

Help Support Our MISSION TRIP TO Nicaragua

Thirty two teens and adults from St. Cecilia and St. Thomas Aquinas are traveling to Chinandega, Nicaragua over spring break as missionaries to visit an orphanage, build a school and to make a difference with our service, our love and our faith.

We are selling Seven Sister's Treat Platters for \$25 each. All proceeds will go towards missionary costs and group project expenses.



Each reusable metal platter contains 6 pieces of Grandma's Creamy Caramels, 6 pieces of Fat Daddy Fudge, 6 peanut butter cup cookies, 6 snowball cookies, 12 almond bark pretzels, 6 decorated sugar cookies and a bag of caramel corn.

Preorder yours today by calling Dawn Aitchison at 515-460-7655 or email dawn.aitchison@gmail.com. Orders due by December 1st OR December 9th and can be picked up at St. Cecilia church in the narthex on the following dates:

Saturday, December 7th 6pm to 7pm

Saturday, December 14th 6pm to 7pm

Sunday, December 8th 9:30am to noon

Sunday, December 15th 6pm to 7pm 9:30 - NOON



Vatican Survey to assess Marriage & Family Life

Dear St. Cecilia Parishioner,

In the past couple weeks you may have heard or read, that Pope Francis has asked the World's Bishops to seek input from clergy, religious and the laity in preparation for The Extraordinary Synod on the Family, which will be held in October of 2014

Your input is important. Please take the time to fill out this survey sent out by the Vatican regarding family life. The survey covers various themes that include: contraceptive, same-sex unions, divorce and remarriage as well as caring for and educating children. All responses will be accepted anonymously and turned in to the Vatican.

You can fill out an on-line survey monkey or print a hard copy of the survey by using the following link: <http://www.arch.pvt.k12.ia.us/FamilyLife/ExtraordinarySynod.html>

All responses need to be complete by December 10, 2013

What if someone doesn't have access to a computer or prefers to send my US Mail?

If you or someone you know does not have access to a computer, there are hard copies of the document with the questions available in the parish office. The questions and responses will need to be hand-written or typed on separate sheets of paper.

Please mail written surveys by Dec. 10 to:

Family Life Office
PO Box 479
Dubuque IA 52004-0479

Please forward this letter to anyone you think may have interest and take part.

Sincerely,

Tom Primmer, M.Div.
Director of Faith Formation
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