

## SOLIDARITY PARTNERSHIP: DIOCESES OF WILMINGTON AND SAN MARCOS (GUATEMALA)

For 20 years the solidarity partnership has existed between the Dioceses of Wilmington and San Marcos in Guatemala. We pray for each other, help each other and strive to deepen relationships between our communities. Part of this is visiting each other in delegations each year. The partnership began because we have more than 6,000 people from San Marcos working in our diocese.



**How does this involve our Catholic schools?** In recent years we have begun to emphasize more strongly the relationships between our schools and communities in San Marcos. With email and the help of bilingual teachers, we want to have **communication** between our schools.



We invite our Catholic schools to become part of the solidarity relationship. One immediate way is to provide a scholarship for a student to grades seven through nine as there is no free schooling after grade 6.

Karen, Evelin, Luis, Jorge, and Brandon

**Our sister school is San Augustine** in the parish of San Rafael. Your school can provide a one-year **scholarship** for one student by raising \$500. He or she would act as a correspondent to us via email or text. Relationships could develop between students and teachers, and aid in appreciating each other's language and culture.

Our solidarity committee is ready to facilitate these contacts. You can **contact** Meg Kane Smith. [Mkanesmith@gmail.com](mailto:Mkanesmith@gmail.com) /302-530-3273 or Fr. John Hynes [Jhynesscs@aol.com](mailto:Jhynesscs@aol.com) /302-463-1523