

Andrew said to Jesus,

"There is a boy here who has
five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?"

John 6:8-9

2 Father Tom's insight into ministry

Jesus and his 12 apostles tried to get away to a deserted place, and the people followed him... "a great multitude," and Jesus said they were like sheep without a shepherd. Even though we need to get away and refresh ourselves, there are people who are hungry, who don't even know what they are hungry for, but they need to be taught, they need to be fed with the Word of God. Quite honestly, that sometimes is presented as a model for the way that *priests* should dedicate themselves to their people and their relationship of teaching, shepherding and of sanctifying. But I never found that to be true. And the reason is that you, too, are shepherds. You, too, are sanctified. You, too, influence and lead one another within the Church.

So I've always come to feel that in teaching and in preaching, I am more like a fellow speaker sharing with colleagues along the way that we are walking together – fellow pilgrims. Because you are members of the Body of Christ, you are baptized into Christ, sharing his life and confirmed with his spirit, sharing his ministry. Your mission is to the world, to one another, and to me.



One of the things that I have felt so very special, in my precious 15 years that I spent with you, was the quality in the way that you ministered to me. For that, I simply want to thank you... We talk a lot about ministry, in fact, in the days before the Second Vatican Council, "ministers" were leading Protestant congregations. Now we call one another ministers in many ways, and many have a particular role and responsibility that is called a ministry. OLA has always been famous for bringing that charism of working in the Lord's vineyard from among all of our people, all of you, members of the Body of Christ.

What was very frightening for me long before I actually came to OLA, but it has governed my understanding throughout my whole priestly ministry, is taking apart the word ministry. You may remember I always loved to play with words. When you take apart the word ministry, you have two Latin words: one is one is obvious and the other is not quite so obvious. It begins with the prefix "mini" and we know what mini means, it means "small." But the second part is from the Latin word that means "to stand." So to "stand small" is the meaning of ministry. Ministry is not doing something for people, not even doing something good and holy for the People of God. Ministry is entering into a relationship with those whom you serve, and that relationship is one of standing small. A couple of things important to understand: standing small is not a put down, standing small does not mean being in a position of inferiority. Standing small means being in a position that lifts up the other.

The other thing that we need to understand about ministry, standing small, is that you are *standing*. You have to have a good self image, a healthy self identity. To be a minster, you have to know who you are and, as I said earlier, *whose* you are. If we are members of the Body of Christ, we belong to him, as St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading. Therefore we are able to stand with confidence, but "stand small" in a way that fills up the other.

Now, one of the things that Msgr. Barry told me, when I became his successor here, was a story about the time that he came to OLA. As with any transition and with any new pastor, he had difficulty here. I certainly experienced the reality that I was *not* Msgr. Barry, and Fr. Charles has experienced the reality that he is *not* Fr. Tom. Sometimes that's expressed very negatively, too. Msgr. Barry, when he first came, experienced the fact that he was not Fr Strange, and there was controversy, as some of you may recall that far back. What you may not know, he told me that he went to see Fr. Donald Strange, and he described what was happening The people did not seem to accept him, he said. Fr Strange said to Msgr Barry, "Bill, there's only one thing... you have to *love* your people. And further, hand in hand, you have to *tell* them that you love them. You may think that you are showing love by your faithfulness in ministry and all of that, but you do have to tell." You may have noticed that in every letter I wrote, I always ended with "I love you." That was more of a reminder to me than to you, that in everything I'd done and given, I would try to fulfill that love. Love, as we know, is entering into a relationship in which those who are in love are primarily concerned with building up the other person. So isn't love fulfilled in ministry? Isn't ministry primarily the meaning of love?

All of this comes to my mind in the readings that we had, wonderful ones about shepherds and nourishing the flock. We need to realize that nobody gets nourished unless we are nourishing one another. And one of the things that I felt during my 15 years here, and continue to feel, is the depth and the quality of your ministry. It's really very obvious that whatever that stuff in the air may have been in the transition to Fr. Charles, you have continued that with him, in building him up and allowing him to build you up, so that we may build up one another. So you've been good. God bless you and thank you so much.! – *Msgr. Tom Welbers 50th anniversary homily at OLA*

Around OLA³

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OLA School

The school office is closed for a summer break until July 30 when it opens from 8 a.m. to noon. You may leave a message for Vice-Principal Cindy Corrales at (909) 626-7135, ext. 4239, or email her at mrs.corrales@ola-ca.org. She is also available by appointment during the break.

Summertime Schedule

Now – Aug. 13

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Highlights

OLA Blood Drive is open this Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome!

Annual call to leadership councils is an invitation to the Open House set for Thursday, Aug. 16. Come see our councils in action!

See below

Register for Liturgy Day hosted by the Office for Worship on Aug. 25.

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Fr. Tom's Anniversary photo album records moments of joy and community.

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community life

Do you ever wonder how OLA does so much? Come and see at our Leadership Open House!

You are invited to attend our Annual Leadership Open House Thursday, August 16, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Come and learn about how our parish Leadership Councils work, and meet the people involved. Explore the possibility of becoming a member of one of the coordinating councils. Everyone is welcome to come and see how it works. If you cannot attend, but are interested in serving the OLA community on a Leadership Council, email Deacon Jim Allgaier at jallgaier@olaclaremont.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Find nomination forms at the parish office and at entrances to the church.

Parish-School Picnic planning

Mark your calendar for the annual Parish-School Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The planning committee will convene just a month ahead on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Dining Room.

You are invited to join representatives of our leadership councils, the school, and Knights of Columbus in planning this fun-for-all-ages event.

Questions may be directed to Jean McKenna or Cindy Corrales, staff liaisons for Community Life Council, through the parish office – (909) 626-3596.

Mass Intentions/Readings 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Week of July 29, 2018

MONDAY, July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus

Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

6:30am

5:30pm ⊕O'Michael Del Rosario

TUESDAY, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;

Mt 13:36-43

6:30am ⊕Tom Gorman

5:30pm

WEDNESDAY, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11,

17-18; Mt 13:44-46

6:30am

<u>5:30pm</u> むVirginia Lodwig

THURSDAY, August 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli

St. PeterJulian Eymard

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab;

Mt 13:47-53

5:30pm ⊕Edna Quintero

FRIDAY, August 3

Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14;

Mt 13:54-58

6:30am

5:30pm PRosita Lacson

SATURDAY, August 4

St. John Vianney

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,

33-34; Mt 14:1-12

8:00am Randy Rhorer, ⊕Phong Bui

4:00pm

Merlita Pasia,

♣Dr. Bill McQuillan

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;

Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

7:00am For the People of the Parish 9:00am Italian Catholic Federation

⊉Ed Silva

<u>11:00am</u>骨Maruja Maya Vicense,

Mike Kunz, Rita Domond

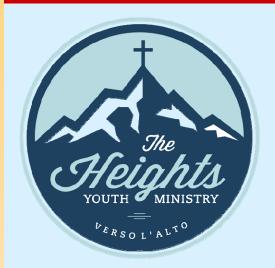
1:00pm Pedro Rojas, Carmen Moreno Horacio Diaz-Ontiveros

3:00pm

5:00pm

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worship &



For information please contact Jesus Rodriguez, Coordinator of Youth Ministry 909-626-3596 ext. 4215 jrodriguez@olaclaremont.org



July Calendar

Jul 24 - Caffeine & Catholicism @ Sanctuary Coffee, 3:30pm

Jul 29 - The Heights @ Youth Room, 6:30pm

Jul 31 – Caffeine & Catholicism @ Sanctuary Coffee, 3:30pm

Follow us on Instagram @TheHeightsOLA for the latest news and updates

"Ah, Lord God," I said. "I know not how to speak, I am too young." But the Lord answered me: "Say not 'I am too young'... See, I place my words in your mouth." – Jeremiah 1:5-9



We invite young adult ages 18 to 35 to grow spiritually, form authentic friendships and have fun through our social, educational and prayer nights. Join us at our weekly meetings from 7 to 9 p.m. NOTE: Convalescent home visits are arranged every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as a service project. Join our *Young Adults of OLA* Facebook group. Or e-mail *youngadultsola@gmail.com*.

Thursday, Aug. 9

Field event at OLA at 7 p.m. featuring Fr. Samuel Ward, vocation director of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

faith formation

Office for Worship presents liturgy day

Rooted in Diversity, We Grow in Unity is the theme of the day of reflection for liturgical ministers and other parish leaders Saturday, Aug. 25, at American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach.

The Archdiocesan Office for Worship will host Carmen Florez-Mansi, vocal artist, choral directo5r and liturgy specialist. She will examine the challenges of ministry and the ways we can unite our communities in worship while honoring the diversity among us. Register online at

http://archla.org/ofwliturgyday Register by Aug. 15 for \$25; the group rate is \$20 per person for five or more registered at the same time.

Time of the event is 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Who me? A catechist?

We welcome individuals to become part of our active ministry of the Word. A catechist is a teacher of religious education, a person who facilitates the process of faith formation. This is done first by echoing the Word of God in his or her own life, and second by helping others to do so. You will become an integral part of the OLA community; dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in formal and informal settings. In your work with adults, families, adolescents and children, you are passing on a living faith. Contact Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation, for more information at (909) 626-3596,, ext. 4212.

OLA is committed to providing a safe environment for all members of our faith community, especially youth and the vulnerable. In accordance with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, all parish volunteers must be compliant with *Safeguard the Children* before they may participate in parish ministry.

Evangelization ministry

At the end of the Mass, many in our congregation may feel the desire and calling to go and literally share the Good News of the Gospel with others in the community outside our parish.

Mark Patton is seeking to begin a chapter of St. Paul Street Evangelization at OLA. This ministry, founded in 2012, is organized to facilitate and train Catholic Christian individuals and groups to go out into the community to share the reasons for their faith and invite others into our Church. It is international, offering hand-outs, brochures, CDs, rosaries, learning aids and support.

Can we offer to pray with someone who seems a little down? Could we carry an extra rosary to give away and brighten someone's day? As with most experiences,, the first time we are nervous. The second and third times become more comfortable and enjoyable. Those interested may contact Mark Patton at (909) 282-5977 or popster103@aol.com.

St. Paul's website is fairly extensive and helpful for anyone interested in getting started – <u>www.streetevangelization.com</u>.

REGISTRATION OPEN

for all fall programs in Faith Formation

Register online at

www.olaclaremont.org

or come to the

Faith Formation Center
(See Page 9 for hours)

FALL PROGRAMS OPEN FOR...
Sunday Preschool
(Age 3 to K)
First Communion I and II
(Grades 1 and 2)
Post-Communion (Grades 3 to 5)
Middle School (Grades 6 to 8)
PLUS other options!

outreach

JustAct Ministry

JustAct is a ministry that provides opportunities for education, spiritual growth and action in service to others based on the Church's social teachings. An information table will be set up on the patio beginning the weekend of Aug. 18-19. for fall programs. Details are also available through Chris Shaner at (714) 299-9939.

WHAT IS GOOD NEWS PEOPLE?

This program is a dynamic, parish-wide, faith formation program for adults. It offers an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching in a shorter format: 7 weeks in fall and 7 weeks in spring. The goals of Good News People are to explore the call to discipleship and the power of community through prayer, reflection, and action, and find renewed hope in living the Gospel and putting faith into action;

WHAT IS JUSTFAITH?

JustFaith is an extended justice education process that meets weekly, employing books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences. This is a 30-week formation process. There are two retreats – one to open and one to close the program. Four dates are dedicated to group projects.

WHAT IS ENGAGING SPIRITUALITY?

Engaging Spirituality is the next step for those who have completed JustFaith. It focuses on the practical challenges of following Jesus into the broken heart of our world, inspired by the urgency and spirit of the Gospel message to our lives, to our relationships, and to our times. Participants practice "the undivided life" of Christian discipleship—engaging in contemplation while immersing ourselves in the heart of our fragmented world. This is a 20-week program.

Marriage Encounter

On a Marriage Encounter weekend, couples learn five tools for better communication. The next weekend date is Aug. 24-26. Call now to reserve your spot through Mike & Veronica Sasaki at (626) 765-4305

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Do have a heart for the poor among us? Are you a good listener? Are you interested in a ministry that offers flexible hours? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLA may be right for you! This group collects donations from our parishioners once a month at the church doors and allocates the funds according to need. It's members seek out those who are impoverished, materially and spiritually, and help where they can. No need is too great or too small. Messages may be left for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at (909) 626-3596, ext. 333.

Fiesta for Crossroads

Crossroads, Inc., the program for women in transition from prison, will celebrate a graduation for its residents Saturday, Aug. 18, with a taco truck, sundae bar and refreshments.

All are invited to join in celebrating the success of the Crossroads women from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1269 Harvard Ave., Claremont. To RSVP or for details, you may email *vicki@crossroadswomen.org*.

Laudato Si

A letter to the world from Pope Francis

Open House for Hope Partners

Pope Francis has urged us to "hear the cry of the poor." Inland Valley Hope Partners has been doing exactly that for 50 years in our local area with food security programs, transitional housing for the homeless, and staff to help match community resources to individual needs and generate hope.

Come to its 50th Anniversary Open House Saturday, Aug. 11, from10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn more about its plans for renovation and expansion. Take a tour of the transitional shelter. For details, visit *inlandvalleyhopepartners.org*.

Parish Offertory Collection
Weekend July 21-22 \$19,357
Online \$ 2,808
Total \$22,165
Budget \$21,944

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race "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" says the Gospel today. The miracle of the loaves and fishes is experienced again and again in our lives as Church.

It takes a village for anniversary!

Our first thanks go to Father Tom for his years of service and to the community he called the Body of Christ. Liturgical ministers did what they always do beautifully at Mass. Many thanks to the team of Arline Bustamonte, Cynthia & Bobby Asinas, Joan Giuliano, Kerry Karukstis, Terry Moore, Larry, Cathy and Jo Pearring, Margaret Porter, Inez Quintana, Olivia Romero, Lynne Stella and Al Villanueva. Photographers were Thanh Nguyen and Susan Brunasso. Staff liaison was Jean McKenna. Several donors helped the parish with anniversary expenses. We love you!





Prayer Requests



For our sick and suffering...

Recent: Mary Adams, Georgeann Beck, Maria Elena Cardena, Madge Elizabeth Hammond, Cecilia Munoz, William Putney; Previously: Aaron Acosta, Emily Bonk, Kitty Briones, Mary Brunasso, Amelia Chacon, Deacon Don Gath, Charles "Chuck" Giannini, Anna Ruano Gomez, Angelyn Gustasson, Enrique Juarez, Doris Maldonado, Jesse Lopez, Margarita Lopez, Elizabeth McKeveney, Mary Christina Morand-Merlino, Manuel Muinos, Emerenciana Orozco, Jose Luis Ortega, Esperanza Paz, Arthur H. Osborne, Esperanza Paz, Robert Reyes, Madlyn Richer, Barbara Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Zenaida Romo, Isaac Ruiz, Soledad Sarmiento, Mary Simko, Mark Stagner, Monica Stephenson, Sylvia Stephens, Tess Turla, Mihael Uribe, and Carol Wiese

For our beloved deceased...

Nancy Ash Boden, sister-in-law of Suzanne Diaz; Robert Eagleton, husband of Barbara Eagleton; and the for the family and friends who mourn their loss

Comunidad de Habla Hispana

Oficina de Liturgia presenta un día de liturgia

El tema del día de reflexión es "Arraigados en la diversidad, Crecemos Juntos", para los ministros litúrgicos y otros líderes de la parroquia, será el 25 de agosto en la Iglesia de los Mártires Estadounidenses en Manhattan Beach.

La Oficina Arquidiócesana de Adoración será la anfitriona de Carmen Floréz-Mansi, vocalista, directora de coro y especialista en liturgia. Ella examinará de los desafíos del ministerio y explicará las formas en que podemos unir a nuestras comunidades en el culto mientras honramos la diversidad entre nosotros.

Favor de registrate en línea: http://archla.org/ofwliturgyday

Inscríbase antes del sábado, 25 de Agosto por \$25 dls.; la tarifa de grupo es de \$20 dls. Para cinco o más personas registradas de la misma parroquia.

La hora del evento es de 8 a.m. a 1:30 p.m.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

MILAGRO SEMANAL

Esta semana señala el comienzo de una especie de "desvío litúrgico". Hemos estado escuchando el Evangelio según san Marcos durante este año litúrgico (Ciclo B). Hoy comenzamos a escuchar una larga sección del Evangelio según san Juan que empieza con el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y peces. Este milagro es un preludio de las declaraciones del Señor, que comenzaremos a es-



cuchar en algunas semanas, en las que Jesús se llama a sí mismo el "Pan de Vida". Cada semana somos testigos de un milagro en la Misa. No vemos la multiplicación de panes. Lo que vemos con los ojos de la fe es el milagro de la transformación de elementos comunes, pan y vino, en el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor. Una vez que hemos recibido al Señor, comienza la multiplicación, porque en la Eucaristía se nos fortalece para multiplicar nuestros esfuerzos por alimentar a los pobres, darles refugio a los que no tienen hogar y brindarles consuelo a los afligidos. – -J. S. Paluch Co.

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

El día 2 de agosto es la fiesta de Santa María de los Ángeles, patrona de Costa Rica y de los franciscanos. En 1635 la mestiza Juana Pereira descubrió una pequeña imagen de María con el Niño Dios. Varias veces la imagen se le perdió y regresaba al sitio donde la había encontrado el día 2 de agosto. Por esta razón el lugar a donde regresaba se convirtió en su santuario y se le dio el título de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles en honor de la capilla dedicada a Santa María de los Ángeles afuera del pueblito de Asís en Italia.

Esta capillita reconocida como la Porciúncula fue restaurada por san Francisco. Allí nació la familia franciscana y Francisco insistió que los frailes nunca abandonaran ese lugar porque era consagrado a Dios. Allí María y los ángeles alababan a Dios cuando los seres humanos habían dejado de hacerlo.

Según parece, la imagen costarricense también insistió en quedarse en un pedacito de tierra consagrado a Dios donde sus hijos e hijas pueden recurrir a ella y adorar al Dios eterno.

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Bulletin deadline is Sunday for the following weekend. Bring copy to the parish office or email bulletin@olaclaremont.org.

Interested in the Catholic Church? We invite you to one of our Inquiry sessions. Call Victor Hernandez at 626-3596, ext. 4213, for more information.

Baptisms Brochures about the Sacrament of Baptism are available at the display case on the patio, or the parish and Faith Formation offices. <u>Please call 4-6 weeks before the date of Baptism</u>. For English Baptisms, please contact the parish office at 626-3596, ext. 0. For Spanish Baptisms, please contact Magali Amezcua at 626-3596, ext. 4211

Weddings Congratulations! Please call the parish office at least six months ahead for preparation, scheduling, and an appointment with a priest. Weddings are scheduled Saturdays at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Visit the display case on the patio for more information.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office day or night. Hospital/Home Visits For distribution of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

Funeral Arrangements Please contact the parish office for help with services and special needs.

Stephen Ministry This one-on-one care-giving ministry at OLA is available upon request to those seeking emotional and spiritual support through a life challenge such as loss of a job, personal illness, separation or divorce, illness or the death of a loved one. Please call 626-3596, ext. 4332 to leave a confidential message.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Hotline One-time emergency assistance for individuals and families. Call (909) 626-3596, ext. 4333, to leave a message. Your call will be returned by a volunteer case manager.

How to Reach Us Parish Office (909) 626-3596 Fax (909) 624-3680

Website: www.olaclaremont.org email Address: reception@olaclaremont.org

Parish Office Hours

Summer hours until Aug. 13: Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Friday, Open Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Lunch break from 12:30 to 1 p.m.)

Faith Formation and Religious Education

Faith Formation Center (909) 624-1360 Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213) Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. No Sunday hours during the summer

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Sunday Mass Schedule

7:00 a.m. Traditional cantor-led song

9:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble

11:00 a.m. Contemporary ensemble

1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

5:00 p.m. Teen/Contemporary 7:00 p.m. Cantor-led song

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 p.m. Cantor-led song

5:30 p.m. Contemporary ensemble

or cantor-led song

Weekday Mass Schedule

6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. Saturday

Saturday Confessions

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. English/Spanish

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. English

Parish Staff

Rev. Charles J. Ramirez, Pastor

Rev. Ron Clark, Associate Pastor

Rev. Paul Phan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Chris Troxell, Associate Pastor

Deacon Jim and Karen Allgaier

Deacon Joe and Rita Domond

Deacon Bob and Kathy Steighner

Deacon Art and Nadine Escovedo, retired

Neomi Torres, Director of Parish Administration (x4203)

Victor Hernandez, Director of Faith Formation (x4213)

Dcn. Bob Steighner, Liturgy Coordinator (x4234)

Dcn. Jim Allgaier, Outreach/Stewardship Coord. (x4216)

Jesus Rodriguez, Youth Ministry Coordinator (x4215)

Mary Muñoz, Coordinator of Music Ministry (x4263)

Kathy Steighner, Christian Initiation Coordinator (x4221)

Jean McKenna, Communications Coordinator (x4217)

Greg Andrews, Communications/Calendar (x4231)

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Bing Macavinta, Bookkeeper (x4232)

Katy Salisbury, Administrative Assistant (x4268)

Roberto Roman, Spanish Choir

Dong Le, Vietnamese Choir

In the spotlight...

50th Jubilee for Father Tom





July 22, 2018

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Clergy at 9 am

Center:

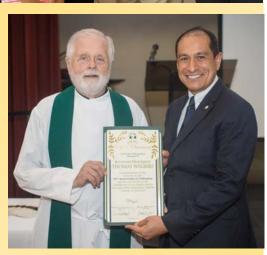
Old friends

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Group from
Early Christian
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Mayor-pro-tem Corey Calaycay presents honor from City of Claremont