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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 **CANCELED**~~
- Book Exchange,
May 2019

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- Jorge Moncada Hernandez
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Finishing Up the Year

On behalf of the MPJ I want to thank all of you for a successful year. It was an honor and a pleasure to work with all of you and help those in most need. All that is left is to get through finals and complete our last MPJ event. We'll be doing a "Book Exchange" so that we can pass down our books to the classes below us. More info to come. This month's article is from soon to be PT2 Christian Morquecho on St Teresa of Calcutta.

Your in Christ,

Enrique Piceno,

~MPJ Lead~

Why Serve the Poor?

By Christian Morquecho

In one of the interviews of St. Teresa of Calcutta an interviewer asked why she does all that she does. Leaving her home land, starting a new ministry in an unknown place, leaving with little to nothing, many still struggle to understand why St. Teresa would become poor to serve the poor. As St. Teresa was preparing to give her answer, she reached her hand across the table and gently grabbed the interviewer's hand. She pointed at each finger and said, "You. Did. It. To. Me" (<https://youtu.be/oL2aQWeWAmE>).

St. Teresa of Calcutta was known to go to the places nobody went to love the poorest of the poor. Over the years she was asked why she would go to such lengths to love the poor, in a country unknown to her. Often her responses were simple and with a smile and teaching her 5 finger Gospel. She often used this example to highlight the closeness of Jesus to us as and to teach the Gospel. St. Teresa learned this 5 finger Gospel from her mother and taught others using their hands. This lesson reminds us that Jesus serves us poor still and reaches out to us. With this understanding, St. Teresa lived the joy of being a servant of Jesus. In serving the poor we are offered the chance to serve others with Christ as He shows this service to us. An invitation freely given by God to all His faithful.

St. Teresa always saw serving the poor as a joy, from a participation with God in loving others. The joy that God gives is what St. Teresa shared with others. From the fancy banquets to the community she served in Calcutta, St. Teresa served them all. She would always point back to the service that Jesus showed us. Service not being a punishment but an opportunity of participation in friendship with Christ. For Christ Himself said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servant...but I have called you friends" (John 15:14-15 RSV-2CE). The chance to participate with Christ in His redeeming work in the world. As we discern our vocations here and learn about simplicity, let's try and live that joy that St. Teresa of Calcutta showed the world through her embrace of poverty and friendship with Christ. To celebrate in the chance to participate in Christ's joy He gives to the world.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!