charity. Jim took a day off and sat down with Fr. Fernando. Jim wanted to include the name Saint Charles and Fr. Fernando added Caritas. This became Saint Charles Caritas. **Fr. Peter Ruggere**, a missionary priest. Fr. Peter, I remembered in several events, went down in his apartment and blessed us bagging food and joined us. **Fr. Jim Bahash**, who also came several times at the house to give confessions to Jim (when Jim was bed ridden) and very supportive of this charity. And for the church staff: **Fabiola**, **Elvie** and **Marci**. Thank you!

Thank you to all the donors and volunteers. You sustained this charity. Although it is pandemic, some of you continue to support this charity. To volunteers during this pandemic time in San Diego: **Janiley Camarista**, **Alex & Lulu Rullan**. Also, thank you to volunteers in Paliparan site: Feed the Children and Teach the Children How to Pray Rosary ministries, **Norly Gane**, **Regina Tesorero**, **Analiza Yauna** and **9 volunteers**.

Thank you to **Sister Babylyn Dulfo**, from the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, for connecting Saint Charles Caritas inside the squatter area of Paliparan, Phase 5. She is a big instrument for the mission in Paliparan for Saint Charles Caritas.

Now, we are working with the Baptism Project in Paliparan which Sister Babylyn connected us with **Sister Sonia Delima**, from St. Benedict whose office is at the back of Christ the King Church (Kristong Hari) in Paliparan. Many of these poor children in the squatter areas are not baptized due to poverty because there are admin fees. We are

requesting **Fr. Jeofrey Zacarias**, pastor to waive the admin fees and instead Saint Charles Caritas will donate to Christ the King Church.

As soon as the nuns with charity institutions from TJ/Mexico can cross the border, I will buy them food at Costco. The only sisters who can cross the border is St. Brigit. Several of the sisters are US citizens. We need canned foods, toothpastes, toothbrushes, coffee for our volunteers of Paliparan. These 9 volunteers also are living in the squatter area.

Thank you again for your generosity for sharing your treasures and time to make this charity for 20 years now!

March 6, Saturday was the Feed the Children #36. 98 children came and 7 volunteers helped. Prayers before serving the soup was lead by Sophia (9 year old). Teacher Norly Gane cooked for the volunteers: rice and sauteed eggs with hotdogs and tomatoes for their lunch. There are 4 squatter areas that the soup is served on Saturdays and Sundays for Feed the Children and Sundays for Teach the Children How to Pray Ministry. Sundays may have some food variations.

Please see below 2 collages done by Mr. Alex. Rullan.



Please see below a collage of pictures for the soups preparations and ingredients: macaroni pasta, carrots, cabbage, hot dogs, chicken, milk, onions, margarine, salt & etc. The fresh ingredients were purchased locally and some came from San Diego.



March 7, Sunday was Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary week 21. 46 children attended the class and 8 volunteers (out of 46 children 10 were new). Opening prayer by teacher Regina Tesorero. Thanking God for his blessings and protection: Saint Charles Caritas donors and volunteers, families, asking God to soon have the pavement and solar lights for the Samada Half Court, weather because it was too warm, forgiveness about their sins and etc.

Recap: singing the Song of Saint Rosary. The teachers Regina Tesorero and Analiza focus on memorization of prayers. Boys and Girls competition who can pray the most # of prayers. Prizes who won got snack bars and fish crackers. Q & A one of the favorites of children. Next assignment will write down what children will recite and why they selected this prayer out of 6 prayers in the rosary leaflets. Children were happy and bilo-bilo for snacks (made of cassava and other ingredients) and buko juice. Each volunteers helped in the preparation of this bilo-bilo which is labor intensive in cooking. Thank you to teacher Norly Gane and volunteers. Teacher Michelle took the videos and pictures.

Please see attached raw video (not edited) and below a collage of pictures.



Please pray for the healing of cancers for Susan Guenzel, Paul Bell, Norma Seibert, Bob Novak and Alexis Cantila. Please pray also for the healing and full recovery of Llewellyn Suarez, and Coreign Remulla Arellano. Thank you for all your prayers.

March 2021 Schedule:

- Feed the Children every Saturdays and Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary every Sundays
- Baptism Project for the poor people in Paliparan: We are working on it with Fr. Jeofrey Zacarias, pastor of Christ the King (Kristong Hari) Church together with Sr. Sonia Delima
- Rosary Evangelization Project. Be sending soon a large box of 2 containers of rosary sets to Hospitaller Sisters of Sacred Heart of Jesus
- We will buy food at Costco for the Sisters congregation of charities once the sisters can cross the border. Only for essentials can cross or you have to be US citizens or US Residents.

Please see attached a video (not edited) about children singing the Inang Santo



Rosario (Mother of Saint Rosary) and please see below a collage. *Picture 1*, Mr & Mrs Gane received last week of February 3 boxes supplies of pasta, ingredients and bags of canned foods for the volunteers in Paliparan, Feed the Children and Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary. ***Picture 2***, down from left Ms. Garcia in front of St. Charles Church donated masks to the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement New York and Assisi, Italy. ***Picture 3***, first meeting regarding Baptism Project in Paliparan, ***Picture 4***, Sister Natalia of St. Brigit in Tijuana Mexico received food from Saint Charles Caritas for their congregation.



March 13, Saturday was Feed the Children # 37. 96 children came and soup was given and 8 volunteers helped. Thank you to all the volunteers. A prayer of thanking God was recited by children: Sophia, Darrel and James. Please see below 2 collages: Collage# 1 was the children and collage# 2 was the food preparation for soup.





03/13/2021, Baptism Project purpose is to baptize the poor children and adults in the squatter areas in Paliparan. Because of poverty they cannot afford the

expenses that goes with it. I asked the ladies who are also teaching the Sunday classes for Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary to lead this project. This project was presented to me by **teachers Regina Tesorero (27 years old) and Analiza Yauna (24 years old)** who were the scholars of the Dream Foundation (Pangarap Foundation). Although they do not have a regular jobs yet, they volunteered for the Sunday class since September 2020. The two ladies are the most qualified to teach the seminar session(s) before baptism.

In the second meeting, I asked them to talk to **Fr. Joefrey Zacarias of Christ the King (Kristong Hari) Church** to exempt the admin costs since baptism is free and he agreed. They were accompanied by **Sr. Sonia Delima of the Sisters of St. Benedict** which whom connected to me by **Sr. Babylyn Dulfo of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement**. Because there are some costs to do these, The Saint Charles Caritas will donate to Christ the King Church. The other costs will be hundreds of candles plus the paper around the candles, copies of the baptism guide for parents and godparents.

Only one day scouting door to door by the two ladies, they were able to list 74 children and adults not baptized ranges from 6 months old to 27 year old and 60 years old man from Phase 5 alone and they are not yet done. The objective is to scout door to door from Phase 1 to 5 this baptism. The participants for baptism need to submit the requirements before baptism and attend the baptism sessions. We may have to do several batches of baptism.

Please see below a collage of door to door scouting for baptism in Phase 5.



March 14, Sunday was the Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary week #22. 45 children attended the class despite of overcast weather. 9 volunteers helped in the cooking of spaghetti and egg noodle soup, and 4 teachers directing the children.

Recap.: Opening prayers by teacher Regina Tesorero, asking God for good health, to stop the viruses, blessings for family, neighbors, friends and many more. The children sang the Inang Santo Rosario, Our Father, Hal Mary and Glory Be to the Father. Some children presented the written assignments and prayer petitions in front of the class. On videos, from the mouth of the innocents, the sincere prayers came out. These children had one thing in common of prayers and that was to stop the viruses and death, to find work for their families. Many of these children can now memorized 3 of the prayers. The teachers focus on the Sorrowful Mystery and explained the meaning. They also recited the 5 decades. With these also was the Q & A. and 32 were given rewards of rice crispes and chocolates. Tyron a 7 years old recited the blessings of the food after class. Next assignment is the Luminous Mystery to be lead by the boys for being well behaved today.

Please see 2 collages below: 1 collage the class "Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary; 2 collage, the preparation of the children's food.





Love you in Christ,

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