



# Not So Far Afield

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## THE BIGGEST JOY OF MY LIFE

Noel Krebs – Goshen-Westchester Chapter

Preparation for a Kairos retreat consists of three hours on each of eight Friday nights. Each of the 20 times I've done these 24 hours of preparation, I am greatly rewarded with a deep, lasting joy.

In a New York State prison, we give a four-day active retreat of talks, discussions, posters, and explanations. The Kairos Christian, interdenominational retreat welcomes all Christians, Jews, Muslims, atheists, etc. Each table of four residents (prisoners) and two Kairos volunteers becomes a community—a table family. We punctuate the retreat days with hymn singing led by a Kairos band, meals, and a break outside the gym in the fresh air and sunshine of the yard.



To learn more about Kairos, visit <http://www.kairosnewyork.org>.

The first day is an evening of welcoming, introducing, and informing about the program. The next two days are full: 9 am to 6 pm. The last day closes at 3 pm with the residents telling us what they got out of the retreat. They say they:

- Are always spiritually better than before the retreat,
- Sometimes feel a reawakening and recharging of a dormant religious faith or a boost to an active faith,
- Perhaps convert from a self-with-no-God to a self-with-God,
- Sometimes experience a reversal from no morals to a moral life.

Can you feel the joy? Ours and Jesus's.

Of the 50 or so prisons in New York State, only two are maximum-maximum security, called maxi-maxi—

dangerous people in a dangerous environment. Over 60 percent of the prisoners are in for life and the minimum sentence is 25 years to life. Getting out on parole is not easy. They see the parole board once every two years. Some residents have been doing everything right and still get turned down by the parole board six, seven, eight times. Some become depressed. Such is life in our prison.

Significantly, prisoners from other prisons request transfers from a nominally less dangerous place to

our maxi-maxi. This maxi-maxi has gotten the reputation for being relatively peaceful, meaning less violent or safer. I believe it is because of the annual Kairos retreats and the monthly prayer and share meetings.

We train the residents to run prayer and share groups. We urge them to meet at least once a month to share their state of soul and prayers. The idea is to keep the Christian community together and growing. Mentors among them are spiritually mature men who help neophytes navigate a Christian life in a dark, dangerous place. We look up to the mentors for their courage and constancy. They guide the community upward and onward,

We volunteers are the invited guests, joining them. They run the meetings; we participate. We all—both sides—renew and reinvigorate the spiritual brotherhood birthed at the retreat. We volunteers, including Affiliates Hans Pittner and myself, treat the residents like human beings. We don't have to do this. We sacrifice for them. They see it and wonder about it, thank us for it. They see that we enjoy them, not tolerate them or keep them at a distance. We give them hugs and let them hug us. (Hugs are against the rules of the New York prison system!)



**SHARING HOPE, FEELING JOY**

Even in the cold of winter Affiliates feel a deep, lasting joy, hope, and love. That’s what Affiliates are about.

Noel Krebs tells us about the lasting joy that he and fellow Affiliates experience in their accompaniment of residents of the New York State prison system, giving the prisoners hope. After a home restoration mission, Bob Short and Affiliates journeyed to Nada (from the Czech word for hope), in Texas, inspiring us to include our neighbors in the US in our global vision. Maryknoll Sisters and Los Angeles Affiliates try thinking wrong to make things right. They commit to collaborate, practicing their loving care for creation.

The presence of refugees and migrants continues to challenge our values. British poet Brian Bilston, page 7, turns pat statements about refugees upside down and forces a look at them from another direction. The Pinneys in Walla Walla are planning a service to connect their parishioners with migration concerns and each other. They offer to share that service template with us. Affiliates from Seattle travel to McAllen, Texas, showing love and compassion to recently released detainees.

That’s what Affiliates are about: joy, hope, and love, impelled by our Affiliate pillars of Spirituality, Community, Global Vision, and Action.

How have you felt joy, hope and love lately? Share with your fellow Affiliates at [NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org](mailto:NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org)



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Affiliates share in the mission and family spirit of Maryknoll Sisters, Fathers and Brothers, and Lay Missioners living lives of service around the world. If you would like further information or an opportunity to attend a local chapter meeting in your area, please contact the Executive Coordinator of the Maryknoll Affiliates at P.O. Box 311, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0311 or e-mail him at [rshort@maryknollaffiliates.org](mailto:rshort@maryknollaffiliates.org).



**CHAPTERS TEAM UP WITH MARYKNOLL COMPANIONS**

As of January 2019, the Maryknoll Chapter Companion Initiative had its first successful Chapter Companions match: Fr. Bob Carleton, MM, has been matched with the Northeast Florida Affiliate Chapter that he started years ago.

“We are very excited to connect with Fr. Bob again,” said Mary Moritz, the Chapter Coordinator. “We believe that our chapter will be blessed by this connection.”

Five other chapter requests are pending with the Sisters and the Lay Missioners, and those matches will hopefully be finalized soon. In addition, three chapters have elected to formalize their ongoing relationship with a Maryknoll missionary as their Chapter Companionship.



**ANOTHER VIEW OF LEADERSHIP**

Patrisse Cullors, *Black Lives Matter Movement* founder, says, “We are not leaderless, we are leader-full.” ...It is difficult to infiltrate, undermine, or disrupt an organic movement that draws its power from regenerating communal cells.

—Richard Rohr, 4/13/18

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**“THINKING WRONG” IN MONROVIA**

Hugh Menton – Los Angeles Chapter  
Eugene Shirley – Pando Populus

Sr. Dolores Mitch, MM – Monrovia Maryknoll Sisters

“Thinking Wrong” is a process to generate creative ideas, thinking outside the box. Where better to find such thinking than among retired Maryknoll Sisters in Monrovia, California, and ten or so undergraduate Kansas University design students—members of a Studio X project? Studio X projects use “Thinking Wrong” to create new possibilities.

The Sisters invited Greater Los Angeles Maryknoll Affiliate Chapter members to participate in “Thinking Wrong.” Three Affiliates—Jane Bivona, Hugh Menton, and Jean Menton—joined with the Sisters, KU students, and Pando Populus members to envision new happenings at the Sisters’ Monrovia community located against the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, on a beautiful November day. Four groups presented their ideas after a day of reflection and dialogue. Do you hear the Affiliates’ sense of spirituality, community, action, and global concern in the story?

Why create such a dialogue? Blend together the Sisters’ developing work with Pando Populus and Pope Francis’ call for Care of the Earth in his encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, and you find the reason. Maryknoll Sisters are also implementing the decision from their 2014 General Assembly to work towards becoming “One Earth Community.”

Pando Populus, a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization focused on creating initiatives and events for a more resilient and regenerative Southland, is joining with the Sisters to explore how the Monrovia property can become a place that furthers the *Laudato Si’* message by demonstrating, teaching, and accelerating the practical implications of the pope’s vision.

*Laudato Si’* calls for communities of “integral ecology,” where people live in harmony with the Earth and each other. That vision is nearly identical to what Pando chair John Cobb calls “ecological civilization.” To get there, Pando creative director John Bielenberg says we have to start “Thinking Wrong.”

To our knowledge, Maryknoll Monrovia is the first location to explicitly set out to incarnate this vision. The physical construct could consist of a multi-



*“Being Pando means I belong to you, you belong to me, we belong to each other.”*

Pando believes that a hopeful vision of the future is possible, and that the Maryknoll compound in Monrovia can model it for Los Angeles County. At [PandoPopulus.com](http://PandoPopulus.com), we read:

**Pandotopia at Maryknoll**

At the Maryknoll Sisters’ 7 ½ acre compound in Monrovia, we’re bringing women who have taken lifelong vows of poverty together with some of the country’s top designers; urban farmers together with social impact entrepreneurs; believers of all kinds together with those who don’t relate to any traditional faith — to model, accelerate, and educate about incarnating a new way of living.

generational living community and live exhibits addressing agriculture, energy, water, and waste generation and treatment, along with cutting-edge LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) buildings to house staff, lodging, and training elements.

The financial model could include trainings (and possibly subject-matter certifications) and residencies. Grants from corporations, foundations, and government entities interested in seeding this vision of self-sufficiency could lead to positive environmental and social impacts. Faculty and in-residence fellowships could be established to maintain a vibrant living and learning environment.

The aim is to utilize this ecosystem facility as a living repository (physical and digital), housing the learnings and output of the works emanating from the pope’s encyclical, the L.A. County sustainability plan, city-specific efforts, and corporate and non-profit programs.

Pando believes that a hopeful vision of the future is possible, and that the Maryknoll compound in Monrovia can model it for Los Angeles County. Where will Maryknoll Sisters and Pando Populus

take it from here?

Their experience in November prompted the Los Angeles Chapter Affiliates to identify their focus areas for 2019 as *Care for the Earth* and the collaborative work in the Sisters’ Monrovia community.



**YOU TALK – WE LISTEN**

**Judy Pinney of Walla Walla, Washington,** writes: Currently, we are working with our Catholic Social Concerns Committee on holding a possible bilingual prayer service to Our Lady of Guadalupe to pray for immigrants and asylum seekers. Our parish is over half Hispanic yet has been virtually silent regarding what is happening at the border and the call for Catholics/Christians to support immigrants. Some of us from both the Anglo and Hispanic communities have come up with a format for this possible service using materials from the USCCB website and are contacting the pastor this week for approval. If this comes to fruition, we would be happy to share the meeting outline with you in case any of you would like to use it in your parishes or in one of your meetings.



**NSFA editor Paula Schaffner responds:** My parish needs opportunities to bring our Anglo and Hispanic communities together, too. We'll be looking forward to receiving your meeting outline!

**Hugh Menton, Regional Coordinator for California, suggests:** In the spirit of Affiliate connections and global vision, Jean [Hugh's wife] prepared for our Affiliate meeting potluck the New Zealand-origin dish, Bean & Tomato Stew—Square Edge, that you [Paula Schaffner] shared in an email to your Chapter participants and copied me some time ago.



It was delicious, as all in our Chapter who attended today's meeting testified.

Has NSFA ever included an international potluck item recipe column? My impression is that almost every Chapter gathers around food and it is an easy avenue to introduce global awareness.

**NSFA editors respond:** We agree that sharing food can both build community and increase global awareness. We'll start with this issue—look for the Potluck Recipe Exchange on page 8. It will also appear in occasional future issues.

**Affiliates:** Please send your questions or comments to [NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org](mailto:NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org). We love to hear from you and will share your good ideas.



**SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME...**

Because of a light response and busy schedules, Book Group 2019 is being delayed until fall.

We encourage Affiliates to read **Choosing Peace**, edited by Marie Dennis, on their own, and comment on Facebook, or send comments to us at [NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org](mailto:NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org). We'd also appreciate book suggestions for the Fall Book Group, and book reviews for the NSFA.



**SAVE THE DATE:  
JUNE 25-28, 2020**

*Be with us at the  
**Maryknoll Affiliate Conference!***

*The site, **Graymoor Spiritual Life Center** at Garrison, NY has easy access from the Metro-North train line and is less than 25 minutes from the Maryknoll Center.*

*A small, initial **Planning Team** of Celine Woznica (Chicago Central), Ginny McEvoy (Long Island) and Bob Short (Greater Boston) will provide updates as plans evolve.*

*Watch for invitations to contribute your skills and help make this conference memorable in the fine MAC tradition!*

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**NEWS FROM ENCUESTRO AND THE BORDER**

We received a holiday update from **David Stocker** who participated in the Affiliates Mission Nonviolence Conference in Oregon this fall and shared “The Art of Nonviolence” in the Nov/Dec NSFA. He tells us:

*I visited Rivera Sun (another speaker at Mission Nonviolence) in Taos after the Encuentro. We shared stories, and she is a great voice for the Insurrection.*

*On December 11<sup>th</sup>, one of our organizers in Tucson—Alejandra, a powerful advocate for immigrants’ rights and a woman who led part of the protest at Eloy Detention Center—was ordered to be deported. We are sure her activism has made her a target of ICE. What to do if all vulnerable people are silenced?*



David Stocker making drums at Portland Mission Nonviolence.

David also thanks readers of the NSFA for their donations to the SOA Watch Puppetistas:

*With your support, Puppetistas were able to present the drum making workshop in two community centers in Mexico and at three*

*locations in the US. Our music, arts, and drums were present at the Eloy protest and at the trial in Tucson of the border guard who killed a Mexican teen six years ago. Many of the children and their parents from the Mexican schools attended our Sunday gathering where the kids were featured in song and dance.*

*This is groundbreaking for SOAW and I’m proud that we were a part.... Through it all kids are still kids. In this world there can be no ‘others’ because all of the children belong to all of us. It really does take a village.... Thanks.*



# All-American mosaic

**Joseph R. Veneroso, MM**

What makes America great?  
 Military might or material wealth?  
 Democratic ideals or Republican values?  
 Freedom to say and be and do what you please?  
 A history of helping those in need?  
 The right to criticize elected officials and government policies without fear?  
 The peace in which to worship God or the choice not to believe at all?  
 Tolerance for those who disagree?  
 All, some or none of the above?

What makes America different?  
 That we are a nation without faults or that we have the wisdom and courage to acknowledge and correct them?  
 That we close our minds and borders or that we welcome all who come

—as once we or our ancestors did— seeking freedom and a better life?  
 That in America all must think, talk, eat, dress, act, love, pray and live alike?  
 Or that each individual can pursue his or her own vision of happiness?

What makes America different?  
 Our tolerance for differences.

Diversity makes America great.  
 Diversity makes America strong.

Each addition to our ranks enriches and empowers the whole.

We hold these truths to be self-evident.

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Al Drinkwine, left, and Karen and Mark Smith make sandwiches.

**COMPASSION AND HOSPITALITY  
ON THE BORDER**

Jerrie Drinkwine – Seattle Chapter

News flashes of a caravan of people from Central America moving through Mexico to seek asylum in the US filled television screens and social media throughout 2018. Scenes of children being separated from parents horrified most Americans. With these haunting reports, a team of five people from Holy Family Parish, Kirkland, WA, decided to go to the Texas/Mexico border in McAllen, to volunteer at the Humanitarian Respite Center in support of these asylum seekers and to gain information for a possible Adult Mission Trip in February 2019.

What happens after a family is processed by the Border Patrol and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and enters the Respite Center mirrors the social teachings of Jesus. Families come off prison buses from ICE with one adult per family having a tracking device secured to one ankle. All shoe laces and belts have been removed by ICE to prevent potential suicide. Once in the Respite Center, they are welcomed warmly by a team of volunteers and four paid staff members. This is where the hospitality and compassion take place.



Jerrie Drinkwine folds laundry.

Guests are offered hot soup with a piece of bread or tortilla and water. Staff members help adults with family members or sponsors living in the US get bus tickets. Guests are provided with clean clothes and warm showers. Children have a chance to play games or color pictures with other children. Each night a different church furnishes a delicious hot dinner.

Once ready for the next part of their journey, families receive a snack pack that consists of four sandwiches, two bottles of water, chips, crackers, and cookies, to take on their bus ride to their sponsor. This trip could take up to three days. If guests cannot get a bus out that day, they spend the night in the Respite Center on mats and are given a breakfast of cold cereal and a banana in the morning. Recently, there were 302 guests sleeping on the floor at the Humanitarian Respite Center. The goal is to process guests through the Respite Center within 24 hours. Currently, there have been 250-400 guests per day.

At the Respite Center, people from all over the US provide a continuous flow of love and outreach—and the need is immense. Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley rely on donations and volunteers to make this happen. To learn more about the center and to see works of compassion in action, go to:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesrgv.org/HumanitarianRespiteCenter.shtml>

After volunteering for seven days, we were passionate about returning with an Adult Mission group to “Share the Journey” with our brothers and sisters. This trip takes place February 24 to March 2, 2019. Joining Holy Family Kirkland (HFK) will be Seattle’s Maryknoll priest, Fr. Robert Wynne, and Affiliates Roger and Kitty Schiltz and Al and Jerrie Drinkwine. The mission has been



*As simple as it seems, shoelaces are the item in high demand. With so many guests, the center goes through an average of 300*

*pairs of shoelaces daily. Dollar Tree sells eight pair of shoelaces for \$1.00. Should you want to donate any, send them to:*

Sisters of Mercy  
 (Please mark "Border Aid")  
 c/o Sisters of Mercy-Border Aid  
 Development Office  
 515 Montgomery Avenue  
 Merion, PA 19066



Andrea Liggett sorts laundry in the clothes room.

coordinated through the joint efforts of CRS Parish Ambassadors Mark and Karen Smith, Al and Jerrie Drinkwine, and HFK Outreach Minister, Andrea Liggett.

Maryknoll Affiliates and Catholic Relief Services share a joint mission of living in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around

## REFUGEES

**Brian Bilston**

*They have no need of our help  
 So do not tell me  
 These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
 Should life have dealt a different hand  
 We need to see them for who they really are  
 Chancers and scroungers  
 Layabouts and loungers  
 With bombs up their sleeves  
 Cut-throats and thieves  
 They are not  
 Welcome here  
 We should make them  
 Go back to where they came from  
 They cannot  
 Share our food  
 Share our homes  
 Share our countries  
 Instead let us  
 Build a wall to keep them out  
 It is not okay to say  
 These are people just like us  
 A place should only belong to those who are born there  
 Do not be so stupid to think that  
 The world can be looked at another way*

*(now read from bottom to top)*



the world, of sharing our spirituality, and of putting our faith into action. As Pope Francis fosters a greater awareness of mission, we embrace his message that we are "Baptized and Sent."



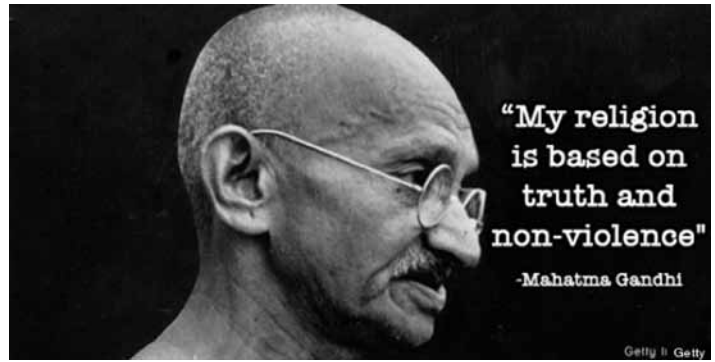
**SEEKING PEACE IN PERU\***


Carlos Apcho – San Francisco de Asisi Chapter,  
Lima, Peru

For the sixth consecutive year, we carried out the March of Nonviolence on October 2. Marchers included our chapter of Maryknoll Affiliates, lay people of the parish, area residents and college students, Father Jose Fedora, MM, Maryknoll Sisters Rosemary McCormack and Analyn Manauis, and the Ambassador from India in Peru.

This march celebrates the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of India’s Independence, and renews our commitment to follow in his footsteps. Historically, Gandhi’s actions demonstrated that pacifism was a valid instrument for achieving political objectives. Gandhi maintained his struggle through peaceful resistance and seeking concord. He gained India’s independence without bloodshed, in a century convulsed by two world wars and a number of tragic events.

During the March of Nonviolence, we are sensitized



against using violence toward children, men, women, animals, or Mother Earth, and we are reminded that peace should lead us to love each other, no matter what religious creed each person practices. We pray to God that with the passage of time the Mtake us further along the path of nonviolence where we create an atmosphere of respect and harmony between the population to the south of Lima and Mother Earth. 

\*Translated from “Marcha por la No Violencia en Perú,” which appeared in *No Tan Lejos del Horizonte* #35, November-December 2018.

**POTLUCK RECIPE EXCHANGE**

**Recipe:** Bean & Tomato Stew—Square Edge\*  
**Shared by:** Paula Schaffner  
California Central Coast Chapter

For eight months in 1986, the David Schaffner family experienced life in Palmerston North, New Zealand, through a sabbatical exchange. One treat was having lunch at the vegetarian restaurant in the Square Edge Building—so named because it sits on the edge of the city center square.



Living in New Zealand gave us a taste for crossing borders, and bringing home some Kiwi recipes has helped keep alive memories of our life there. Now I make

this bean stew occasionally for our at-home dinners or as an easy make-ahead dish for potlucks.

**Your turn:** Please send your favorite potluck recipe, particularly one that promotes global awareness, to [NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org](mailto:NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org). Did you first eat this dish in a cross-cultural setting? Have you served it to foreign visitors? Tell us about it!\*

Download the recipe at <http://maryknollaffiliates.org/news/not-so-far-afield/item/1884-potluck-recipe-exchange.html> or email [NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org](mailto:NSFA@MaryknollAffiliates.org).



**OLD MONASTIC BENECTION**



Rev. Eugenia Gamble, pastor of Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church, Nipomo, CA, adapted this prayer from an old monastic blessing. She closes the organizational meetings for a newly forming local interfaith coalition on immigration with it.

**May God bless you with discomfort with easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deeply and from the heart.**

**May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and the exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**May God bless you with tears to shed for those that mourn, so that you will reach out your hand to them and turn their mourning into joy.**

**And may God bless you with just enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do those things that others say cannot be done. Amen.**





## THE TRIP TO NADA

Bob Short - New England Chapter, Executive Coordinator

On Friday noon, after four and a half days of restoring a house with the Houston Chapter Mission project, two of the facilitators, Bob & Ruth Kleeman, took the Affiliate mission members on a trip to give us a taste of rural Texas. We hopped into three cars and headed out on a two-hour ride across the vast, flat landscape of southeastern Texas to a little town called Nada.

For those with even a cursory knowledge of Spanish, "Nada" initially seemed like a perfectly fitting name. The town-folk we spoke with estimated that there were a little over 300 people in town. However, the last available census in 2000 counted only 165. The discrepancy is probably attributable to genuine local pride. Reportedly, Nada boasts a grocery store and US Post Office. All any of us could see that day along Highway 71, which cuts through the center of town, were an auto garage and Leo's Place, a bar and restaurant. Checking on Facebook for "Things to do in Nada, TX" brings up a photo of an open crop field with a John Deere combine and a truck in the distance. No other photos or text appear on the page.

The first person I saw when we pulled off the highway between Leo's Place and the garage was a large 30-something man pumping gas from pumps that looked like something from a 1970s movie. He had a long, straggly, red beard, copious tattoos and a gray soiled T-shirt with the phrase, "Happiness is annoying liberals!" scrawled across the front. Actually, the word emblazoned on his shirt was not "annoying" but something rather vulgar, not fit for this esteemed newsletter. Inside the very cluttered garage were trophy animals on the walls, pinup girls, negative posters of Hillary Clinton & President Obama, lots of references to beer and, in a small space cleared of clutter, (kind of) a circle of seven or eight chairs.

After just a few minutes of taking this all in, it wouldn't have been a big leap for me and the other Affiliates to conclude that this establishment probably fit the

definition of redneck, perhaps the town, too. Of course, we would have been wrong. Because, not only is judging never a good thing, but neither is assigning a characterization (redneck) after less than 20 minutes in the town.

To begin with, Nada is actually pronounced *nei duh* and is an Americanized version of the Czech word "naděje," meaning "hope." The Czechs settled the town in February of 1881 and Germans followed soon after. The very first of those settlers was J.

William Schoellmann and his family. Three quarters of a century later, Edward "Tex" Schoellmann from Nada was ordained a Maryknoll priest and, while semi-retired, continues to serve in Tanzania. During the visit, we had the chance to meet with Fr. Ed's older brother, a tall, gentle, and very kind

man who stayed in Nada all his life to farm the land. He introduced us to his wife and other town folks and gave us a wonderful tour of the town, including an impressive Catholic Church for such a small population. Also included in the tour was a visit to Leo's Place, owned by the Schoellmann clan. At Leo's we were treated to free beers, customary Nada hors d'oeuvres and a good deal of wonderful small town hospitality.

In the end, spending a few hours with the folks of Nada was not nearly enough time to make an honest assessment. I can still neither get over the unease about what we saw in the auto garage shop nor the gratefulness I felt for the warm welcome from the very good, down-to-earth people who received us. And too, that circle of chairs in the garage brought to mind an image of a small community of town folks just trying to help one another make sense of each day. There is always more complexity to just about anything than what first impressions provide.

Bob and Ruth Kleeman had hoped to give us a taste of rural Texas. Looking back on our visit to Nada, I think it's fair to say that they had provided us with one of life's unique moments. Thanks, Bob and Ruth.



### WHAT A FEW AFFILIATES CAN DO

Ron Covey – Houston Chapter

Have you ever wondered, as I do, what caused the miracle of Caminando Por La Paz to continue? In the nearly ten years since Father Tom Goekler’s death, we at Caminando have received an unbelievable amount of support from our fellow Affiliates. We believe that God has used the Affiliates to continue the miracle of Caminando.

When I first became involved with the Caminando Por La Paz Catholic Worker House, the Catholic Worker House in New Haven, CT, sent us some money for our educational efforts. I was not sure how I could communicate sufficiently with the folks at Caminando, so I arranged a meeting with the Affiliates of the Guatemala Chapter. That Guatemala Chapter continues to be in strong solidarity with us, giving encouragement to us and all our activities. Rosa Beatriz (Guatemala chapter

our coffee either in person or via the internet. A member of the former Subway Chapter sells our coffee at several events in northern New Jersey. She has supported our other needs by collecting shoes, backpacks, and school supplies for us.

The Las Vegas Affiliate Chapter has also done a great deal. First, they sponsored one of our children. Later,



After a nutritious meal, students enjoy the tutoring session.



they purchased our Family Coffee, which helps to support our educational efforts. Recently, they were instrumental in our being connected to Labdoo (<https://www.labdoo.org>) and our now being in the process of receiving ten laptops with educational software.

Our Affiliate friends on the West Coast must not be overlooked. San Lorenzo, Seattle and other West Coast chapters and Affiliates have purchased quantities of our coffee and sponsored our children’s education. Most of the people who sponsor one of our children are Maryknoll Affiliates.

My own Houston Affiliate Chapter has been a source of great support for Caminando. Their practical advice and guidance to me personally helps support and guide the program in Guatemala. Incidentally, Father Tom’s Family Coffee is the only coffee served at activities at the Maryknoll House in Houston.

Our gratitude is great for all the wonderful help we have been receiving from Affiliates. Without your help, we could not have continued the work that was left to us by Fr. Tom’s untimely death. We often tout the idea that Caminando Por La Paz is the only Affiliate-operated mission program. “Truth be told,” it is an all-Affiliates program because without your help, Caminando could not exist.



**Note:** You can contact us through these two links: [www.fathertomsmmission.org](http://www.fathertomsmmission.org) and [www.fathertomfamilycoffee.org/](http://www.fathertomfamilycoffee.org/).

and Affiliate Board member) says, “Our meetings make us feel as one community.” She also says it is such a joy to see our red truck coming with the people from “Zone 18,” as they refer to us from Caminando.



You may know we have a Coffee Project which we originated to financially support the program. While still far from that goal, we are well on the way. Our greatest sales come

from Affiliate chapters. We offer special thanks to the Albany Chapter. They sell more of our coffee than anyone else. We also thank Affiliates who purchase

# News from the Board

## MEET TED MILES

As Executive Director for Maryknoll Lay Missioners since December 2017, I also serve on the Maryknoll Affiliate Board as its liaison with the Maryknoll Lay Missioners. In this position, I am discovering ways that all Maryknollers can work together in mission.

My mission background started when I was “ruined for life” with a little help from the Jesuits. After my B.A. at Loyola University, Maryland, and M.A. from Bucknell University, I volunteered with Jesuit Volunteers for two years in education and youth empowerment programs in Belize and Guatemala.

Since then, I have served in parish ministry, Catholic high school education, and archdiocesan leadership development for more than three decades. My most recent position was as Catholic Relief Services’ Relationship Manager for Youth and Education and coordinator of the agency’s youth outreach in the US. I’m humbled that the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry awarded me a national award



for leadership in youth ministry in the area of gospel values of peace and justice.

**Fun Facts:** My favorite pastimes include time with my niece and two nephews, following the Baltimore Orioles, and swimming, camping, and hiking, the latter fueling my passion to work for climate justice.



## VIRTUAL KENYAN CHAPTER WELCOMED

An exciting exploration of new ways to be Affiliates is blossoming in Kenya. Fourteen prospective Affiliates from Mombasa, Nairobi, California, Chicago, Florida, and Germany have been coming together for formation, discussion and prayer, in person and virtually, since 2017. Interfaith collaboration is a guiding principle of their chapter. Members include Catholic and non-Catholic Christians and a Muslim. The chapter has a strong interaction with various Maryknollers. The Affiliate Board accepted their application in January. We look to learn much from this new chapter.



## MARYKNOLL MISSION INSTITUTE – 2019

*Several Affiliates have found Mission Institute programs to be rich sources of strength and inspiration. Which Mission Institute 2019 offering speaks to you?*

- May 12-17 **All the Light We Need**  
Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF, D.Min
- May 19-24 **Oasis in the Overwhelmed**  
Millie Grenough, MAT
- June 7-9 **Mission Empowered by Love**  
Marie Dennis, MA  
**Relasing the Fire Within –**  
Sr. Claudette LaVerdiere, MM
- June 16-21 **Traveling the Road to Joy with Thomas Merton and Friends**  
Christine Bochen, PhD
- June 23-28 **Mission Inter Gentes: Egalitarian Missiology for the 21st Century**  
Diarmuid O’Murchu, MSC

- July 7-12 **Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality**  
Rev. John Philip Newell, PhD, and Cami Twilling
- July 14-19 **Teilhard and Struggle: Drawn to the Road of Fire**  
Sr. Kathleen Duffy, SSJ, PhD
- July 21-26 **Sacred Heart of the Cosmos: Mission Spirit in Modern Time**  
Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS, MFA
- September: **Programs in California**

Find the complete schedule through September and application forms at:

<https://maryknollsisters.org/maryknoll-mission-institute/>

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