# La Sagrada Familia Sister Parish News

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### From the Desks of Fr. Javier Guativa

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this news finds you well and blessed, as we journey together towards Christmas during this season of Advent. I just wanted to share with you our brothers and sisters of the Cathedral Parish and Friends of the Cathedral Parish, some pictures of the last three houses that are and were built, to become homes for 3 families.

#### Gabriel's Family

We were able to build a house for Gabriel's family. Gabriel is a 7-year-old boy who has cancer. We have been helping Gabriel and his family so they can take Gabriel to Santo Domingo where he is receiving his treatment. They didn't have a house and were living with Gabriel's grandparents. 8 people in one very small house.



## Rosa's Home

Rosa's house. Rosa is one of the Catechists in one of the communities. She is married and has 5 children. She and her family were living in a very small and not so good house. We feel proud of Rosa and her family. They have already painted the house and took a loan to fence their new home. As you can see in the pic of the new house, it is the best house of the ones we have built.





Old house



Rosa's New Home

#### Marci's Home

The last house is still under construction. (see pics with Dolores and Maya). Marci's house. Is a family of 6. Mom has a lot of health issues. This family, like Rosa's family, also took a loan on the side to improve their home from what we as a parish usually build. They'll have a new home before Christmas.





It is amazing to think that this year, 5 families will celebrate Christmas in a new house thanks to the generosity of the parishioners and friends of the Cathedral. Since we started the construction of the houses, our goal was to be able to finish the five houses before Christmas, and we feel proud of being able to accomplish it

Thank you so much for making this possible.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Javier Guativa