

ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION '*SUI IURIS*' NEWSLETTER

— Turks & Caicos Islands, B.W.I. —

“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations...” (Mt. 28:19)

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World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon, Portugal

This summer, in July of 2023, 51 youth from Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands went to the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal to meet Pope Francis. It was a wonderful two week pilgrimage going through Spain and Portugal, where the youth was able to experience an intimacy with the Lord. By the end of the pilgrimage, we had a vocational call where nine boys and four girls answered the call to follow the Lord in either a seminary, a monastery or missionary life. The youth are joyful to have been able to experience a World Youth Day pilgrimage, that for many, was the very first time.



First Priest from Turks & Caicos Ordained for the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J.

On May 27, 2023, the first vocation from this mission was ordained by Cardinal Tobin, the Ecclesiastical Superior of Missio Sui Iuris. Fr. Frenel Phanord from the local community of Providenciales, immigrated from Haiti when he was a little boy. After attending one of the pilgrimages with the youth, he felt the call to follow the Lord as a priest. Now, he is serving in the parish of Plainfield, New Jersey, U.S.A.



Icon: The Dormition of the Virgin Mary.

Maria Goretti—New Room

We have a new room that has been added to our Church which will be able to be used for when we have our monthly Scrutatio for the youth and our yearly Catechesis for adults. The icon, the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, has recently been painted by an Italian painter friend with the mission, so that the word can become flesh in us through the Virgin Mary.



Confirmed parishioners with Father Orlando and Mon. Rozniak.

Confirmations

We had a recent visit from Monsignor Ronald Rozniak, who came on behalf of Cardinal Tobin to confirm 20 youth, who accepted the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help them in their adult faith. All of whom, are now happily attending the Post-Confirmation Program



Post-Confirmation team, Florida Team, Fr. Orlando and Msgr. Rozniak.

Post-Confirmation

In October 2023, we had a team from Rome visit us, sent by Kiko Arguello, to open up Post-Confirmation for all the youth of the island from the ages of 13-19. There were 51 youth that accepted this calling to meet every week to grow in their faith.



St. Thomas University President together with the college students, Fr. Orlando, Maria Elena Vazquez, principal and Isabel Condon, teacher.

New College Program

This school year 2023-2024 we were able to start a College Program in Holy Family Academy, where nine students are currently enrolled in Saint Thomas University, Florida, U.S.A. while still completing their High School diploma. By the end of this school year, they will graduate with a High School diploma given by the Archdiocese of Miami and with some college credits as well. We are delighted the University is giving these students this great opportunity to transition from High School to College, while still being on island.



A SCHOLARSHIP FUND is in place at Holy Family Academy Catholic School to help families in need provide an education to their children.

You can donate through

- Direct Wire Transfer: Instructions can be provided upon request.
- Checks: Make checks payable to Holy Family Academy.

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