

Migrant Ministry Report to the 225th Annual Diocesan Convention

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to serve and support migrant people in all kind of needs, providing them with pastoral care, social services and recreation activities. This means that every farm worker, as part of the people of God, must be respected and served with dignity and love.

We begin this ministry on May through October every year. This is the time when most of the migrant workers arrive to the camps which are located in Vineland, Millville and Bridgeton. There are 15 camps, with an average of ten persons per camp.

The Diocese has a van for this ministry. Willie will have the van during the summer time from May 15 to October 15. After that, Willie will give the van to The Rev. Pedro Guzmán.

Willie Cortes, our program facilitator, visited the camps and workers four times a week. He provides information, guidance and support to the migrants. We have a van, which Willie drives to transport workers to the clinic, grocery store or to the airport. Willie visited the camps Monday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Diocese pays him for his time. I visited the camps twice a week and I met with Willie to coordinate the programs and activities for the migrants.

During the Diocesan Council meeting in September, Bishop Council named Bishop Romero, Canon Lee Powers, The Rev. Servio Moscoso and me, to meet together and make some recommendations about this ministry.

We met and we agreed to continue this ministry. I prepared this job description for Willie: Visit the camps three times a week in the afternoon; be able to transport them when needed; inform them that this ministry is conducted by the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. His salary will be \$8.00 per hour and he is going to receive \$50.00 per week for the van's gasoline.

Expenses 2008

Willie's salary: \$1252.00 until August 31.	\$1062.00 will pay until Oct. 15-08.
Fr. Guzman: \$753.18 until August 21.	\$290.32 until Oct. 15, 2008
Total: \$2005.18	\$1352.32: Estimated
Total Expenses: May to October 15: \$3357.50	

Budget 2009

Willie Cortes's salary:	\$2976.00
Rev. Pedro Guzmán's expenses:	\$1430.00
Auto maintenance:	\$1000.00
Van gas:	\$1200.00
Total:	\$6606.00

Submitted by,
The Rev. Pedro Guzman, Chair