

### **MISSIONERS OF CHRIST – JANUARY '19 UPDATE**

I received an update from Tom Esposito on the activities of the Missioners Of Christ ministry. Here is what he has to report:

- On January 1, 2018, Terry Hebert began his three year term as President (Servant-Leader) of the Missioners (succeeding Tom)
- The Missioners continue to be in good standing with the Diocese of Richmond, where they are “recognized” as a Catholic entity by the Diocese, and have the canonical standing of “A Private Association of the Christian Faithful”. Their leadership met with Bishop Barry Knestout (including Deacon Bob Young, Michelle Galvin, and Dell Marie Bottone) on December 11, 2018 to provide the Bishop with an update on their work.
- The Missioners facilitated their first “Family Foreign Mission” in Honduras in February 2018, with two youth from Edge (Matthew Hebert and Kateri Esposito) participating, along with parishioners Kelli Esposito and Terry Hebert).
- The Missioners facilitated “The Rez” youth retreat in November/December 2018, for a total of 57 youth, including 8 from St. Matthew. Angel Mislán (St. Matthew Asst. Youth Minister) also helped facilitate.
- The Missioners launched a youth Discipleship ministry this week, a multi-parish support/adjunct to youth ministry, for which several members of SMYG were invited to participate in the pilot program. At this time, Jonah Hebert has discerned to be a part of the ministry.
- The Missioners continue to facilitate a youth mission with the Migrant workers on the Eastern Shore in the summer. They anticipate members of the SMYG youth group will participate again this summer.
- Jonah Hebert is applying to serve the entire summer with the Missioners in our Honduras mission site when he graduates in late May 2019.

In regard to how our Council can help/support the ministry he added:

- **We are always in need of sponsors for the children in our programs in Honduras. Would love to have more members of St. Matthew’s engage in that relationship with these children.**