

Sister Parish Update

Cathedral of St John the Evangelist
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

La Sagrada Familia
Sabana Yegua, Dominican Republic

Letter from La Sagrada Familia

Dear friends,

Greetings from the Caribbean!!

First of all let me begin giving you thanks for your continuous support and prayers for La Sagrada Familia. We can feel the Cathedral with us!

I am sure during the past weeks many of you were worried and prayed for us as the hurricanes hit the island recently. Luckily, both Irma and Maria went north of the country. We had some wind and rain but nothing major. But please continue praying for all the victims of natural and man-made disasters around the world.

As the school year begun, we also initiated a new year for the childcare centers, the sowing and beauty training centers, catechism, youth groups, etc. Other aspects of parish life have continued such as the health project, the recycling plan or the activities with the elders.

This school year we have started an after-school program in 4 different communities for a total one hundred students. They are third and fourth grades students and we give them 8 hours a week of mathematics and Spanish language so that they become better prepared to succeed in their High school and eventually have access to college.

Another important aspect of the pastoral ministry in the parish is the blessings we receive through the visitors. Since before summer we keep having groups of visitors staying in our own guest house. The last ones were a group of 10 people from Holy Apostles parish in New Berlin. This is the third time they have come and for the second year they dedicated two weeks conducting a dental clinic and medical check-ups for the Haitian community. It was beautiful. They work hard and at the same time we all had a very nice time...what a treat!

That is why, I do take this opportunity to encourage you to organize and participate in a missionary journey to the Dominican Republic. We are witnesses, after welcoming different groups in the past years, that spending some days here it is always a very enriching and fulfilling experience for all, and it helps to stir up new ideas for collaboration. So...

Welcome to La Sagrada Familia!

Fr. Esteban Redolad

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Oh Gracious Father! Be with us as we endeavor to build relationships with our sister parish, La Sagrada Familia in the Dominican Republic. Keep our hearts and minds open to the true meaning of accompaniment with one another.

Oh Lord Jesus! Assist us on our journey together. Guide us in our mutual desire to be the light in the world that you so lovingly preach through the Gospels.

Oh Holy Spirit! Fill us with your fire and understanding of respect for all people and cultures. Let us be mindful of our similarities and differences always loving in our actions. Show us how to be Your hands and feet in this world, to care for and help those around us now and forever.

We humbly ask this in Your name. Amen

Opportunities to Connect with Our Sister Parish

Photo Display

Please come by the treasury throughout the months of December and January to enjoy photos taken at our sister parish during mission trips this past year.

It is a wonderful opportunity to get a peek into the lives of our brothers and sisters at La Sagrada Familia. They have a vibrant thriving parish with many ministries that are similar to those at the Cathedral.

Photos are courtesy of the Office of World Missions, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Sign up for the Lenten Prayer Exchange

We invite individuals, couples and families to join a unique opportunity to join in prayer with others at our sister parish in the Dominican Republic during Lent 2018.

Each household from the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist that signs up will be paired up with a household from La Sagrada Familia. You will be asked to provide your name(s) and a picture which can either be emailed or we can take it for you after mass. This will be shared with your twinning household in the Dominican Republic. In return you will be provided with their name(s) and picture. We ask that you keep your paired household in your prayers throughout the season of Lent. Sign up will be available through the end of December 2017.

Sign up will be available following mass the weekend of December 2nd/3rd or by email at lasagrada@stjohncathedral.org

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As we now begin our journey through Advent, let us continue to keep our brothers and sisters at La Sagrada Familia in our thoughts and prayers.

For more information on our sister parish, please visit the Office of World Missions La Sagrada Familia Homepage: <http://www.archmil.org/parishes/Sagrada-Familia.htm>



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