

June 5, 2020

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Dear Salutation,

May this letter find you and your families healthy and well during this time of the Covid-19 Global Pandemic. In just a few months, the world has been turned upside down. Yet in a time when fear and uncertainty have the power to overtake us, we must remember that God has the power to lead us. With God, all is possible. This is the message we share with our children and vulnerable, He was with us before and He is here now.

These changes have allowed for us to come together as a community and become spiritually united in our new virtual world. Like all missionaries and with the inspiration of Fr. Joe Walijewski, we find ways to pivot to fulfill our mission. However, the changes have not put a hold on our essential functions at Casa Hogar of delivering care, protection, love and faith to the 72 children and families who call Casa home which we cannot do without all of you. **For those who are able to continue to support our mission, now is the time.**

In Mid-March, the country went into a complete state of lockdown and the Family Teachers at Casa Hogar have been on working nonstop to ensure all children stay healthy, active and educationally engaged (including our new family!). With limited access to technology equipment, we are facing challenges to keep up with academic needs. The government has mandated that all schooling remain virtual through the end of the year, which is December for us here in Peru. Some children had one week of classes while others had not yet started their new year. Additional funding will allow us to increase the number of computers for virtual classes, books and two larger printers for daily required worksheets. We also have 16 new, smiling and beautiful faces in need of Padrinos (Sponsors)!

The community strength and influence of Fr. Joe Walijewski that lives within Casa Hogar is now more important than ever. As the world continues to emphasize social distancing for safety and protection of all those working hard to keep us safe, we must remember that it is physically distancing but we remain socially near. **Socially impactful.** During the last month, we have distributed 55 bags of powdered milk from Project Milk to the local area homes and parishes. Rosaries with messages of gratitude from the children continue to be given to public safety and health officials. There are also new virtual communities for the Graduates of Casa Hogar and the biological families who need assistance or emotional support. Every amount of kindness, act of goodwill and generosity goes a long way!

We are so grateful that our Mission was important to you prior to the pandemic and whether it is today or any other day, know that **you make a life changing difference for the children and families here in Peru**—providing faith, family and a future—**Thank you!**

If you are able to, **please consider a gift.** Together we can offer faith, family and hope for the future. Know that you and your families remain in our daily prayers.

May God Bless You,

Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

Msgr. Joseph Hirsch  
Director, Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II

PS: To learn more about our new family and how Casa Hogar is doing their part, please visit: <https://frjoesguild.org>.

PPS: Don't forget to check out our Facebook for live Streaming of Holy Hours and to hear from our children!



Father Joseph Walijewski  
**Legacy Guild**  
Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II



**YES, I WANT TO JOIN FR. JOE'S LEGACY AND SUPPORT THE MISSION!**



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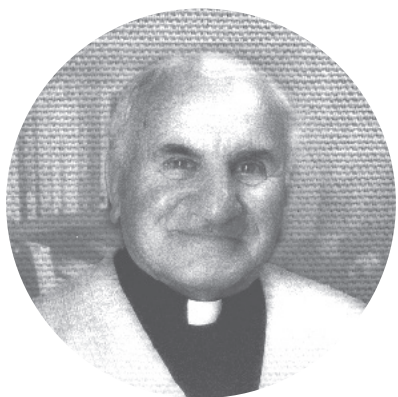
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- ☐ Please pray for \_\_\_\_\_ (your intentions will be sent to the children in Peru and prayed at Father Joe's Tomb)  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Prayer for the Beatification and Canonization of  
**Father Joseph Walijewski**  
(1924 - 2006)



Holy and Good God, your servant and priest, Father Joseph Walijewski,  
through priestly zeal and heroic holiness, defended innocence against the  
sadness of evil, especially to broken families and helpless children.

Imaging the Compassionate Christ, he led others to the font of sacramental life  
and the knowledge of Jesus Christ as their True and Only Savior.

Heavenly Father, we humbly pray You to raise up Your servant, Father Joseph  
Walijewski, whose joyful priestly heart was resolute in the Heart of Christ Jesus,  
to the courts of heaven; and, through Your Holy Spirit, who guides and leads the  
Church, give him to us as a saint and hero of this generation.

Through his example may there be a new urgency of souls for Christ.  
Through his intercession, I humbly ask (make your intention here) through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bishop William Patrick Callahan  
Diocese of La Crosse, Wis.*



**Our work is made possible because of your dedication. Thank you!**

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**For questions and comments, contact Sarah at 608-791-2653 or [skomperud@diolc.org](mailto:skomperud@diolc.org)**

*Thank you for  
your support*

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We believe that strong, healthy families are the best environment for children to grow up and that everyone deserves a chance. At Casa Hogar, a married couple cares for eight children in each family style unit. The children are taught skills necessary for building a strong foundation including:

- **SOCIAL SKILLS**
- **BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**
- **EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SELF-GOVERNANCE**
- **MORALITY AND SPIRITUALITY**

Our goal is to provide love, support and guidance of a family that they have lost—setting them up not just to survive in the world, but to thrive.

The Casa Hogar Community goes beyond just the four walls and years spent at our home. We continue to support our graduates both emotionally and financially once they leave Casa Hogar through the Project of Life Program. Working with our staff, they begin to explore different life paths and make sound plans for their future, helping many graduates to continue their education and find successful careers.

As the central hub for an association of 19 orphanages



and local service homes and a global network of volunteers, **TOGETHER WITH YOU** we can engage, integrate and uplift those in great need.

It is only through your support and involvement of many volunteers that we are able to give home and transform the lives of children and families who otherwise would not have the means to obtain an education nor formation to better their lives.



## CASA HOGAR JUAN PABLO II

“LET US ALL GO TO THE FIGHT TOGETHER  
AND IF ONE FALLS DOWN, IT’S NOT JUST  
THEIR PROBLEM, IT’S EVERYONE’S PROBLEM.  
IN THE END WE ARE ALL BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS, WE ARE A FAMILY.”

— BRANT AGE 15 TO THE CASA COMMUNITY  
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY TEACHERS



Over **200 VISITORS** from the Diocese of La Crosse and around the world each year

**8 ANNUAL MISSION TRIPS** who come to learn what it means to be a missionary and how to better serve their own community

**750 BAGS OF 150LB POWDERED MILK** from the Rural Committee of Wisconsin delivered to over 25 local homes, soup kitchens and shelters

**11 FAMILY TEACHERS**, Assistants or Staff Members have been a part of the Casa Hogar Family with Father Joe Walijewski either as staff members or children, some since he opened the doors in 1986!





Father Joseph Walijewski's heroic and priestly zeal impacted all those he encountered. As a missionary within the Diocese of La Crosse, Bolivia and Peru, he established parish churches, soup kitchens and the Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Orphanage. Today his spirit lives on in the children who call Casa Hogar home, inspires missionary acts near and far and calls us all into action.

In 2013 a beatification process formally began and today, The Congregation for the Causes of the Saints in Rome continue to study

Servant of God, Fr. Joe Walijewski's rich life and uncover associated miracles. Our journey to live out his mission continues.

The Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild serves as the guiding organization of Fr. Joe's Legacy. Anchored by Casa Hogar Juan Pablo,



**"THEN I WILL NOT HAVE LIVED IN VAIN, AND I'LL NOT CARE HOW LONG I'LL LIVE, IF I CAN GIVE AND GIVE AND GIVE." — FR. WALIJEWSKI**



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Guild:

- **PROMOTES AND FUNDS** the investigation of Father Joe's Cause for Canonization
- **INSPIRES MISSIONARY WORKS** and nurtures the concept of reverse mission across the Diocese of La Crosse and around the world
- **INCREASES THE AWARENESS**, prayer and appreciation of Fr. Joe including parish life, evangelization, catholic education and charitable works

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II and the works of Fr. Joe's Legacy Guild are made possible and enriched solely through donor support like yours.

To make a gift to Casa Hogar and for more information on sponsoring our children or Mission Trips to Peru please visit [HOMEAJPM.ORG](http://HOMEAJPM.ORG)

To learn more about Fr. Joe's Cause, contributing to the Guild and transitions, please visit [FRJOESGUILD.ORG](http://FRJOESGUILD.ORG)



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