

## 2017 Lenten Pilgrimage Information

The Downtown Dayton Catholic Churches, Health Care Ministry is announcing the destination for the 2017 Lenten Pilgrimage

- The Pilgrimage will take us through Parishes and Missions of the Society of Precious Blood in central and South America. These locations were chosen because of the influence of the Holy Father in this part of the world and the presence of CPPS locations.
- Total Miles for the 2017 Pilgrimage 9, 400 miles
- The reflections are the words of Pope Francis over the last several years that he has been Pope. You can find the full 275 pages by searching “***Selected quotes of Pope Francis by Subject***”.
  - The document is from the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development that was last updated on September 2016.
- As last year the location and their activities will be posted in the bulletin along with the reflection for the week.
  - Collections baskets and sheets for the miles will be in the back of the churches
  - These will be totaled weekly so we can follow our progress
  - There will be a display in the back of the church with maps and information on the CPPS locations along our route.
- In an effort to increase participation by all of our parishioners and encouraging prayer and reflection during the Ways to earn miles have changed from previous years:
  - Exercise;
    - Tracking you miles or minutes that you are engaged in any form of exercise. ( walking, bike riding, working out, playing sports)
    - 15 minutes of exercise is equal to 1 mile
  - Spiritual Activity;
    - Rosary 5 miles
    - Daily Mass 5 miles
    - Stations of the Cross 5 miles
    - Sacrament of Reconciliation 5 miles
    - Attendance at a Lenten Event ie:
      - Mission 10 miles a night
      - Other events 10 miles
- The Health Care Ministry is issuing a challenge to our three parishes to achieve the ambitious goal of 9,400 miles while growing in your spiritual life during Lent.

DATE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION AND REFLECTION
February 26 –March 4 Ash Wednesday March 1	St. Bonaventure Indian Mission & School, Post Office Box 610 Thoreau, NM 87323-0610	<p>St Bonaventure Indian Mission in New Mexico provides the people of the Eastern Navajo Nation the opportunity to develop self-sufficiency through education, employment, housing and outreach services that make available food, water, clothing, and other social services. “We are motivated by the desire to mutually share the goodness of God.” The tribe lives in one of the poorest counties in the country. Dayton’s Precious Blood Parish ministers to this Mission with gifts including clothing, household items and books.</p> <p><b><i>“The life of Jesus is a life for others. The life of Jesus is a life for others. It is a life of service” ( 7/28/13, WYD)</i></b></p>
March 5- 1st Sunday of Lent	The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Plaza de las Américas 1 Mexico City Mexico	<p>The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City is the most-visited Catholic shrine in the world. It was founded on the original site on Tepeyac Hill, where Juan Diego was instructed to build a church by Our Blessed Mother in 1591. In December 2014, Pope Francis praised Our Lady of Guadalupe as “a great missionary”. “Through her intercession, the Christian faith has become the richest treasure of the soul of the Latin American people, whose precious pearl is Jesus Christ...” He further said the people have a consciousness of the dignity of the human person, a passion for justice and are in solidarity with the poor and suffering and in the virtue of hope.</p> <p><b><i>“Time and time again he bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. “(11/24/13 no.3)</i></b></p>

<p>March 12 2nd Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Precious Blood, Guatemala City, Guatemala.</p>	<p>While Guatemala's rich soil supports lush plant life, its people often find it harder to thrive. More than half of the population lives below the nation's poverty line, and a third of the nation cannot read or write. It has often been plagued by violence, particularly during a decades-long civil war, the scars of which still linger. Precious Blood missionaries carry out parish ministry through Nuestra Señora de la Preciosa Sangre (Our Lady of the Precious Blood) in the capital city. 1995, Sangre de Cristo Health Care Project was instituted as a non-profit. The Project Mission includes creation of an integrated health care system and sharing the fruits of love, peace, faith and hope that come from God. In 2000, the project conducted its first Surgery Campaign, with the help of volunteers from Dayton, Ohio.</p> <p><b><i>"... when food is shared in a fair way, with solidarity, when no one is deprived, every community can meet the needs of the poorest. Human ecology and environmental ecology walk together."</i> (6/15/13 Environment)</b></p>
<p>March 19 3rd Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Seminary of Saint Gaspar, 9na. Avenida 24-09 Zona 16, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala</p>	<p>Missionaries of the Precious Blood administer the Seminary of Saint Gaspar for candidates in initial formation with the Community. Candidates live in community with one another and with the Community's director of initial formation at Gaspar House. They gather for prayer, reflection and celebrate the Eucharist together. They share in the chores of everyday life and learn more about the mission, ministries and spirituality of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. If they have not yet obtained a bachelor's degree, they usually do so during this time. Candidates also meet with spiritual directors and are engaged in some kind of ministry.</p> <p><b><i>"If we believe in the free and generous action of the Spirit, we are able to understand one another well and work together to serve society better and to contribute to peace in a decisive way."</i> (12/1/14)</b></p>
<p>March 26 4th Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Blood of Christ Parish, Guatamala</p>	<p>In the countryside near Guatemala City, Precious Blood Missionaries minister in the La Labor region, at a far-flung rural parish called Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ). There, they care for the spiritual needs of nearly 40,000 people in 14 faith communities, with the help of trained lay catechists. In 1993, a Precious Blood Parish, Our Lady of Guataloupe in Montezuma Ohio, established a "Sister Parish" in</p>

		<p>La Labor. They raised \$40,000 to build a well to access sanitary drinking water. This act helped decrease the infant mortality rate from 60% to 10%.</p> <p><b><i>“But to all of you, especially those who can do more and give more, I ask: Please do more! Please give more! When you give of your time, your talents and your resources to the many people who struggle and who live on the margins, you make a difference. It is a difference that is so desperately needed, and one for which you will be richly rewarded by the Lord. “ (1/18/15)</i></b></p>
<p>April 2 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Tucuru and La Tinta in the Mountains of Alta Verapez, Guatemala</p>	<p>Precious Blood Missionaries minister high in the mountains in Tucurú and La Tinta in the Department of Alta Verapez, Guatemala. The rural people there are fiercely proud of their Mayan culture. It is a culture that is threatened by modern times, but Precious Blood Missionaries walk with them in faith and respect for their traditions.</p> <p><b><i>“To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love , is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; is to bring the warmth of hope! “(3/19/13)</i></b></p>
<p>April 9 Palm Sunday</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Alps, Calle 29 No 32-09 Barrio Acevedo Tejada Bogota, Colombia</p>	<p>Missionaries in Bogotá, Columbia minister at Nuestra Señora de los Alpes (Our Lady of the Alps). The parish has a lively youth group, and the Precious Blood Missionaries started several adult faith formation initiatives. Missionaries are welcomed to small villages, usually during Holy Week, where they join in the observation of this most blessed time. They lead prayers and processions, preach and minister to the people in other ways. Missionaries also work in schools and administer a vocation and formation program for priest and brother candidates.</p> <p><b><i>“Let us pray together to the God of Peace, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary: <u>Grant peace, Lord, in our day, and make us builders of justice and peace. Mary, Queen of Peace pray for us.” (8/10/14)</u></i></b></p>

<p>April 16 Easter</p>	<p>Sondorillo, Peru</p>	<p>Missionaries in Peru minister in Sondorillo, a village high in the mountains north of Lima. Roads are narrow, steep and often impassable; Missionaries there sometimes travel by dirt bike around the village and to the 24 small chapels spread out in the countryside. The water supply is scarce and unsafe to drink. Homes are simple—yet “The people are wonderful, and they love the fact that our priests are living among them,” said Fr. Andoni Ledesma, C.PP.S. In Spring 2014, only two Missionaries lived full time in Sondorillo: Fr. Rodríguez and Fr. James “Santiago” Gaynor, C.PP.S., an Ohio native who has been ministering in Peru for 30 years. The priest-to-people ratio is hugely lopsided, which makes it even more critical that the Missionaries train lay leaders.</p> <p><b><i>“Be attentive to the needs of the poor, the suffering, the lonely, for whoever has chosen to love Jesus cannot but love his neighbor.” (12/18/14)</i></b></p>
<p>April 23 2nd Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>San Francisco de Borja San Borja District, Lima, Peru</p>	<p>In Lima, Peru, Precious Blood Missionaries pastor in the district of San Borja. San Francisco de Borja, a C.PP.S. school, began operating in 1968 with only 2 classrooms and 40 students. Today, the primary through secondary school has over 900 students. The mission statement includes: We are a Catholic educational institution and provide comprehensive training, promoting autonomy in learning and skills development, inspired by the experience of the values of the Blood of Christ, so that students are agents in the transformation of society.</p> <p><b><i>“Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation!” (3/19/13)</i></b></p>
<p>April 30 3rd Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Light, Lima, Peru</p>	<p>In Lima, Peru, Precious Blood Missionaries serve at Nuestra Señora de la Luz (Our Lady of the Light). This parish covers a huge territory which in an economically challenged neighborhood. There, the parish provides many support services to its people. Also in Lima, the Missionaries administer the Asociación San Jerónimo (St. Jerome Association), which provides educational resources to the country’s teachers.</p> <p><b><i>“The economy of honesty must be fostered! A healing economy in the insidious sea of the global economy. A true economy supported by people who have only the common good in their heart and mind.” (2/28/15)</i></b></p>

<p>May 7 4th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Precious Blood, Santiago, Chile</p>	<p>Santiago is the capital and largest city of Chile. Together with the Sisters of the Precious Blood, the Missionaries minister in Nuestra Señora de la Preciosa Sangre (Our Lady of the Precious Blood) parish, which covers four regions of economically challenged areas of the city. “It is a challenge to offer pastoral care to so many,” said Fr. Humberto Jaña, C.PP.S., the pastor. The parish staff relies on the help of trained lay catechists to help nurture the the pastor. The parish staff relies on the help of trained lay catechists to help nurture the faith life of the people faith life of the people.</p> <p><b><i>“But you too, help one another: help one another always. One another. In this way, by helping one another, we will do some good.” (3/28/13, Prison for Minors)</i></b></p>
<p>May 14 5th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>San Gaspar College, Santiago, Chile</p>	<p>In Santiago, the Missionaries minister at San Gaspar College (for children preschool through high school), which they founded in 1954. It has a national reputation for excellence in Chile. Students are educated with an eye for mission: they know that whatever gifts they are given are meant to be shared among God’s people. “Service is essential to the students at San Gaspar,” said Fr. Antonio Baus, C.PP.S., the school principal and an alumnus. Every year, the school takes its students on a mission trip to remote villages in the Chilean Andes. “Our students come from well-to-do families. They will go on to the university and probably grow up to lead the country. They have to be exposed to another side of life, so that they will have a heart for ministry and service when they become leaders,” says Fr. Baus.</p> <p><b><i>“Dear brothers and sisters, the Church loves you! Be active presence in the community, as living cells, as living stones.” (5/5/13)</i></b></p>
<p>May 21 6th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Valdivia and Purrarque, Southern Chile</p>	<p>Precious Blood Missionaries minister in the cities of Valdivia, and Purrarque, located in Southern Chile. These rural parishes cover a lot of territory. Pastors spend many hours driving through the mountains from one small chapel to another. In places where there are no chapels, the pastors preside at Mass in homes or public halls. Fr. Jorge Gómez, C.PP.S., associate pastor in Parrarque, knows that he is in the right place. God gave me this calling, and he continues to look after me. It’s central in my life.” “It’s gratifying to me to be present to sick people, old people, the people</p>

		<p>who need me.”</p> <p><b><i>“Human life, the person is no longer perceived as a primary value to be respected and protected, especially if the poor or disabled, if not yet useful- such as the unborn child- or no longer needed – such as the elderly.” (6/5/13. Environment)</i></b></p>
<p>May 28<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Buenos Aires, Argentina</p>	<p>The people of the slums of Buenos Aires, Argentina remember Pope Francis as Bergoglio, or Father Jorge. He spent much of his time in places such as shantytowns where he would wash the feet of the poor, hear confessions and distribute Holy Communion. A church in which priests actively engage marginalized communities was part of Bergoglio’s missionary vision.</p> <p><b><i>“Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor.” (11/24/13, no. 2)</i></b></p>
<p>June 4<sup>th</sup> Pentecost</p>	<p>Final Report</p>	