

## Santa Eulalia



Parents, you may notice that we have some “Jeans Days” scheduled. On specified Fridays during Lent we are asking our students to pay \$1.00 and they get to wear jeans. The proceeds from this go to Santa Eulalia, our sister school in Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

In 2003, our Archdiocese began a mission project called Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity. Ixim, pronounced “ee-sheem” is the Mayan word for corn. Corn is one of the major crops in both our lands.

Our Archdiocese and the Diocese of Huehuetenango have continued to develop a relationship since then. There have been several mission trips from here in which people have visited Huehuetenango and worked with the people to help improve conditions. Poverty is very high there with a severe lack of job opportunities. Over one-third of their population is illiterate.

St. Columbkille School has been fortunate enough to be one of the schools in the Archdiocese that has a sister school in Huehuetenango. Our relationship with Santa Eulalia is a mutual one that involves the exchange of culture and the sharing of faith. We are to correspond with our sister school three times per year on October 1, Valentine’s Day and Easter. Students from the two schools pray for each other on the second Monday of each month. And each year we try to raise money to help them fund their school. Hence, the dollar to wear jeans.

Even more exciting is that there is a delegation from Huehuetenango coming to the Omaha Archdiocese this month! And on March 31st, two people from this delegation will be visiting our school. My understanding is that they are part of the Santa Eulalia School. We will be welcoming them with an assembly in our gym that morning. I am told that when our people have visited them, they really rolled out the red carpet. So our plans are to greet them and honor them in a similar fashion. Mrs. Dethlefs, our Spanish teacher, is coordinating this event so if you have any ideas feel free to contact her.

Yours in Christ,  
Jim Makey, Principal