

Hail to The Volunteers

Every year we welcome their coming and lament their going, and this year was no exception. Nineteen of the volunteers pictured here are giving or have given at least a year of their lives to our "Family of Families." Their enthusiasm and dedication to our families is a priceless contribution to the development of the values we hope to promote. The volunteers teach, run manual arts programs, work in the businesses, entertain the families with healthy recreation, pray with them, work with their special kids, and create a real Christian community with those with whom they live and work.

They come from far and near, from Germany, from the east coast, the midwest, and all the way out to the west coast of the U.S.A. But by the time they leave us, they all come from "Quito." They are part of our Family of Families and will always remain so. We thank them and want you to see who they are.



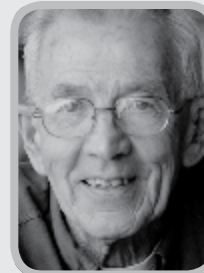
Standing (L to R) John Cochol, Corry Cochol, Bob Cole, Meredith Fisher, Julia Kropf, Mike Byrd, Jana Zips, Laura Paiva, Joe Stella
 Sitting on couch: Julia Sellers, Celyse Graves, Andrew Janusz, Elizabeth Welch, David Ehle, and Saul Gaona
 Sitting on floor: Julie Mastrella, Megan Ramirez, Liska Clasen, Kristin Weakly, Alexis Perez Rogers, and Johanna Hecke

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Padre's Message



DEAR FOLKS,

The Lord's peace be with you all.

Kids want something different and God was thinking of them when She or He created school as one of those always changing things. Some days it's the endurance of learning everything you really didn't ask to know about in the whole world. Other days it's a laugh a minute with a teacher who obviously loves to be with you. When the school year is about to end for summer vacation, it becomes an anticipation of deliverance from regular daily order slavery back to the world where you were originally born free. That freedom is a fortune of extra time to make more money working and lots more time to play. Going no place

with a fortune like that is its own inspiration to shake loose and get back to the challenge of school. Right at this season in the Working Boys' Center - A Family of Families, all God's kids, including the parents, are ready for summer vacation. It's June. The teachers are ready for a break, too. Everybody's going on vacation from school with a huge dose of heroic pride in the conquest of ignorance and the promotion to a higher grade. How does God ever make this delightful plan work year after year?

Well, for one thing, the Holy Spirit inspires your gifts to pay for it all.

Thanks.

John J. Halligan, S.J.
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A Weekend Honoring Dr. Miguel Conway, BVM

Inspired to pay tribute to Madre Miguel's 45 years of service to Ecuador's poor, over 200 supporters gathered on May 18, 2012 in Milwaukee, WI. Thanks to your generosity, the evening honored Madre Miguel, Mother to the World's Largest Family, by raising valuable funds to continue essential WBC family programs. The weekend was rounded out by Madre's receipt of an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Marquette University at their May 20, 2012, Commencement ceremony.

To see photos and videos from the weekend or to lend your support, visit the WBC website at www.workingboyscenter.org.



BVM sisters Carmelle, Judy, Sheila and Mary Ann attended the weekend activities honoring Madre. Photo by Dan Johnson



Madre, Marquette University President Scott Pilarz, S.J. and baseball legend Hank Aaron. Photo by Dan Johnson



Tom MacKinnon, former WBC volunteer and current Marquette University Chief of Staff, and Scott Pilarz, S.J. hood Dr. Miguel Conway, BVM. Photo by Dan Johnson

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Stunning Sibling Successes

Thanks to Your Support

The graduates of our technical education courses continually win fame for our Working Boys' Center in this world around us. God approves of our pride in them because they are proof of the Center's ability to facilitate self-motivated radical change from poverty to prosperity. All of them know God wants to be proud of them as each one goes on, after graduation, to establish for his or her family the prosperity that will be their springboard to a grateful eternal happiness. We, too, can be proud of their personal track records from nothing to everything. Of course, there's a lot of money involved in the process. That's yours; and so will be the glory.

We have special reasons to tell about two of those agents of our fame: 29 year old Juan Buñay and his sister, 34 year old Maria del Carmen. They entered the Center as very little kids many years ago with their parents and siblings, finished their formation and along with their classmates have been making their marks in the work world.

Maria del Carmen, after receiving her professional diploma in Industrial Sewing, in addition to taking on her work career, also financed and continued further studies in clothing design. She kept working, studying, saving and planning because her objective was not something to be accomplished overnight. She finally has solidly established her base of operations for the long haul ahead. She is using a big, well-equipped space in her home for her own school of Clothing Design. She has fourteen students, seven in the morning and seven in the afternoon, only on Saturdays. She dare not open full time all the days of the week because she still has to get through the last of the paper work that will make her school legal. Besides, she has a full time job during the week.

The other star graduate we want to feature in this Shoeshine Special is Juan Buñay, one of Maria del Carmen's three very successful brothers. It's a bit presumptuous on our part to be featuring a guy who, more than any other characteristic, shows a determination to share

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Juan Buñay as a young boy.



Maria del Carmen threads her sewing machine.

his talents with others rather than shine them for the public. Juan, chief mechanic in a local division of Renault Autoworks, amazes his boss who explains that in their very complicated business there has never been an on-the-job challenge that Juan couldn't meet, greet and defeat.

In March of this year 2012, at a special ceremony, Juan was honored as the top rated participant in the company's special training course for workers interested in upward advancement. Along with the honor came a raise in salary and the company's commitment to send him to further courses, this year in Columbia and next year in Mexico. In both places he'll have to do some teaching of what he has already excelled in. The company is planning international expansion all over Latin America; and it wants all of its best workers to share each other's knowledge and desire for excellence.

Maria del Carmen and Juan are two of six or more thousand women and men who have used their three years of technical education after graduation from grammar school to become all they can be. Your investment in all of them enables these success stories to be realized and shared and, for that ongoing commitment, we are truly grateful.



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