

## The Chimbote Foundation

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“...a bridge of love and hope.”

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Provinces as well as the American Province located in Elizabeth, PA, also attended as guests of honor.

Mr. Clark presented a video that was put together with pictures and video from dedicated visitors to Chimbote over the past few years. As noted in the Fall newsletter, visitors to the Social Works Center have included Mr. Bill Shuttleworth, physical therapist and member of the Chimbote dinner committee. Mr. Shuttleworth discussed his experience in Chimbote on this year's video. He visited Chimbote in 2007 with friends Jane Evans, Terese Sonnett, Dr. Joan Reale and Central Catholic Student Brendan Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan gave a brief reflection on how his experience in Chimbote has positively influenced his life through humility and thanksgiving. Monsignor John Kozar, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Society in the

United States, also spoke passionately about the importance of putting Christ first in our lives.

The highlight of the dinner was having newly appointed Bishop David A. Zubik in our presence. Bishop Zubik reflected on the great work that has been accomplished in Chimbote and the work that still needs to be done. Bishop Zubik is looking forward to visiting Chimbote in the near future.

Many thanks to all those who supported the 42nd Annual Peru Mission Dinner to benefit the poor children and families in Chimbote, Peru. It is your support that provides medical care to mothers and children in Chimbote. The 42nd annual dinner was a great success and we look forward to your continued support. Mark your calendar for the 43rd Peru Mission Dinner: Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 6pm at the Sheraton Station Square.



## 4th Annual Chimbote Golf Outing Tuesday, May 27, 2008 South Hills Country Club Tee-off TBA

If you would like to participate as a single, team or as an event sponsor, please contact 412-456-3085.

“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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## When we are burdened, we seek the Lord for rest

“Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.” Psalm 55:22

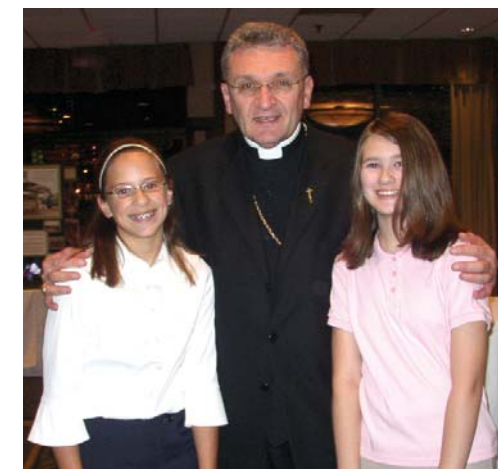
Motivated by the Christian belief that the spiritual and physical life of every person is important, everyone involved in the Chimbote Foundation comes together each October to provide resources for the poor in Chimbote, Peru.

As you know, our annual dinner benefits the Social Works Center and Maternity Hospital, allowing the work of Fr. Jules Roos, Sr. Margaret Mary Bircheimer and Sr. Lillian Bockheim, and many others to flourish.

At the 42nd Annual Peru Mission Dinner on October 24, 2007, \$119,922 was raised through your generous donations, ticket and table purchases.

The Very Reverend Robert Boyle, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Finleyville and Pastor of St. Issac Jogues in Elrama gave the invocation to begin the evening. Fr. Boyle has served as a missionary in Chimbote and continues to support the work in Chimbote by serving on the dinner committee.

Mr. Mike Clark, of WTAE-TV Channel 4, was once again our Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Clark did a wonderful job of welcoming our guests of honor and acknowledging their support. (For more details about Mr. Clark's work



Students from Our Lady of Fatima School meeting Bishop David Zubik at the Chimbote Mission Dinner. with Pittsburgh Catholic School students, turn to page 2 of the newsletter.)

Guests of honor included Monsignor Jules Roos, administrator of the Social Works Center and Dominican Sisters from Chimbote, Peru Sister Margaret Mary Birchmeier, Director of the Maternity hospital, Sister Lillian Bockheim, Director of the Outpatient Clinic. Sister Margaret Hannan, President of the Pittsburgh Sisters of Mercy, also served as a guest of honor.

Several Sisters of the Divine Redeemer from the Austria, Hungary and Slovakia

**42nd Annual Peru Mission  
Dinner Total: \$119,922**

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# Catholic Schools Mission Ambassador Program

Featured are students from Pittsburgh Catholic Schools and their endeavors to raise monies for Chimbote, Peru. Many of the schools promote giving and stewardship all year long through various fundraising activities for the Chimbote Foundation. Students welcome the opportunity to learn about Peru and the needs of the Peruvian people, specifically through the Center for Social Works and the Maternity Hospital. Congratulations students for a job well done!

## Reaching Out With Love Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy Aspinwall, PA

Chimbote, Peru, is known as one of the most poverty-stricken cities throughout the world. People everywhere have found the generosity to open doors for the Chimbote Mission. The Chimbote Mission is a way for people to come together to raise money to give to the needy families in Peru. The mission truly motivates many people, young and old, to make a difference, since every penny is worth a great deal in Chimbote.

By donating just three dollars to the mission, a year's worth of essential vitamins and mineral supplements are provided for a malnourished child. Twenty dollars helps to under-

write the cost of medical treatment for five people during an average week, while forty dollars underwrites the cost of medical treatment for ten people during an average day. A house costs about two hundred twenty-five dollars to build. This shows how much a loving heart contributes to life in Chimbote.

Through the many talks of helping to fund the mission, many school students all across the Diocese of Pittsburgh have shown interest in becoming involved. My school, Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy, has especially felt the desire to give throughout the years.

Many Chimbote projects have become an exciting yearly tradition, starting off with our Movie Day. Children at our school pay one dollar to watch a movie that is being shown, as well as pay for healthy snacks to eat. All the money that is then collected at the end of the day is given to the Chimbote Mission. Students are also allowed to pay one dollar to dress down out of their uniforms during the day. This is a special fundraiser that has pushed the school to raise \$344.31 just last year.

Other fundraisers include the Kindergarten Pennies for Peru, in

which the kindergarten class brings in as many pennies as they can throughout a four-week period. The Fourth Grade also participates by having a Lenten change collection for Chimbote.

These activities are a great way for the students to get the chance to reach out and show kindness and love toward those who are in great need. I'm sure Chimbote truly appreciates the people who care for them, for they will know that they are in God's hands.

—Claire Kintner, Eighth Grade

## Lighting the Way Saint Elizabeth Catholic School Pleasant Hills, PA

Saint Elizabeth Elementary School, located in Pleasant Hills for 65 years, has long demonstrated an untiring commitment to philanthropy. Central to its mission and educational program, Saint Elizabeth School teaches the importance of caring for others. Echoing the call to "Light the Way," this year Saint Elizabeth's efforts extend to the responsibility of being global citizens. A yearlong service project focusing on the mission in Chimbote, Peru was launched in August 2007 and will continue until May 2008. The money raised will support the medical and educational



Students at Saint Cyril of Alexandria assemble their model ...



... and the finished product!

efforts of the missionaries who work with the disadvantaged families of Chimbote, Peru. The students have planned a number of activities which include bake sales and non-uniform day collections, a fund raising marathon sponsored by the Cross Country Team, Read for Chimbote which will involve collecting pledges for books read by the students throughout the year, a Sharing is Caring collection in the school cafeteria, and a Used Book Sale. Though no specific dollar goal has been set, the students have already raised almost \$4,000 for the Chimbote Foundation with three months to go! Among the highlights of the Year for Chimbote was the kick-off assembly

presented by Mike Clark of WTAE, who spreads the message of caring for others by recounting his own experiences in Chimbote. In October, Saint Elizabeth School presented its project at the annual Chimbote Dinner. The Cross Country Team answered the call to get involved by having each runner raise \$26 which represented \$1 for each mile of a symbolic Marathon for Chimbote. Their efforts alone raised over \$700. Yet to be completed is the Read for Chimbote Event and our Used Book Sale. A reasonable estimate for these efforts is \$1,000.

The tradition of service at Saint Elizabeth Elementary School invites

the students to do more than donate material goods. It calls them to realize that they are challenged as disciples of Jesus Christ to help build up the Kingdom of God here on earth by using their time, talent, and treasure to "Light the Way" by serving others.

## The One Brick at a Time Saint Cyril of Alexandria School Brighton Heights, PA

From October 18 to 31 of last year, the Student Council of Saint Cyril of Alexandria School sold paper bricks to help build a hospital in Chimbote Peru. In the front window of the school, students built a model of a hospital brick by brick. Bricks cost \$1 and windows cost \$5.



Students at Christ the Divine Teacher watch a video of Msgr. Jules Roos.



Children at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary giving money to Chimbote.

## Chimbote Mission Bookmark Project

Sharing the stories of the work of our missionaries in Peru through this newsletter has led to the substantial financial and spiritual support for the Social Works Center and Maternidad de Maria hospital in Chimbote. The faces of the poor are truly unforgettable. To help continue our outreach efforts, bookmarks have been created to honor the orphans who presently make their home at the Maternidad. Each bookmark has a picture of one of the several orphans at the mission, with a short description of their unique personality and interests. These bookmarks can be shared simply to strengthen the personal tie with the thousands of students in Pittsburgh Diocesan schools and others who have done so much to raise money for the Mission, or can be sold to raise funds at any type of event to benefit Chimbote. If you would like to order bookmarks for your next fundraiser, please contact the Chimbote Foundation office at 412-456-3085 or via email [development@diopitt.org](mailto:development@diopitt.org).



Julio was born on Oct. 23, 2006.

Julio is a delightful, content little boy.

He loves to be held, is very sociable and enjoys playing with the other kids.

Julio is crazy about stuffed animals and chocolate!

Please keep Julio in your prayers.