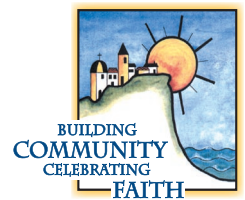


# Building Community by Community Outreach



Saint John Fisher has always been committed to helping those in need, both locally and outside our boundaries. So, when we took on a local project to assist Sagrado Corazon y Santa Maria de Guadalupe build a house of worship, we felt we were living into our building campaign theme. A few days ago I was reminded of the good work we are doing when I attended a dinner and social event in honor of St. John Fisher and other supportive parishes.

- † Sagrado Corazon is in Cudahy about 30 miles away in Southeast L.A.
- † Pastor, Father Antonio Garnica leads a vibrant parish of 1,500 parishioners (pictured right with Msgr. Sork).
- † Currently, they have daily Mass in a small former Methodist Church that holds 200 people.
- † They have 6 Sunday Masses where approximately 450 households worship behind the church on a concrete foundation under a tin roof.
- † About 17 parishes in the San Pedro Region have contributed almost \$1 million dollars.
- † The funds contributed has allowed them to, like us, make extraordinary progress on their project:
  - Purchasing an adjacent property to accommodate their future parish campus.
  - Constructed a parking lot. The narrow streets and lack of space was noticeably keeping some people away or to other parishes.
  - Expanded their temporary worship area to accommodate their growing community and built new moveable metal walls to soften them from the outside elements (see photos below).
- † Most Sundays, the parish conducts second collections and volunteers vend food to contribute towards the effort.
- † Sagrado Corazon does not neglect to share what little they have. They also tithe to help visiting missionaries from Mexico build their own churches.
- † As you fulfill your pledge, know that your dollars not only build your community, but tangibly touches another local church and 1,500 of their parishioners.



“He who has compassion on the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his good deed.”

Proverbs 19:17

