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St John's Mission, Peace, and Justice Society

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Upcoming Events:

- ~~Clothes Drive:~~
~~Oct. 19th~~
- ~~Adopt a Family:~~
~~Dec 2018~~
- ~~Blood Drive: Dec~~
~~5th, 8-1 PM~~
- Talent Show & Auction: Mar 1, 2019
- Lent: Almsgiving
- Blood Drive: May 7th
- Book Exchange, May 2019

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Happy New Year

Happy belated new year on behalf of the MPJ team. Our annual Talent Show and Auction is a few weeks away and preparations are under way. The purpose of the event is for our community to come together and help those in need while also having fun. More details will be coming, but if you have the time, talent, and gifts I urge you to showcase them in the talent show.

We ended the year with our Blood Drive. We collected 19 units of blood which was short of our goal by two. Also, we complete the Adopt A Family program. Thank you for all your hard work in making Christmas time special for families in need.

We start the new year with an article about missionary work and sandwiches.

~Enrique Piceno, MPJ Lead~

Mission

By Jorge Tellez

God has called the Church into this world of confusion and need to fulfill a mission, the mission Christ first entrusted to his apostles. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The whole Church is apostolic, in that she remains, through the successors of St. Peter and the other apostles, in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is "sent out" into the whole world" (§683). Therefore, you and I, brothers also have a mission.

The apostles were sent to bring the Good News. This sending entails bringing Christ to all in need. There are different ways in which we bring others to Christ. The church has been involved in caring for those that go without food through various religious orders and organizations. These groups are in the front lines feeding the hungry and ministering to those most in need. A few years ago, I was involved in a group Young Adults for Christ who gathered to make sandwiches for those in need. I was able to assist in the handing out of sandwiches in the City of Riverside. In Riverside, many individuals gather in the downtown area because religious groups hand out food. Most of these individuals were grateful for receiving a meal. After having received a meal appeared some appeared to be incomplete, not satisfied. It did not make sense to me then why some of these individuals seemed to be unsatisfied. I realize that feeding can only contribute so much but there is something they are asking for more necessary than food or clothing

This sending of mission yes means nourishing those in need. These individuals in the front lines cannot do it all. These groups contribute that which their vocation entails them do. This mission involves pointing others to Christ. Where can Jesus Christ be found? Jesus Christ is in the Church where all who come to Christ are healed, nourished and cared for. Many of us can attest to being fed by Christ throughout our journey of faith.

The Church in right regard is sent into the world amidst confusion and need. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ by our lives, we bring light to the darkness which surrounds our culture. Through the various groups that exist within Church point the way towards Christ.

MPJ Talent Show & Auction



Performers • Music • Auction • Fun

**March
1st (Fri)**

**7:30 –
10PM**

Rec Hall

**All Proceeds to Trinitarians of Mary Ministry in
Tecate, Mexico**

Join us for a Mardi Gras inspired event of fun and
helping out those most in need.