

Dear friends,

During the month of May the Albuquerque Pedro Pan will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary Reunion May 18 to 20th and we have heard through the grapevine that May 18th has been declared as Pedro Pan Day by the Mayor of Albuquerque, Mayor Richard J. Berry. Congratulations to this enthusiastic group of Pedro Pan as they celebrate this weekend of brotherly love. We wish them a most successful celebration and will look forward to our meeting with them in the next few days.

Included is an article from the Orlando Sentinel published last April about Carlos Eire presentation at the Orange County History Regional Center. Both Director Elena Muller Garcia and myself had the pleasure of attending the presentation in Orlando. It is always a pleasure to hear Carlos as he conveys our story like nobody else does. The introduction was made by Pedro Pan brother, Mel Martinez so this was a very unique evening. I decided to include the article after much thoughtful consideration, because the author puts in my mouth that we are "cincuentones and sesentones" and I will assure you that it was not the way I expressed it!!! But anyway, I think it is compensated at the end where the author of the article included my words as how much fun we have and that we are like children. Now, that is the way I see it!!!

Don't miss the article about Monsignor Walsh, written by his classmate and long time friend, Hugh Clear. It is a definite jewel and a different perspective of our beloved Msgr. Walsh from somebody that knew him since he was 5 years old. And last but not least, the last picture of Msgr. Agustin Roman surrounded by the Pedro Pan and his testimony that I have included as a keepsake for all.

Love,
Carmencita Romanach

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Pedro Pan News



***Bishop Agustin A. Roman surrounded
by a group of Pedro Pan***

January 28th, 2012

Last January 28th, 2012 after our Desayuno Martiano, Bishop Agustin Roman shared some minutes with a small group of Pedro Pan. He spoke to us as a father to his children and gave us some insights about the beginnings of the Miami diocese, Operation Pedro Pan and Monsignor Walsh.

He later shared his impressions about Our Lady of Charity and her journey across our country specifically at his native San Antonio de los Banos. With his usual wit as well as his profound knowledge of the human soul he has left this gift to us as a testimony that it's worth watching and reflecting upon.

You can see Bishop Roman's 20 minute testimony at the following link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VV-cb3GF6XM&feature=player_embedded

Also, you can have a look at a beautiful video made about Bishop Roman's life at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=dB1unSILbPA

Operation Pedro Pan Group, Inc has made a donation to La Ermita de la Caridad to honor the memory of our beloved Monsignor Agustin A. Roman and to help continue with his labor of love.

We encourage all of you that wish to honor him to do the same at this time.

Please send checks payable to: Ermita de la Caridad.

And mail to:
Ermita de la Caridad
c/o Father Juan Rumin Dominguez
3609 South Miami Ave.
Miami, Fl 33133

Note: A Mass to commemorate Msgr. Agustin Roman's 84th birthday will be held at La Ermita next Saturday, May 5th at 8 p.m.



Miembros del Operation Pedro Pan Group compartieron durante una charla en el Centro de Historia Regional del Condado de Orange acerca del libro *Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy* del escritor Carlos Eire. (Carolina Salazar/April 10, 2012)

Carolina Salazar El Sentinel
10:54 a.m. EDT, April 6, 2012

Hace cinco años Elena Muller García sintió curiosidad por encontrar a otros que hubieran pasado por la misma experiencia que ella hace varias décadas.

Su experiencia como una de los miles de niños que salieron de Cuba durante la conocida Operación Pedro Pan había quedado grabada para siempre en su memoria pero no conocía de algún grupo con quien compartir sus historias.

Algunos de los niños llegaron a vivir con parientes o terminaron en campamentos temporales antes de ser enviados a hogares adoptivos. Muchos se reunieron con sus padres, pero otros nunca vieron a sus seres queridos otra vez.

"Un día hice una búsqueda en **Google** y encontré esta organización que estaba en Miami y no quedaba muy lejos de donde estoy", dice la residente de **Boynton Beach**, quien se encontraba esta semana en Orlando para asistir a la charla con Carlos Eire, el escritor de *Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy* en el Centro Regional de Historia del Condado de Orange.

En 1991 fue fundado en el sur de Florida el Operation Pedro Pan Group, "por esos niños que hoy son cincuentones y sesentones", como lo explica su actual presidenta Carmen Romañach, quien también asistió a la charla de Eire.

Romañach, quien salió de la isla cuando tenía 15 años, dice que este grupo se ha conformado para ayudar a niños necesitados, documentar la historia de lo que fue la Operación Pedro Pan y para reunirse en eventos especiales.

"Cuando encontramos a alguno o por el contrario alguien nos encuentra entonces tratamos de integrarlo", dice.

Según la presidenta, se envían correos electrónicos a unos 3,000. "El año pasado tuvimos una fiesta con casi 500", dice. "Somos como hermanos, somos divertidos pareciera que fuéramos otra vez unos niños".

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/elsentinel/orl-es-pedro-pan-relacionada-04062012,0,2816991.story>

Stories about Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh

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MY EARLY MEMORIES OF “BRYAN” (MONSIGNOR WALSH)

by Hugh Clear

Bryan and I first met in 1935 when we both enrolled in first grade at the “Model National School” (in Limerick City, Ireland). We were friends all through primary school, until we went on to high school. Bryan enrolled in “The Crescent”, staffed by Jesuits – and I went to the Irish Christian Brothers, on Sexton Street. We were separated all through high school years – and did not meet again until 1948 when we both entered the “Apostolic School” – a two-year program of Philosophy, prior to the four-year course of Theology, in preparation for ordination to priesthood.

You should know that Bryan, in his younger years, had a minor but noticeable speech defect. This was a source of painful embarrassment, especially during his high school years. Teenagers can be very cruel to each other – and I know that Bryan experienced a measure of teasing from some of his high school classmates. This could easily have affected him emotionally, but he never let it stifle his determination to succeed in life. While in the seminary Bryan would, one day every week, ride a bicycle from the seminary into Limerick City, a trip of five miles, to work with a speech therapist. This impediment was serious enough that it could have jeopardized his ordination to priesthood. But the therapy was, providentially, highly successful – and Bryan was a better man, and a holier priest, because of his courage and determination. We think of “Monsignor” accomplishing so much in his service to the Church as a gifted leader and public servant, but we should know the price he paid and the obstacles he overcame to achieve that success. Monsignor Bryan Walsh by the grace of God, and his own determination, accomplished great things for our Cuban community in Miami – and for the Kingdom of God.

Atlanta Pedro Pan

Next Reunion will be held on Sunday,

May 6th, 2012

at:

Mojito's Cuban American Bistro

35 S. Peachtree St.

Norcross, Ga 30071

Lunch at 4:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to:

Emy Botet at ebotet@yahoo.com 404 775 044

Looking for Pedro Pan

ATTENTION

1. Maria Magda de Quesada is looking for Maria del Carmen Lopez Lima (Carmencita Lopez) a fellow Pedro Pan from the group in Sacred Heart Orphanage, Pueblo, Colorado.

If you have any information, please contact us at: members@pedropan.org or 305 554 7196.

Future Events Calendar:

Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: TBA

Saturday, July 21, 2012 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: TBA

Saturday, August 18, 2012 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: TBA

Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: TBA

Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: TBA

Saturday, November 17, 2012 - Thanksgiving Dinner

Place: Miami Beach Resort and Spa., 4833 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, fl

Sunday, November 18, 2012 at 10:30 AM- Thanksgiving Mass

Place: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 8670 Byron Ave., Miami Beach, Fl

Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 10 AM - Breakfast

Place: TBA

Sunday, December 20, 2012 - Memorial Mass

Place: TBA

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