

MINISTRIES OF CHARITY UPDATE #2023 – 20

Nov 16, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

MOC is now into its fall schedule and looking towards winter. Please join us as we continue to serve those in need. You can read about all of our activities in the parish bulletin, on the parish website, and in this update.

Your Ministries of Charity are planning a number of opportunities for service to the homeless and the poor now and in the coming months. Here is your next **MOC Update #2023 -20**.

HOLIDAY CANDY BAGS FOR PALA:

Thank you for all our volunteers who participated in our **Holiday Candy Bag Event** for the children at San Antonia de Pala Parish. You packaged many, many holiday candy bags, which will be delivered to the Mission just in time for their annual Children's Christmas Party. All of your efforts and candy donations are so very much appreciated.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

MOC's Annual Angel Tree Christmas Gift Event begins this weekend November 18 and 19 and will run through the third week of December. The Christmas gifts you donate will benefit the children of Pala de San Antonio Mission Parish. This is one of the poorest parishes in our diocese.

Please consider picking up a gift tag of two and making a child very happy this Christmas. We are also looking to donate a couple girls and boys bicycles. If you can help us, please contact Deacon Jim. May God bless you all for your generosity!

RACHEL'S SHELTER DINNER SERVICE:

Rachel's Shelter is located downtown near the Father Joe's facilities. It is operated by the Diocese and provides supportive, safe, and short to mid-term shelter for 35 women. At the request of Rachel's Shelter MOC periodically serves dinner at the shelter. **Our last scheduled date for 2023 is Dec 6th.**

Ann Galbraith is the MOC leader for this, and typically on the day of the dinner service prepares the meal in the JP2 kitchen prior to departing for Rachel's at 4:30

PM. If you'd like to help cook or serve, please contact Ann Galbraith at anngalbraith1@gmail.com and find out the ways you can help.

ST. VINCENT De PAUL DINNER:

Our next St Vincent de Paul Dinner is scheduled **December 2nd**. **We still have 4 open positions** for our team to be complete. Please consider signing up and joining our team. Look for the Sign-up Genius on the Saint Vincent de Paul Banner on the parish website.

CARING FOR THE WHOLE PERSON:

We invite you to learn more about our Caring for the Whole Person Ministry. Join us at our **next CWP meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 2pm in the Pavilion**.

FATHER JOE'S VILLAGES COLLECTION BIN:

We are collecting donated new and gently-used items, including, coats, shoes, socks, underwear, clothing of all sizes, and SMALL household appliances.

NO FURNITURE PLEASE!!! Items must fit through the opening of the bin. **Please do not leave items on the ground around the bin.** Thanks you for your generosity.

OUR 1ST MOC 2024 EVENT:

Our **FIRST MOC 2024 EVENT** will be a project to serve the **Homeless in San Diego**. Details are now being formulated, but we plan to have a distribution of some items for the homeless and to serve lunch at the Neil Good Day Center. So look for more details in our Updates and please consider joining us as we serve the homeless together.

NEXT ASCENSION PARISH MOC MEETING:

The Date of our **next MOC Meeting is Monday, November 20th at 7pm in the Pavilion**. Come and join us and explore the opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters in need.