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There is always lots of Saint Mike's news to share. Mother's Day Sunday saw a beautiful solo, tear-inducing presentation by Juan Luis of Ave Maria and an 18 member choir that grows stronger in numbers and ability each week.

The Hospitality Committee is provided a lovely post-service coffee hour for mothers and all alike. **They plan to repeat this next Sunday (May 17, 9:30AM) when Kids Club has a Mother's Day celebration. Kids will do crafts that result in a Mother's Day gift while mothers, grandmothers, others will be feted and serenaded. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee and to choir member Edi Velasquez who will be the serenader. We need volunteer adults to help Lenise with the crafts.**

In the not very distant past Caminando Unidos was a major outreach of Saint Michael's supported by many of our members in both service and treasure. During the pandemic CU was closed and we simultaneously lost

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some of our most committed volunteers both to age and to death. Still, we were invited to the celebration of their 25th Anniversary and some of our members were able to attend. We learned they are much in need of children's books and volunteers to read with the children. Does this sound like a ministry you could embrace? Do you have unused children's books to donate? If so, please talk to Cecilia Sanchez who will happily get the books to CU. Caminando Unidos is a wonderful urban project working with children as tutors and families for life support.



Many of our choir members also sing in Deo Gracias under the leadership of Saint Michael's former Music Director, Maestra Andrea Carr. Deo Gracias concerts are always amazing and "**Sunrise Mass,**" being held at Teoponzolco, 24 May, 4PM, is certain to be outstanding. Tickets are still available and should also be available at the door.



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Arturo Suaste is a personal hero of many of us... certainly of this editor. Destined to a virtuoso piano soloist career, at the start of his first European Tour, Arturo was sidelined in Cuernavaca by the pandemic. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, he found a great

need and a way to serve that ultimately has probably proved to be of much greater good than one more solo pianist in the world. Arturo formed a chorus of girls from one of the poorest and most underserved areas of Morelos and turned it into an international sensation. Don't miss this concert. Tickets are available at 777-597-7127 or at the door of the City Museum this Saturday at 12PM.

Thanks to Maestro Jorge Aguirre, ContraCanto will be joined by several French string Maestros. This will be "Feel Good" all over experience.

We welcome back Seminarian Tom Esakin. We look forward to having him among us even as we know he will also be serving the Diocese.

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A Personal Note from the Editor: As some of you probably already know I have not been well for awhile. It finally resulted in hospitalization this past Friday. I'm currently recovering but am going to travel to the US for a couple of weeks of medical followup, rest and recreation with family and loved ones. With Father Doug's blessing and after 5 years of writing our weekly newsletter I am taking a month to 6-week long "Sabbatical" from "The Communicator." I look forward to returning healthy and with wonderful news to share of our beloved community. I give great thanks for all the support I receive from those of you who send photos, news clips, inspirational stories, etc. Please don't stop while I am on break. I look forward to hearing from you. It has also been encouraging to receive the many replies I get each week to various stories. I will miss your notes during this brief but necessary rest. When I return I'm hoping some of you will want to start contributing regular articles for "The Communicator."