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Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

A New Heart For A New World

MSC MOVE INTO BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

FOR MISSION MINISTRY

In the 1960's Pope Paul VI invited religious communities and dioceses to send priests and religious to South and Central America, because at that time it was where the majority of Catholics lived in the world. The USA/MSC Province sent two priests, Fr. Thomas Hayden and Fr. Thomas Carney, to investigate possibilities of mission ministry. After traveling through several South American countries, they arrived in Bogota, Colombia, in 1967. A two room building was hastily constructed in December of 1967 to meet the deadline requirements to obtain the deed, thus, our mission in Colombia began.

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DIACONATE ORDINATION

On February 2, 2025, in the parish of St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque, the diaconate ordination of Antonio Posadas Cruz, MSC, was celebrated. The celebration was presided by the Bishop, Monsignor Juan Vincente Cordoba Villeta. The ordination took place in the presence of the parishioners and groups of the parish, as well as members of the congregation, MSC, Colombia section, and the provincial superior, Father Michael Miller, MSC.

It was a pleasant moment, since it was shared with the community and later a special moment with the members of the congregation, close friends and Antonio's family, among them, his mother Emma Cruz and his sister Dulce Maria Posadas who traveled from Michoacan, Mexico, to accompany Antonio at the moment of the ordination.

"I thank God for the gift of life, my parents and siblings for their support, trust and love. To my congregation, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for accompanying me throughout the process and for being part of this divine gift".

— Antonio Posados

ORDENACION DIACONAL

El día dos de febrero del ano 2025, en la parroquia Santa Margarita Maria de Alacoque, se celebró la ordenación diaconal de Antonio Posadas Cruz, MSC. La celebración fue presidida por el Obispo, monsenor Juan Vincente Cordoba Villeta. La ordenación se realizó en presencia de los feligreses y grupos de la parroquia, además de los miembros de la congregación, MSC, sección Colombia, y del padre superior provincial, Pbro. Michael Miller, MSC.

Fue un momento ameno, ya que se compartió con la comunidad y más tarde un momento especial con los miembros de la congregación, amigos cercanos y los familiares de Antonio, entre ellos su señora madre Emma Cruz y su hermana Dulce Maria Posadas quienes viajaron desde Michoacán, Mexico, para acompanar a Antonio en el momento de la ordenacion.

"Agradezco a Dios por el regalo de la vida, a mis padres y hermanos por el apoyo, confianza y amor. A mi congregacion, los Misioneros del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, por haberme acompanado a lo largo del proceso y ser parte de este regalo divino".

— Antonio Posados

RECEPTION OF THE PARISH DIVINE CHILD JESUS OF SOACHA

Fr. Michael Miller, MSC, superior of the Province of the United States, Mr. Deacon Antonio Posadas, MSC, Fr. Tito Abdenego Medina, MSC, and Fr. Hugo Leon Londono, MSC, sectional superior of Colombia met together to take possession of the new parish.

The meeting ended with a small sharing between the assistants and the workers of the parish Divine Child Jesus leaving the parish in the hands of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

RECIBIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA DIVINO NINO JESUS DE SOACHA

El P. Michael Miller, MSC, superior de la Provincia de Estados Unidos, Sr. Diacono Antonio Posadas, MSC, el P. Tito Abdenego Medina, MSC, y el P. Hugo Leon Londono, MSC, superior seccional de Colombia se reunieron para tomar posesi6n de la nueva parroqui.

La reunión terminó con un pequeño compartir entre los asistentes y los trabajadores de la parroquia Divino Niño Jesus quedando la parroquia en manos de los Misioneros del Sagrado Corazon de Jesus.

POSSESSION OF THE PARISH DIVINE CHILD JESUS

Possession of the Parish Divine Child Jesus, of the Diocese of Soacha, Cundinamarca, Colombia.

On February 8, 2025, Father Tito Abdenago Medina, MSC, took office as parish priest of the Parish Divino Nino Jesus of the Diocese of Soacha, Cundinamarca, Colombia which includes 22 other neighborhoods. The parish is located in the neighborhood," One Hundred Families", in the municipality of Soacha, Cundinamarca. Mr. Deacon Antonio Posadas, MSC, will be accompanying and serving as a Deacon in the same parish.

The installation was carried out by the Bishop of the Diocese of Soacha, Monsignor Juan Carlos Barreto, with the presence of Father Tito Abdenago Medina, MSC, Father Hugo Leon Londono, MSC Sectional Superior MSC in Colombia, and Mr. Deacon Antonio Posadas, MSC in the presence of the community of the parish Divino Nino Jesus and some parishioners of the parish Saint Margaret Mary of Alacoque in the neighborhood of Kennedy.

POSESION DE LA PARROQUIA DIVINO NINO JESUS

Posesion de la Parroquia Divino Nino Jesus, de la Diocesis de Soacha, Cundinamarca, Colombia.

El 8 de febrero de 2025, el Padre Tito Abdenago Medina, MSC, tomó posesión como párroco de la Parroquia Divino Niño Jesús de la Diócesis de Soacha, Cundinamarca, Colombia que incluye otros 22 barrios. La parroquia está ubicada en el barrio «Cien Familias», en el municipio de Soacha, Cundinamarca. El Sr. Diacono Antonio Posadas, MSC, estará acompanando y prestando su servicio como Diácono en la misma parroquia.

La posesion se realizó por el Sr. Obispo de la Diocesis de Soacha, Monseñor Juan Carlos Barreto, con la presencia del Pbro. Tito Abdenago Medina, MSC, El Pbr. Hugo Leon Londono, MSC Superior seccional MSC en Colombia, y Sr. Diácono Antonio Posadas, MSC en presencia de la comunidad de la parroquia Divino Niño Jesús y algunos feligreses de la parroquia Santa Margarita Maria de Alacoque de la localidad de Kennedy.

Newly appointed Community Superiors are Fr. Luis Segura, California and Fr. Selvaraj Lucas, Pennsylvania. Fr. Ray Diesbourg continues as Superior in New York and Fr. Hugo Londono as Sectional Superior in Colombia. Br. Hung Nguyen was appointed House Manager at the Sacred Heart Villa in Center Valley, Pennsylvania

TOGETHER AGAINST HUNGER! WEAVING COMMUNITY

The Divine Child Jesus Parish of Soacha, as well as other parishes of the same Diocese, are working in the program "Weaving Community", whose objective is to benefit families of scarce economic resources.

On Friday, February 21, 2025, the Parish Divine Child Jesús, delivered more than 300 markets to low-income families in the parish territory. The activity is carried out through the "Weaving Community" program. This program was already present since the previous administration, so it was considered important to continue to support those who are beneficiaries of the program. People from different pastoral groups of the parish are the ones who contribute their time to organize the 6 to 7 tons of food that arrive each month for the parish community.

For the realization of the program, we have the Social Pastoral team, composed of lay people who receive training in the Bethany Pastoral House; the team also donates their time in the achievement and preparation of each market and in the home visits to the beneficiary families of the program, with whom two monthly meetings are held for evangelization, training and the delivery of the market. — Mr. Deacon Antonio Posadas, MSC

With the support of the Archdiocesan Food Bank Foundation, this service aims to cover the dimensions of the human person, that is, its spiritual aspect with formation in the Gospel, and its physical aspect with training and help in food and toiletries.

JUNTOS CONTRA EL HAMBRE! TEJIENDO COMUNIDAD

La Parroquia Divino Niño Jesús de Soacha al igual que otras parroquias de la misma Diocesis, están trabajando en el programa "TEJIENDO COMUNIDAD", cuyo objetivo es beneficiar a familias de escasos recursos económicos.

El viernes 21 de febrero de 2025, la Parroquia Divino Niño Jesús, hizo entrega de mas de 300 mercados a familias de escasos recursos en el territorio parroquial. La actividad se realizo por medio del programa Tejiendo Comunidad. Este programa ya estaba presente desde la administración anterior, por lo que se consideró importante continuar para seguir apoyando a quienes, son beneficiaros del programa. Personas de los diferentes grupos pastorales de la parroquia son quienes aportan de su tiempo para organizar las 6 to 7 toneladas de comida que llegan cada mes para la comunidad de la parroquia.

Para la realización del programa, contamos con el equipo de Pastoral Social, integrado por Laicos que reciben capacitacion en la Casa Pastoral Betania; el equipo tambien dona su tiempo en la consecución y preparación de cada mercado y en las visitas domiciliarias a las familias beneficiarias del programa, con las cuales se realizan dos encuentros mensuales, para evangelización, capacitación y la entrega del mercado. — El Sr. Diacono Antonio Posadas, MSC

Con el apoyo de la Fundacion Banco Arquidiocesano de Alimentos, este servicio pretende cubrir las dimensiones del ser humano, es decir, su aspecto espiritual con formacion en el Evangelio, y su aspecto fisico con capacitacion y ayuda en alimentos y articulos de aseo.

Fr. Michael I. Miller, MSC

From The Provincial

I am Fr. Michael I. Miller, MSC, the newly elected Provincial of the MSC-USA Province as of September, 2024, who began this ministry to serve the members of the Province and other members of the Church.

I professed religious vows in 1978 and was ordained a priest in 1985. My first assignment was as parochial vicar in Holy Family parish, Nazareth, PA. In 1989 I accepted the assignment to be a missionary in Colombia, South America. While there I was pastor at two parishes, worked as a formation director for our theology students, served our MSC community as Sectional treasurer and volunteered as a chaplain at Kennedy Hospital in Bogota'. I also supervised the construction and completion of building the "new" (begun in 1986) church at St. Margaret Mary parish in Bogota'.

In 2005 the Provincial assigned me to be pastor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus parish, Aurora, IL, where I served for 13 years. Then Father General, Mario Abzalón Alvarado Tovar, appointed me as the Secretary General in Rome where I ministered until this current appointment.

My term as provincial is for three years. By the grace of God, I hope to be worthy to serve those I meet. Please pray for me as I will for you.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere!

May Our Lady of the Sacred Heart draw you closer to Jesus' heart!

Fr. Michael I. Miller, MSC

Provincial Superior

Father Jules Chevalier

Founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

THE M. S. C. AND THEIR WORK

A French parish priest, Father Jules Chevalier wanted people to experience the love of God in Jesus, a love that shows that God is our father, intimate and friendly, merciful and forgiving, even as he makes demands of us.

Father Jules Chevalier, was a diocesan priest who wished to share "the treasures of love and mercy of which the Heart of Jesus is the source, " and "to combat the egoism and indifference that alienates people from each other and from God."

We are men with a message of love — the love of God as revealed in the heart of Jesus who laid down his life for us.

God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: He sent his only Son to the world that we might have life through him." (1 John 4.9)

This is the message we have heard and believed and now want to announce to everyone.

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