



# Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild

 Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II

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## Dear Salutation,

When I was 6 years old, I moved to an unknown place filled with many other boys and girls. The building had only been open for one year in a remote sub-district of Lima and was led by a man named Father Joe. Little did I know during that difficult transition time, that place and that man, Father Joseph Walijewski, would change the course of the rest of my life. My name is Alex Perez and I am a graduate of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II.

Today I work in the circulation and editing department at Diario El Comercio, the oldest newspaper in Peru and one of the oldest Spanish language papers in the world. **Thanks to donors like you**, I gained the **skills, development and family influence** at Casa Hogar which therefore allows me to take part in shaping the influence of media in Peru.

At Casa Hogar we were guided, motivated and held accountable for responsibilities that have served me throughout my personal, professional and family life. Without you, the love and environment of the Casa Hogar Community, I would not be where I am today. The work carried out by the Maestros is true service to help children of extreme poverty overcome social problems while developing ethical, moral and religious values that shape their future. Grateful for this home and the testimony of Fr. Joe's life—filled with a great deal of affection and admiration for his vocation—I have tried to follow by example.

I often recall Father Joe with the Bible Passage 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' (Matthew 25:40). This past December my colleagues and I visited Casa Hogar for a Christmas Celebration. In the future we hope to continue to find opportunities that generate support, share the mission and make the important work of Casa sustainable for generations to come.

It is through our collective investment of **time, love and financial resources** that we can change the course of life for the children who call Casa Hogar home—giving them hope for a strong future.

With the school year just beginning in Peru, I ask you to please join me in supporting Casa Hogar and living out Father Joe's Mission.

Blessings,

Alex Gustavo Huayta Perez

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**P.S. During the hopefulness of the Lenten Season, you can enable Father Joe's Children to set their sights high on achieving their goals for the future!**





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



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