

The Chimbote Foundation

"...a bridge of love and hope."

Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh

"By taking the walk together, you ensure that the people of Chimbote will not walk their streets alone."

— *Bishop David A. Zubik*

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Bishop Zubik and Pittsburgh Seminarians Visit Chimbote

By Anthony R. Sciarappa, Seminarian



Last year, Bishop David A. Zubik visited the Chimbote Mission with the diocese's seminarians.

As seminarians we are often blessed with unique opportunities to experience just how wide ranging and beautiful Christ's Church is. Last summer, Bishop Zubik offered to take ten seminarians with him to visit Chimbote, Peru. The Diocese of Pittsburgh has a long history of friendship with the Diocese of Chimbote. In particular, Pittsburgh has been very supportive of Maternidad hospital, a hospital for mothers, as well as children, with special needs.

This trip truly was a visit more than anything else. It was an opportunity to be with our brothers and sisters in the faith. I think that I can speak for my brother seminarians when I say that our trip to the slums is what moved us the most. Whether it was kicking a soccer ball around with some of the kids, or trying to speak Spanish to some of the mothers, it

was all about making connections with our faith family. And the amazing part was that we really did. Hardly any of us knew Spanish, and the few that did only spoke a little, yet it didn't matter.

Communication was more than just the words we shared. Even though the people who lived in the slums were in the deepest poverty I've seen, they still blessed us with their spirit of hope and joy. The contrast of their material wealth to their spiritual wealth moved us all. Even though we came with rosaries and crosses to give to them, the hope they shared with us was a gift that none of us will forget. It is hard to find words to describe the visit without falling into cliché. Put simply, we found Christ in the people of Chimbote, and we left with a deeper understanding of what it means to be one body in Christ.

Spring Brings New Life

By Dr. Patrick M. Joyce, Director,
Diocese of Pittsburgh Office for Stewardship and Development



Dr. Patrick Joyce

Mountains of snow from a record winter have melted. Signs of new life are everywhere. Hardy perennials – daffodils, tulips and crocuses – flood the garden with color and a comforting reassurance of the continuity of God’s covenant. At the same time, we look forward to when we can soon plant some wonderful new annuals to complement our garden.

In much the same way we in the Church of Pittsburgh see the ongoing covenant we have made and kept over nearly 50 years with our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Chimbote, Peru. With assurance of continuity and the anticipation of new growth, our mission in Chimbote is alive and thriving, thanks in many ways to the help of our mission partners like you.

In this issue of the Chimbote Foundation newsletter you will sense the excitement of our Board for the challenges ahead.

Dr. Eugene McCarthy writes about a special grant for capital equipment and another site visit to Chimbote. You will also read about the experiences of our seminarians who traveled with Bishop Zubik to Chimbote. And you will enjoy a brief reflection of two of the many generous grade school students who, for example, made hoagies to support the mission.

You will also appreciate at least three special ways you can sustain our Chimbote mission. First, support the 6th annual Chimbote Golf Outing on June 1; then, bring friends to the 45th annual Peru Mission Dinner on October 21; and finally, consider making a Legacy gift in your Will, or through an insurance policy, or with a Charitable Gift Annuity.

Our partnership with the people of Chimbote is alive and thriving. Your ongoing support is nourishing new growth. Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity.



Grant Approved to Purchase Critical Medical and Laboratory Equipment

By Dr. Eugene McCarthy, Member, Chimbote Foundation Board



Dr. Eugene McCarthy

In January, 2010, the Chimbote Foundation Board, through the generosity of our mission partners, approved a \$270,500 donation for the Center for Social Works in Chimbote that had been urgently requested by the Bishop of Chimbote, Francisco Angel Simon Piorno, in October of last year.

The main purpose of this funding is to help purchase critical medical and laboratory equipment that would replace aging equipment in the Maternity hospital as well as expand the analytical capability of the Laboratory, the Center’s main source of income. The largest, single purchase would be for a modern ultrasound, expected to cost approximately \$90,000, and which would enable reliable, pre-natal testing of low-income, expectant mothers, who have been coming to the Maternity since the mid-1960s. The goal of this funding is, in the words of Bishop Piorno, to make the Center for Social Works not only the best equipped medical center in Chimbote (now with a population in excess of 600,000) but the ‘jewel’ of the entire region. The equipment purchase is expected to be completed and be in operation at the Center by the end of June 2010.

As part of the Board’s oversight responsibilities, Monsignor John Kozar and I, both current members of the Chimbote Foundation Board, are making another visit to Chimbote in the first week of May. During our visit, we will review not only progress in utilizing the \$270,500 donation but also the basic mission of the Center for Social Works – namely, continuing to attend to the medical and spiritual needs of Chimbote’s poor.

Our visit will also include meetings with the Bishop of Chimbote, local Board members, staff of the diocese and the Center as well as with the local auditors, who prepare an annual audit report for the Chimbote Foundation Board on the Center’s finances. Most importantly, Monsignor Kozar and I will spend time with Monsignor Jules Roos of the Pittsburgh diocese as well as with the two Dominican sisters, Sister Margaret Mary and Sister Lillian, whose commitment and dedication to the people of Chimbote approaches 50 years. Though no longer in charge of the day to day administration, they continue to play an influential role in the Center’s future and enjoy a special place in the affection of Bishop David Zubik and Bishop Francisco Piorno, as well as the Chimbote Foundation Board and the entire staff of the Center for Social Works.

Ways to Help: Leaving Your Catholic Legacy for Chimbote

Guaranteed Income For Life and a Gift to the Chimbote Mission

Participating in the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Charitable Gift Annuity Program can benefit our mission in Chimbote as it benefits you from an income standpoint. For example, a 70-year-old person can initiate a gift annuity that pays 5.7 percent for life. Someone who is 80 will receive 7.1 percent for life, and so on, up to 9.5 percent. The minimum investment/gift is \$5,000. The average is about \$40,000.

A charitable gift annuity is a form of charitable giving whereby one or two people may invest cash or securities in order to receive an excellent rate of return, based on their age. The rate is guaranteed for life. A significant portion of the income is tax-free, and a generous income tax deduction may be claimed. If appreciated stock is used, capital gains tax will be eliminated as well. After the lifetime of the annuitants, the remainder of the annuity will be used for the charitable purpose you select – in this case, the mission in Chimbote.

We offer one-life, two-life and deferred gift annuities that may be initiated. For a free prospectus, please contact

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
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75	6.3%
80	7.1%
85	8.1%
90	9.5%

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Minimum investment \$5,000
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6th Annual Chimbote Golf Outing

Tuesday, June 1, 2010
South Hills Country Club
Tee-off 12:30 p.m.

If you would like to participate
as a single, team or as an event sponsor,
please contact 412.456.3085.

Save the Date!

2010 Chimbote Peru
Mission Dinner

October 21, 2010
Sheraton Station Square

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“Be a Hero ... Build a Hero”: Saint Sebastian Students Raise Over \$3,000 for Chimbote By Maddie Wells and Patrick McDunn, Seventh Graders, Saint Sebastian School

Did you ever pretend that you were a Super Hero? Well, this year, we asked the kids at St. Sebastian School if they wanted to be a hero ... not the kind with a cape who flies, but one who can save lives!

This year our mission collection was titled, “Be a Hero ... Build a Hero.” We challenged each homeroom to “buy” the parts to “build” a hero sandwich. We made a menu with ham, turkey, lettuce, etc., and set amounts for each item. Each homeroom, if they completed an entire sandwich, would raise at least \$145 and we would reach our school-wide goal of \$2,500. We cut out all the sandwich parts; our fingers were sore after cutting out 100 tomatoes, 60 onions, 40 pieces of bacon, and more! There was even a 3-D olive for the top! (Thanks Mrs. Pontoriero!)

Since the 7th graders are the “mission ambassadors” at our school, we had to come up with a dramatic presentation to

motivate each homeroom. We worked with partners to develop our own, individual presentations. Mrs. McDunn challenged us to find a way to really impress the other students about how desperate the need is in Chimbote, and how much our donations can help. We offered a “hero sandwich party” as a reward to the homeroom that completed their sandwich first. I guess that, and our presentations, really worked, because the money started pouring in right away – one class even donated \$140 on the FIRST DAY!

Overall, our “Be a Hero ... Build a Hero” fundraiser was very successful. Not only did we meet our goal; we exceeded it by over \$500! It was a great experience to be a “Chimbote Ambassador,” and it means a lot to know that we may have helped to save a life!