

# Mercy Seekers

“... Go and find out the meaning of mercy.” Mt. 9:13

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR  
FATHER MICHAEL BARRY, SS.CC.

**A** Another year gone by... I remember quite well as a little boy of eight that I would dread the New Year. Why? Because they would always sing the song with the chorus 'Auld Lang Syne.' It seemed so sad and I would always cry. I was afraid that something would end or someone would die. I did not want to let go of the past because I feared the unknown future. That reality has not disappeared, especially when it comes to the ministry of Mary's Mercy Center. We move from a past where God has blessed us and continues to bring us from a proven past into a future full of hope. We live in AD, the 'Anno Domini' - year of the Lord. What have we to fear as long as the Lord is in our time and He is in the ministry? New Year doesn't mean we abandon the past but that we take what God has done and shown us and we go into the future. So many people make New Year's resolutions without ever retaining the faithfulness of a God who loved them in the past year and who will love them again in the New Year as long as God is the Savior and Redeemer of their lives. May you Journey with Him into 2019.

*Happy New Year!*  
- Father Mike

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## Prayer for the New Year 2019

*God of all time, give us the Grace to enter the New Year aware of who we are in You, realize the power carried in our words, and mindful of the impact of our actions. Help us to act and speak lovingly.*

*Creator of all life, may we enter the New Year with Reverence for the beauty and purpose of your creation. Help us to honor You by loving the people You bring into our lives.*

*Lover of all souls, bring us into the New Year with Joy for Your many blessings and those yet to come. Help us to let go of fear and embrace Your boundless Love.*





## A Season of Joy

It was exciting and an evening to remember for Veronica's Home of Mercy's residents and the children. They attended 'A Holiday Day Celebration' held by Pauda Hills, Children's Fund. We sincerely thank Children's Fund for giving this memorable life experience to our families.



It was a fun filled day for the kids of Veronica's Home of Mercy thanks to BNSF Railways. The children were able to ride the Christmas Train along with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their helpers.



A group of family, friends, and some Knights of Anna Columbus, gathered by Anna Laudiano, brought gifts for the families, cooked a very delicious meal, and brought a 'special guest.' The families were touched and deeply appreciative of this thoughtful display of compassion.





## MARY'S VILLAGE GROUNDBREAKING

In partnership with the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Mary's Mercy Center will have the official groundbreaking for Mary's Village phases I and II in this month, January 2019. Mary's Village will provide transitional housing for men experiencing homelessness in San Bernardino. There are many people who have worked long hours to get us here and even more who have prayed this project into reality. We thank you each for your past and continued support.



Thank you! It would be impossible to thank everyone who donated to make our Christmas Party the beautiful event that it was. It was a true blessing to see the toys coming in from school children. Kids giving Christmas to other kids, it makes your heart smile. Bikes, toys, shoe boxes, jackets and more made the day special for all of our guests. Young children, teens and adults were blessed with your generosity.





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## Did You KNOW



In November 2018 Mary's Mercy Center through its Mary's Table and Mary's Children provided the following services;

Meals served: **5,760** (includes lunches for parolees)

Food Bags: **522** (over 3 Wednesdays)

Showers (including a change of clothes): **360**

Hygiene kits: **327 plus 116 shaving kits**

Hair Cuts: **9**

Clothing (2-4 outfits and shoes): **181 of which 167 were for extreme emergencies.**

Thursday Giveaway: **550 individuals & families**

Children's Program: **24 families' needs were met. We also gave 2 youth beds, 20 baby blankets, and 100 pounds of clothes.**

**Because of your donated goods we were also able to give 107 pairs of shoes and 93 blankets.**

THANK YOU - what we are able to do is possible because



## 3 New Year's Resolutions Inspired by St Ignatius

**Give others the benefit of the doubt** - Remember always, before you is a human being loved by God and kindness expresses that truth.

**Resist disheartenment** - In times of downheartedness remember God's mercies. Use disheartenment as a reminder that God mercy is a free gift which is not earned or deserved.

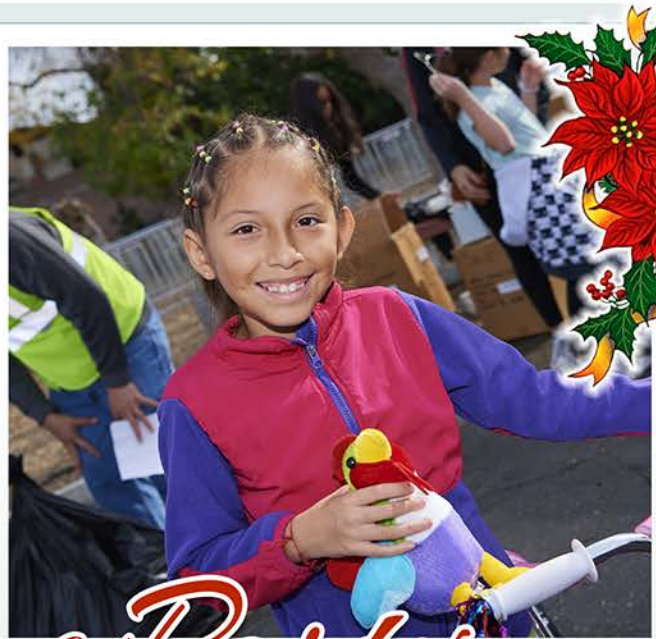
**Follow God's will freely** - Although trust in other human beings is damaged because of failures in fidelity, God is reliable - God is wholly trustworthy. Whatever the resolve, let it be grounded in God's will.



# Meeting Santa 2018







# Christmas Party



## 2018

