

Dear Friends of Saint Charles Caritas,

God, thank you for all you do for this ministry, and to all the volunteers and benefactors who continue to sustain this charity!

Please pray to our friends who are sick: Susan Guenzel, Paul Bell, Rich Guenzel, Katrina Craker, Prince Altasin and all the sick. Thank you for your prayers to Lex Colina for his cancer was gone.

Please note, there will be **no Caritas Day in December** as we do for many years. We are still going to buy food for the charities in Mexico and Philippines. If you want to donate for this December, you may drop it off at the church office or mail it or call me. You may write outside the envelope Saint Charles Caritas c/o Merlyn Baker. Thank you.

Caritas schedule:

* **November 18 and 19, Saturday and Sunday is Caritas Day.** 100% of your donations will be used to buy basic food, cleaning products and special projects. We are all volunteers, Zero overhead costs, and No administrative layers. Please see the nuns at the exit doors. After the Caritas Sunday, we go to Costco to buy the food for their charity congregations. I thank God for your generosity!

***The children need Nido milk and children's vitamins for the Child Development Center (45 pre-schoolers ages 3 to 4 years old) in Barangay 26, Cagayan de Oro. If you want to donate, please contact me at 619-428-0199 land line or email or whatsapp me. Thank you.**

*** The Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Sacred Sacrament need 1 rollator walker with adjustable seat (estimate cost \$139.99) and Upright rollator walker with portable transport (estimate cost \$179.99 plus tax).**

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Please see 2 collages below. Collage 1 row 1, Costco buy of food after Caritas Day at 2:30pm last October 15 for 4 charity congregations run by nuns. Row 2, project up right freezer for Santa Teresita.



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Collage 2, Fr. Jeephy Simbajon, Canossian priest received box of food. TV for children educational tool and 2 commercial ceiling fans for Child Development Center (CDC) pre-preschoolers and 3 boxes of foods and 60 hygiene items for poor children in Barangay [26.in](#) Cagagayan de Oro. 1 box of food for Teach the Children How to Pray the Rosary/Feed the Children & food gifts for 3 volunteers who reside in the squatter area in Paliparan. Row 5, 2 boxes of food received by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Anthony for catechism children and last row, 5 charity boxes shipped to Cagayan de Oro island.



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Please see the October donation/disbursement. **100% of your donations are used to buy basic food, cleaning supplies and special projects. We are all volunteers, Zero overhead costs and No administrative layers.**

Donations received for the month of October:

Saint Charles Caritas Day: October 14 &15 (Saturday & Sunday)	\$	4,064.00
Donations drop off in the church office/ via mail -out of town	\$	1,975.00
	\$	6,039.00

Disbursements for October:

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****In Mexico**

*Casa de Cuna, home for children ages 1 to 6 years old, run by the Sisters of Sacred Heart of Jesus	\$	(601.39)
*Santa Teresita, home for girls run by Sisters Sacred Heart of Jesus	\$	(589.44)
*(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	\$	(589.44)
* Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Sacred Sacrament: contemplative sisters	\$	(589.44)
*Breakfast/Costco buy of food for Sisters/volunteers snacks (earmarked by donors)	\$	(229.31)
*Visit to Asilo Juan Pablo II, home for the elderly: 2 cakes, 2 packs mandarins and 2 packs grapes	\$	(68.94)

****In Philippines**

*Child Development Center (Pre-Schooler Children)snacks food, hygiene products also for *Barangay 26 children in the poor neighborhood (earmarked by donors)	\$	(568.31)
*Carmelite Sisters catechism food, *Educational Assistance Program for poor children snacks	\$	(497.12)
*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 5 Sundays session		
* Canossian Sons of Charity c/o Fr. Jeephy Simbajon: Catechism food items for poor children and food shared to Canossian Sisters who run an orphanage and special challenged young adults.		
*LBC 5 boxes for Cagayan de Oro charities. (check Outstanding. Bank not posted yet)	\$	(405.00)

****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 Project: Mexico**

* Stand up freezer for Santa Teresita, Ensenada	\$ (380.61)
**Special Projects: Philippines	
*Child Development Center (Pre-Schooler Children ages 3 to 4 years old)materials paving the door steps/woods bench, fruits for children	\$ (209.00)
-TV for children's educational tool, and 2 commercial ceiling fans (earmarked by a donor)	\$ (400.00)
Total	\$ (5,628.00)
Balance this month donations/disbursements	\$ 411.00

11/05/23, Sunday I visited the Casa de Cuna Catolica in Tijuana, Mexico.

It was an orphanage before, but now it is a children care center helping the poor mothers to get through life. The Casa de Cuna started 75 years ago, and those years it had 150 children, but because of the pandemic, the sisters have 35 children now. By next year they will have 50 children. The Saint Charles Caritas has been helping this charity congregation for 21 years by means of food once a month, and some special projects. The children ages are from 3 to 5 years old. In the casa are 5 Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 8 helpers, including 3 teachers and in each age, there is 1 teacher.

I was so delighted by the loving welcome of these children. Right away, the children hugged me, we prayed, singed, and danced. The children are polite and know how to appreciate the Saint Charles Caritas by their prayers. With the management of Sr. Juanita Troncoso, mother superior, I have seen much progress as far as maintenance of the building and children's care. The boys have a separate room and playground from the girls. From Monday to Friday, the children will come at 6:30 am and go home picked up by mothers or guardians at 6:00 pm. The sisters served food twice a day at 10 am and 1 pm. The children take a nap for 2 hours after lunch. The majority of the mothers are working by cleaning houses all over TJ and some travel 2 hours to clean houses. The Cuna have a beautiful chapel now, and a priest held masses every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday with the children. You are looking at a few pictures for now, and every week, I will feature the children for the entire month of November **(to be continued)**...



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11/04-5/23. Saturday. From Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA. *"This is Gabriela, the baby of our neighborhood who was abandoned by her mother and finally was able to find a loving family and community. Thank you, Brother Joe for your kindness and love for the little girl. Am always grateful, from Sister Babylyn and Gabriela's adopted family. God bless you 🙏💕"*

On behalf of Gabriela's family, we express our deepest gratitude to Brother Joe for helping and funding the milk for Gabriela. Daddy's little girl an Angel."



11/05/2023, Project:paving the outside door steps of the preschoolers (ages 3 to 4 years old) class room. It materialized by the effort of Sr. Babylyn Dulfo, SA. She initiated this project with the helped of the volunteers. When I visited the preschoolers last month, I saw and stepped on the muddy doorsteps. The building materials were donated by Saint Charles Caritas earmarked by a benefactor. Thank you so much Sr. Babylyn. Great job! It was a wonderful project. Please see below a collage.



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"Apples and sandwiches with peanut butter spread donated by Saint Charles Caritas was served to the preschooler of Osmena Extension . Thank you, Saint Charles Caritas, for your generosity. God bless Po!"



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11/04/23, Saturday from Sr. Rosalind Figue. CM, Carmelite Sisters
Catechism. *"Living the rosary with 8 children and 1 youth and 1 collaborator.
When it rains, fewer children attend the catechism. Mother pray for us!" Sr.
Rosalind gave snack bars from Saint Charles Caritas.*



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11/04/23, Saturday. From Sr. Julie Carmelite Sister.

"Black Nazarene Parish Educational Assistance Program beneficiaries.regarding the spiritual and human formation. Sr. Julie gave snack bars."



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11/05/23, Sunday. From Fr. Jeephy Simbajon. *"Good morning, Nay. Today in the Oratorio, there were about 45 children who came together with the 4 seminarians, 2 youth volunteers, and 1 priest. We started the oratorio with Rosary, and afterward, the children played the ball games. For the merienda, we offered them spaghetti pasta, lemonade juice, and snack bars. We also distributed the rosary for those children who did not come last Sunday. Thank you, Saint Charles Caritas, for your generosity in supporting our oratorio. God bless"*



11/12/23, Sunday, Ensenada Mexico mission visit to the Sisters of Sacred Heart of Jesus of the Poor run by Sister Maria Socorro Tototzintle Munoz Six Sisters run 40 home for girls, from 6 to 16 years old, 15 stay in, and 25 comes at 7 am and picked up by mothers at 6 pm. The 15 children have sadder stories than the 25 children who are also poor.

The 25 children eat lunches and snacks Monday to Friday in the Home for Girls. The mothers are poor single mothers for these 25 children.

The Sisters arranged that 15 students will get free costs for their education while the 25 children mothers may donate if they can for their children's education, and hardly cannot afford the donation, then these expenses are absorbed by the Sisters.

It has been 7 years since Saint Charles Caritas is helping the Home for Girls. Many sacrifices by these Sisters, and it is admirable on how they care for these children. The sisters continue to need our little help by providing food after Caritas Day.

I am happy that I visited the Home for Girls. The children welcomed me with delight and asked for my blessings to each one of them, then went to mass presided by Father de Jesus Panigua Gomez, Franciscan priest of San Jose Obrero Parish.(mass readings by the children), program presentation of children recited poems, sing and dance. Please see a collage of pictures. ***More pictures for next week. I'll be featuring these children for 2 more weeks this November.***



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Continuation... pictures visit to Casa de Cuna Catolica, Children Care Center, TJ Mexico run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus children ages 3,4 & 5 years old dance presentation and prayers.



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The Child Development Center, 45 preschooler children ages 3 and 4 years old will be receiving on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays fruits, sandwich bread with peanut butter or nutella, snack bars and some food items including Nido milk donated by Saint Charles Caritas. The preschoolers with great gusto their new tool -- the TV donated for the children's education, and 2 ceiling fans (the fans ease up the extreme hot weather as I experienced when I was in their classroom last month). **With God's blessings**, we will continue this program. **God is Love!**

Week 11/06-10/23. from Sister. Babyln Dulfo, SA Franciscan Sister of Atonement
*"Today's activity Mango fruit paste the yellow paper on the design and the green paper for the leaves . Sr. Babylyn gave the children of **Child Development Center** snack bars , bingo biscuits, and grapes in the morning and afternoon classes with teacher Mai Jinayon. Thank you Saint Charles Caritas for sharing your blessings with these children. **God bless all of you.***

Hi Ate I bought this morning the first Aid kit for the preschooler and outdoor door mat . Then, I gave them this morning the mandarin fruit and bread with mayonnaise spread. Thank you so much Ate for your generosity and loving support for this community of Osmena Extension Child Development Center.

*More power to you and **God Bless** 🙏❤️ "*



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11/11/23 Saturday, from Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA. *"Before we started giving the sandwiches and snack bars donated by Saint Charles Caritas, we greeted the **children of Brgy. 26 from zone 1- 6 of Osmena Extension**. There were 80 children who came to receive the snack bars and peanut butter sandwiches. Every child, as they received the snacks, said, "Thank you" and were grateful for the blessing shared by Saint Charles Caritas. Once again, our sincere gratitude to Saint Charles Caritas for providing Saturday snacks for the children of Osmena Extension. To the staff, volunteers, donors, and Mrs. Merlyn Baker, **God bless each one of you** as you continue to journey with Saint Charles Caritas Ministry. Your kindness in sharing your blessings will be remembered by these little ones. Special thank you to Mrs. Mimie Galleros for her volunteering works. **God bless you.**"* Thank you, Sister Babylyn for a great job of loving these children.



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11/12/23, Sunday., from Father Jeepthy Simbajon, Canossian

priest. *"Good morning, Nay. In yesterday's oratorio, there were about 30 children who came, animating them were the 4 seminarians, 3 volunteers, and 1 priest. We started the oratorio with the Rosary led by some of the children, and afterwards, they played the ball games. For their merienda, we offered them pancakes with syrup or nutella chocolate, depending on what the children wanted, nesquik for their drinks, and also we distributed the snack bars for the them. The children would like to extend their gratitude to Saint Charles Caritas for the generosity in sending them food for snacks. God bless you all."*



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When we visited the **Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Sacred Sacrament** last October 29, we asked what they need and the mother superior Sister Dulce said... "washing machine". Their wishes was granted by Mrs. Bertha Pimentel-Borboa on behalf of Saint Charles Parents. Thank you. **May God showers you more with many blessings.**



Thankful



Continuation during my visit 11/05/23... Casa de Cuna Catolica, Children Care Center ages 3 to 5 years old. Children eating their lunches; spaghetti, and turkey hot dogs were served. Then served cheese cakes, rice crispiest, mini chocolate, and snack bars after lunch.



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Continuation... 11/12/23 during my visit to Santa Teresita, home for girls ages 6 to 16 years old. The children performed a dance, reading poems, thanking Saint

Charles Caritas and gave a bouquet  of flowers.  Below is the dormitory room for the girls.



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11/13 & 17/2023 Preschooler children (ages 3 & 4 years old) with snacks of oranges, papaya, nutella sandwiches, biscuits, and snack bars distributed by Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA. Also, the medicine box is now installed, and received children vitamins and liquid hand soap



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11/18/23, from Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA. **Baby Gabriela, "distance adopted"** received 2 boxes of baby milk. Thank you Brother Joe Bajo for your milk donation. *"Yesterday was the giving of Saturday snacks for the children of Osmena Extension Brgy. 26 from zone 1-5. There were 112 children who received the sandwiches with Nutella spread and chewy snack bars, donated by Saint Charles Caritas. Our volunteer Mimi Galleros helped me in the distribution. Thank you, Mimi, for your wonderful volunteering work with Saint Charles Caritas. Thank you, Saint Charles Caritas for your love and support for this community. Blessings to all of you."*



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11/19/23 Sunday from Father Jeephy Simbajon, Canossian priest *"Good morning, Nay. Kumusta po kayo. Yesterday's Oratorio po there were about 45 children who came, animated by the 4 seminarians, and 1 priest. We started the Oratorio with the Rosary, and afterwards, they played ball games together with the seminarians. For their merienda, we offered them bread donated by the food bank, juice from Saint Charles Caritas, and the snack bars. They went home around 11:30am. Once again, we give thanks to Saint Charles Caritas for your generosity. We also continue to pray for those collaborators who are asking for prayers."*



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11/17/23, Rosary Evangelization continues to Cagayan de Oro island. Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA Franciscan Sister of Atonement gave Sister Julie Popera, Carmelite Sister. *"140 rosaries with guide, snack bars and notebooks for children. Also, the catechists received a 100 complete sets of rosary. These rosaries are donated by Saint Charles Caritas for Rosary Evangelization. **Thank you Rosary Makers of St. Charles** for the these hand made rosaries.* Thank you Sister Babylyn for your missionary works. She is the Philippine Charity Advisor Saint Charles Caritas.



11/19/23, Sunday from Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA **"140 set of rosaries was distributed today to the parishioners of Black Nazarene Shrine Church.** *My sincere gratitude through Saint Charles Caritas to the Rosary Makers of St. Charles Church for this great ministry . God bless you all for everything you do. These people are church goers, so they really pray the rosary, and a group of young sacristan of the Nazareno Shrine received the Rosary , for rosary evangelization."*



Please see below collages of pictures for the charities that you are helping.

Con't ...Casa de Cuna Catolica, Children Care Center, 3 to 5 years old, run by Sacred Heart of Jesus Sisters in TJ, Mexico. during my visit on November 5 .This is the chapel where the children are praying 3 times a week mass. Please see below children's lunch, and the children's dormitory.



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Con't... Santa Teresita, home for girls, 6 to 16 years old run by Sacred Heart of Jesus Sisters in Ensenada, Mexico during my visit on November 12. Lunch was served, chocolate bars, mini chocolate and snacks bars were given to the children. 300 rosaries were given to the Sisters in Chihuahua Mexico. Thank you, Josie Banayat leader of Rosary Makers of St. Charles Church.



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This week report from Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA *"Morning and afternoon sessions children of the Child Development Center ages 3 and 4 years old received rebisco biscuits, chocolate flavor, and mango fruit. Thank you, Saint Charles Caritas, and all the donors of this charity. **God bless you all!"***

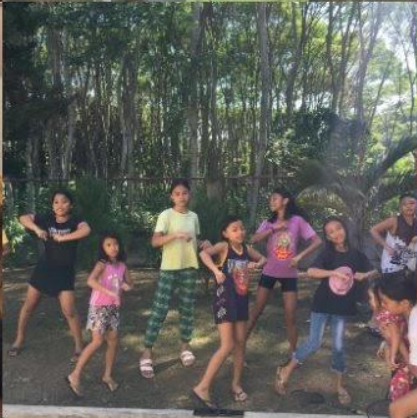


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11/21/23 from Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA. "***The Friends of St. Therese of the Child Jesus during the catechism in Carmelites convent.*** Chewy snack bars were given to the children donated by Saint Charles Caritas.

11/26/23, Sunday, from Fr. Jeephy Simbajon, Canossian priest.

Good morning, Nay. In today's Oratorio, there were about 35 children who came. They were animated by the 4 seminarians, 2 youth volunteers, and 1 priest. We started the Oratorio with the Rosary led by some of the children. Afterwards, we let them play any ball games that we wanted. Also, this morning, we gave them time to practice their presentations for the coming Oratorio Christmas party on December 10. For their merienda, we offered them pancakes with syrup or nutella and nesquik for drinks. We also distributed the snack bars for them. We finished the Oratorio at about 12 noon. Once again, we would like to express our gratitude to Saint Charles Caritas for your generosity in supporting the Oratorio by providing merienda for the children. Gob bless you all.



**God, we are grateful to you that we can do the Rosary Evangelization.
Thank you Blessed Mother Mary.**

The next captions and collage of pictures are all reported by Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA of Franciscan Sisters of Atonement. Sister Babylyn is also the Saint Charles Caritas Philippines charity advisor. Thank you Sr. Babylyn for your work for Jesus Christ and of course Blessed Mother Mary. This is awesome!

***Rosary Evangelization continued...**The catechist, Mrs. Lilia Garcia distributed the rosaries to the grade 5 class. The children were grateful to the Rosary Makers of St. Charles Church through Saint Charles Caritas. Thank you so much for this wonderful ministry. We will spread the devotion to Our Lady of Rosary. God bless you all for everything you do. I appreciate your ministry for spreading Marian devotion. Also, catechists and office personnel in the church received set of rosaries.*



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11/26/23, Sunday. *Today's Rosary Evangelization with Sr. Elsie Nasayao from Daughters of Charity. These are the children recipient for their program in Stella Maria Center. Cagayan de Oro City.*



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11/26/2023, Sunday. Today, the group of Sacristan in Saint Joseph Church in Bugo Villa Trinitas Cagayan de Oro City received the Rosary.

Also, the group of lectors, ashers, and young teenagers are the recipients of Rosary Evangelization. Thank you, Rosary Makers of St. Charles Church through Saint Charles Caritas, for all your endeavors to make these lovely rosaries. People are happy to have them. God's blessings will abide by each one of you for your great ministry. Thank you so much!



It is not just seeing the pictures and videos I received but being there in the mission itself in the Philippines and Mexico that I was and am more enlightened. The Nuns and Priest missionaries who are the front liner in mission work, are compassionate, their unconditional love for these children and elderly are blessed indeed. Their faith in God

is the expression of their tenderness and love for these children. 🙏

For 28 days I visited charities in the Philippines (Ph) from September 13 to October 11, 2023, and 4 Sundays (after 7:00 am masses at St. Charles Church) visited Mexico in October 22, and 29, in November 5, and 12, 2023.

It was in September 13, Wednesday, when I left San Diego headed to the Philippines. A total travel of 12 airplanes, 6 islands in the Ph particularly visiting the charities that Saint Charles Caritas is currently helping. We visited the Basilica of Santo Nino in Cebu island, San Sebastian Cathedral in Bacolod island, 4 churches; the Holy Rosary in Panay island, St. Michael in Pontevedra Negros island, Our Lady of the Rosary in Simila in Cebu island, and Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Baclaran, Pasay City main island. When I was with a Sister, it is a must to go to the church every Sundays mass whatever island we will be, we needed to find a Catholic church.

I met Sister Babylyn Dulfo, SA (Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement) in Manila Philippines. We started our mission journey to visit the Saint Charles Caritas charities. Thank you so much Sister Babylyn for accompanying me to this marvelous mission.

Seeing the children, talking to them, dancing, and singing with them was delightful! These children are from poor families and needy. Saint Charles charity help them in kind, basically food. The majority of the charities have catechism classes run by Sisters, Priest/seminarians, and Volunteers on a weekly basis. Rosary Evangelization is also Saint Charles Caritas ministry in the Philippines. The Sister is in charge in Rosary distribution through different Parishes so that we can spread the Marian devotion. They teach the children how to pray the rosary.

The Saint Charles Caritas started in 2019 with 1 charity when the pandemic begun. Now, we have 4 charities; in the squatter area, the preschool 3 & 4 years old, children in Barangay 26 in different district zones, and the catechism run by religious sisters. Our

help are by means of food and special projects that are needed in these charities. 🙏

In Mexico, we started in 2001, with one charity, then 2 years later we were and still helping more charities run by religious sisters; home for the elderly, contemplative sisters, home care for children, and home for girls. From time to time we helped the homeless run by religious Sisters and other congregation charities that later were closed and moved to inner Mexico.

Some of these children have sad stories in them. They are less fortunate and poor but they are blessed with love from the Sisters. When we were there, we joined them in the mass, dine, and toured the place. I joined them praying, singing, and dancing with the 3

to 5 years old. The Saint Charles Caritas provided special projects such as kitchen equipment and basic items needed. And one time, we provided some building materials to build the chapel; and currently we are providing some building materials for the extension of 10 bedrooms for the elderly home run by the Sisters but still waiting for the permit from the Mexican government to start the construction of the building.

It is easier to visit the Mexico charities in Tijuana and Ensenada. The only daunting trip is when coming back crossing the U.S border. It will take several hours. But if you want to visit, it is very much possible, and the children and elderly are waiting for you. 🙏

My observation is: The Philippines charities are 3 times poorer than Mexican charities that we are helping.

I will do it again visiting these charities. In Tijuana Mexico, it is a phone call away to the Sisters. So near the border within 15 minutes you are there with 3 religious congregation charities, and 2 hours in Ensenada.

I always thank God for all of you who are part of Saint Charles Caritas mission and ministry. Thank you so much for your love, support, and generosity. God bless you All!

Comments about this ministry mission...

... "Prayers for all you as you continue this very important ministry". Shirley Pajanor, CFO Diocese of San Diego.

"Dear Merlyn and Sr. Babylyn ~ So nice to see such "good news" in action ... blessings for all you do, but mostly for who you are as missionaries ... instruments of the Lord! Peace and Joy ~ Sr. Mary Pat"

Please see below a collage of pictures of charities in the Philippines and Mexico during our visit, and now.



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God bless us all!

Merlyn Baker and Team

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