



MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mission Plan 2016-2017

SACRED HEART MISSIONARY CENACLE-Camden

Mission Structure

STs Mission Team:

Fr. Raúl Ventura, ST (Mission Director)

Fr. Odel Medina, ST (Hispanic Ministry Outreach)

Bro. David Sommer, ST

Mission Sites:

Kosciusko- St. Therese

Carthage- St. Anne

Camden- Sacred Heart

Canton- Holy Child Jesus

Mission Center-(Sacred Heart Campus)

---Linda Ammons, Administrator

Activity and Ministries Endorsed by Sacred Heart Missionary Cenacle

1. Parish life Ministry, Pastoral Care, Sacraments
2. Hispanic Ministry Outreach
3. Movimiento Familiar Cristiano (Fr. Odel- Spiritual Director)
4. Sacred Heart Family Center- (Linda Ammons)
5. Prison Ministry (Fr. Odel and Fr. Raul)
6. Missionary Cenacle Apostolate/Lay Apostolic Spirituality (Initiative)
7. Lent and Advent Bible Study
8. Retreats and days of Reconciliation
9. Workshops, Programs, and revivals
10. Youth Ministry
11. Children Ministry
12. Family ministry (men and women apostolic groups)
13. Social Outreach

Mission plan 2016-2017- Camden, MS

We, Missionary Servants, since 1944 have been ministering to the local Catholic Community of the surrounding area of Camden, Sulfur Springs, of rural Central Mississippi. As of April 2014 the Mission in the Camden area has begun to take a new shape. A new reality has emerged with the influx of Hispanic Catholics and a somewhat "abandoned" English speaking Catholics (Anglo and African American). No longer with Catholic Schools in this southern area the exposure and knowledge of the Catholic faith and traditions seem to be disappearing. Our charism *of preservation of the Faith and making of every catholic an apostle* is a pressing need. We have expanded our ministry to include the pastoral care of two of our former Parishes- St. Therese-in Kosciusko and St. Anne in Carthage. Our Mission involved now working with the Anglo, Hispanic and African American Communities. We see the Sacred Heart Missionary Cenacle in Camden as our center of mission. We go out from the Cenacle to do mission and come back to be strengthened by our *common prayer life, house councils and communal life*. Br. Dave Sommer who is in Senior Ministry is involved in lay-formation, formation of liturgical ministers and Social Outreach in all 4 places. Each of the priests living at the Cenacle has two Churches under their direct pastoral care. Fr. Odel Medina is pastor of St. Anne and St. Therese, and Fr. Raul Ventura is the pastor of Sacred Heart and Holy Child Jesus. Holy Child Jesus and Sacred Heart are culturally, historically and liturgical African American Churches. St. Anne has a large Latino population (predominant from Guatemala) and a smaller predominant African American Community. St. Therese is composed predominantly of an Anglo community, with a fluctuating Latino Population (the majority from Mexico). Each of the four parishes has its own particularities and the day to day administration is carry out by its respective pastor and Parish Staff.

Goals

As part of the Missionary Servant's Mission Plan we share common goals even though the specific action steps (*how and when*) will be developed and implemented within the context of the different parishes and at the level of the Parish's leadership team (Pastoral Councils, Finance Council, Committees and apostolic groups). We implement the core values of our Charism through these efforts and goals:

- To reach out and support the Youth and young adults. (Youth)
- To engage our children and young people in the life of the Church.
- Promote and provide opportunities for *self-awareness*, personal and spiritual growth. (*forming an apostolic laity*) (*Missionary Spirit in the Laity*)
- To find and provide opportunities to explore, celebrate and understand the Catholic faith and identity. (*Preservation of the Faith*)
- To initiate an effort in forming a missionary and apostolic spirit in the laity.

- To deepen our catholic faith and growth in our apostolic call. *"Every catholic an apostle"*.

ACTION PLAN

We plan to accomplish the above goals through the following event, activities, ministry and projects:

Projected Activities June 2016- June 2017

To support the growth and development of our youth and young adults. (Youth)

- Religious education and Children Church.
- Summer programs geared to the development of our children and youth will be implemented all four parishes. (June-July 2016)- (vacation Bible school, enrichment program, sports).
- Academic development and collaboration with local Schools and organization

To engage our children and young people in the life of the Church in order to develop a missionary and apostolic spirit in them.

- Youth and Children Ministry
- Diocesan and interparish youth Conferences, retreats, gatherings.
- Youth service project-(Missionary Youth Group from Maryland)
- Youth Groups – Working with youth leaders to implement activities that involves our youth
- Participation in liturgy as Lectors, Hospitality, Altar Servers.
- Outreach projects within the community.

To initiate an effort in forming a missionary and apostolic spirit in the laity.

(Missionary Spirit in the Laity)

- Leadership and human development workshops
- Lay development through Parish Leaders Committees, apostolic groups, liturgical ministries
- Continue to work on initiative of lay development and to promote collaboration with our Charism (Target group leaders from the *Movimiento Familiar Cristiano* and some key leaders from the Parishes).

To find and provide opportunities to explore, celebrate and deepen the Catholic identity.

(Preservation of the Faith)

Promote and provide opportunities for *self-awareness*, personal and spiritual growth.
(Forming an apostolic laity) Missionary Spirit in the Laity

- Retreats/Revivals
- Bible groups reflections (Advent and Lent)
- Home visits
- Liturgical celebrations, Sacraments.
- Devotional Practices (Rosaries, Expositions, Stations, Feast Days, Daily Mass)
- Catholic national Conferences/retreats (Exposure to the larger Church)
- Collaboration with the Knights of Columbus

Dreams and projects

Follow up on Sacred Heart Family Center's special Projects (Housing repair, advocacy, seniors and families outreach)

MCA-Development and collaboration with MCA from the Southern region.

Begin an initiative of lay development in collaboration with MCA leadership

A new parish Center dedicated to Thea Bowman at Holy Child

Revitalize Holy Child Jesus in Canton- Leadership development

Revitalize the English Speaking community- St. Anne- Carthage-Leadership, liturgy.

An effort to renovate the grounds and Church- St. Ann (Volunteers parishioners are working together in this endeavor)

Develop a comprehensive Hispanic Ministry outreach in Carthage and Kosciusko.

Men and women retreats (Spanish and English)

Promote Parish's presence and identity within the greater community.

Outreach Center (Food Pantry, Clothes items) - St. Anne

Provide opportunities for structural changes and for direct assistance.

Develop a comprehensive Rel. Ed Program both Holy Child Jesus and Sacred Heart.

Overview of the Mission

Kosciusko- St. Therese (Fr. Odel)

Sunday English- 10:30 AM

Spanish- 2pm

Wed- 5:30pm- Exposition/ Mass

Leadership Team: Pastoral Council, Finance Council-

Carthage- St. Anne (Fr. Odel)

Sunday 8:30 AM – English

12:30PM- Spanish

Tuesday 5pm-Exposition/Mass

Leadership Team: Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Directivas, Ms. Angela Dawson, Baldemar Temac

Camden- Sacred Heart (Fr. Raul)

Sunday Mass 9AM

Wed 6pm

Leadership Team: Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Staff – Mr. Edd Hightower, Linda Ammons)

Sacred Heart Family Center (Linda Ammons, Director; Fr. Raul and Bro. Dave)

Canton- Holy Child Jesus (Fr. Raul)

Sunday Liturgy 11:15 AM

Thursday 5pm

Leadership Team: Pastoral Council (Parish Life Team), Finance Council- Sister Mary Anne Poeschle, RSM, Mrs. Pearlie Otto.

Sunday Liturgy Circuit

A

Camden 9AM (English)

Canton 11:15 AM (English)

Kosciusko 2:00pm (Spanish)

B

Carthage –8:30 AM (English)

Kosciusko 10:30 AM (English)

Carthage-12:30 PM- (Spanish)

Mission Evaluation 2016- Sacred Heart Camden

We have an opportunity to reflect and evaluate this Mission Plan together with Br. John Skrodinsky during a meeting in May 2016. This is an ongoing plan that focus on the priority set forth by the congressional Plan:

- *to develop and implement methods for intentionally forming lay missionaries;*
- *to focus on the materially poor and abandoned and to utilize systemic change principles;*
- *to collaborate with the MCF in our missionary efforts, particularly in addressing the spiritual needs of youth.*

The goals set from 2015-2016 plan will remain as the goals for this upcoming year. The "action plan" session indicates the activities or efforts that will be implemented this year (2016-2017) to help us carry out those goals. With this said, the 2016-2017 Mission Plan does not offer any major modifications to our previous plan.

Here are three significant ongoing foci:

1. Work toward a consistent comprehensive youth ministry-with more exposure to the larger church and a better understanding of the catholic faith.
2. Continuing to find ways to collaborate and promote the Missionary Cenacle Family.
3. Formal Education has been key for systemic change in this area; how can the local community create opportunities and possibilities to sponsor or promote higher education for our youth and children? Would it be possible to create programs that will help students apply for college, or scholarships?

5/16/16

Camden, MS

A HISTORY OF SACRED HEART MISSION, CAMDEN MISSISSIPPI

The history of Sacred Heart Catholic Mission is, in many ways, tied in its early stages to the history of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church founded in 1844 in Sulpher Springs, Ms. Immaculate Conception was one of the earliest settlements of Catholic landowners in Central Mississippi. These devout people brought their Catholic faith and ability to farm the land sharing these gifts with the slaves they brought with them as well as other African American local people.

In 1944 a Catholic order of Religious Priests and Brothers – the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Missions) came to Camden to open a mission to respond to the needs of the growing African American population and to staff Immaculate Conception Parish. Fr. Andrew Lawrence was the first Missionary Servant priest – the mission was named Sacred Heart Catholic Mission.

Almost immediately Fr. Andrew began a school – Sacred Heart School and built a small mission church on the grounds of Sacred Heart. The school was at first housed in a large multi-storied wooden structure on Highway 17. This structure, burned to the ground in a suspicious fire, was abandoned and a new brick building was build in 1955. Sacred Heart School grew rapidly and was staffed in its early years by a variety of Religious Women: Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity and Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Kentucky. At its height the school covered grades K – 12 educating hundreds of local children equipping them for jobs and higher education throughout the South and in the cities of Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee and St. Louis.

Sacred Heart Mission Church, a small wooden structure, was the heart of Catholic life for the African American Catholic community in Camden. The Church served the Black community while Immaculate Conception Church – on Highway 17 a short distance away, served the White community. In the 1970's in an effort to integrate the two worshipping communities Sacred Heart Mission Church was closed and Immaculate Conception Church became the center of Catholic life for the entire community.

Due to decreasing enrollment and cost Sacred Heart School was closed in 2002. The population of the Camden community had dwindled and many who were educated at Sacred Heart moved north for the jobs that were available. Sacred Heart School, under the direction of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, Brother Joe Dudek, S.T. and Fr. John McSpirit, S.T. began a

process of transforming the building from a school to Sacred Heart Family Center. This facility has grown and is now providing many programs to strengthen families in this area of Madison County. The Sacred Heart Family Center currently houses or provides the following programs: HOPE Credit Union and ATM, satellite office of the Department of Human Services for the State of Mississippi, Mother Therese Day Care and Learning Center, Senior Congregate and Meals on Wheels, After – School Programs, Summer Enrichment Programs, Housing Rehabilitation Program in conjunction with BankCorp South, VITA Free Income Tax and many others.

In 2007 Immaculate Conception Parish on Highway 17 was closed. A new Church and Parish Center was build and opened and was named Sacred Heart Church to serve the needs of the growing African American Catholic population. The new structure includes a 200 seat church, gym, kitchen, conference room, game room and fitness center.

Sacred Heart Catholic Mission has its eye on the future. The current dream is to build, in the future, a 40 unit senior housing complex on the property to care for the elders and seniors of our area who are in need of our love and care.