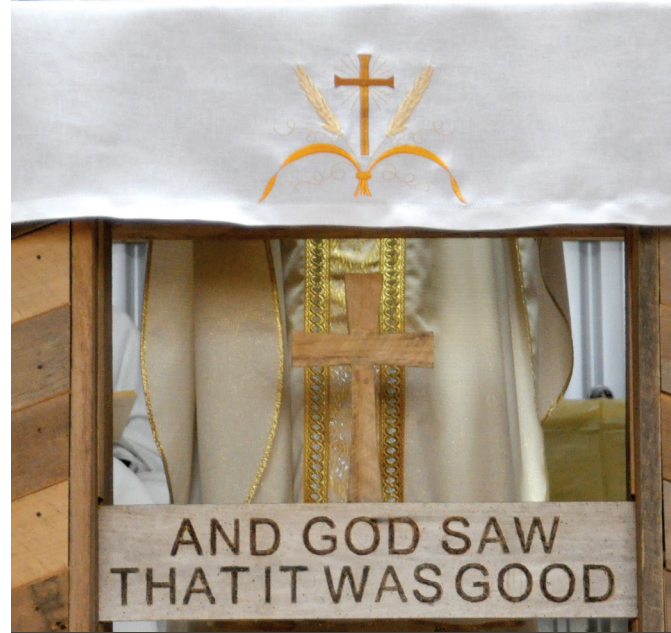





We gather to:

Praise and honor God for providing an abundant food source to sustain our lives. Appreciate and celebrate the farmers in our midst who are good stewards of these resources. Educate and demonstrate the connection we have with agriculture in our daily lives.



2019 RURAL LIFE DAY



DIOCESE of LA CROSSE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2019 | 10:00 AM MASS
HOSTED BY: OTTER CREEK FARMS, PITTSVILLE, WI



Join us for the 39th Annual La Crosse Diocesan
Rural Life Day

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 6608 Cty Rd A, Pittsville, WI 54466



- Presided by Bishop William Patrick Callahan
- Blessing of the Harvest, Animals, Crops and Workers
- **Offertory Collection will be donated to Project Milk**
- Mass followed by Lunch and an Awards Program to honor those who have made significant contributions to rural life.
- Lunch is provided.

SHARING
 LOVE
 THROUGH
 PROJECT MILK

Project Milk was started in 1984 by the Rural Life committee. The connection was made by Fr. Joe Walijewski, founder of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurin, Peru. While living on

the outskirts of Lima, Peru, Fr. Joe saw thousands of people suffering from malnutrition, and Project Milk was born!

How the project works:

Milk is purchased from local dairy farmers and processed into powdered milk. It is then shipped to Casa Hogar in Lurín, Peru, home to 64 orphans. This milk allows the children at Casa Hogar to enjoy milk 365 days a year, which is not commonplace in Peru. Casa Hogar also trades powdered milk with other

local orphanages for things that the children need such as pigs or vegetables, as well as donating milk to local soup kitchens and families in the community.

How much do we need?

- Casa Hogar uses about 1 sack (50 pounds) of powdered milk each week. It costs about \$85 to send 1 sack of milk to Lurín, Peru.
- Casa Hogar also trades and donates the powdered milk locally
- Your donation goes straight to the purchase, preparation and shipment of the milk. Administrative costs are covered by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. It is only your continued support that makes these shipments possible.

We wish to thank everyone who has given so generously to Project Milk! Your contributions are not only an act of charity for the orphans of Casa Hogar in Peru, but also a strong show of solidarity for our dairy farmers!

Thanks to Project Milk, the children at Casa Hogar are able to have milk 365 days a year! Some of their favorite ways to enjoy it are: Arroz con leche (rice milk with cinnamon), Aji de gallina (shredded chicken with a cheesy sauce), or simply as a warm glass of milk on chilly days!



A May 2019 shipment contained 800 50-lb bags of powdered milk for Casa Hogar. The donated milk is used at Casa Hogar and also distributed to other organizations. Hundreds of children in Peru benefit from each shipment!