

What is Twinning?

- Growing and sharing faith journeys together with Our Lord
 - Learning from each other spiritualities, service & worship styles
 - Building a mutual relationship of solidarity between parishes
 - Promoting social justice and peace with/for each other
 - Developing friendships with people of other cultures/nations
- It is an experiential learning process for the entire church community to develop a Christ centered mission oriented parish. It is a coming together of a parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with another church in another part of the U.S. or overseas, in an active, mutual and on-going faith commitment of solidarity.
- What does such a relationship accomplish for a parish? By building bridges of faith, Catholics link together spiritually, culturally, and in a mutual sharing of resources, in Jesus' name. What does such a relationship involve for a parish? It involves crossing over into other cultural, economic, political, linguistic, & religious environments. It may also help connect people of various cultures locally too!

Source: Dr. Mike Gable, Mission Office Director
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org>

Currently, two parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are in a twinning relationship with the Diocese of Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca, Mexico. The parishes are St. Denis, Versailles and St. Patrick, Troy. We have been involved 8+ years.

For Information about joining this team, contact:
Jane Pierron, St. Denis Church 937-526-4945



The joy of Padre Jaime and his music committee at the first concert!



The music teacher never stopped smiling!



Twinning team members Marty and Larry Phillips, Jane Pierron and Father David Vincent with children from Santa Maria.

Make a Joyful Noise Music Ministry



Children of the Samacal Band and Twinning team members Marina Dominguez, Jane Pierron, Marty Phillips

Help by donating good, used musical instruments for children in the Diocese of Puerto Escondido Oaxaca, Mexico.

Give a child an opportunity to expand their God given talent and make a joyful noise unto the Lord! What better way to give your old instrument new life!

“There is a close link between the hope of a people and harmony between the generations. The joy of children makes their parents' hearts leap and opens up the future. Children are the joy of the family and of society. “

Pope Francis

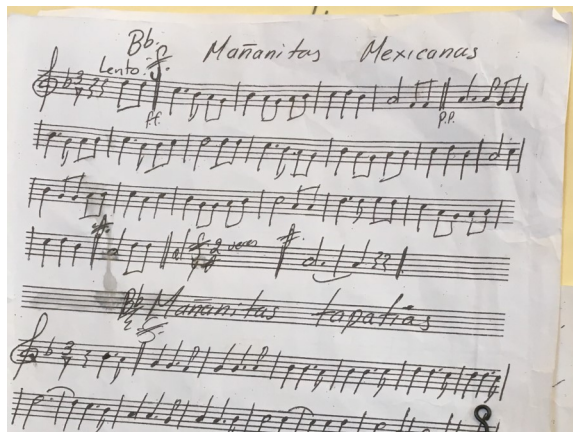
Beginnings

In early 2017, it began with one man's dream. Padre Jaime from Santa Maria Candelaria Church in San Carlos Yautepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, envisioned a music program where children would be taught at church to play musical instruments in songs of worship, praise and joy. When we first met Padre Jaime he had nothing but a dream, and a group of very enthusiastic children. He asked our Twinning team to help in whatever way we could. We returned to the U.S. and began to take donations for this project. At that time we had no clue of how God would intervene to help Padre Jaime.

We returned in January 2018 with a \$600 cash donation towards the project. To our surprise we were seated for a delicious Mexican brunch, and that's when we noticed the children in the blue band shirts. We were told the children (24 of them) started music lessons nine months ago, and that today would be their first concert! They had prepared seven music pieces for us. Two songs were played at our brunch, and the other five songs were played in church after the mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2.

Now, here's how God intervenes to help Padre Jaime....Having nothing to work with, Padre Jaime told the children if they would like to learn to play an instrument, they should borrow an instrument from someone who had a good used one laying around their house that they weren't using. The church provided a committee and a music teacher. Twenty four children were able to join this musical effort, and thus the "Samacal" (Santa Maria Candelaria Band) was born.

This man's dream is our vision for the "Make A Joyful Noise Music Ministry" We want to locate good, used musical instruments in the U.S. to ship to children in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico.



With handwritten music and borrowed instruments, the children performed with a true sense of accomplishment.



The School of Parochial Music "SAMACAL"



The children seated during the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mass.

Our Vision

Padre Jaime's vision has inspired us to think about musical possibilities for other children in the diocese of Puerto Escondido. Let's imagine having the opportunity to learn the joy of music. These parents have the same desires for their children as we have here in the U.S. Why not gather instruments here that are not being used, and send them to Mexico?

In thinking about this, one of our team members has an international freight forwarding company and another member has a warehouse. Our goal is to collect good used musical instruments and store them in the warehouse here in Ohio, and when we get enough to ship a pallet or (let's think big!) a container to Mexico, we will distribute these musical instruments in the diocese of Puerto Escondido to various catholic churches that have expressed a desire for music for children and teens. Monetary donations also accepted.

Please send or bring your instruments to:

Marty and Larry Phillips
4156 Wadsworth Rd.
Dayton, OH 45414
937-307-3568

Why give a child a chance at music?

- It improves academic skills. ...
- It develops physical skills. ...
- It cultivates social skills. ...
- It refines discipline and patience. ...
- It boosts self-esteem. ...

Source: <https://www.parents.com/kids/development/intellectual/6-benefits-of-music-lessons/>