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2016 Venice Deanery DR Mission Project La Colegio Encarnación La Romana, Dominican Republic

The 2016 Venice Deanery's mission project is to enlarge the small kitchen at the Encarnación Episcopal school in La Romana. La Colegio Encarnación, located in La Romana (pop ~ 200,000), was founded in 1993 as a mission of Todos los Santos, one of the older and stronger Episcopal congregations of the Dominican Episcopal Church. Todos los Santos is both a church and a school with over 450 students and with classes from preschool through high school. La Romana has an industrial free zone, and is the home of Central La Romana, one of the most well managed sugar mills in the country. These two are a major provider of jobs for the people of La Romana. Furthermore, La Romana has an international airport, is the home of Casa de Campo



La Iglesia Episcopal Encarnación



Children at Colegio Encarnación

an internationally famous resort, and a little to the east is located the artist colony Altos. A new mandate from the government will require all schools public and private to offer 8 hour school days. As part of this initiative the schools will be required to serve breakfast and lunch to the students. This new policy shows a real commitment by the government to the improvement of the education offered in the Dominican Republic. This also creates the challenge to the retro fit all the public and private schools with Kitchens and cafeterias. The hope is to complete the new kitchen and Dining area before the 2016-17 school year begins in August 2016.

The goal for 2016 is to completely remodel the "snack" kitchen installing commercial grade appliances along with new cabinets, counters and plumbing fixtures. The parish hall will receive a makeover as well with repairs to walls and ceiling, and new paint. The funds we raise will complete the Electrical, plumbing and other work which will be done by local workers providing much needed employment for those in the community.

The 2016 Venice Deanery Mission project marks the 15th consecutive year where churches from the Venice deanery have sent teams and provided much needed support to the Dominican Episcopal Church and its programs to help the poor in many different communities. The Encarnación Church and School is in the city of La Romana, located between Santo Domingo and Punta Cana on the southern coast of the Island country. The priest in charge of the church and School is Fr. Raul Guailas. The congregation has a regular Sunday attendance of 60-85.

The Dominican Episcopal Church builds its new churches by faith and in many cases relies on many different groups working in companionship to complete a new church.

The Venice Deanery will send two work teams to the Dominican Republic during the summer of 2016. Team's 1&2 will travel from June 15-22 and June 22-29 and will paint interior of the kitchen and Parrish hall, clean and seal the roof and work with local workers to install the cabinets and appliances as well as several other projects including a new playground which is scheduled to break ground later this year. The estimated cost of the 2016 Venice Deanery project is 16,000 which covers the cost of the materials we will use as well as the cost of completing the Plumbing, electrical, windows, doors and protectors (burglar bars).



The completed 2015 Cafeteria (Todos Los Santos)

The DR Diocese really needs and appreciates this help from the Venice Deanery in completing these important project. The Dioceses' limited resources and the construction of this kitchen is already several years overdue. The good will of the deanery's missionaries, and those who will support them and the project, will have a major impact on the community and on the long-term growth of the Dominican Episcopal Church.

Team I June 15-22, 2016

Team II June 22-29, 2016

Team Details: The Venice Deanery Team plans to travel to the DR on Wednesdays. They will work Thursday, Friday, a half day on Saturday, then Monday and Tuesday of the following week. Deanery Coordinator is Janet Spooner of St. James, Pt. Charlotte.

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