

Diocese of Pittsburgh

the Chimbote Foundation

50th Anniversary



A Bridge of **LOVE & HOPE**

Milestone Mission Investment

The New Clinic

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

– Bishop David A. Zubik



Rendition of the Nueva Posta Medica Chimbote, Peru

Summer 2016



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Dramatic Chimbote Mission expansion underway; 50th Anniversary “Milestone Investment” has begun.

By Dr. Patrick M. Joyce



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The late-Roos brothers – Pittsburgh mission priest, Monsignor Jules, and his brother, Ken, the architect – would be amazed to see what’s becoming of their dream for the people of Chimbote, Peru. Sustained by more than a half-century of sacrifice and prayer, the Chimbote-based Center for Social Works (Centro de Obras Sociales or COS) has begun a dramatic expansion and upgrade thanks to the generosity of our mission partners throughout the diocese and the country.

With leadership from Bishop David Zubik and Attorney Gretchen Roos, Ken’s daughter and Jules’ niece, The Chimbote Foundation has pledged to significantly expand this mission outreach to the poorest of the poor 4,000 miles south of Pittsburgh along the Pacific coastal highway of South America. Last October, on the occasion of the 50th annual Peru Mission Dinner, Bishop Zubik, Ms. Roos and



the Foundation Board unveiled a three-year strategic plan to invest an additional \$1 million between 2016 and 2018, expanding the mission’s outreach and improving its services to the poorest of the poor.

By December 2016 the Board anticipates having secured one-half the target or \$498,000 in cash and pledges. With these commitments the project begins in earnest. The first phase will be to expand the wellness clinic. It was built more than 50 years ago to handle 25-30 patients each day. Today more than 150 patients and their families seek help every day from the caring doctors, nurses and healthcare team who proudly serve them as the face of Christ. The modern, expanded clinic will boast of 10 clinical suites – up from four – and include, for example, spaces for cardiology, ophthal-

mology, pediatrics, gerontology, and audiology. Investments will be made in a radiology and mammography suite, too.

This historic Mission Milestone Investment plan includes funds for increasing by 60% the life-saving Home Visit program to the destitute poor who cannot get to the clinic; purchasing and protecting expensive mission-sensitive equipment from the harsh desert and ocean environment that surrounds Chimbote; and expanding the compassionate services for the abandoned, abused, and orphaned children who come to COS/Maternidad for tender care from Pittsburgh’s “Bridge of Love and Hope.”

Now in its third generation, during the Holy Father’s extraordinary Year of Mercy, we are richly blessed to be able to carry on this tradition. How inspiring it is to be called to be a part of “the saving mercy of God.”



Sister Lillian Bockheim, OP as the demolition begins in her 49th year of service.

Summer Mission Teams Welcome High School Students

By Suzan O'Keefe

The two mission teams who will be visiting our Diocesan mission in Chimbote this summer in July and are blessed to be welcoming ten high school students to the teams for the first time. The students will be representing Bishop Canevin, Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic, Central Catholic, Serra Catholic, Seton-LaSalle Catholic, and Thomas Jefferson High Schools. As preparations are underway, the enthusiasm and missionary spirit is alive in the hearts of these young people who will be representing the Diocese of Pittsburgh in Chimbote. They are learning about the mission and eagerly await an opportunity to lend a hand at the orphanage, medical center, maternity hospital, and out in the barrios (neighborhoods) on home visits where they will visit those who are too elderly or infirm to come to the Center for Social Works. They look forward to "seeing the face of Christ" in those they meet, and also in "being the face of Christ" as they serve. The students will be accompanied by teachers, school administrators, and parents and will be joined by several young adult professionals as well as priests, deacons, doctors, nurses, retired people, and others to form two dedicated teams that will work together and carry the love of the people of Pittsburgh to their needy brothers and sisters in Chimbote. One high school senior, Lucia Bonacchi's Spanish III class wrote and illustrated children's stories in specially-ordered, blank story books. She has spoken with her class and teacher about her upcoming mission trip to Peru. While this is a project done in this class every year, it will have a special



twist this year as Lucia is planning to deliver all of the wonderful hand-made books to the orphanage.

Not only are the high schools sending missionaries to Chimbote this summer, but they have really taken an active role in fundraising for the three year Mission Milestone Investment project which will provide major upgrades to the services offered to the poor in Chimbote. The five Catholic high schools represented on the mission teams alone have raised over \$39,000 dollars for this urgent and life-saving work. The schools have unleashed their creativity in a variety of informative and enjoyable fundraising events to support their commitment to our diocesan mission in Chimbote. They have had walk-a-thons, dance-a-thons, Lenten prayer and sacrificial giving projects, donations raised by the cast and crew of the musical, and more. At Seton-La Salle High School, two mission partners, Larkin Gillespie and Madison Havarán, organized the first ever multi-Catholic high school fundraising dance dubbed "Glow on the Field" which featured neon glow sticks and dancing under the stars on the field. Even Pope Francis made an appearance at the event! Please keep our mission and these mission teams in your prayers.



12th Annual Monsignor Roos Memorial Golf Outing

Raised over \$48,000



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request that you please*

Save the Date!

Friday, October 28, 2016

51st Annual Peru Mission Dinner

Sheraton Station Square

Reception 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00 pm

On-line registration opens

August 20, 2016

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