

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, November 24, 2009



St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions

Christianity was first brought to Vietnam over 350 years ago by a French Jesuit priest. Since that time, a great number of Christians have died for the sake of the faith in that country. The martyrs we honor today are a representative group of more than 100 in number. They include French, Spanish and Vietnamese Catholics.

Andrew Dung-Lac was Vietnamese. His parents were Buddhist, but they allowed him to be brought up in the Catholic faith. Later he became a catechist. Then, when he was nearly 40 years old, he was ordained a priest.

Andrew worked in several parishes. One day he was arrested. Members of his parish collected funds to ransom him from jail. After that he changed his name from Dung to Lac for safety's sake, and he moved to a new area to work. In 1839, an edict was issued that was designed to root out all Christians. The law demanded that all citizens take part in ancestor worship and the building of temples. Soon after that Andrew was captured with another Vietnamese priest, Peter Thi. They were beheaded in Hanoi. They were canonized, with the other martyrs remembered today, in 1988.

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions, pray for us.

Remember to read the latest newsletters on line at omms.org



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Wednesday, November 25th, FREE DRESS DAY**, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal, no pm extended child care
- **Thursday and Friday, November 26th & 27th**, Thanksgiving vacation, **NO SCHOOL**
- **Thursday, December 3rd**, OMMS #6 vs. St. Patrick's, home game
- **Thursday, December 3rd**, OMMS #5 vs. St. Peter's, away game
- **Friday, December 4th**, 11:00 am All School Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal
- **Tuesday, December 8th**, Immaculate Conception, 11:00 am All School/Parish Mass, Serra Center

- **Monday, December 14th**, "A Christmas Carol," performed by our 6th grade class, 6:30 p.m., McKeon Center, **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**
- **Wednesday, December 16th**, Annual Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m., Serra Center. Primary through Senior Elementary



Thanksgiving Baskets

We will be delivering the food baskets to our adopted families this Wednesday morning. If you are donating any items that require refrigeration, please send those items in with your child on Wednesday. May God bless all of you for your kindness and generosity.

Notes from our Administrator:

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Traditionally these upcoming days and weeks seem to be extremely busy and focused on accomplishing one thing and then another in preparation for the upcoming holidays! However last Friday during our special Mass we wanted to set aside time to focus on our abundant blessings; one being MR. HAROLD! As many of you know Mr. Harold decided to retire at the end of last year after thirteen years at OMMS. For those of you who never had the opportunity to know Mr. Harold, he was and will continue to be our HERO....he literally kept our school together by utilizing every available resource to "FIX" whatever needed repairing plus he always had a LONG list of 'to do' items for the teachers.....now he still has a list, but it has become a 'honey-do-list' for his wife, CAROL, who now enjoys having HER MR. HAROLD at HOME! Both MR. HAROLD and his wife CAROL will always remain a valued part of OMMS and we will always stop (near MR. HAROLD's SHED), remember and give thanks for the many talents and gift of friendship that they shared with everyone here!

Old Mission Montessori School continues to be very blessed with the children, parents and our community at Mission San Luis Rey Parish! This has always been evident, but there are times we are just in AWE of the continuous generosity combined with the compassionate hearts of our community. Recently two former families stopped by to say 'hello', which is always a pleasant surprise and made a contribution to assist with the cost of our most recent purchase of textbooks for the upper levels; then another family provided new software to also upgrade the technology for our middle school, all of which were an *unexpected* surprise.....Thanksgiving and Christmas all at once! The children who attend our school greatly benefit from YOUR gifts of *shared time, shared talent* and *shared treasure* to provide additional resources to further enhance our programs! Collectively we offer our *heartfelt gratitude* to everyone for their gifts for we would not have OMMS without YOU; may the good Lord continue to bestow his blessings on you and your family!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and remember as your family gathers for their meal don't forget to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to OUR LORD, for HE provides our *abundant blessings!*

UPDATE on PROPOSED Fellowship Center

Last Friday during dismissal many of you may have received a flier regarding an upcoming meeting for the proposed Fellowship Center project. The OCEANSIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION will meet on Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. and their agenda includes a *Public Hearing Item* for this proposed project as copied below:

AGENDA



OCEANSIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

December 1, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
Civic Center - North Building
300 North Coast Highway

7. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- a) CONSIDERATION OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA-3-07), ZONE AMENDMENT (ZA-2-07), DEVELOPMENT PLAN (D-6-07), CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (C-9-07), AND HISTORIC PERMIT (H-3-07) TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING RESIDENTIAL (SFD-R) TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL (PI) AND CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) TO PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC (PS) ALL WITH AN HISTORIC OVERLAY (H) IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STORY, 16,591-SQUARE FOOT, 59-BED 24-HOUR NON-MEDICAL CARE DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY CENTER ON A 1.00-ACRE SITE. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED NORTH OF CHAPTER WAY AND EAST OF THE MISSION SAN LUIS REY DE FRANCIA WITHIN THE MISSION SAN LUIS REY NEIGHBORHOOD – APPLICANT: THE FELLOWSHIP CENTER.

Staff recommends that the OHPAC adopt Resolution No. 2009-H03 recommending denial of General Plan Amendment (GPA-3-07), Zone Amendment (ZA-2-07), Development Plan (D-6-07), Conditional Use Permit (C-9-07) and Historic Permit (H-3-07) to the City Council for final action.

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The flier also indicated that if you feel that this is not a good site for this facility and you are unable to attend the meeting you may send an email to Richard Greenbauer, Senior Planner for the City of Oceanside, rgreenbauer@ci.oceanside.ca.us and reference: General Plan Amendment 3-07.

The Very Reverend Monsignor Steven F. Callahan, Vicar General of Diocese of San Diego, also sent a letter in *Statement of Opposition* for the proposed facility to Mr. Richard Greenbauer in September.



Join the
Knights of Columbus at their

Annual Family Christmas Dinner Celebration

Saturday, December 5th, 6:00-10:00 pm
in the McKeon Center

- Italian Dinner
- Christmas Caroling
- Story Telling
- Activities for the Kids
- Visit from Santa Claus • Door Prizes
- Music & Dancing

Cost: Make a Donation at the Door
“ **The Best Meal in Town.**”



**Wins vs Losses,
Doesn't Tell the Story**

What an incredible varsity volleyball season with had this year! The girls played with such heart and enthusiasm and they really rallied as a team in support of each other.

The games were so close, and we could have won any or all of them. What really mattered to us most was the way they played! Their overall skills accelerated under the direction of Coach Amy and Coach Manou. They taught them with such encouraging words and comfort when needed. Just as we would expect our OMMS staff to perform.

The girls played with integrity and grit and an amazing spirit each and every game.

And lastly, our parents who drove long distances, taking time from their jobs or busy lives and cheered them on each week. The games were exciting and really provided such a wonderful bonding time on the sidelines as well. Job well done, everybody...you made us proud!



The Annual Gingerbread House Extravaganza

(special thanks to OMMS Mom, Mary Rudick, for the tireless effort she puts into this event every year).

We would appreciate assistance with candy donations for decorating the houses which can be dropped off at any of the Transition or Junior Elementary classrooms. In addition, parent participation hours are available for those who would like to help assemble the houses on Monday, December 14, 2009 after drop-off. This is a big project, and it goes quickly if we have a large number of volunteers. Parent participation hours are also available for anyone wishing to assist the children in creating their masterpieces in the afternoon on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 (for Room 6), or Thursday, December 17 (in the morning for Rooms 17 and 18 and in the afternoon for rooms 14 and 9). All of the festivities will take place in the Music Room which is adjacent to the McKeon Center and across the hall from Room 14. We look forward to seeing you there! All extra unopened candy at the end of the week will be divided and donated to the Christmas baskets. Please contact your Room Parent(s) if you have any questions.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

If you are interested in helping decorate the stage for our Christmas Program, on December 16th, please contact Mr. Tom. For this year's performance, all children are asked to dress in festive Christmas colors (green, red, silver, gold, black, or white). If you have any questions, please direct them to Mr. Tom, our school music teacher.



**Buick Invitational Golf
Tickets**

Chip-in for Charity provides our school with admission tickets to the Buick Invitational Golf Tournament scheduled for January 25th - 31st. The

ticket price is \$17.00. These tickets are good for any day of the tournament. The regular priced ticket is \$26.00! Not only is this a great savings for golf enthusiasts, but with each \$17.00 ticket sold, the school will receive \$15.00. We would ask that each family attempt to sell or purchase two tickets. In doing so the school could raise over \$2,000.00! Tickets are available in the school office. Thank you for your support.



The Story of St. Francis and the Nativity

The parish is in need of shepherds, angels, friars, St. Francis, John, Joseph and Mary and the townsfolk for our Christmas eve Nativity presentation of St. Francis and the Crèche. There will be a presentation at both the 4:00 pm Children's Mass and the 6:00 pm Family Mass. School aged children, youth and young adults are needed for one or both presentations. Practices will be on Saturday, December 5th, location to be announced. Please contact Laura Chun at [760]726-2486 or chun@pacbell.net to volunteer.



Prayer Corner

Please keep the following members of our school family in your prayers:

- ~ Anthony Glodek
- ~ Samantha and the Cartmill Family
- ~ The Arguello Family
- ~ Michael Lindsey
- ~ Mr. Tom's mother-in-law
- ~ Mrs. Jill Sivage and Family
- ~ The Sam Marinello Family (Knight of Columbus)
- ~ Mrs. Jeannie Foss
- ~ Mrs. Susan Custer
- ~ Connor McWayne's Grandma
- ~ Yosuico Family
- ~ Natalie and Allison Rubio's Great Grandma,
Marseille
- ~ Michael and Kevin Dyblie's uncle, Daniel Mlocek
- ~ The Rocha Family
- ~ Blanche Lindsey
- ~ The Nugent Family
- ~ The Vorndran Family
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed
forces