



Mission La Divina Misericordia Sanctuary... Monastery... Retreat Center...

An Invitation to All

**What: A Ground Breaking
Celebration**

When: November 19, 2005 at 9:00

Where: Mission La Divina Misericordia (see map on page 4)

“Go up into the hill country and build the house that I may take pleasure in it and receive My glory, says the Lord.”

Haggai 1:8

There is so much suffering in our world. Our Lord wants to pour out His Mercy on all of us. *Mission La Divina Misericordia* was established to provide a *Sanctuary* – a holy place to encounter His Mercy.

As we approach the one year anniversary of the establishment of *Mission La Divina Misericordia* (MLDM), November 19th, we are about to begin the next phase of development of this Sanctuary - the construction of a *Retreat Center* and a *Monastery*. We would like to invite you to the groundbreaking ceremony of this new phase on Saturday, November 19th, 2005 at Mission La Divina Misericordia

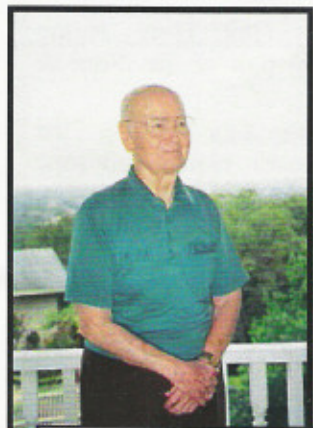


The main building will be dedicated to our special friend **Msgr. Eugene O'Callaghan**. We want to express our appreciation for the very providential role he has played in these foundational years of the Mission of Divine Mercy. He has truly been a Godsend.



The retreat and apostolic center will make it possible for this

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Mr. George Becker

“How it all got started...” a reflection by George Becker

In 1956, car dealer George Becker traveled to Cranes Mill with one of his salesman to visit a client. After the meeting, he drove out a lonely road out of curiosity and hit a dead end at a ranch.

That dead end turned out to be more of a beginning and after several months of negotiating on price, the ranch became his and was a place his whole family loved.

He still can't explain why it happened, but now believes that the land was destined to pass from his hands to that of the Mission of Divine Mercy.

“It was just an accident that I found the place back then,” said Becker, now in his 80s and retired from the car business.

But he thinks it was no accident that God spoke to him when it came to selling the property.

At first he was going to refuse to sell the ranch because of the Mission's address on Hueco Springs Loop Road, a location occupied

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Project Newsletter

Mission La Divina Misericordia

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Modest Dress Code for Mission La Divina Misericordia

Below we offer a copy of the request for modest dress that will appear as you enter the Mission property. We want to alert you to this and invite you to participate in this movement of reverence and charity. (Romans 12: 1-2)

"This is consecrated land. Out of love and respect of Our Lord, one another and for ourselves we are invited to dress modestly: please refrain from wearing shorts; sleeveless shirts; hemlines or slits above the knee; or any tight, low cut or provocative clothing.

We know that this requires an effort and is at odds with the prevailing culture. But we also know that this sacrifice is especially pleasing to the Lord; and that He will use our witness as a powerful instrument of grace and healing for all who come here".

Ground Breaking Ceremony

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Feel Free to Come to Whatever Part of the Activities that You Wish)

9:00 am: Mass at St. Joseph's Pavilion

10:15 am: Presentation & Procession to the Ground Breaking Site

11:15 am: Refreshments at the Camp House

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Mission to serve many more people like a fountain of His Mercy.

The first step towards a monastery will be initial housing for our community: a place for us to live and pray. It will also have room for us to begin to receive new vocations.

So please mark your calendars for November 19th. We will begin with Mass at 9:00AM. After Mass, there will be a brief presentation of this project and then we will process to the site for the blessing and groundbreaking. Afterwards refreshments will be served.

For questions or directions please feel free to call Don Maxwell at 830-620-8777.

*"Go up into the hill country and build the house that I may take pleasure in it and receive My glory, says the Lord."
Haggai 1:8*

"Them I will bring to My holy mountain and make joyful in My house of prayer;

Their holocausts and sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar;

For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people"

Isaiah 56:7

Calendar of Events

Saturday Mass: Each Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at *Mission La Divina Misericordia*.

Thursday Evening Holy Hour: Weekly at 7:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Meeting for the Lay Branch: First Thursday of each month following Holy Hour.

St. Michael's Squadron for Young Men: Contact Br. Moses at 830-629-5042, ext. 246 or Tim Drolet at 830-626-2227.

Queen of Peace Prayer Group for Young Women: Contact Sr. Amapola at 830-629-5042, ext. 238.

George Becker... A Reflection

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many years ago by groups that raised concerns in the community.

He did not know that it was now the private residence and property of Larry and JoAnn Aniol, members of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish.

"But something happened that made me think God wanted them to have the place," Becker said.

When Becker's grandson would read the newspapers, including the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung he would leave them lying on Becker's desk folded in odd angles. One day Becker saw the Herald on his desk randomly folded back to page 8A. (He still keeps it in his file exactly as he found it.)

"But something happened that made me think God wanted them to have the place..."

The article headline that caught his eye was about Congressman Lamar Smith who was working to help Maria Felicitas Bortoni, a member of the MDM, stay in the country as part of the mission and not have to return to Mexico.

"It was just by accident that it was folded the right way," he said.

"The day the photo was taken," a Community member explained, "was part of a very busy week

and we were reluctant to take the time out for that photo. Thank God we did! You just never know how the Lord will use something that to you looks very ordinary or inconvenient."

Becker, a lifelong Lutheran, met with representatives of the Mission of Divine Mercy and decided he liked what they wanted to do with the property. Becker asked his daughter's son-in-law, a real estate broker in North Texas, to look into the value of the property. What he ended up with was a contract from Mission of Divine Mercy. His family mem-

bers were there for the dedication of the new St. Joseph's Pavilion, the first new permanent structure on the site.

"I walked over that ranch thousands of times," Becker said, recalling his times of

solitude and even weeklong family vacations to get out of New Braunfels. He believes the new owners will be equally blessed.

He said he is also happy to see that an old '79 Jeep Wagoneer with the top cut off, which he used to haul everything from family to cattle feed, is now being used to transport the members of the community around the ranch. "It may be rustic, but it's not rusty."

By Travis E. Poling

Tamale "Fun" Raiser

Order your tamales for the holidays!

Call Carmen Morales at (830) 608-0485

"Las tamaleras divinas" (the divine tamale makers) are busy again! They are preparing your tamales for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Place your order with Carmen Morales today. Her delicious tamales are \$8 per dozen. All proceeds are donated to *Mission La Divina Misericordia*.

For cultures with Latin roots, tamales are perhaps the most important



celebratory food in existence. Special tamales are regularly

prepared for celebrations and feast days ranging from Christmas, New Years and Day of the Dead to Weddings, Christenings and Birthdays.

"Las tamaleras divinas" include; JoAnn Buro, Dolores Hidalgo, Dorothy Matschek, Betty Paine, Lupe Roy, and Carol Stein; all working together to help Carmen.

The work at the Mission continues to move forward. Now that we have cleared a large area at the entrance to the Mission, it has become increasingly difficult as well as time consuming to keep the grass and brush cut. It has become more than we can handle with our current riding lawnmower.

A four-wheel drive tractor with front end loader and brush hog are in great need and would benefit our efforts to keep Mission La Divina Misericordia beautiful.

A freezer is also needed. Now that we are holding retreats and camps at the Mission, there is a requirement to store quantities food. At present we have a very old

refrigerator that is inadequate for storage.

Picnic tables are needed. When hosting retreats and camps, all the meals are prepared in the camp house and eaten outside. We presently have only four picnic tables. We can accommodate five more!

Wicker furniture and wooden/metal chairs/benches. Wicker furniture is needed for the inside of the camp house and the wooden/metal chairs/benches can be used on the grounds. This would be a benefit to us when we hold indoor meetings.

May God Bless You for your generosity.

Dave Sommers

Dave's Corner



Dave & Abby



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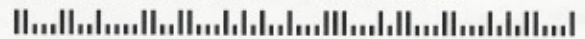
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& Sr. Maria Amapola
Front Row: Father John Mary Foster & Sr. Magdalene

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Directions to Mission La Divina Misericordia



Mission La Divina Misericordia is located in the Hill Country of Comal County overlooking Canyon Lake, only 20 minutes from New Braunfels.

Take 46 West to FM 2722, take FM 2722 to Indian Chief Trail. Indian Chief Trail is right before the FM 2673 intersection. Turn left onto Indian Chief Trail, take the dirt road all the way to the gate.