

Circle V Ranch Receives Donation from Old Mission



Members of Old Mission Santa Inés Ministry of Hospitality and Community Care donated proceeds from their 2016 Harvest Dinner event to Circle V Ranch Camp. The \$1,300 check presentation was made by co-chairs Marilyn Coyle and Nancy Rizzo and ministry members to Circle V Ranch Camp Director Ray Lopez in the historic chapel at Old Mission Santa Inés in Solvang on February 10, 2017. Circle V (Vee) Ranch Camp & Retreat Center operated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is located just 20 minutes from Old Mission Santa Inés at 2550 Highway 154 across from Cachuma Lake in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Ministry founder Joanne Tegge stated, “On behalf of the Hospitality and Community Care Ministry, we are pleased to donate the proceeds from the parish’s annual harvest dinner to Circle V Ranch Camp. We believe in the mission of Circle V to provide a sacred place for the growth and development of children in a caring, traditional summer camp environment.”

Father Matt Elshoff, OFM Cap., Pastor of Old Mission Santa Inés reflected, “It is a blessing to have Circle V Ranch Camp located so close to Solvang and able to serve so many children in a place of God’s natural beauty surrounded by caring staff and volunteers.”

Father Peter Banks OFM Cap., Vocation Director for the Capuchin-Franciscan Order serves as Camp Chaplain, has celebrated Mass at Circle V Ranch Camp for seven years and considers it a privilege to work with Ray and the counselors.

Ray Lopez, Camp Director remarked, “We are so grateful to be the recipient of the Old Mission Santa Inés parish Ministry’s generosity. On behalf of the staff and campers, we will put these funds to good use to provide for items we need for the fast approaching summer camp sessions.”

The Ministry of Hospitality and Caring of Old Mission Santa Inés in Solvang was founded in 2007 by women of the parish as a service and outreach ministry to the parish and the community. For more information visit <https://missionsantaines.org/hospitality>