



Renewing Our Church Together

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Mission in shadow of Dodger Stadium remains a tradition for former neighborhood families

Every Sunday, San Conrado Mission in Los Angeles opens its doors to worshippers from across the region, even though the families who once lived nearby scattered long ago, when Dodger Stadium was built in the historic Chavez Ravine neighborhood.

“These families are really emotionally attached to this church,” said Scalabrinian Father Gianantonio Baggio, pastor of both the mission and the parish of which it is a part, St. Peter’s Italian. “There is still this tradition to come back, even if they live far away.”

Although the mission is not open during the week, a Mass is celebrated in Spanish at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Pre-pandemic, the small sanctuary was regularly filled with more than 300 worshippers.

Since the mission does not have a roster of parishioners, Father Baggio held a reception after a recent Mass to tell those gathered about *Called to Renew*. He shared with the group who joined him that the mission will use its share of campaign funds to install ductless mini-splits for air conditioning and heating.

The church was built without air conditioning, and the heating system no longer works, he said. Given that the building also lacks proper insulation, he hopes adding both will make worship more comfortable on Sundays year-round and attract more people to San Conrado for weddings and other special celebrations.

“When it gets hot, it’s really hot,” Father Baggio said. “When it gets cold, it’s really cold.”

San Conrado Mission has a goal of \$50,000 and will receive \$25,000 once all gifts are fulfilled. After the reception, the mission had raised \$39,000, 78% of its goal.

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Goal: \$500,000,000

Raised to Date: \$519,195,890

Percent of Goal: 104%

Number of Gifts: 56,893

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