

Human Family in Christ

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In opening my annual report for 2019, I extend to you greetings and the blessings of Almighty God for you and your loved ones. I also offer praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us and the Human Family in Christ. I am sure that Father Andrew Cuschieri, continues to watch over us and the work of the Human Family in Christ.

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Mississauga on June 9. At this meeting, I was acclaimed as President as well as Willem Langelaan as Vice-President, Teresa Pimentel as Treasurer, Ana Hutten-Czapski Perez as Secretary and Marie Morrison as the Director of the Child Sponsorship Program. Dr. Robert Boyko continues in his capacity as Medical Director for the Society. Also, Father John Henry, Co-Founder of the Society, remains as Founding Spiritual Director with Father Marc-Andre Campbell as *in loco* Spiritual Director and Father Mounir El-Rassi as an Assistant Spiritual Director. At the time of the writing of this report, it is my understanding that Father Marc-Andre Campbell, the present Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish will be assigned to a new parish in July of this year. The members of the Human Family in Christ extend our gratitude to Father Marc-Andre for his availability as *in loco* spiritual director and for his generosity in welcoming us and providing a room for our meetings. We wish him the very best in his new assignment. Tal Akermanis continues to assist with the Public Relations Committee and Willem and myself continue to update the members, donors and friends list of the Society. Willem also continues to keep the Society's wonderful web site updated and running. Ana Hutten, the secretary, has started a Facebook account <www.facebook.com/shfic/> for the Human Family in Christ. You may want to visit it. A sincere thank you is extended to all of the executive members for their "yes" and multiple contributions of time and dedication to the work of the Society. Their help and commitment are precious to the Society and its mission for God's poor in Bolivia! ***Muchas gracias!***

Bolivia

Hospital Andrés Cuschieri

According to all indications, Hospital Andrés Cuschieri is in full operation as well as its satellite location and both are continuing to serve the people of the area in an exemplary way, just as Father Cuschieri desired. According to Willem, the hospital is running to capacity and has expanded the reception area, added an ICU and neonatal program. Let us hope and pray that the hospital continues to serve the vision and mission of Father Andrew. So far, according to Willem, that is the case and improvements are being added yearly. The hospital is now well funded by the Municipal and National governments and no longer requires our financial or management support.

At this time, I extend a very sincere thank you to all of the members, donors and friends of the Society for making Hospital Andres Cuschieri possible. ***Muchas gracias!***

Schools

Though, over the past number of years, both of the schools built and equipped by the Society, San Lorenzo and La Sagrada Familia, have not received funding from the Society, they are operating at peak capacity. The government funds the teachers and the schools. These are first class schools that have been built and equipped by the Society. They continue to serve, each one, about 1200 students daily. Thousands of students have benefitted over the years and continue to benefit from these schools including the Mayor of Colcapirhua, Ing. Mario Severich, who is a graduate of San Lorenzo. He remembers Father Cuschieri fondly. **Thank you sincerely for your past contributions to the education of young Bolivians!**

Child Sponsorship Program

Marie Morrison, Director of the Child Sponsorship Program of the Human Family in Christ, continues to work diligently with her colleagues to promote the Society's sponsorship program for needy children in the Colcapirhua area. Marie has informed me that during 2018 we had 171 sponsors and 293 sponsorships of which 25 were new. Thus far in 2019, we have 81 sponsors and 145 sponsorships of which 1 is new. Further, this program is offering high school education to mothers of the sponsored children. So far 9 mothers have received their high school diploma and another 25 mother expect to receive their diploma by the end of this year.

At the executive meeting of April 6, 2019, the executive discussed the shortfall in funding for this program indicated to us by Sister Cecilia in Bolivia who runs this program for the Society with the Hermanas Maestras de Santa Dorotea. The problem that exists is that though there were in 2018, 293 sponsored children by our generous donors,

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Sister Cecilia also helps 200 additional children associated with the families for whom donors sponsor individual or multiple children. This is a needed requirement, but unfortunately not specifically funded when additional children of a needy family are included. Thus, the shortfall in funding. At Christmas 2018, I sent out a Christmas Appeal to assist with this shortfall in funds. Unfortunately, it was not very successful. Nonetheless, I extend a very sincere thank you to all those who donated. If you can assist further in your donations to the Child Sponsorship Program, this will be greatly appreciated and an income tax receipt with gratitude will be issued to you.

At the April 6th, 2019, executive meeting, it was decided that the Human Family in Christ would attempt to seek additional funds from the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus councils throughout Canada. Please pray for the success of this campaign.

A sincere Thank You to you, Marie, and to your helpers and sponsors. Also, to Sister Cecilia, Directress of the Program, to Sister Anna Maria Di Placido, the new Superior of the Latin American Delegation of the Hermanas Maestras de Santa Dorotea and to the Sisters who assist Sister Cecilia, I extend a very **heartfelt thank you. Muchas gracias!**

Young Women's Education Program

In total there are 30 young women enrolled in the secondary education program and 63 in the college level nurses education program at the **Instituto de Educación Rural**, IER, in Quillacollo. All graduates find a job, often in their own communities. No more poverty for the alumnae! The diplomas are issued by the government that also pays the teachers' salaries. The school is excellently managed by the Canadian Directora, **Sister Murielle Dubé mic**, and her sisters of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Montréal, Quebec.

Latin America Foundation

Our vice-president Willem Langelaan is in the middle of establishing the Latin America Foundation. The concept is to open Casas de Educación where poor youth can find a place that allows them to go to high school, find a bed and 3 nutritious meals/day and have a table and a chair to study. There are many thousand young people in Cochabamba and suburbs who need our support. Willem visited a large abandoned congregation building which could be a possible location for the first Casa de Educación. It is in a good shape. No leaking roof. Has a large kitchen, dining hall, dorms, showers, laundry, etc. And a large property with orange and grapefruit trees. There are high schools and a trade school nearby. Willem calculated that it will cost around \$2,000 a year per student.

Executive Meetings

The Executive of the Society met on April 7, 2018 and on April 6, 2019 to consider and make decisions in regard to the work of the Human Family in Christ. Much other work occurred through e-mails, telephone conversations and written correspondence (tax receipts, thank you letters etc.). I extend a sincere thank you to all of the members of the executive for their dedicated and generous work on behalf of the mission of the Society. **Thank you sincerely!** A special thank you goes out to Willem Langelaan, the Society's Vice-President, who again provided "boots on the ground" for the Society in Bolivia during his sojourn there, January-March, 2019. Willem, your comprehensive reports and photos from Bolivia were appreciated by all. **Muchas gracias!**

Conclusion

In conclusion, I have attempted in an economy of words to summarize the events of the Society during 2018 and into 2019. To all of the generous people who have contributed and donated to the Society over the past year, **I say thank you!** May God bless you now and always! You are precious collaborators in God's work for the poorest of the poor. God will always remember your generosity of heart. Be assured of our daily prayers for you and your loved ones. Please remember in your prayers a generous donor, Magda Deck, who passed away in 2018. Please remember also in your prayers all others who may need our prayers and thoughts.

Hope to see many of you at the **Annual General Meeting** to be held at St. Joseph's Church, 5440 Durie Road, Mississauga, Ontario, on **Saturday, June 8, 2019, commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

With blessings and gratitude In Christ,

Father Andrew P. Mayer, i.v. Dei

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