

Our Lady's & St. Joseph's AGM 24th March 2019

Agenda item 10 (v)

Our project in Tahuantinsuyo, Lima, Peru

In 1986, our parish priest at that time, Fr Michael Ryan, introduced us to a Columbian parish in an area of Lima called Tahuantinsuyo. The parish priest was a friend of Fr Ryan's and before long we had built up a very good relationship with the parish and all the activities around it, organised by an order of nuns. Our contact has always been Sister Monica Lachcik who tells me she has been there 47 of the 55 years since the parish was founded.

Each month, we put out baskets at the back of church for donations, which allows us to send a modest but steady amount approximately three times a year to Sr Monica. In return, over the years we have received long letters, lots of photographs and assurances of prayers for us all. The sisters and parishioners run a library, a soup kitchen, a bakery which provides bread for children's breakfasts, an elderly persons centre and residence and take an active part in preparing children for first Communion and Confirmation. Many less well-off families are also supported with the money we send, thanks to some very generous donors from our parish. Every donation is acknowledged by the Sisters.

Sister Monica's latest card, received just this week says: "A few latitudes of gratitude for all you've done! May God continue to bless all of you with Love, peace and Joy."

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