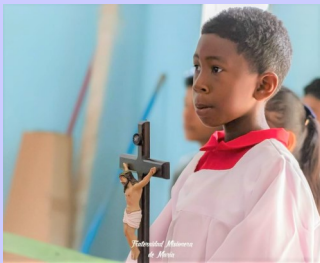




Missionary Fraternity of Mary Newsletter

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In response to the needs of the people of God, on March 12th this year, a new mission area was entrusted to the Missionary Fraternity of Mary at San Esteban Parish (St. Stephen) in the Diocese of Trujillo, located in the Trujillo City, province of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Central America.

The Trujillo Diocese cover 15,718 miles square in the districts of Colón, northeast of Honduras. 53% of the population in this area are Catholics and 47% evangelicals. Due to lack of clergy in the diocese, Rt. Rev. Luis Felipe Solé Fa, C.M. (Bishop of Trujillo), requested the presence of Fraternity priests to take care of the spiritual and pastoral guidance for the Catholic faithful in Balfate, Trujillo.

Honduras, being one of the Central American countries that faces many different challenges like, weak government, endemic corruption, severe violence, among others; its people have a tremendous deep faith in God's loving care.

In the words of Bishop Luis Felipe, "here at San Esteban Parish, we are on a mission land with many challenges and difficulties, but a land that can produce abundant good fruits".

"Here I am Lord, Send Me" Isaiah 6:8



Rt. Rev. Luis Felipe Solé Fa, Bishop of Trujillo, and a good number of parishioners welcomed the missionaries of the Fraternity at San Esteban Parish. In this photo, Bishop with Fr. Daniel Peña, as the new Pastor at San Esteban and Deacons Osman Solares and Jordanio Gomez, assigned to assist Fr. Daniel.

The population in this mission area are Afro-Hondurans and Garifunas. Garifunas live mostly in coastal towns and villages in the Central American countries. In Honduras, the Garifunas also speak their own language called Arahua



San Esteban Parish has some other worship sites where people have to walk long distances to attend Sunday Mass and any other liturgical activities.



At this mission in Honduras, due to constant heavy rains, there are many rough roads in very bad condition, even for people it is difficult to walk with confidence. Many times people prefer to walk through shortcuts to arrive safely for Mass on Sundays. Missionaries also take the same way to celebrate Mass with God's people.



Deacon Osman Doneli Solares, who was ordained Deacon on February 19 this year at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Guatemala, was assigned to serve in this Parish, hopefully he will be ordained as priest this year. Deacon Osman says, "There is no greater joy than to bring Jesus and the Sacraments to the little ones of God".



In this photo, Bishop Luis Felipe Solé Fa (center) left side of Bishop, Fr. Luis Carlos (Vicar general for the Fraternity), Bishop's right side, Fr. Daniel Peña (new Pastor of San Esteban) the two Deacons and other priests of the Fraternity.

We express our words of thanks to Bishop Luis Felipe Sole Fa and the Parishioners of San Esteban Parish for their warm welcome in the Trujillo Diocese. Please pray for the Missions of the Catholic Church worldwide.

Other News

United States— This year two additional priests joined our mission in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Venezuela— The presence of the Fraternity continues to be strong in these challenging missions. Please pray for the perseverance of our priests in this country.

Guatemala— On February 19th, five seminarians were ordained Deacons at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Guatemala, Guatemala City.