

Dear friends,

Join us as we pray this month of September, to Our Lady of Charity on the 400th year anniversary of her arrival in Cuban waters. May she always protect us wherever we are, as we continue praying together for the freedom of our beloved Cuba. On September 8th, a very special Mass and celebrations will take place in Miami and other US cities (see information below).

We have included our Agenda for the November Weekend, November 16 to 18th so you can make your travel plans/reservations to share with us the closure of our 50th anniversary. This year marks the closure of this most important milestone for Operation Pedro Pan and we are already preparing a weekend full of surprises, fun, and good Pedro Pan bonding for all of you. Our festivities will start on Friday morning, November 16th with the Unveiling of the Florida Heritage Landmark Marker, the Pedro Pan Place Street Naming Ceremony and a Block party that is going to be something to remember!! Many of you regretted missing our 2010 Tour of the Camps, well, don't miss this opportunity to celebrate in the former Florida City camp.....I promise that you are going to be more than happy when you celebrate with us in the middle of Pedro Pan Place.....!!!

We will continue with a Camp Nostalgia Celebration on Friday night, and on Saturday evening our Thanksgiving Gala will top the festivities with one of the most awaited events in town. On Sunday, as grateful Pedro Pan kids, we will attend a Thanksgiving Mass, celebrated by one of our own, a very special Mass to give thanks for everything we have received throughout all these years.

Also included in this Newsletter, information for those of you living in Texas, Carlos Eire will be making a presentation on September 20th (see below) and for the ones in California, the Cuban Kids of the 60s, will be having their Annual Picnic on the 29th.

As usual, don't miss the story about Monsignor Walsh from one of our Pedro Pan kids, I know you all like these stories about Monsignor and this is a very touching perspective written by Eddie.

Love,  
Carmencita Romanach

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***September 3, 2012***

***Pedro Pan News  
Our Lady of Charity***



*Courtesy of Pedro Pan brother  
Justo Rodriguez*

***Virgen de la Caridad, Salva a Cuba!  
Nosotros tus hijos, queremos ver una Cuba libre y  
soberana  
otra vez y confiamos en tu ayuda y protección.***

## ***OPPG November Weekend/ Agenda***

### **Friday, November 16th:**

Florida Heritage Landmark Marker Dedication/Street Naming  
Ceremony/Block Party:  
10:30 a.m., at former Florida City Camp, Fl

### **Camp Nostalgia Celebration:**

7:00 p.m., at Miami Beach Resort and Spa, Miami Beach, Fl  
Starlight Room

### **Saturday, November 17th:**

Thanksgiving Gala :  
6:30 p.m., at Miami Beach Resort and Spa, Miami Beach, Fl

### **Sunday, November 18th:**

Thanksgiving Mass:  
10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, Miami Beach, Fl

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We have reserved a block of rooms at the Miami Beach Resort and Spa  
for our

upcoming November weekend of events: November 16 to 18th.

We start on Friday, November 16th in the morning, so it's better if you  
come the night before!!

### **Miami Beach Resort and Spa**

4833 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, Fl 33140

Double room/partial water view: \$129/per night.

Double room/Bay Front: \$ 149/per night.

You can make reservations at 305 532 3600 or through the following  
link:

**Direct URL for Attendee Registration (If use this URL, no login for attendee is needed):**  
MSBE: [https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g\\_reservation.cfm?groupID=771495&hotelID=6577](https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=771495&hotelID=6577)  
iStay2: <http://booking.ihotelier.com/istay/istay.jsp?groupID=771495&hotelID=6577>

**Solemn Mass and Concert Honoring Our Lady of  
Charity  
Celebrating 400 Years of The Finding of her  
Statue in Cuban Waters**



**Saturday September 8th 2012, American Airlines Arena, 601 Biscayne  
Boulevard, Miami, Florida 3313**

- 4:00 PM - Doors of the AAA open to the public  
Statue of Our Lady of Charity departs by sea from the Shrine of O. L.  
of Charity
- 4:30 PM - Holy Rosary at the AAA
- 5:00 PM - Arrival of the statue at the AAA
- 6:00 PM - Holy Mass, presided by Archbishop Thomas Wenski
- 8:14 PM - Concert with the participation of well-known singers and  
musicians

\*Admission is free, and there will be concession stands open throughout  
the event.

**Be there, because we are...United in Charity!**

## Our Lady of Charity Celebrations- Los Ángeles, California

La Agrupación Católica Cubana Caridad del Cobre  
les invita a celebrar los 400 años de la  
aparición de la Virgen de la Caridad  
en tierras cubanas  
con una Misa Arquidiocesana  
Celebrante Principal: Sr. Arzobispo de Los Ángeles, Mons. Jose Gomez  
Concelebrando con varios sacerdotes del clero local  
Domingo, Septiembre 16, 2012  
Hora: 3:30 pm  
Lugar: Catedral de Los Ángeles  
555 W. Temple St.  
Los Ángeles, CA

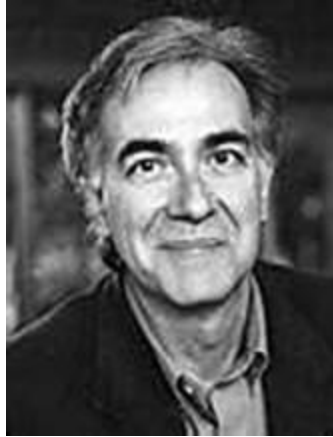
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## Our Lady of Charity Celebrations- Atlanta, Georgia

Misa Solemne  
celebrada por Sr. Arzobispo de Atlanta,  
Mons. Wilton Daniel Gregory  
concelebrada con sacerdotes del clero local  
Sábado, Septiembre 8, 2012  
Procesión: 6:30 pm  
Misa: 7 pm  
Recepción al finalizar la Misa  
Lugar: Cathedral of Christ the King  
2699 Peachtree Road  
Atlanta

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Carlos Eire Presentation  
Date: Thursday, September 20, 2012  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Place: Texas Tech University  
International Cultural Center  
601 Indiana Ave.  
Lubbock, Texas

Posted in Texas Tech University website:

Carlos Eire, Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University and the author of *Waiting for Snow in Havana* (winner of the Nat'l Book Award in 2003) and *Waiting to Die in Miami*, will speak at the ICC on Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. His topic will be immigration--a subject he knows from personal experience, having been part of Operation Pedro Pan, the 1962 airlift of Cuban children to the U.S. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the International Cultural Center Auditorium. A book-signing will follow.

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# Stories about Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh

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### **Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh: True Father and Best Friend**

by Eddie Dulom

I was with Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh from February 9, 1961 through the first week in December of 1963. During that time and in later years I was blessed to have Monsignor as my father. Yes, he was the only father I ever knew and he was also my best friend.

The first week of my stay at Casa Carrion he asked me about a discrepancy with one of my last names. I explained the situation and he immediately understood. A couple of days later when I asked him not to send me out of Miami because I would run away, he smiled.

Once I pulled a sneaky on Mr. Carrion. I told him that I was going to spend the weekend with my grandmother, but I was really spending it with a friend from N.C. On Sunday night I came back not knowing one of my uncles had called to see how I was doing and had told Mr. Carrion that my grandmother was in Cuba. Mr. Carrion was not very happy with me. When I came back he told me FATHER wanted to see me. That was the first and last time I got a PALETAZO. I was 18 and that was a first for me, but everything he did was with respect and love.

To me he was the wisest and kindest man I had ever known. I always felt at ease to come to him with any problems or questions. He always had an open door for all of us.

One night, when I was living at St. Raphael's, we were talking and he looked worried. When I asked, he told me two boys had gone into some mail boxes and gotten in big trouble. They were going to release them to

his custody and they were coming to St. Raphael's. He said to me, "Eddie, they can not get in trouble again."

He used to check every room every night to make sure everybody was there and safe.

On Christmas Eve of '61 there were just a few guys going to the dining room since all the others had gone to be with relatives. He looked at me and said, "This is the first time I have seen you sad." Boy, did he know me! Yes, I was very sad, missing my family.

At graduation night from Curley we took a picture together, the only picture I have of the two of us. After graduation I went to work for the Catholic Welfare Bureau as a messenger. I was at the main office every day and if I knew Father was there, even though Lloydine, his secretary, would say that he was very busy, I would walk in to his office and say hello. He was never too busy to see me.

Later on, puzzled by his plane, his Mercedes and his riches, I asked him why he had chosen to be a priest. He said, "To serve God." I learned a lot about him with that answer.

On the tenth anniversary of Operation Pedro Pan, Monsignor wrote an article for the *Voice* about my wife and me and our three children, highlighting the accomplishments of his Pedro Pan children.

Everything that there was to learn about love, honesty, integrity, loyalty and friendship, I learned from Monsignor. I hope someday the world will give him credit for the magnitude of the project and the great job that he did.

As all Pedro Pans, I will always be grateful to him, and I will love him  
forever.



# Dear Pedro Pan Brothers and Sisters:

Save the Date Saturday September 29, 2012

Spend the day with

*Cuban Kids from the 60's Exodus* - Pedro Pan of  
California.

Join us for our 7th annual reunion at



**Hacienda Don Francisco**

Details to follow in the coming weeks!

Save the Date Saturday September 29, 2012



*Until we meet again!*

*The Cuban Kids Working Group*

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## **Future Events Calendar:**

### **Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 10 AM - Breakfast**

Place: Las Vegas Cuban Cuisine, 11500 NW 41st. St., Doral, FI

### **Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 10 AM - Breakfast**

Place: Las Vegas Cuban Cuisine, 11500 NW 41st. St., Doral, FI

### **Friday, November 16, 2012 at 11 AM - Florida Heritage Landmark Marker Dedication/**

### **Street Naming Ceremony/Block Party**

Place: Former Florida City Camp, 155 NW 14th St., Florida City, FI 33034

### **Friday, November 16, 2012 at 6:30 PM - Camp Nostalgia Celebration**

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

### **Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 6:30 PM- Thanksgiving Gala**

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

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

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

### **Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 10 AM - Breakfast**

Place: Las Vegas Cuban Cuisine, 11500 NW 41st. St., Doral, FI

### **Thursday, December 20, 2012 - Memorial Mass**

Place: TBA

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