



In this issue: a report on the installation of Bishop Gomez in San Marcos; a visit by Br. Chris Posch to St. Matthews, some recent works of solidarity, and info about an exciting new volunteer opportunity.

Mons. Carlos Trinidad Ordained New Bishop of San Marcos
by Lester Rolanco Caseres and Br. Chris Posch



Bishop Gómez

Between songs of joy, cheers, the invocation of the Holy Spirit, and litany of the Saints with laying on of hands, the Rev. Carlos Enrique Trinidad Gómez, was ordained bishop of the Diocese of San Marcos on Saturday, January 31, on the Feast of St. John Bosco. The Ordination Mass was presided over by the Nuncio of Guatemala, Monsignor Nicolas Henry Denis Thévenin, and concelebrated by Bishop Alvaro Ramazzini and the Episcopal Conference of Guatemala, some invited bishops from other countries, and priests of the diocese and guests. Also present were many religious and seminarians from the national Assumption Seminary, where Msgr. Trinidad served as rector and professor. The media reported over 10,000 faithful present. Padre Silverio and others think that many more attended!

Recent works of solidarity:

A special donation of \$350 from the Alternative Christmas at Resurrection Parish, Wilmington, went to medical needs.

Donations from St. Margaret of Scotland, Newark, and St. Matthew's Parish, Wilmington, made last year helped Fe & Alegria School in San Marcos with computer-related equipment.

Parishioners from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bear, donated funds for scholarships for several finca children in Nueva Buena Vista in San Pablo.

A special donation of \$5,000 was recently received from a parishioner at St. Catherine of Siena, Wilmington.

The Transforming Encounter that was originally scheduled for Ss. Peter & Paul, Easton, MD, had to be postponed due to the weather. Stay tuned for information on the new date!

St. Matthew's and Solidarity by Br. Chris Posch, ofm

St. Matthew's parish in Wilmington has hopped on board the Solidarity Train! They raised money for computer cards that were sent to schools in San Marcos. They invited me to give a San Marcos orientation to their religious education students and teachers. I was impressed by their interest and the depth of their questions.

In the photo at right find from left to right, back row, Pat Berrigan, DRE; Juia Lee, student; Jack Witzman, 7th grade catechist; and Rosemarie DeLong, 8th grade catechist. Next to me in front is Marguerite Gomez, member of St. Matthew's Parish and solidarity committee.



The Solidarity Partners – a new volunteer opportunity **Fr. John Hynes, Pastor St. Catherine of Siena, Wilmington,** **and Chair of the Solidarity Committee**

Part of the times we live in is the young adult journey, usually following college, to seek out his or her place in the world. Young people are looking for their life's meaning, its purpose. We could even say, their mission, their vocation.

Many have ideals about how life in society should be. For some, dissatisfaction with the way things are in their own culture makes it important to experience alternative, less materialistic and artificial ways of life. This dissatisfaction can extend to Church and religion. There is also the ideal and desire to help people in a disadvantaged society make a better life, and a conviction that I can make a difference.

Our solidarity committee has worked out a project to sponsor volunteers who feel the call to serve God's humblest people, in San Marcos, Guatemala. This Solidarity Partners program will place young persons from our diocese in a faith community in San Marcos to share and help in the work of the Gospel --- along a wide range of human needs.

Check the announcement on our website, and see the flyer on the following page. Share it with any 21 – 30 year olds you think may be interested.

<http://www.cdow.org/catholic-diocese-of-wilmington-offices-and-ministries/solidarity-partnership/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Make a difference! Become a **Solidarity Partner!**

Spend up to one year* living in San Marcos, Guatemala as part of this
 Wilmington Catholic Solidarity Partnership
 Program for adults ages 21 – 30** who are members of the Diocese of Wilmington



Why volunteer? Grow in your faith by living and working as a member of local Christian Communities in San Marcos. Accompany sisters and brothers in Mission.



Training: One month of intensive language training at the start of your experience.

Service Possibilities: Teaching English, helping with computers, assisting at parishes and migrant hospitality center.



Assistance Provided: A portion of travel, food, and lodging provided, along with a small stipend.



Contact us for more info:
 Fr. John Hynes at 302-633-4915
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I saw God in the faces of the people who struggle every day just with their daily existence. They were so hospitable and gracious to us... May their spirit, strength and courage continue to inspire our diocese. I know it will always inspire me. – former delegate from Wilmington to San Marcos.

**one year term of service begins in*



July



*Live simply, love generously, care deeply,
 and leave the rest to God.*

See www.cdow.org/solidarity.html for more information on the Solidarity Partnership.

This newsletter is published quarterly, with input from members of the Solidarity Committee in Wilmington, members of previous delegations, or other interested parties. If you would like to contribute, please email Pat.Sormani@gmail.com or Brother Chris Posch at chrisposch@gmail.com. If you have a question or comment about this newsletter, please email Pat.Sormani@gmail.com.