

Dear Friends of Saint Charles Caritas, Charity on the Border:

God is merciful. Thank you so much, Lord Jesus Christ!

January 25, 2014 at 8:00 am to 12:00 pm will be Project Jim: Homeless Help. We are going to distribute 50 grocery bags of food, socks, blankets, and slightly used jackets, knitted hats for the homeless in the South Bay Parks. We are going to have caravan of cars. If you would like to volunteer, please see us at 8:00am at the Retreat Center garage of St. Charles. It will be fun and fulfilling.

On the same day at 12:00 pm- 2:00 pm will be the Caritas Costco Buy of Food for the 5 charities from TJ.

January 19, 2014, Sunday, Caritas Day the Saint Charles Caritas awarded the 2013 Volunteer of the Year to **Sarah Bajo Warren** for her outstanding volunteer works for the Caritas. Sarah is a loving mother of 8 children and a grandmother She attended St. Charles Catholic School in her elementary years and Marian Catholic High School. She finished her school of nursing at USD. Sarah is also a dedicated volunteer of Birthline. Sarah filled in a lot of the volunteer work that I cannot do because I was taking care of my late beloved husband, Jim. She volunteered for the monthly Caritas fund raising, purchasing of food at Costco & other stores, went to Tijuana to serve and distribute food for the Caritas charity institutions, bagged food for projects and most of all, she gave her best efforts to help the Caritas and Birthline. It would have been difficult for me to do all these tasks without her. I admire her willingness to do the assigned tasks and gave her time for the Caritas. I thank God for her kindness and work for this charity. Great Job Sarah!

January 18, 2014, Saturday, the Caritas bought food for lunch-to-go for the Interfaith Shelter. Saint Charles Caritas sponsors these food items for many years and to this day. Thank you, Deacon David Lewis for volunteering and using your pick-up truck for this project. I also thank you so much for your beautiful homily last Sunday, 01/19 for my late beloved husband Jim and the Caritas. Joe Bajo & Sarah Bajo Warren also volunteered for the cause. Thank you!!!

Thank you to all the volunteers and nuns who put all their efforts to make the Caritas Days last Jan. 18 & 19 a success. Thank you, Joe Bajo who volunteered Saturday & Sunday. He set up the morning signs and things needed for Sunday morning & afternoon. These took a lot of commitment because he had to be there at 6:30am on Sunday & also at the end of the last mass to put it back at 6:30pm. He volunteered all day Sunday. He has dedication and patience to do the job. Thank you so much Joe! Also who helped the Caritas: Janiley Camarista (Sat. 5pm & Sun.8:00-2:30pm) & Sarah Bajo Warren (from 7:00 to 2:30pm), Cecilio Salamanca, Sister Pauline Dibb, Althea Jones (two 5pm masses), from Birthline: Marti Mendivil, the Corrao family: Pete, Tricia & 3 kids, & Bob Gonzales; Bob Picolla, Blanca Mendez,

Natalia Reyes, Erica Delamora, Reyna Sanchez and 9 nuns. Thank you Annie Bajo for the catered El Pollo Loco lunch for the nuns & volunteers. It was delicious!

A million thank you to all who donate for the Caritas and came to offer their sympathies and condolences for my late beloved husband, Jim. I love you all!

Thank you so much, our dear priests: Fr. Jim Bahash, pastor of St. Charles Church, associate pastor Fr. Burt Boudoin, Fr. Arnold Tadena and Deacons for their announcements of the Caritas. Your support for this charity is greatly appreciated. Thank you once again!

Please see below pictures taken. *Picture #1*, awarding of Certificate of Appreciation for Sarah Bajo Warren, Volunteer of the Year 2013, *Picture #2*, Interfaith Shelter Lunch-to-Go food and breakfast food items.



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