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A New Year's Message from the MLF Core Team

Despite all of the challenges that 2020 presented, **MLF** was still able to prepare and deliver over 50,000 meals. With a small but extremely dedicated group of volunteers, **MLF** provided food that served many homeless brothers and sisters as well as our working poor parish communities. We also want to thank the volunteers from **YMSL** (Young Men's Service League) who staffed a meal team all throughout the "shutdown". God bless all of you for your prayers, financial support and care for our brothers and sisters in need. Now, let's take a look back at 2020:

February 2020 – **MLF** encourages volunteers to take the food handler training course to help us comply with Health regulations.

March 2020 – **MLF** is forced to suspend the ministry's food delivery operations amid the growing COVID-19 pandemic.

June 2020 – **MLF** cancels the annual school supply drive and postpones the clothing donations program.

July 2020 – **MLF** issues new Meal Preparation Procedures that follow established COVID safety protocols.

September 2020 – **MLF** shares previously collected school supplies with the Christian Assistance Ministry and the San Antonio Metro Ministries.

November 2020 – **MLF** asks volunteers to assist with the annual Pilgrim's Pantry Thanksgiving food program.

MLF Welcomes New Core Team Members

The **MLF** Core Team has two new members who have agreed to help in different capacities. Rita Duggan will be assisting Lynne Cruz as a new Clothing Team Co-Coordinator. In addition, Lisa Diger will take on the Condiment Assembly Team functions from the retiring Butch and Helen Rendon. The **MLF** Core Team is confident that Rita and Lisa will have success in their new roles.

MLF Takes on New Jobs as Santa's Helpers

On Dec 13th, a group of **MLF** volunteers along with **SASO** (Scholars & Athletes Serving Others) prepared packages for

Christmas gift distributions. We were able to send out the many great jackets that **SFA** Knights of Columbus donated for kids and adults. We made 13 bags for our friends at Riverside Terrace and 42 bags for the Burmese refugee group at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

The gifting day arrived on December 19th. **MLF** volunteers from the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit adopted the kids at Riverside Terrace Mobile Home park. Along with the coats, gloves and socks sent from the **MLF** clothing stash, the kids received gifts and cookies from ECHS. Working alongside the Burmese Refugee support group at St. Matthew Catholic Church, many families were blessed by the coats and clothing from the **MLF** donations. Several **MLF** volunteers supplied much appreciated diapers. The Burmese families celebrated mass in their native language and also baptized five children. After mass, they participated in the "drive thru" gift distribution. Many smiling faces and happy children left after mass with goodies in hand.

A **Santa's Helpers** photo gallery is on the next page.

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During 2020, **Mobile Loaves & Fishes** lost several members whose dedication enhanced our program. Each person lived the words of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi giving "a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage." Their years of service to our ministry and the **SFA** parish enriched all of our lives.

Individual:	Date of Death:
Edward "Ed" Woodruff	February 24, 2020
Nero "Juno" Belvis	June 29, 2020
Deacon Thomas Franklin	August 1, 2020
Claude Joseph "CJ" Fremin	September 6, 2020
Garrett Richard Joiner	October 20, 2020

Santa's Helpers Photo Gallery

MLF volunteers and SASO (Scholars & Athletes Serving Others) prepared Christmas gift packages for distributions.



Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit MLF volunteers gave Christmas assistance to their adopted families at Riverside Terrace Mobile Home Park.



The St. Matthew Catholic Church Burmese Refugee support group assisted many families with MLF coats and clothing donations.

