

Dear Friends of Saint Charles Caritas,

God, thank you for everything you are doing for this charity. Amen, Amen, Amen!

Please pray for our friends who have cancers. We are asking God for their complete healing: Susan Guenzel, Rich Guenzel, Paul Bell, Katrina Craker, Victor and Lilia Nunez, Lex Colina's cancer is now gone! Thank you God and thank you for your prayers.

Letter received:

"I can't stop thanking you for all you do for all the children throughout the world. May God bless you." From Joe and Cindy M., San Bernardo

"You do the all the heavy lifting. We just do the light stuff. Forever grateful for your kindness & holy example." From Mrs. P. Ancheta

October Caritas Schedule: October 14 & 15, Saturday and Sunday are the Caritas Days. 100% of your donation will be used to buy basic food, cleaning supplies and special projects. We have zero overhead costs, and no administrative layers. We are all volunteers. Please see the nuns outside the exit doors and core of volunteers. You are helping an orphanage, home for girls, catechisms, home for the elderly, teach the children how to pray the rosary, homeless help and feed the children. After the 1 pm mass we go to Costco to buy the charity congregations their food and some cleaning supplies. Thank you for your generosity and God many blessing to you!

Special projects: 1.) We continue to ask for school supplies in kind and donations. You can earmark your donation address to Saint Charles Caritas. These will go to the children run by Carmelite Sisters in Cagayan de Oro. 2.) Student transportation allowance for kids under the Franciscan Sisters of St. Anthony in Negros Occidental island. \$5 per week for students in college and high school. These students are living far from towns and very desperate to go to school. These are smart children and are scholars.

We thanked God for Sheila M. for her donations to these poor students transportation last month. Thank you to Ms. Alma P. who sponsored one student for 6 months (September to February) transportation. Thank you to anonymous donor who donated bag packs and school supplies for 21 girls pre-preschoolers and other donors. Thank you Mrs. Benning for the school supplies donation and Mrs. B. Santos. And thank you also to all the core of volunteers who are always there for Saint Charles Caritas. You know who you are. Thank you to Michelle Smitley and her family through the Ancheta family donated medical equipment for the nuns. God many blessings to you all!

Please see a collage of pictures below. **Row 1 & 2**, the sisters and volunteers (3 sisters are inside the church) during Caritas Sunday. After the 1 pm mass, we went to Costco to buy foods/cleaning supplies for the 4 religious congregations. **Row 2, picture 3**, the

Franciscan Sisters of St. Anthony received the funds for 72.2 kilos of chicken for the childrens' catechism consumption for 1 month every Saturday. **Pictures 3 to 6**, first batch of 3 boxes for Rosary Evangelization about 1,200 rosary sets, and 1 box of school supplies. Sr. Babylyn Dulfo mission's will distribute to 3 charity locations in Cagayan de Oro. Thank you in advance Sr. Babylyn. The teachers for Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary/Feed the Children received a box of food for the children and food gifts for the 3 volunteers and Fr. Jeephy. Tatum, our youngest volunteer. **Row 4**, the children received toys from Frankie Garcia and **picture 10**, through the Ancheta family donated medical equipment went all to TJ charities.



Please see below disbursements for September. 100% of your donations are used to buy basic food, basic hygiene products and basic necessities plus special projects to the charities that we are helping both Mexico, Philippines and U.S

Donations received for the month of September:

Saint Charles Caritas Day: September 9 &10 (Saturday & Sunday)	\$	2,654.50
Donation received via drop off in the church office/ via mail	\$	381.00
Total	\$	3,035.50

Disbursements:

Sept. 2023

****In Mexico**

*Casa de Cuna, home for children ages 1 to 6 years old, run by the Sisters of Sacred Heart of Jesus	\$	(543.43)
*Santa Teresita, home for girls run by Sisters Sacred Heart of Jesus	\$	(531.02)
*(Asilo) Beato Juan Pablo II, home for the elderly 80 years old and above, run by the Sisters of St. Margaret of Mary of the Poor	\$	(531.02)
* Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Sacred Sacrament: contemplative sisters	\$	(529.03)
*Breakfast/Costco buy of food for Sisters/volunteers snacks (earmarked by donors)	\$	(76.44)

****In Philippines**

* Franciscan Sisters of St. Anthony mission: food for poor children catechism, young adults and mothers	\$	-
*72.2 kilos whole fresh chicken and purified water for 5 Saturdays in Aug catechism. Approximately 170 recipients: children, mothers, volunteers, and sisters.	\$	(214.00)
*Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary/Feed the Children run by 2 teachers, juices, sugar, & snack bars	\$	-
*Lunch catering/taho for 67 children x 7 Sundays session for Sept. & Oct.	\$	(723.00)
* Canossian Sons of Charity c/o Fr. Jeephy Simbajon: Catechism food items for poor children and food shared to Canossian Sisters who run an orphanaged and special challenged young adults.	\$	-
*LBC 4 boxes of sets of rosaries for evangelization to churches and religious organization and school supplies	\$	(340.00)

****In San Diego, USA**

*Pastoral Charity Fund of St. Charles Church	\$	(500.00)
*Jim's Project #75, Homeless Help in the South Bay : food, socks and hygiene products	\$	-

****Special Projects: Philippines**

* Franciscan Sisters of St. Anthony students transportation allowance (earmarked donation)	\$	(200.00)
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* Franciscan Sisters of St. Anthony, Canossian Sons of Charity, Carmelite Sisters, 45 poor pre-school children school supplies in Osmena Ext. Cagayan de Oro, Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary/Feed the Children: gifts& etc (**earmarked donation**) \$ (700.00)

*Rotisserie chicken for 2 charities: Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary and Canossian Sons of Charity Catechism; Osmena Ext children: snack bars, nutella and skippy, ice cream, chocolate; hot dogs during lunch for the children in the Franciscan Sisters (**earmarked donation**) \$ (522.56)

Total \$ **(5,410.50)**

Balance from September donations and disbursements \$ **(2,375.00)**

10/13/23. This morning, Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA, together with Mimi Galleros, our volunteer, distributed the chewy snack bars to the children in Osmena Extension Baranggay 26. There were 90 children recipient of the snack bars donated by Saint Charles Caritas. The toddler in the picture, row 2, picture 4 is Gabriela who is adopted.

The mother left her two children. She is loved  by the neighborhood because of her story.



Saint Charles Caritas is scheduled to visit the charity mission run by the Sisters in Tijuana and Ensenada. There will be limited seats. Requirements, bring your passport and ask you to sign a form for volunteering to come. The following is the schedule to visit Mexico. Volunteers meet outside room 13.

- 1.) Oct 22, Sunday at **9 am** to Asilo Juan Pablo II, home for the elderly.
- 2.) Oct. 29 Sunday, at **8 am** to Perpetual Adoration of the Sacred Sacrament, contemplative sisters. We will join the 11 am mass.
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From Sister Joana Marie Espanola, Franciscan Sister of St. Anthony, Negros island.

"10/14/23, Saturday. The children arrived in the community at 7 am Before anything else, children great Jesus first in the chapel, after they wrote their names in the attendance, and they helped to clean the surroundings. 9:00 am is the start of the animation, and after the prayer, Jagboy does the opening prayer. We sing alleluia in honor of the Holy Gospel. Eunice proclaims the Holy Gospel. Jirsyl shared her reflection about the Gospel and Sr. Joana deepened it."**God invite all of us to dwell with Him forever. Many times, He invites us because He is patient and merciful, and yet many times we refuse. He's invitation, like the Holy Eucharistic celebration every Sunday, who among you accept the invitation of the Lord to go to Mass every Sunday?** Few go to Mass, but let us strive every Sunday. Children invite your parents to participate in the banquet of the Lord to nourish our soul because entering the kingdom of God requires preparing our hearts through conversion, penance, and acts of loving service. At 10 a.m., they have an instant happy trip program to Sr. Joana. At 11:00am. is the **Holy Rosary**. At 12:00 we have our lunch. We served chicken soup with the "ubad sang saging and mongo, tortang Puso", and apple for the fruit. Thank you so much, Saint Charles Caritas, for providing our chicken and sending us flour for our torta. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus headed by Florian Pet for providing the fruits and vegetables. Sr. Mary Dann distributed the students' transportation allowances for next week. Thank you so much, Saint Charles Caritas. Tita, thank you so much. Please extend my gratitude to all the donors and volunteers of Saint Charles Caritas for your untiring support on our mission here in Pontevedra. God bless you!"





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"Greetings! Please see below the direct report from Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary/Feed the Children, a ministry by Saint Charles Caritas reported by teachers Regina Tesorero and Analiza Yauna.

October 15, 2023

"Pray the Rosary Session Report for the Children in the squatter area of Paliparan, Cavite.

*Have a Blessed Sunday. "If you have faith, you will receive whatever you pray for."
-Matthew 21:22- *Always think of God, Blessed Mary, and Papa Jesus whenever we
pray and always encourage their family at home to Pray the Rosary. *The opening
prayer was led by Teacher Ana * We advised children to always think of Jesus/ Blessed*

*Mother Mary while praying. * Always do a prayer with a heart. *We thanked God for all the blessings & love.*

We thank God for being with us, for His guidance and strength in our lives and we thank God for the food that we eat, for the knowledge, wisdom & strength, for all the people around us who make our life meaningful. We thank God for daily protection, guidance, forgiveness, grace , mercy & for being our savior.

*We always pray for the Saint Charles Caritas Family and Donors and for the healing of the sick. And to our sponsors, our community & volunteers for sharing time & blessings for the kids. We also hope that everyone will always stay safe and healthy. *We prayed for Prince Yuan Altesin, Paul Bell, Susan Guenzel, Bob Novak, Norma Seibert, Alexis Cantela, John Cantela, Oscar Cantela, Katrina Kraegen, Victor Nuñez, Lex Colina, Ms. Merlyn Baker, Sister Babylyn Dulfo, Ms. Janiley Camarista, Irma Ramirez, Lilia Garcia-Nuñez, Lulu Rullan, Priests, Nuns, Sponsors/Donors, Ms. Janiley's family and the entire Saint Charles Caritas*

**We prayed for Saint Charles Caritas and all officers & volunteers.*

**Rented Speaker is not available at the moment, which is why we do ACAPELLA. *We sang Salvation Song, Awit sa Ina ng Santo Rosario, Kyrie Eleison, and Alleluia.*

**Mystery for today's Rosary: Glorious Mystery *1st - Cherilyn, 2nd - Keyjames, 3rd - JR, 4th - Eunice, 5th - KeishaMae*

** Activity 1: Sign of the Cross, and What the children learned (Recap and Summary) *3 Persona (Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit) * Activity 2: Quiz bee about Pray The Rosary *Memorization (Apostles Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be t the Father *We gave chocolate bars and vitamins to children.*

** Children did a conversational prayer wherein they had time for 30s or so, to talk to Jesus and Blessed Mother Mary, and it was answered by one another.*

** Blessed the food led by Keisha Mae *Children volunteered to arrange chairs and helped us to clean the area before & after the session.*

*Assignments: *Pray Rosary at home *Study & Recall the Prayers *Teach your family, friends, and (neighborhood how to pray the rosary *Read your Bible and pray every day. *Attend Holy Mass every Sunday*

Children and Volunteers Food:

** Carbonara , Ube Maja, Lemonade Juice, and Tahoe *No. of Children - 67 *No. of Volunteers - 3 (Teacher Regine, Teacher Analiza, Mary Jane)"*





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From Fr. Jeephy Simbajon >

"Canossian Oratorio. Cagayan de Oro City October 15, 2023. Good morning, Nay Merlyn. In today's oratorio, there were about 40 children, 4 seminarians, 3 volunteers, 1 sister, and 1 priest. We started the day with the Rosary led by some of the children being chosen. After the rosary, some played ball games, while some did some art with color colors and crayons. For the merienda, there was a family who offered the snacks for the children. They brought spaghetti, empanada, and coke for drinks. The children were happy and brought home the extra spaghetti that they ate."



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Sent by Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA Franciscan Sr. of Atonement, and teacher Marjorie Jinayon.

"10/16/23. The Pre-Schoolers children (3 to 4 years old) in Cagayan de Oro are drinking the Nido milk, received snack bars, and children face masks donated by Saint Charles Caritas."



Thank you Sister 





On behalf of the Preschooler here in Osmena Extension Baranggay 26, I would like to express my gratitude to Ate Merlyn Baker and Saint Charles Caritas donors and volunteers for your unwavering support of the mission here in the Philippines. May each one of you be blessed with a hundredfold Blessings for your generosity in many ways. Thank you for your sharing your blessings to us.

Sincerely Yours,

Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA 🙏

Turn over the items : TV and Two Ceiling Fans to the preschooler children in Osmena Extension Baranggay 26. It was coordinated by the Baranggay officer Ms. Arlene, Mimi Galleros our volunteer and her husband and the Baranggay youth. Children drinking Nido milk donated by Saint Charles Caritas. The 3 items donated are earmarked by a

benefactor out of town of San Diego. **God bless you!** Thank you, and many God blessings to you Sr. Babylyn for your love of these children.



10/21/2023 from Sr. Babylyn and volunteer Mimi. *"Today, we gave to the children in Barangay 26, the sandwiches with Nutella and peanut butter spread, and snack bars donated by Saint Charles Caritas"*



10/22/23 Sunday. Saint Charles Caritas ministry visit to Asilo Juan Pablo II, home for the elderly ages 72 to 102 years old in TJ, Mexico run by the Sisters of Siervas de Santa Margarita Maria y de los Pobres.. It was a wonderful visit seeing our beloved elderly! Five times a day breakfast, lunch, dinner, and 2 snacks in between the day, the sisters and their helpers are serving food to our elderly and taking care of them. Saint Charles Caritas has been helping this charity congregation for more than 10 years.

We can see the love and compassion of the sisters towards our beloved elderly. Thank you, high school students from St. Rose of Lima, Alyssa Balboa, Isabella Rufo, Mrs. Bertha Pimentel, and thank you for driving us back. The volunteers showed their love to our beloved elderly by talking, and serving lunches to them. God bless you always. 🙏

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From teacher Mai Jinayon with Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA Franciscan Sister of the Atonement

"I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude and say thank you for SAINT CHARLES CARITAS. Your kindness and generosity have truly touched my heart, and I am incredibly thankful for your support. Your actions have reminded me of the importance of compassion and empathy, and we are grateful to have you.

Please know that your help has had a significant impact on us, and I am eternally thankful for it. Your willingness to lend a hand and provide assistance has made a world of difference, and I am inspired by your selflessness.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your kindness will not be forgotten. Wishing you all the happiness and blessings that life has to offer.

With sincerest appreciation,

*Barangay 26 **Child Development Center**, Cagayan de Oro City"*



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From teachers Analiza Yauna and Regina Tesorero summary report.

October 22, 2023. Pray the Rosary Session Report. **Have a Blessed Sunday. *Thanking God and intercession of the Blessed Mother Mary * Ice Breaker: Making Melodies in my heart Song. *Pray the Rosary led by the children* Prayers for the sick healing and their health especially Susan Guenzel, Paul Bell, Le Colina, Prince Alatsin, Saint Charles Caritas volunteers and benefactors *We gave chocolate bars, mini chocolates and vitamins to children. Children and Volunteers Food: rice, fried chicken, Tang Orange Juice, and Taho * No. of Children - 62 No. of Volunteers- 3 (Teacher Regine, Teacher Analiza, and Mary Jane)"*





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From Fr. Jeephy Simbajon, Canossian Priest

10/22/2023 *"Good Morning Nay. **Today's Oratorio** there were about 30 children who came. They were facilitated by the 4 seminarians, and 2 youth volunteers. We started the morning with the Rosary led by some of the children. After that, we allowed them to play any ball games. For their merienda, we offered them, mixed bread given by the bread bank; and nesquik for their drinks. Also distributed the snack bars for them before they left. Thank very Saint. Charles Caritas and rest assured of our prayers and mass intentions. God bless."*



10/29/23 Sunday. We have a fantastic visit to the Monasterio Adoratrices Perpetua del Santisimo Sacramento Sisters in La Playas de Tijuana, Mexico. 20 years ago, Saint Caritas had helped in some building materials of this chapel in 2003 to 2014 by donating electrical wiring/ lights, many cement bags, bathroom equipment, doors, and also windows for the convent. After 2014 with the sisters' project, we helped other charities in TJ by means of food for their charity congregations. Now, we are back to help the sisters by means of once a month's food after Caritas Sunday and some projects needed by the congregation.

Mrs. Bertha Pimenntel Borboa drove us going to the monastery with her daughter Alyssa attending the St. Rose of Lima High School. 9 Sisters welcomed us with delight. The sisters offered us breakfast, and then we attended the mass at 11 a.m., presided by Fr. Jose Luis Moreno, JS in the sisters beautiful chapel, and in the altar is Our Lady of the Sacred Sacrament. In 2014, before Our Lady Mary was installed, we

were invited to see Our Lady and had the opportunity to touch the feet and hands of Our Lady Mary still in the crate lying down just arrived from Italy, hand carved by a sculpture artist and donated the 9 foot sculpture. Mother Dulce Munoz mother superior, asked me to speak after the Mass about Saint Charles Caritas translated in Spanish by Mrs. Bertha. Some wanted me to have pictures with them, parishioners after the mass. I felt loved by this community. Also, for 1 1/2 years, Bishop Romo of Tijuana took residency in this convent.

Thank you so much, Madre Dulce and Sisters for a very warm and loving welcome to three of us. May God showers your congregation with many blessings! ❤️🙏



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10/28/23, Saturday. *"This morning at 8:15 a.m., the children from Osmena Extension Barangay 26 Zone 1 to Zone 5B and 6 gathered in the plaza of the Barangay to receive the hygiene products (bar of soap, face towel, tooth brush and toothpaste) from Saint Charles Caritas for this outreach program. There were 80 children present in giving these gifts ages from 3 yrs to 15 yrs old kids.*

My immense gratitude to the benefactors and volunteers of Saint Charles Caritas for your support in this community of Osmena Extension. May God continue to shower His blessings to your lives and to your loved ones as you share your blessings to the less fortunate. Together, we journey to make a difference in the lives of these little ones.

*Thank you, and God bless us all ! **Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA.**"* Thank you Sr. Babylyn!

What an amazing job and love you do for these children! Also, thank you Mimie Galleros. We appreciate your volunteering work. God bless you!



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10/23-29/2023 week for the Child Development Center preschoolers ages 3 to 4 in Cagayan de Oro, Barangay 26. The children received snack bars from StCC. There are 45 children. Half of the children attend the class in the morning and half in the afternoon. The small food ration from Barangay will stop in December. The children need Nido milk, vitamins, and nutritious food. If you want to donate these, please contact me. The star child in the picture is Gabriela, 3 years old. 🙏



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10/28/23, Saturday. From Sr. Rosalind Figue, CM ,Carmelite Sister

Catechism *"Good evening. This afternoon, 8 children attended the catechism, 1 young mother with child and a handicap. Some children are not around. They helped their mother in their livelihood. We started at 2:30 pm with Rosary, then catechesis around 4 pm. We gave the children snack bars, chocolate, bread, and juice. One lay collaborator and a sister did the catechism. We finished at 4:30 pm. We are 4 sisters in the convent and 1 assigned with the children. Thank you very much, Ma'am Merlyn."*



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10/29/23, Sunday, from Fr. Jeephy Simbajon Canossian Priest.

"Good morning, Nay. These are the pictures of the Oratorio today. There were 5 children who came, 4 seminarians, 1 guardian, and 1 priest. They were few today because others attended the activities in their Barangay. We started the Oratorio with the Rosary after we allowed them to play ball games. Those who came were so happy because they were able to play as much as they wanted. Some also helped in the preparation of their snacks. For their snacks, we offered them pancakes with syrup and lemonade juice. Before they left, we distributed to them the snack bars, and we gave them the rosary as our gift to them in the celebration of the month of the Rosary. We are grateful to Saint Charles Caritas for your continued support to the children in the Oratorio. God bless!"



God bless us all and thank you!

Merlyn Baker and Team

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