

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.

Your life is not your own, keep your hands off of it” This was a quote by Sir Conan Doyle. It was directed toward a case that Sherlock Holmes was trying to resolve. It has a profound meaning. Basically, Jesus said the same in I Cor 15, Our lives came from God and returned to God. Jesus was very concerned with the poor and forsaken in the gospel. Even the final judgment rests on how we treated them. Jesus stressed time and again how we should do to the poor and less fortunate as if it were Jesus Himself. It is amazing how often people dismiss the Poor as if it is not my problem. They have several popular answers and those answers betray an attitude of ‘me first’. They also portray a sense of hopelessness, not so much for the poor as it is for those who have such an attitude. Nobody really matters except ‘ME.’ What a miserable state to be in and, what is even more depressing, to be controlled by it. We belong to each other. No man is an island and furthermore God depends on us to take care of His poor. May is the month of Mary and as a mother she continues to take care of us. So let us unite with Mary and care for the poor and homeless. Remember the final judgment and the harrowing words , “As long as you didn’t do it to the least of My brothers and sisters you didn’t do it to Me”

- *Father Mike*

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A Garden of Mary

As you may well know May is the month of Mary. Mary's Mercy center is dedicated to Mary any project we place under her patronage is blessed and successful. At present I am building a garden to Mary. It is where I live in Oak Hills. There are more than 1600 reported apparitions of Mary in recorded history. Of these 53 are approved by either the Holy See or the local Bishop. The garden consists of statues of these apparitions. These statues (12"-14") are housed in little marble houses. Of the 53 apparitions, we have 39 already occupying their respective houses. To complete the garden we need the 14 statues listed here: from France - Our Lady of St Bauzille-de-la-Sylve, Our Lady of Garaison - Monleon-Magnoac, Our Lady of Trois-Epis - Orbey, Our Lady of the Willow Tree - Vinay; from Germany - Our Lady of Victory - Wigratzbad; from Italy - Our Lady of the Guard - Mount Figogna, Our Lady of Sorrow - Castelpetroso, Our Lady of Mantallegro - Rapallo, Madonna of Mount Berico; from Mexico - Our Lady Ocotlan - Tlaxcala; and from Egypt - Our Lady of Assiut, Our Lady of Shoubra - Cairo, Our Lady of El-Warraq - Warraq-al-Hadar (Giza), and Our Lady of Zeitoun.



Raising Awareness

Staff, Residents and children attended the 6th Annual Day of King Celebration at Martin Luther King Middle School, SBCUSD and San Bernardino County Children's Network and the Mentoring Task Force sponsored the event. The residents and the community at large were provided with information and resources. Staff raised awareness of Veronica's Home and its mission. We have been invited to return next year and we look forward to participating at the 7th Annual Day of King!



Veronica's Home of Mercy thanks Dr. O, her friends and family for providing our mothers with beautiful purses and hygiene products. This has become an annual event. It was a special time for the moms. They received pampering and words of encouragement. These thoughtful ladies held the event during snack time so the children could also participate.

Dreams to Fulfill

Congratulations to Josie for being a winner of Children's Fund's 'Children Are Our Future' art contest, "What Will You Be When You Grow Up". Josie drew a nurse working in a hospital. Thanks to Josie's aspirations and art work she along with some of the residents, children, and staff attended the 66ers Homeruns For Charity baseball game.



Service in Giving

Cassandra, Julissa and Lindsey are from Fontana A. B. Miller's California Scholastic Federation Program. These young ladies realize the great impact a helping hand has on the lives of the homeless and poor. Their community service project required them to donate to a nonprofit. They selected Mary's Table for its outreach to homeless and poor. They collected and donated ready to eat food and hygiene items. Mary's Table thanks them for their good work and thoughtfulness.

A Joyfull Celebration of Easter

Veronica's Home of Mercy sincerely thanks members of Zeta Phi Beta for hosting the families of Veronica's Home of Mercy at their Annual Easter 'Eggstravaganza' held at Milliken Park in Ontario. It was a great day for the Easter egg hunt and other activities. The families had a great time.



Mary's Table thanks Dena Larson and family for generously helping to make Easter baskets for our guests with children. The colorful baskets were filled with candy, toys and activity books and were very much appreciated. Thanks also to all who donated items for the baskets!

Remembering & Honoring a Loved One

Sandra Pasillas who is now departed, was known to give to the needy from her own need. Her children and grandchildren, remembering her generosity and their visits to Mary's Table, decided to honor Sandra and celebrate her birthday by bringing and serving 40 pizzas to our guests. What a great way to remember and a life of generosity!.



Rest in Peace



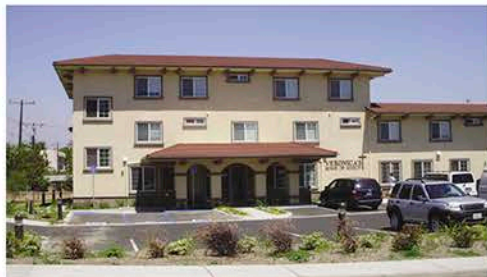
In our last issue we celebrated our wonderful volunteers among those recognized for her service was Eileen Verosik. Shortly afterwards Eileen went to meet our Lord. *We will miss her sparkling eyes and bright smile.*

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Did You KNOW



Did You Know? In March 2019 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: **4,882 (includes lunches for parolees)**

Food Bags: **443 (over 3 Wednesdays)**

Showers (including a change of clothes): **350**

Hygiene kits: **322 plus 155 shaving kits**

Hair Cuts: **22**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **171 of which 161 were for extreme emergencies.**

Thursday Giveaway: **275 individuals & families**

Children's Program: **21 families' needs were met. We helped these families with 80 pounds of clothes, 3 sets of baby plates, 2 strollers and 1 jumper.**

We were also able to help individuals with 1 stereo with speakers, 168 blankets, 154 pairs of shoes and 330 pounds of dog food for our homeless struggling to feed their pets.

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



Mother's Day Roses

The Diocese of San Bernardino coordinates an annual Mother's Day Rose sale to help fund local pregnancy resource centers. Plan on participating by helping with assembly or buying some for the women in your life or to place before a statue of our Lord's mother. To learn more about the Mother's Day Roses contact your parish's Pro-Life Ministry.