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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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Results: Talent Show & Auction

Once again I want to thank all of your for participating and making this year's Talent Show and Auction a success. We were able to fundraise over \$6,000 for the Trinitarians work in Tecate, Mexico. To be as transparent as possible below you will find the financial breakdown of the event.

We continue on in this time of Lent with our Lenten Almsgiving initiative. Please see attached flyer for all of the details.

This month's article is from Jorge on Pope Francis and the poor.

~Enrique Piceno, MPJ Lead~

Income		Expenses	
Item	Amount Collected	Item	Amount
Monetary Donations	\$ 80.00	Decorations	\$ 167.63
50/50 Raffle	\$ 240.00	Total	\$ 167.63
Live Auction	\$ 2,655.00		
Silent Auction	\$ 1,450.00	Balance	Amount
Cantina Donation	\$ 50.00	Income	\$ 6,203.00
Hernandad Donation	\$ 1,728.00	Expense	\$ 167.63
Income Total	\$ 6,203.00	Total	\$ 6,035.37

Pope Francis and the Poor

By Jorge Moncada Hernandez

The situation regarding the poor was well known to Pope Francis. I remembered vividly the moment when it was announced to the entire world the name of the new pope. In an interview, Pope Francis said that after the votes were counted, a cardinal turned to him and said, "do not forget about the poor." This is what prompted Pope Francis to choose the name of Francis. But even before Pope Francis got chosen, he lived a life of simplicity even though he had a very important position in the church of Argentina. He lived in a small apartment, cooked his own meals, traveled using public transportation and was often found ministering to the poor in the poor areas of Argentina. Even as a pope, he still lives a life of simplicity. We also have the examples of the saints. One of the most recent and most know saints is mother Teresa. I once heard a story that touched my heart. She said if there was a girl that came to her and said, "Mother, I want to serve the poor" she would turn her away. If she had a girl that said, "Mother, I want to be poor and serve the poor" she would take her into her order.

Pope Francis and the saints gave us an example that we should follow as well. In a recent homily, Fr. Thoma said that one of the most difficult things in seminaries is how seminarians often focus on themselves. But as followers of Christ, and as future priests, we are called to live a simple life and help those in need. We are called to focus on those around us. In other words, we are called to serve and not to be served. Through the generosity of God's people, we have been given the means to live a very comfortable life. We, then, should help those who are in more need than us.

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“Man is himself the author, center, and goal of all economic and social life. The decisive point of the social question is that goods created by God for everyone should in fact reach everyone in accordance with justice and with the help of charity.” CCC, 2459

Pope Francis cont...

It is a common thing around here to ask for practical things to do. There are practical things one can do to help the poor. If you have time, you can volunteer at your local food pantry and shelters. Many parishes have a food pantry where you can donate canned food. All of us have clothes that we might not use anymore. I encourage you to collect these clothes and drive around your city and find homeless people that might need them.

If you would like to know more about how you can help those in need, contact me and I will give you more information. Let us continue to help those who need it the most, and may God give us the strength to share in their suffering.



**Lenten
Almsgiving**

Every Wednesday during Lent before, during, and after mass. Collection basket placed by the fount.

Donations Going To:
St Andrew's Primary School in Uganda
Child Casket Fund at New Melleray Trappist
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