



Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Kingdom Campaign
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IN THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

December 2016

Beloved brothers and sisters,

This time of year offers me an opportunity as your brother and pastor in collaboration with Fr. Julian, Fr. Ed, and Deacon to express my humble thanks to you and your family as you continue to support the work of God here in our Sacred Heart Family. In the spirit of Advent and the subsequent celebration of the Mystery of the Incarnate Word (John 1:14), I sincerely thank you for being a blessing to your Church and to us all.

As we embrace joyfully the spirit of Advent, I most prayerfully and sincerely invite you to be part of our many spiritual exercises, especially our Penance Service on December 15th at 7pm, our traditional Filipino nine days of spirit filled prayers and dawn Masses-Simbang Gabi, and the popular Hispanic religious activity -the Posada, (seeking and encountering the new born King). In these evangelical activities and moments of grace, we deepen our love for Jesus with increased practice of the spiritual works of mercy as we allow mercy to triumph in our lives and in our relationships with our many brothers and sisters.

KINGDOM CAMPAIGN 2017 “YEAR OF THE FAMILY”

Three years ago, we began a three-year evangelical journey of looking for a more effective way to respond to God’s abundant blessings in our lives as a Church. The first year helped us to contemplate the gracious gift of life which we undeservedly receive from God. With the “Tree of Life,” we asked the Good Lord to give us the fullness of life here and hereafter (John 10:10). In the first year, many parishioners responded to this appeal and we are grateful to announce that 547 out of 4,500 families paid \$480 or more.

In the second year, we engaged in a similar appeal and ask our Sacred Heart Family to welcome the love of God by sharing His love with our faith community by giving at least \$480 or more to the Kingdom Campaign Appeal Fund through the spirituality of the “Tree of Love.” Rejoice with me, as we thank the 312 families who paid \$480 or more to the Kingdom Campaign. We also thank the families who truly contributed out of their poverty by giving what they could to the benefit of our Sacred Heart Family.

Last year which was the third year, about 352 families responded and their names will be escribed in the “Tree of Holiness.” Thank you for all your love and support.

THE “TREE OF THE HOLY FAMILY”

In the past three years, you and your family have joined your bigger family of Sacred Heart Church to a faith journey as we prayerfully seek and humbly appeal to our members inviting them to contribute according to their capacities in paying off our 10 year old parish debt. Through the generosity of many people, the debt owed which amounted to \$6,086,483.45 in 2006 is reduced to only about \$777,899.07 as of this past November, 2016. In the event of what remains to be paid, we decided to honor you and your family with a year dedicated to praying for all families of Sacred Heart who graciously have identified with us and are ready to rejoice with us and the Diocese of San Bernardino when our debt will be finally paid off next year 2017.

To achieve this, we ask you to contribute \$10 a week which is \$40 a month and \$480 a year. Those who are faithful to this commitment will have their family name written on the “Tree of the Holy Family” as a remembrance of your sacrifices, love, and service to God and to His people here at Sacred Heart and beyond.

IN GRATITUDE

Kindly receive the thanks from our clergy as we promise to pray for you and your family. Our dear Staff of Sacred Heart extends their unalloyed gratitude with the promise to continue to be at your service day after day. The students and Faculty of our school are giving thanks to God as they acknowledge that without you Sacred Heart will not be where it is today.

I most humbly give you and your beloved family this Priestly Blessing:

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26). Have a graceful end of the Year 2016 and a life-enhancing, faith-fulfilling, and spirit-reviving New Year 2017.

SACRED HEART ONE FAMILY: UNA FAMILIA SAGRADO CORAZON

Per Mariam ad Jesum,
Fr. Ben