

HTJP JUBILATIONS

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Time has flown by and we are catching up with our updates on the activities of Holy Trinity Jubilee Park in connection with the Legion of Mary events. With the retirement of Jill Rinke, our previous secretary in the board, we were not able to send a 2022 JUBILATION NEWSLETTER. We are most grateful for the contributions of Jill and Ray Rinke who served in the HTJP Board for a number of years. We welcome Irving Vargas as the new secretary of HTJP. We wish to also acknowledge the fidelity of Sandy Witter who served as our Vice-President from the early years of the Holy Trinity Jubilee Park. For those who may not know it, Sandy was Seggy's side kick in the many adventures they had undertaken in building the park. Here are a few of those stories.

Sandy and Seggy were together in searching for the right land to purchase and went with Michelle Stash who was their realtor. They went to the adjacent house which was for sale at that time, but learned that another family already wrote a contract on that house of which the concrete patio actually belongs to HTJP. Seggy put Miraculous Medals at the front gate praying that Our Blessed Mother help them to buy the property. When Michelle and Seggy met at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant to write a contract for the land, Seggy mentioned to Michelle what they could only afford. When Michelle heard the figure, her response was "No one in their right mind will accept such a low offer." Seggy's response to her comment was "If it is truly God who asked me to write this contract on the Feast of the Holy Trinity, then a miracle will happen. Otherwise, I simply have a very wild imagination." On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus a few weeks later, the contract was ratified and HTJP finally had a 66.2 acre lot for the project. Indeed, God created a miracle through the loving intercession of our Heavenly Queen. Our Lord could not say no to His Mother's request.

When we needed to build a Grotto for the beautiful Immaculate Heart of Mary statue donated by Lucy de Villa, Sandy accompanied Seggy to beg for rocks from the Luck Stones. When the receptionist told them that they could have as many truck-load of rocks for free, their jaws dropped. Another miracle since the rocks were delivered that same afternoon.

We wish also to express our gratitude for the support of Dr. Erlinda de la Pena who also had to resign due to her health. Pray for Nancy Grenier who needs your spiritual support as she undergoes her treatment for cancer. Thank you so much for the dedication of all these volunteers whose help made HTJP possible.

2022/2023 T.E.A.M. RETREAT

The 2022 Teenage Enrichment Retreat was held at the Jubilee Park as we celebrated 30th anniversary of running retreats for the youth. A large cake was ordered as Fr. Peffley cut the ceremonial cake since he started the retreat with Seggy at Hemlock Overlook Park in Clifton.

In 2023, we were so blessed to have again dry weather. The participation of the teens from the Prince William Hispanic Comitium was amazing. Fr. John Melmer heard confessions and celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Deacon Orlando Barros delivered bilingually the True Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The teenagers had such a great, fun-packed activities with the ropes and obstacle games in the afternoon.



SUMMER FUN, FAITH and FOOD in the PARK

The 2022 Summer Fun, Faith and Food in the Park had to be held at the Acosta residence since the ground was soaked from all the rain. Fr. Farrell and Fr. Peffley were able to hear confessions and celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The leaders were again called upon to be creative since they had to have fun activities on the property. It was an enjoyable day!! The Mission barbecue was delicious!

In 2023, we were able to hold the retreat at HTJP Park. Fr. Gonzalez gave a bilingual talk to the young adults as both priests heard also confessions. Despite the heat, the participants were actively engaged and developed strong connections with one another. The zip line was finally enjoyed by the youth after it was completed by Robert Alvarado with assistance from Leo Acosta.



Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Priests' Appreciation Dinner and Talent Show 2022/2023

The Priests Appreciation Picnic was changed into Clergy Appreciation Dinner since we truly thank all the priests and deacons who have served as spiritual directors for the praesidia and the councils. With the unpredictable weather, it was decided to better have the event indoors and we were most grateful to Fr. Ed Hathaway who opened the Lyceum for our use for a few years. The selections of food donated by legionaries were bountiful.

In 2023, the event was held at St. Veronica Parish Hall thanks to the kindness of Fr. Kline-mann. The legionaries responded to the call to bring out their talents to entertain the priests in addition to the uplifting performance of Fr. Melmer and Fr. Peffley. The evening was most entertaining, exciting and enjoyable! Our gratitude to all who participated. The place was packed!





Clergy Appreciation Dinner 2022

