



Students Support Respect Life Ministry *St. Irenaeus Parish School, Cypress*

During the month of October, the students of St. Irenaeus Parish School partnered with the parish's Respect Life Ministry to collect items for babies and their moms. The 8th graders organized the school collection, and students responded by graciously donating a large amount of diapers, clothes, and other necessary items for the Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos.

Maker-Space at Saint Philip School *St. Philip School, San Francisco*

The new Maker-Space will be open for students to use freely during recess and lunch, housing tools for building, storage, an abundance of materials, and a rolling cart. It will allow for drawing, crafts, electronics, music, and above all, reflection, and open-ended exploration for students across all grades.

With the help of School Counselor and Mindfulness Coach, Mrs. Victoria Dimitrakopoulos, students are brainstorming finishing touches like a large sign, built of various materials to spell out 'M-a-k-e-r-S-p-a-c-e.'



Forty Student Mariachi Band *St. Anne School, Santa Ana*

School Principal, Sr. Teresa Lynch, CSJ, shared a new program. "This year we started a Mariachi Band with 7 trumpets, 8 violins, 20 guitars, 7 vihuelas, and 1 guitarron player (the big base-guitar). Our goal is to have students sing and play after Mass on December 11 at our mural for Our Lady of Guadalupe." Bishop Kevin Vann will preside at Mass, with the student choir, marimba players, and a high school group from St. Cecilia leading the mariachis.

Reading in Eureka by Sr. Susan Trezek *St. Bernard Academy, Eureka*

In October, I was invited to read at St. Bernard Academy. Preschoolers were dressed in costumes for a Halloween story. My reading for middle school and high school students was *Junkyard Wonders* by Patricia Polacco, whose central message illustrates a respect for others and acceptance of individual differences.

Values of Relationships, Community, and Hospitality are lived daily at St. Bernard Academy, and their love and respect for the Sisters of St. Joseph is apparent.

