



Office of Diocesan and International Missions
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Maryknoll Priest Comes Home to OLP

It's a long trip from the country of Namibia in Southern Africa to Erie. But that didn't stop Fr. Ed Shellito from attending Maryknoll's Centennial Celebration at Holy Rosary Parish on October 23rd. While in town, Fr. Ed made a visit to his home parish of Our Lady of Peace to concelebrate a school liturgy and visit classrooms. Students had the opportunity to hear Fr. Ed's story and to see that missionaries were once kids like themselves.

"It was a built-in vocations promotion, said OLP pastor Fr. Ted Marconi. "I think there could be several kids in that group who could end up as missionaries."

Principal Jeff Lipiec agrees. "We never know when the call is going to come."

An OLP classmate of Fr. Ed, Kathi Kaulis, teaches 2nd grade at the school. Posing with Kathi's class on the same steps where his own class picture was taken made Fr. Ed "feel like a kid again."

Fr. Ed is also a graduate of Cathedral Prep, and says that his education there was an excellent preparation for his work in the missions. Prior to his serving in Namibia, Fr. Ed worked for many years in the Philippines.

During his stay, Fr. Ed also visited classes at both Gannon University and Holy Family School.

For more information on Maryknoll, go to www.maryknoll.org.



From top left: Paul Bork, Fr. Ed Shellito, Kathi Kaulis, Jeff Lipiec and Kathi's class
Photo by Lisa Wenner

Mission of Friendship 40th Anniversary Prayer

Good and gracious God, you have generously blessed the Mission of Friendship over the last 40 years. We thank you for your great love.

We thank you for the vision and dedication of those who founded this relationship between the Diocese of Erie and the Archdiocese of Yucatán.

We thank you for all those who have faithfully supported Mission of Friendship through their service, prayers and financial assistance.

We thank you for the many graces you have bestowed upon the Mission, and we ask your continued blessings on the people of both our dioceses. With complete trust we place the future of Mission of Friendship in your hands.

We humbly ask your Spirit to lead us forward in service.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Gannon Produces Mission of Friendship Presentation

Looking for a way to introduce Mission of Friendship, our diocesan mission, to your class? Perhaps you would like to learn more about it yourself. Students at Gannon University, under the direction of their professor Dr. David Blaetz, have produced a Power Point presentation which can be borrowed from the Mission Office by calling 814-824-1231 or e-mail pmarsshall@eriercd.org.

Mission Giving



Thank you to:

- **St. Leo School**, Ridgeway, who gave \$285 to their sponsored Amigos family.
- **St. James School**, Erie, who donated \$250 from their Mission Club for the missions.
- **St. Michael School**, Greenville, who sent in \$100 for the sponsored Amigos family.
- **St. Brigid Religious Education** students in Meadville, who donated \$119 from their Lenten service project for Japan.
- **St. Joseph School**, Lucinda, who raised \$1583.44 to be split between Japan and Southern States Storm Collection.
- **Holy Redeemer Religious Education** students in Warren who gave \$392.49 for their sponsored Amigos family.
- **East Side Catholic Faith Formation**, Erie, who donated \$325 for Mission of Friendship.

If anyone has been omitted, please contact the Mission Office.



Include Mission in Catholic Schools Week

What better time to help your students understand they are part of the universal Church? Go to www.onefamilyinmission.org/hca.html for ideas and activities. Contact Pat for a presentation.

Holy Childhood Association Holds Annual Christmas Art Contest

HCA has announced the 2011-2012 Christmas Artwork Contest. Your students could see their artwork appear as Christmas e-greetings on HCA's website for kids (www.hcakids.org) and displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC during Advent and Christmas 2012.

Twenty-three drawings will be chosen as winners and reproduced as e-greetings. One grand prize winner will be selected and his or her artwork will be reproduced as the official Christmas card of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. All winners receive a commemorative plaque.

To enter, go to www.hcakids.org, click on art contest and follow prompts to download and print the entry blank. Guidelines for drawings are included. All entries must be received in the National Office no later than January 31, 2012.

Websites Offer Mission Resources

Following are several websites that provide mission materials and activities.

Go to www.onefamilyinmission.org to reach all the Pontifical Mission Societies. Click on the Holy Childhood Association. In the left column, click on additional resources to access classroom materials and ideas. A particularly good source is the school year calendar which offers many suggestions and a lot of good information.

For many great mission education resources offered by Maryknoll, go to www.resources.maryknoll.us. The *Maryknoll Magazine* Program includes teaching guides geared to grades K-5 and 6-12. This high quality magazine is a great resource for use in religion and/or social studies classes. There is also an on-line version. Find out how to borrow or buy materials, and learn strategies in teaching about mission.

The Glenmary Home Mission can be reached at www.glenmary.org/mission-ed/. Click on "resources" and "mission education materials." Glenmary has materials for various grade levels, a Confirmation supplement and Vacation Bible School programs.

The Columban Fathers offer resources to be used with both children and adults. Go to www.columban.org and click on Mission Education.

Visit Mission of Friendship's blog at:

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