

# St. Francisco Assisi, Technical & Vocational School

Our High School Fe y Alegria, which began in 2015, officially opened. This school year 2021-2022 with 41 students enrolled in two areas: Environmental Conservation and Preservation and Computer Systems and Networking. A new modern science laboratory was installed by the Ministry of Education. The total enrollment in our St. Francis High School is 237 students from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.





We also completed the construction of our new Holy Family Vocational Building. The Vocational building will offer courses for both youth and adults in the area of nutrition and baking, sewing, arts & crafts for tourism, electricity, plumbing, pharmacy, computers, English language, beauty and hair styling, welding and others. Father John Cervini during the Lenten season visited many Long Island parishes and was able to raise enough donations to install all of above mention workshops. Sewing classes have already begun. Above are items that the students in the Technical School have made using recycled plastics. Fifteen containers have been placed in the communities to collect plastic bottles and plastics that the students will crush and recycle.





# ESCUELA VOCACIONAL



## SAGRADA FAMÍLIA



*The Sagrada Familia - Holy Family Vocational Technical School is a dream which began when St. Peter's Parish in El Cercado, Dominican Rep. partnered with the Jesuit Society and their international network of Faith and Happiness Schools.*

The Holy Family Vocational School is currently launching a campaign during this Lenten Season 2022, to promote donations to enable purchasing and installation of equipment for workshops and an Assembly room beginning of a new era for the future of the young people and adults in the rural community of El Cercado, Dominican Republic. Estimate costs for completion of the workshops are:

- Electricity Workshop - \$4,100
- Plumbing Workshop - \$2,700
- Beauty & Hygiene Workshop - \$3,000
- Cooking and Bakery Workshop - \$3,475
- Arts & Crafts and Sewing Workshop - \$3,200
- Assembly Room - \$65,685



For tax deductible donations send to:  
The Mission Office of the Diocese of Rockville Center  
C/O Sarah McAteer  
992 North Village Ave.  
Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570

\*Checks should be made out to: **Mission of DRVC**, please designate to: the **Vocational School**

If **NO** tax deductible letter is needed send to:  
St. Paul the Apostle Church  
C/O Deacon Ray D'Alessio  
2534 Cedar Swamp Road  
Brookville, N.Y. 11545

\*Checks should be made out to: **San Pedro Apostol**, please designate to: **Vocational School**



The funds will be used for capital expenses only in the completion of the Vocational Technical School.





## The Mission in El Cercado

LIFE CHALLENGES OF A TOWN IN THE MOUNTAINS OF THE SOUTHWEST AREA OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL CERCADO, THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE NEW YORK REACHED OUT TO PARTNERSHIP AND ADOPT THE PARISH OF SAN PEDRO APOSTOL AS A MISSION OF THE RVC.



El Cercado, a town twenty miles from the Haitian border, with a population of approximately 28,000. More than 33% of the population is illiterate with a high unemployment rate. Most families' survive by subsistence farming of beans, corn and coffee.



The El Cercado mission, with personnel and financial support help to organized and empower a network of faith-based communities in barrios and rural towns building schools, safe homes, waters systems, latrines, chapels, reforestation projects, organic agriculture and preventive health services and much more. Over 40 years of sustained growth with help from parishes, friends and supporters on Long Island.

## Vocational Technical School

San Francisco Javier and San Francisco de Assis, Fe y Alegria School was constructed and now have over 600 students, pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.



Today we have one school with 35 teachers, the same goal "to promote and enhance quality education, provide technical skills and opportunities by training young people to become agents of change and protagonists in their own development."



El Cercado has a great need for skilled technicians and only limited training courses in facilities with poor conditions currently exist in the community.



## Sagrada Familia –Holy Family

A three floor physical structure of the Vocational School building was recently finished for juniors and seniors and has plans to offer occupational certification courses in plumbing, electricity, conservation of environmental resources, business administration, computer science, cooking and nutrition, body care and hairstyling, sewing, secretarial skills and a science laboratory.



After school many of these courses will also be offered to adults in the nearby community with technical assistance provided by INFOTEP, (Institute for Technical and Professional Formation), an officially recognized non-profit institute which prepares, trains, and certifies unskilled workers increasing their employment opportunities.



## Recycled Materials





- St. Francis de Assisi currently has 18 teachers, 6 administrative staff, and 10 classrooms. The Fiorini Families have subsidized and paid for throughout their many years of support the monthly salaries of 7 staff including the Science teacher, English teacher, Spanish Language teacher, the Agronomy teacher, School Counselor and the school Secretary. Without their ongoing support the High School, Technical School and the new Vocational School would not exist. Our teachers are the motor of our Catholic educational system in our parish and in El Cercado. Four of our teachers that the Fiorini Families sponsored (Science, English and Spanish Language and the School Counselor) are now officially employed and assigned to our High School by the Ministry of Education.



The monthly donations from the Fiorini have helped our two schools to construct two secretary cubicles and the high school teachers' office with 12 cubicles.



The togas for both of the graduation classes this year, 12<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade were also rented with the monthly Fiorini subsidy.





# St. Francis Javier Primary School

- Our primary school, preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade has had an enrollment of 268 students during the 2021-2022 school year. Currently there are 19 teachers paid by the Ministry of Education. Two teachers in the past, a math teacher and a physical education teacher were paid monthly due to the Fiorini Families donations. The math teacher has now been officially employed and assigned to the St. Francis de Javier Primary School. St. Francis de Javier has 10 support staff. Currently two staff receive a monthly salary using the Fiorini donations; these include the school Secretary and the entrance gatekeeper.





- The Fiorini Families have helped to provide ongoing support for many school supplies including countless books, notebooks, pens, pencils, rulers, glue, tape, colored markers, acrylic paints, reams of copying paper, toner, telephones, crape and construction paper, poster board for events and cultural activities.





The Fiorini Families monthly subsidizes have helped to purchase many types of materials including sports equipment nets for basketballs and volleyball, baseball gloves and balls. Also materials such as gallons of paint for the basketball court, the high school, the primary school and dinning and kitchen.

Monthly cooking gas for school lunches is also paid by the Fiorini brothers due to an often absence of funds from the town school district





- Every year spiritual retreats are offered to our teachers as well as a trip to the beach complements of the Fiorini Families. St. Francis also offers ongoing workshops focusing on family violence, zero tolerance of child abuse and intervention.
- Monthly telephone and internet services for the primary school are paid with the ongoing donations from the Fiorini Families.





