

# **OPERATION EL SITIO 2019**

**Our mission is to support ongoing educational and healthcare initiatives  
for our sister parish in El Salvador**



**This year St. Catherine Parish strives to fulfill our mission by**

- \* supporting modest salaries for two full-time teachers at the village school;
- \* supporting the final stages of the relocation of the village health clinic;
- \* supporting the education of those who attend the village schools and college;
- \* helping to pay for transportation costs for teachers and students.

***We Need Your Help! Please donate to Operation El Sitio 2019!***

In El Salvador the government only provides a certain amount of money to cover the expenses for a child to attend school. If the total is insufficient, St. Catherine Parish provides the extra amount needed for those children to attend school. After 8<sup>th</sup> grade, there is no more funding, so families must pay for their children to attend high school. Because of their low income, many families can't afford to support even that level of education. Because of your generosity last year, we are thrilled to share that there are SIX high school students this year, and one college student from the village is about to graduate!!

The high school for the El Sitio students is in a neighboring village, which means El Sitio's students walk an average of 3 hours a day. Three teachers who come to El Sitio's school walk the same route. Together with the community, we would like to ensure that accessibility won't get in the way of education.

The money raised this year also will allow them to finish relocating and stocking a health clinic for everyone's use. If funds are available, they will also improve the village school by fixing roof holes, updating the curriculum, and the community library will continue to thrive. Finally, we can continue to support the people of El Sitio in maintaining clean water for the whole community.

**100% of your donations go to improving the lives of our brothers and sisters in El Sitio.**

You are invited to learn more by attending our next meeting on June 25 at 6:30 in rooms 1 & 3, or sign up at the table in the Narthex for us to contact you. You can also email Avril Leach at [lcustomplbg@aol.com](mailto:lcustomplbg@aol.com). The delegates of St. Catherine Parish THANK you for all your support!

There will be a SECOND COLLECTION at the June 8th and 9th masses.

