

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

Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 10, 2013
9th Annual Monsignor Roos
Memorial Golf Outing
 - ◆ October 17, 2013
48th Annual Chimbote Peru
Mission Dinner
- Monsignor Roos was ordained to the priesthood in May, 1956 and served in several local parishes before heading to Chimbote in May, 1964 to serve with Father James Shanahan. As a boy he had dreamed of serving as a missionary. Dismayed by the extent of the poverty in the area and the number of emergency baptisms he was called to perform for babies dying in unhealthy conditions, he began to build the Social Works Center (COS). Padre Julio, as he was affectionately known to the people he served, never took a day off and worked tirelessly. From humble beginnings, and with the constant support of his mission partners back in Pittsburgh and across the United States, he was able to build COS into a modern, well-equipped 26 bed maternity hospital, wellness clinic, and lab providing the love of Christ to 17,000 patients and delivering some 300 new-born babies each month. Father Albin McGinnis, pastor at St. John Neumann Parish who served in Chimbote and Bolivia for 3 years, said of Monsignor Roos that “one of his strongest gifts was that he really did love the people there,” and that “everyone called (COS) an oasis in the desert. He made it a place of welcome.”

Monsignor H. Jules Roos, his Legacy of Love, Hope and Faith

Monsignor Jules Roos, died on February 16, 2013 at the age of 82 after serving nearly 50 years as a missionary priest of Pittsburgh among the people he loved so much in Chimbote Peru. His life was a powerful example of the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, “Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words.” Bishop David Zubik remembered Monsignor Roos as “a humble man of great faith who proudly served Jesus Christ by answering His call to minister to ‘the least of my sisters and brothers.’” The entire Church of Pittsburgh, he noted, “is honored to have raised up such a good and holy priest.”



people of Pittsburgh and the people of Chimbote.” Of Monsignor Roos he said, “He never, ever wavered in his conviction that the church should bring to even the poorest people the spiritual and physical and medical support they need.” Monsignor Roos, he remembered, “was an example of a priest hard at work who left his country and family and went to serve and found so much joy and so much satisfaction that he just stayed. He is a priest for our day, for the new evangelization.”

The funeral mass was celebrated on February 18 in Chimbote with Bishop Francisco Piorno of the Diocese of Chimbote as the principal Celebrant. Bishop Piorno was joined by more than 30 priests of the Chimbote Diocese in honor-

ing his life of service and his legacy of love. The church was packed with the people whom Monsignor Roos loved and happily gave his life serving.

In Pittsburgh, a memorial Mass was held at St. Paul Cathedral on March 23 presided over by Bishop David Zubik. “May his memory not only stay with us for a long time,” prayed Bishop Zubik, “but may his example call us to a greater life of charity.” Monsignor John Kozar, a friend and colleague of Monsignor Roos for 35 years, offered the homily and eulogy. Monsignor Kozar remembered his friend with these words, “His love of the poor was infectious . . . and he had an uncanny ability to inspire others to help him.” Monsignor Kozar recalled Monsignor Roos’ life both in how he generously answered the call to be a missionary as well as how he answered the call to be a priest. In a most deserving tribute, Monsignor Kozar compared his friend to the newly elected Pope Francis when he said, “Padre Julio, our ‘Francis of Pittsburgh’ never failed to preach the Gospel, and he sometimes used words.”

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, former bishop of Pittsburgh and now Archbishop of Washington, DC, described COS as “a bridge of love and hope between the

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The Baton has Passed; the Race Continues

A message from the Office for Stewardship

Monsignor Jules Roos left us an amazing legacy of love, hope and faith. By his life of loving service to the poor he set the bar high in living the Gospel. As a young priest of Pittsburgh he saw the face of Christ in the barrios of Chimbote, Peru and he stayed a lifetime. Saint Paul wrote confidently in his Second letter to Saint Timothy (4:7) as he envisioned the end of his life on earth, "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." Isn't that what we are called to do?

Not everyone can do what Monsignor Jules Roos did. But each of us is called to see and serve Christ where the need is greatest. One way we can do that is to carry on his work, to make sacrificial gifts as Mission Partners. We can't BE there personally. But we can be there in spirit and in generosity. The life's work of Monsignor Jules Roos is done. His earthly race is finished. His heavenly reward is well earned. But as in a great Olympic Relay Race, the baton has been passed, and the race continues. Please, won't you pick it up and run with us? You WILL make a difference. God bless!

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

2012 Annual Peru Mission Dinner: Record-setting Success

The 47th Annual Peru Mission Dinner, supporting a partnership between the faithful of Pittsburgh and people of Chimbote was held on October 24, 2012 and was a huge success. More than 630 people with a heart for Chimbote joined Bishop David Zubik for a grand celebration. Pope Benedict XVI had recently opened the Year of Faith setting the tone for a celebration of the "bridge of love, hope and faith" that our Chimbote Mission Partners have nurtured for almost half a century. WTAE-TV's Mike Clark served brilliantly as Master of Cere-

monies. Dr. Dennis Woytek, Duquesne University Professor of Journalism and Multimedia Arts, assisted by Mission Partner Mary Jaquel, produced the 2012 Chimbote Mission video. The inspirational message of the video, "Say Yes!" to the missionary call echoed throughout the room. Chimbote supporters once again rose to the occasion and contributed a record net \$117,000 dollars. Nearly 300 mission partners made additional contributions to purchase "World Mission Rosaries" as gifts for Advent and

Christmas. Thank you Mission Partners for saying "Yes" to our sisters and brothers in need!



Where the Need is Greatest—Home Visits

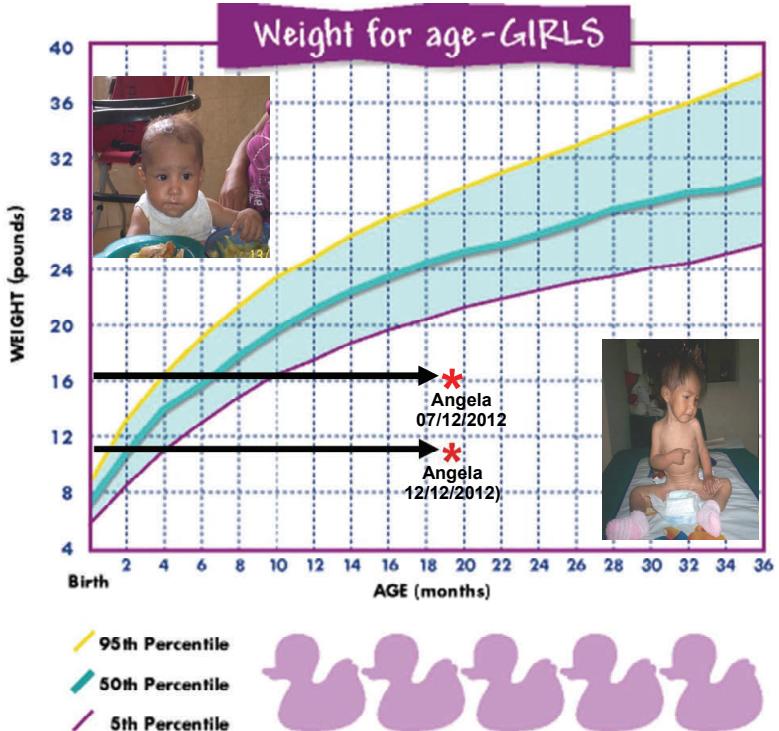
One essential outreach of the Center for Social Works (COS) ministry is serving the poor through home visits. For most of these visits, social workers go out in pairs into the homes of those who are not able to get to the clinic.



With your support they are the face of Christ in the barrio assessing the needs and providing prayers, advice, support and encouragement. When there is a need for expensive medicines, supplements or other items, the social workers approach local businesses and individuals for donations. Recently, in one case a hospital bed, and in another, a wheelchair, were provided as a result of these home visits. These home visits also provide healing care by bringing supplies to treat chronic wounds. Such supplies typically include, for example, bandages, gauze and antiseptics.

Saving a priceless little Angel

Fortunately, malnutrition is a disease that is curable and preventable. The solutions are known, tested and feasible. Yet annually 2.6 million children under the age of five die from malnutrition (Source: [Levels and Trends in Child Mortality, UNICEF, 2011](#)). Sadly, in 2013 too many children continue to starve to death. On December 12, 2012, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – our patroness, Our Lady of the Americas – a 19-month-old infant named Angela, whose name means Messenger of God, arrived at the Center's wellness clinic near death. Angela weighed less than 11 pounds and was suffering from severe malnutrition and anemia. Chronic malnutrition can affect children for life, stunting their growth, brain development and immune systems, leaving them vulnerable to a host of illnesses. Through the “angels” of COS who serve in the hospital and clinic with the support of Mission Partners like you, Angela regained 42% of her body weight in one month. The doctors and nurses of COS tell us the immediate cost of saving this one child’s life amounted to \$519. The short-term cost to help her on the road to good health is \$422 per month. While the hospital’s needs are great, your support gives children like Angela a “bridge of love, hope and faith.” Today Angela is a happy, healthy and thriving child with a chance she never would have had. Moving children like Angela from crisis to viability is a direct result of prayer, faith, and love from mission partners like you. Angela says, “Muchos Gracias!”



Monsignor Roos Memorial Golf Outing: JOIN US on June 10!

The 9th Annual Chimbote Foundation’s Golf Outing has been renamed and dedicated in honor of Monsignor Roos. The **Monsignor Roos Memorial**, co-chaired by Tom Shanahan and Jim Zielinski, is set for Monday, June 10, 2013 at the beautiful and challenging South Hills Country Club. Do not miss this special event! Make your reservation today for a memorable day of golf, fun, food, and fellowship with people who share our love of the work of COS and the Chimbote Foundation. New this year, the day will begin with a Memorial Mass at 9:30 a.m. to remember “Padre Julio.” For more information or to register, please call the Office for Stewardship at the Diocese of Pittsburgh at (412)456-3085 or email stewardship@diopitt.org.

Event Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. Memorial Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Registration
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
- 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner

SAVE THE DATE!

The Chimbote Foundation's
48th Annual Peru Mission Dinner—Station Square
Thursday October 17, 2013

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Chimbote Ambassadors in Catholic Schools & Religious Education Programs



Over the past decade, tens of thousands of young people in our Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs have served as Chimbote Ambassadors. This program fosters mission awareness and faithful stewardship among our students. With the encouragement of the Secretariat for Catholic Education and Evangelization we invite each of our diocesan schools, as well as religious education programs and youth ministry, to design-

nate student leaders to act as Mission Ambassadors to raise awareness of and financial support for COS. During the 2011-2012 school year there was much creativity and thought put into their projects. Examples such as mission fairs, dress down days, cake walks, walk-a-thons, carnivals, bingos, bake sales, Mardi Gras, flea markets, pumpkin decorating contests, and penny challenges raised more than \$46,000 for the Chimbote mission. At the annual mission dinner in October, during the reception prior to the dinner, students displayed examples of their fundraising projects and spoke with the guests about their pride at being Chimbote Ambassadors.

