



CrossRoads: Bulletin of the Passionist Alumni Association

Special Report - Spring 2022

We did something great!



*(l-r): Sister Juana, Sister Tere and Sister Rosy
of Colegio Guadalupe Pasionista, Agua Prieta, Mexico.*

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Please forward this bulletin to a former classmate or friend who attended school in Passionist formation. The Passionist Alumni Association relies on you to build our membership. Every day we hear stories of renewed friendships and new friendships. Did a friend forward this bulletin to you because you once studied with the Passionists?

If so, please **CLICK ON THIS LINK:** <https://passionistorderalumni.org/> to register with the Passionist Alumni Association to stay in touch. Thank you.

Louisville, Kentucky is the location of our 2022 Reunion.

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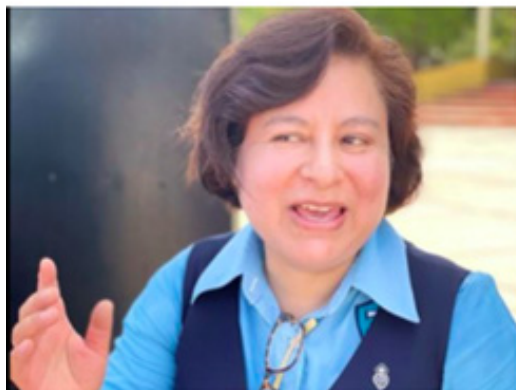
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We Beat Our Goal

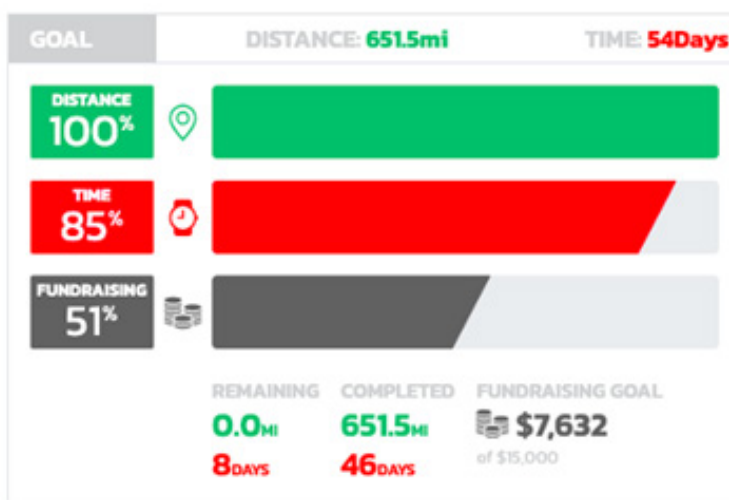
Between December 10, 2021, and February 13, 2022, we set out to raise \$15,000 to help Passionist sisters fix the roof for Colegio Guadalupe Pasionista. We grossed over \$22,000. A few individuals donated time and expenses beyond that number. After the payouts to our football grand champion, and a few fees to the GoFundMe site, our Passionist Sisters across the border have received over \$19,000!

[Click here](#) to view Sister Tere's thank you video.

The stats and distances speak for themselves!



MISSION STATISTICS



The Race Began on December 10, 2021

It was December 10, on a national launch via Zoom, that Bob Duffield shot off the starting pistol in front of the San Diego Mission. Fourteen alumni walked, ran, or bicycled 552 miles in their hometowns as their progress was completed on a virtual pilgrimage from San Diego to Agua Prieta. These alumni and their friends raised half our goal with \$7,632 by January 26 -- 54 days after the start.

Mike Kruger not only paid all of our website fees, but created the 20+ postcards that described the historic missions we passed and much more.



The Passionist Community at Mater Dolorosa, California, watched our struggle from afar and...

Father Clemente Barron, C.P., called. He couldn't help but notice we were just half way to our goal after completing the virtual race. He said he'd ask his community to make a hefty donation to stimulate us to stay the course to reach our goal. He said he was speaking to his community in Sierra Madre, California. Mistakingly we assumed that the 'community' might be some group of lay folks attached to the Retreat Center. But no! Fr. Clemente was speaking for his own community of vowed Passionists. He said the community had been blessed with these funds over the last year and they loved the idea of contributing it to their counterparts--the Passionist sisters--just across the border. And yes, a few weeks later, a check for \$2,000 was sent.

The Football Pool

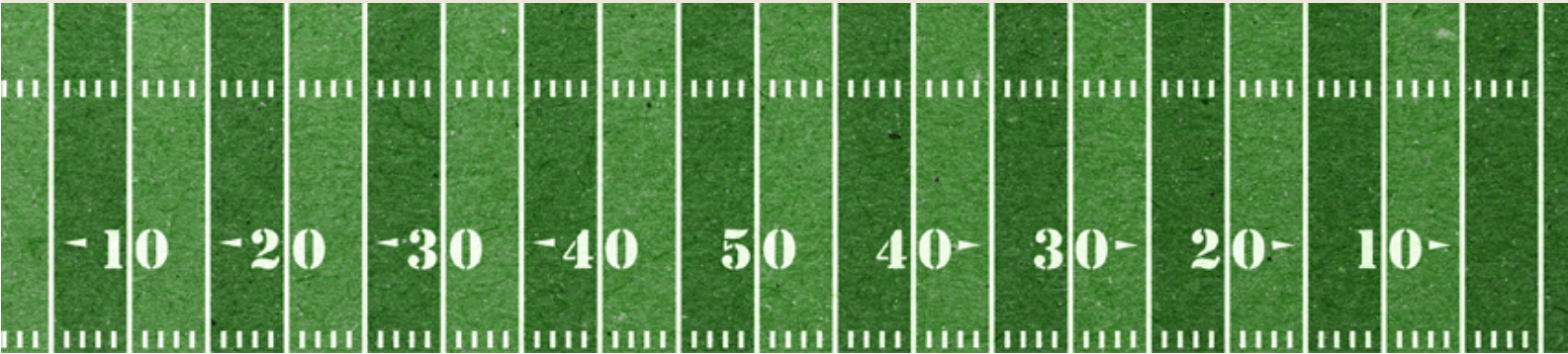
Then the Football Pool Happened

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 13, what many of us have experienced before as a normal office football pool, ended up grossing \$7,500, combining \$150 wagers and a donation of \$2500. Frank Cameron won \$2,200 and the rest of the dinero--\$5,300--bought a ton of building materials for Colegio Guadalupe. So inter-mural football did not have to end back in our own school days. What a great way to pay our own schooling forward, right?

BENGALS

	6	7	4	9	2	3
3	Paul Schulte 1	Mike Moll 2	Mike Moll 3	Fr. John 4	Abe Siener 5	Bill Thoman 6
5	FXC 11	Larry Johnson 12	Mike Owens 13	Miller Mic... 14	Paul Beard... 15	Jim Pryma 16
2	Glenn 21	Chuck Beckman 22	Bill Rybak 23	Mike Kruger 24	James A Byrne 25	Glenn 26
8	Tom McGee 31	Daniel Kubon 32	Miller Mic... 33	Jim Bueter 34	Tom Monahan 35	William Cr... 36
4	Paul Schulte 41	Chuck Beckman 42	Abe Siener 43	Ray Alonzo 44	Paul Beard... 45	RenoJohn 46
7	Mike Owens 51	Chuck Beckman 52	Chuck Beckman 53	Carl Siener 54	Ray Alonzo 55	William Cr... 56

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House Party

Jack and Rose Dermody hosted a house party

During Super Bowl weekend, a party at the Dermody house on February 12, combined live consumption of Sonoran hot dogs with a food-less and drink-less version of the same party over Zoom. (Problematic, right?) Well, online and offline folks got together long enough to enjoy a riveting presentation by the Sisters (interpreted by Father Alfredo Ocampo, C.P.) and comedy stand-up by none other than Ray Alonzo. Say it, that guy is FUNNY!

The guests themselves raised over \$2,000 that night and were matched by an anonymous alum from Ohio. We added to that \$500 that Carl DeLage collected from friends who, forcibly locked down by COVID, couldn't attend Carl's own house party at New Year's. The evening surpassed \$4,500.



House Party, cont'd.

Real live vowed Passionists were the big stars on Zoom. Father John Schork, C.P., co-hosted and kept people entertained. Online pioneer Steve George made a guest appearance to talk about the origins of our treasured “Moments in Time.” Father Alfredo Ocampo, C.P., interpreted like a pro between the sisters and for both audiences and, finally, the sisters themselves had a PowerPoint story for the ages. It became easy to want to help them out. On the live side of the party, Jack’s kids helped big-time. Jason tended bar, John grilled the Sonoran hot dogs, and Catherine made the Zoom platform work perfectly.



The Numbers

So what about the numbers?

DONATION METHOD		CHECKS	CASH	GoFundMe	PayPal	Zelle	Venmo
DONATION AMOUNT		\$ 12,353.95	\$ 315.00	\$ 7,957.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 150.00
DONATION TOTAL	\$ 22,175.95						
Football Pool Winnings	\$ (2,200.00)						
GoFundMe Fees	\$ (245.00)						
TOTAL RAISED FOR COLEGIO	\$ 19,730.95						

Generosity came in the form of gifts from \$15 to over \$3,000 from individuals and groups. Three separate donations, each over \$2,000, were given as incentives--as matching money--for us to consider digging deep from our pockets and hearts.

Over 80 folks donated.

Construction

How is the roof construction going?

Here are the latest pictures. The sisters not only decided to replace the roof, but to add a second story, thus doubling the after-school and high-tech activities square footage in the Salon de Artes.



Construction, *cont'd.*



Words from the Passionist Sisters' "mission in a burning cauldron ..." and from our own school spirit and hearts...

Sister Tere: "May the merciful God continue to be your strength at all times. The word 'thank you' really represents a host of emotions such as joy, commitment, generosity, recognition. For our educational community, you are a BLESSING. May God more than reward you for all your generosity, not only economic but also for so much of your own lives that you have given to the poorest."

Bill Crimmins: "I donated for two reasons. After all, what do we live for, if it's not to make the world less difficult for each other? Never, ever underestimate how beautiful a life can be, and what a positive ripple effect that life can have, when you touch it with kindness."

Wayne Wilks (who never heard of the Passionists): "In this time of a pandemic, what I often see is people hoarding and generally being rather selfish. It warms my heart to see you are actively helping others. I trust your judgment, and since you support this group, I will be glad to help. Attached is a check for \$_____."

And that's not all. Some of you heard student computers needed replacing...

Ray Williams and friends updated and fixed up four computers then got them shipped to the Sisters. Carl DeLage had a laptop of his own to contribute. One donor earmarked his \$450 for a new laptop.

Thank you!



We--all alumni brothers and sisters and their friends--just finished doing something together. A ton of support--together. For some, it has felt like the music we used to sing, the sports we played, the friendships that lasted and lasted. So what do you say we keep hanging together like this! Like family. Thank you, every single one of you.

--Jack



The Dermody Family (*l-r*): John, Jack, Catherine, Jason, and Rose.