

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

I LIFT UP MY EYES TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS; WHENCE SHALL HELP COME TO ME?  
MY HELP IS FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

OCTOBER 21, 2007

— Psalm 33:20

## A MESSAGE FROM CONCERN AMERICA

Dear St. Matthew Parishioners,

Last weekend Fr. Christopher Smith spoke to you regarding the international development and refugee aid programs of Concern America and received a very warm welcome. Parish members responded with extraordinary generosity. The gracious sum of \$4,712.00 has been received from St. Matthew Parish.

This support will especially help a Concern America health program, now in its third year, in the diocese of Apartado, Colombia, an area where, according to a report prepared by the Claretians, 10% of children die at childbirth. It will also help to train and install dozens of health promoters (and village pharmacies) and technology experts, putting clean water systems in place and in other countries also.

Words cannot express Concern America's gratitude to Fr. Guillermo and to everyone at St. Matthew Parish for responding with such marvelous generosity to this most recent plea on behalf of economically poor brothers and sisters in the body of Christ.

Sincerely, Sister Sandra Williams  
Concern America

## OCTOBER — RESPECT LIFE MONTH

**"THE CARE OF HUMAN LIFE AND HAPPINESS, AND NOT THEIR DESTRUCTION, IS THE FIRST AND ONLY LEGITIMATE OBJECT OF GOOD GOVERNMENT."**

THOMAS JEFFERSON

As in the past, to highlight **Respect Life Month**, we at St. Matthew's are conducting an on-going "baby shower" to benefit the moms and babies at the Precious Life Shelter, a facility which provides quality care and a safe living environment for homeless pregnant women 18 years and older. Please place your donations in the baby bassinet, located in front of the Sacred Heart Altar. Monetary donations may be placed in an envelope marked "**Precious Life Shelter**" and dropped in the collection basket at Mass.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting on Monday, October 22 at 7:00p.m. in the Rectory. We will begin making plans for the season of Advent. All members please try to attend.

## ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Please call in your non-availability dates for the months of November and December by tomorrow, October 22.** You may email your dates to [cсаiza@stmatthewlb.org](mailto:cсаiza@stmatthewlb.org) or call 562.491.1217 and leave a message.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.** A day when all parishes in every diocese of the world celebrate together our common vocation to preach and proclaim Christ throughout the world. It represents an attitude of responsibility for all of us to be missionaries through our prayers, our good works and our financial contributions. The response of Catholics on World Mission Sunday maintains the lifeblood of the Church in 1,000 mission dioceses throughout the developing world. There are contribution envelopes available in the pews. Please use it today or take one home with you and return it next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

## LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR MINISTRY ENRICHMENT DAY

As of Oct. 15, forty people had signed up for our enrichment day to be held on Saturday, November 10th at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center. **If you still want to come but have not registered yet, please do so immediately.** Please call Sr. Dolores at 562.439.0931 x 5 or send an e-mail to; [barling@stmatthewlb.org](mailto:barling@stmatthewlb.org).

If anyone needs directions/map for the Retreat Center, you may obtain one at the Rectory. If you need transportation or can offer someone a ride, please talk with the members of your ministry. Keep in mind that it takes about an hour to drive to Palos Verdes. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. We hope that all our ministers will attend. It will be a wonderful day!

## FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Our parish has been invited to assist two local meal programs that help feed the homeless and hungry in L.B. Project Achieve sponsored by Catholic Charities and Manna Meals sponsored by St. Luke's. **On Monday Nov. 5 at 7:00p.m. in the Parish Hall**, our meeting will include two guests who will describe the programs. Your involvement could range from bringing a jar of peanut butter to church, to baking a casserole, to serving the hungry, to making sandwiches and many other jobs as well. Please come to find out how you can help with this project.

## MARKETPLACE OF FAIR TRADE CRAFTS SUNDAY, November 4

Just in time for Christmas shopping! This year please choose to purchase gifts that will warm the heart of the recipient and promote justice and fair trade for families in Central America and Bangladesh whom Concern America serves. Through your generosity, many materially poor artisans will be able to earn a just wage, support their families and keep alive their cultural heritage.