

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT MARIA MADRE DE LOS POBRES, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

EDUCATE OURSELVES AND OTHERS ABOUT LIFE IN EL SALVADOR

- **Why** Change negative perception of people from El Salvador and those who migrate; broaden understanding of life in La Chacra and why people leave; correct misinformation
- **Messages** Examples of gifts/challenges of life in Maria Madre, influence of US policies, local efforts for change, factors driving migration
- **Whom** Friends, family, neighbors, HT parish, your HT groups, colleagues
- **How** Share your stories via social media, HT bulletin/e-letter, conversations, articles for magazines and newspapers, photo/video
- **Now!** Join the Maria Madre Listserv to stay informed by emailing margielegowski@gmail.com

Attend monthly Maria Madre Meetings. Come once or come often!

SERVE HERE FOR THERE

- **Connect** Sponsor a child at Maria Madre by contacting Mauricio Rodriguez, debandmo@verizon.net
Accompany visitors from Maria Madre every third year
Adopt a traveler to or from Madre by giving miles or a ticket
- **Volunteer** Staff Maria Madre table at annual Christmas sale or Welcome Sundays
Join activities with Sacred Heart Parish, Washington, DC, such as helping on *pupusa* days, working in garden, teaching English to adults, tutoring in school
Support the premier and distribution of *A Road Together*, a broadcast quality film about Madre and HT to be released this year.
Donate to the Maria Madre fund which helps to support Madre's parish school
Join HT Migrant Support Team: contact jeanne@roadmapmarketing.com

ADVOCATE FOR SYSTEM CHANGE

- **Act** Call, write, visit members of municipal, county, state, federal leaders when called upon or moved
Participate in rallies and marches announced through HT lists and partners
Join Ignatian Solidarity Network's Hill Days (usually November, May)
Host parishioners from Jesuit parishes during their visits to Congress

PERSONAL AND COMMUNAL PRAYER

- **Pray** Participate in services honoring St. Oscar Romero and other Salvadoran martyrs
Incorporate Maria Madre in personal prayer
- **Act** Keep a candle in your window showing that we desire to be a "Light in the Darkness."