

Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity

Reoccurring Activities

- Spirits and Solidarity dinner (January): Annual gathering of former missionaries
- Santa Eulalia celebration (February): Mass, dinner and dance on the feast day of St. Eulalia
- Movie night (March): Cross-cultural viewing and discussion
- Cinco de Mayo walk/run (May): Annual fundraiser
- Mother's Day celebration (May): Dinner and dance hosted by the Mayan community
- Annual Picnic (August/September): Cross-cultural afternoon with food and games
- Thanksgiving dinner (October/November): Cross cultural dinner
- Las Posadas (December 16-24): Traditional reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem
- ESL classes (Fall and winter sessions): volunteers teach ESL at St Francis of Assisi Mondays and Wednesday

Ongoing Projects

Disciples of the Good Shepherd:

The Disciples are a group of young women who live together in community. They go through a long process of formation and education to prepare to consecrate their lives to building God's kingdom among the people in the Diocese of Huehuetenango. They are working to become leaders in their local parishes. Ixim has made a commitment to sponsor each of these women. Sponsorship requires \$1,000/year for each Disciple and various groups and individuals from the Omaha Archdiocese are now sponsoring 18 of the 19 Disciples. These young women have an extraordinarily generous and loving spirit and our dollars could not be better spent. As a community they pray daily for the people of Omaha.



Sister Schools Program:

The Sister Schools Program consists of formal partnerships between Omaha and Huehuetenango schools willing to make a minimum 3-5 year commitment to fostering friendship. Seven Catholic schools in Omaha have formed "Sister School" relationships with seven of the Catholic schools in Huehuetenango. This mutual relationship involves the exchange of culture and the sharing of faith via correspondence on three holidays during the year [Children's Day (October 1), Valentine's Day and Easter]. The students in the two schools pray regularly [second Monday of each month] for one another and the Omaha schools raise funds and collect school supplies to help the underfunded schools in Guatemala.



Current Sister Schools:

Skutt Catholic High School [coordinated by Rachel Twist & Paula Lenz] with Sister Dianna Ortiz School in San Miguel Acatán

St. Vincent de Paul School [coordinated by Karen Stec] with San Ildefonso School in Ixtahuacán

St Thomas More [coordinated by James Nailon] with the school of San Juan Bosco in Aguacatán

St. Columbkille School [coordinated by Andrea Dethlefs] with Santa Eulalia School

St. Cecilia School [coordinated by Mary Pistek] with Santa María de la Asunción School in Colotenango

St. Wenceslaus with the School of San Juan Bosco in Aguacatán

St Stephen the Martyr [coordinated by Margaret Cowell] with

San María del Camino in San Mateo Ixtatán and Juan Pablo II in San Sebastián Coatán