

Mercy Seekers

"... Go and find out the meaning of mercy." Mt. 9:13

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR
FATHER MICHAEL BARRY, SS.CC.

Have you ever had an "Aha" moment. Or as the commercial says "I should have had a V8". I am sure that most people have had such experiences. Well I had one recently. I had written to many well known celebrities and even sports franchises looking for big bucks for the project entitled Mary's Village which is a proposed home for homeless men. So far I have had no response. The Lord put it on my heart that I should appeal to the people who have hearts for the poor and less fortunate. It is not the big money that will bring this prophetic vision about but the ordinary humble heart who has eyes for the poor and less fortunate. So I appeal to you. We just need ten million dollars. If you know of any source of grants, money, lottery winners who could help as well as yourself I appeal to you. Not everyone has big money but it is the little people that build the Kingdom.

- Fr. Mike

*October is the month of
The Holy Rosary,
our gift from the Virgin Mary*

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"In all the great mystery of Mary, then, one thing remains most clear: that of herself she is nothing, and that God has for our sakes delighted to manifest His glory and His love in her.

It is because she is, of all the saints, the most perfectly poor and the most perfectly hidden, the one who has absolutely nothing whatever that she attempts to possess as her own, that she can most fully communicate to the rest of us the grace of the infinitely selfless God. And we will most truly possess Him when we have emptied ourselves and become poor and hidden as she is resembling Him by resembling her.

And all our sanctity depends on her maternal love. The ones she desires to share the joy of her own poverty and simplicity, the ones whom she wills to be hidden as she is hidden, are the ones who share her closeness to God."

Thomas Merton



Comings & Goings

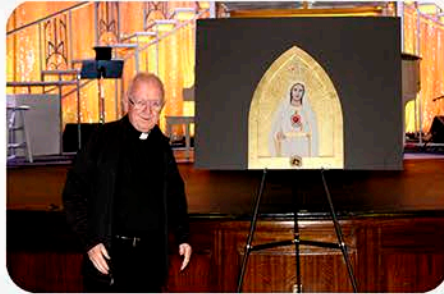
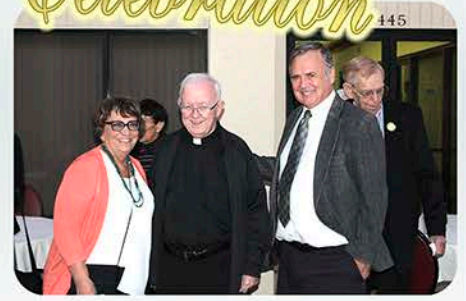
We welcome Melissa and her two sons, Titian and Legend. We also welcome Patricia, Taylor, her daughter, and Eli, her son. Good luck to Estella. Above she is pictured on her first day of pre-school. We know with her positive attitude she'll do well.

The children of Veronica's Home of Mercy were able to get some hands on experience with DIY thanks to Home Depot. It was a great time for the kids and they had their own hand painted toolboxes to keep. We thank the staff of Home Depot who came out and taught the kids in a fun and useful way.



Our thanks to both the Target warehouse in Rialto and Arrowhead United Way (AUW.) Target employees reached out to AUW looking for a local volunteer opportunity. Because of a great working relationship with Mary's Table, AUW was able to coordinate a day of volunteering for the Target team. The team was wonderful to have. Their attitude is captured by what one team member, Annalisa Ramos, said - "We are thankful to be able to spend our time giving back to those in need. This what it means to Live United."

30th Anniversary Gala Celebration



Our 30th Anniversary Gala was a **BIG success!** We do wish everyone had been able to attend. "My Way: a Frank Sinatra Tribute" was touching, funny, and full of great music. The staff of the Candlelight Pavilion was exceptional. The live auction was exciting and intense! Good music, food and friends that's a recipe for a memorable evening. Our sincerest thanks to all who participated - raffle tickets, dinner tickets, silent auction, live auction, 50/50 ... and prayer - you all made a difference. *Again thank you!*

Thank you

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Did You KNOW



In August 2017 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children pro-vided the following services;

Meals served: **6,545 (includes lunches for parolees)**

Food Bags: **802 bags over 5 Wednesdays**

Showers (including a change of clothes): **474 and 41 Haircuts**

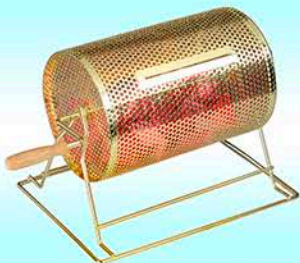
Hygiene kits: **464**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **77 of which 41 were for extreme emergencies**

Children's Program: **33 families' needs were met. Baby items given, 3 baby bathtubs, 3 jumpers 2 strollers, 2 play pens, 8 car seats and 100 pounds of clothes.**

Other items given out include 2 nightstands, a dresser and a chair

THANK YOU - what we are able to do is possible because of you!



AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

First Prize, \$2,500 - Julieta Manzano

Second Prize, \$1,250 - Kitty Garvey

Third Prize, \$750 - Rada Garcia

Fourth Prize, \$500 - Maureen Godfrey

Thank you to all who purchased tickets and the two women who provided the prize money. You are, each and everyone winners in our eyes.