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Guaimaca and Orica, Honduras

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Sr. Maria Ceballos & Maureen Makkay at orchid farm



Students from the Marie Poussepin Center

The Honduran mission parishes of St. Rose of Lima in Guaimaca and St. Francis of Assisi in Orica receive their primary support from the Diocese of Fall River. A team of two priests and ten religious sisters serve families living in over 40 mountainous villages. They have opened a number of small chapels and restored the St. Francis of Assisi Church in the mountain town of Orica. The mission operates a health clinic and supports community programs, including a women's sewing cooperative, a water filtration project, a soymilk cooperative that provides children with nutritious drinks and a new orchid farm that is creating jobs. A primary objective of the mission is to teach families to help themselves through education. In 2004, The Diocese of Fall River helped establish the Marie Poussepin Center for Comprehensive Formation in the St. Rose of Lima Parish. Operated by the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation, the boarding school now provides an education to 62 young girls from ages 12 to 20. The girls come from poor outlying villages surrounding Guaimaca. They attend school Monday through Friday, returning home on the weekends. In 2008, volunteers from the Diocese of Fall River helped build a new Chapel for the Poussepin Center along with new living quarters above the Chapel for the nuns teaching at the boarding school.

Wish List

The Mission needs donations for The Marie Poussepin Center for

Comprehensive Formation. Enrollment has grown over 72% in four years. \$80 a month covers a young girl's boarding and education expenses.

The Marie Poussepin Center is in need of the following items:

- bed linens
- school supplies
- pajamas



New Church Bells for the St. Rose of Lima Parish

New church bells for the St. Rose of Lima Parish in Guaimaca were previously listed on the Mission's Wish List. In February 2008, through the generosity of members of the Boston Area Order of Malta, new church bells were installed. [Click here](#) to read more.

February 2008 Report on the Diocese of Fall River Honduran Mission

To review the February 2008 Report on the Diocese of Fall River Honduran Mission, written by Al and Maureen Makkay, [click here](#).