

Guatemala at a Glance
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“Graced with the charism of the redeeming blood of Jesus, we embrace the blessing and challenge of living radically our ASC vocation. This charism empowers us to make real in Guatemala the dream of Maria De Mattias and the mission of the United States’ region of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.”

ASC Guatemala Mission Statement

Good news for this season of love and hope:

On Saturday, Dec. 17, in recognition of our ministry in Guatemala, we were awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, by Newman University, Wichita, Kan. For our service to bring education, health care and hope to the people of Guatemala, for our efforts to help the oppressed and underserved, and for providing a link of understanding and compassion between them and others in the world, Newman University decreed that we exemplify the university’s Core Value of Global Perspective.

This is a great honor the ASCs and for us, and with hearts filled with gratitude we give thanks for our community, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, who strongly support and are one with us in this presence and mission in Guatemala. And we thank Newman University for extending the circle of hope that connects our world and for including us as they educate and send forth persons to transform society. And during this Christmas season we give thanks and ask blessings and grace on each of you who are also part of this ever-widening circle of hope as together we live and seek to “bring about that beautiful order of things that the great Son of God came to establish in his Blood.” *Maria De Mattias*

Merry Christmas and many blessings for this New Year 2012!

Dani and Kris



Sonja Bontrager, Spanish professor, reading the conferring of the degree

Receiving the Doctorate diplomas from Noreen Carrocci, President of Newman University

