

# THE JOY OF GIVING

The Pharr Oratory of St. Philip Neri School System

We invite the Oratory Schools' families and friends to make the school a Charity priority. As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, we rely on the generosity of our extended community to help enrich the lives of our students, inspiring them to become individuals with Christian Character, Catholic lay leadership, Christian fellowship, and a community service spirit.



## Gospel Message

Jesus Christ gave us the eight Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, recorded for all posterity in the Gospel of Matthew, the first Book of the New Testament of the Bible. Matthew's Gospel was directed to an audience steeped in Hebrew tradition. The Gospel of Matthew stressed that Jesus Christ is the Messiah foretold in Hebrew Scripture, our Old Testament, and that the Kingdom of the Messiah is the Kingdom of God in Heaven. Jesus offers us a way of life that promises eternity in the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Making a Difference

It is a wonderful sight to see young minds so excited when they realize that with a little effort, they can make a difference in the world. Children that are brought up with charity as part of their daily life will take it into their adulthood and continue that practice, because once they realize that it "feels good to do good", they won't have any reason to stop.

## School Mission

The mission of the Pharr Oratory of St. Philip Neri School System is to promote the formation of Christian character, Catholic lay leadership, Christian fellowship and community service by integrating the Gospel message with a liberal arts educational program in the spirit of joy of St. Philip Neri.


## School Vision

Every Oratory student believes the Gospel message and lives it by making a difference in the world, as each student journeys to his/her ultimate end, heaven.

‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ **37** “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’ **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’ **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ **40** “The King will reply, ‘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: 34-36, 40

“Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the last of *them*, you did it to me.” - Matthew 25:40

GOSPEL	PROJECT	BENEFITING	RESPONSIBLE
I was sick, and you visited me;	Trike-A-Thon	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	PK/K teachers
I was a stranger, and you invited me in;	Fall Festival	Scholarships	Events Committee
I was sick, and you visited me;	Pasta for Patients	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	National Honor Society
I was sick, and you visited me;	Advent Toy Drive	Driscoll Children's Hospital/St. Jude Thaddeus Church	National Spanish Honor Society/Science Honor Society
For I was naked, and you clothed me;	Shoes for Orphan Souls	Buckner Center for Humanitarian Aid	Student Council
For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat;	Rice Bowl	Catholic Relief Services	National Junior Honor Society/ National Elementary Honor Society
I was a stranger, and you invited me in;	 1. “Noche de Alegría” Tickets 2. \$10.00 per student (donation)	Schools' Operating Project & Campus Special Project (to be announced)	Corporate Office/Teachers
For I was naked, and you clothed me;	Used Uniform Drive	Athletics	Athletics Committee

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‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’

-Matthew 25:34

#### Web Links:

Driscoll Children’s Hospital <http://www.driscollchildrens.org>

Pennies for Pasta <http://pastaforpennies.com>

Relay for Life <http://www.relayforlife.org/?gclid=CIDmmdLX5LcCFXRp7AodcjUABA>

Shoes for Orphan Souls [www.shoesfororphansouls.org](http://www.shoesfororphansouls.org)

St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital <http://www.stjude.org>

St. Jude Thaddeus Church <http://stjudethaddeus.net>

*Miradas de Esperanza* <http://www.miradasdeesperanza.org.mx/>

#### Opportunities for Parents:

 Rio Grande Children's Home

 *Miradas de Esperanza* <http://www.miradasdeesperanza.org.mx/>

 Community Transformation


Contact: Mrs. Monica Skrzypinski [mskrzypinski@buckner.org](mailto:mskrzypinski@buckner.org)

 Comfort House Service

Contact: Mrs. Margaret Gutierrez from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Telephone: (956) 687-7367

<http://comforthouseservices.org/>

 Legion of Mary Rosary: Monday at 3:50 PM

Contact Mrs. J. Garza [jlgarza@mail.oratoryschools.org](mailto:jlgarza@mail.oratoryschools.org)

#### Schools’ Operating Project: “Noche de Alegría” Gala

The cost of running a Catholic schools PK-12 cannot be paid by tuition alone. The Oratory Schools Annual Campaign (Noche de Alegría) serves to supplement some of the needed monies. The kind of education we provide -Catholic, classical, liberal arts, bilingual, bicultural, and with a focus on real, relevant and rigorous connections to the world- is expensive. Your support is vital to our continued ability to offer an outstanding education.