



MMG Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2024  
6:37pm

**Attendees:** Armando Villarreal, Vicent Estrada, Clarence Torres, Enrique Saenz, Tony Martinez, Marcelino Gonzalez, Albert Banda, Andy Maldonado, Julian Vasquez, Jaime Rodriguez, Ben Briceno, Victor Mokarzel, and Leo DeLaGarza

**Introductions and updates on Members:** Members above introduced themselves and gave an update on their current situations. We agreed to pray for those that have family or friends in need of spiritual support.

**Our Spiritual Journey and “Sin” discussion:** Leo reviewed his understanding of “Sin”. Reviewed discussions with Friar Florencio and Friar Francisco regarding sins. Leo believes we focus too much on being sinful and not enough on how to achieve a higher level of Spirituality. How can we reach a level of purification and have a closer relationship with God. Members viewed a video from Father Mike Schmitz from Ascension Press.....see link below. Good discussion afterwards.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doODIGcAp7w>

The three levels of Catholic Purification were shared with members:

- **Purgative Stage:** Beginning level of spiritual awareness....in this stage its difficult to overcome daily temptations. However, one is motivated to improve.
- **Illuminative Stage:** This is the intermediary stage between purification and total union with God. More aware of the obstacles preventing spiritual growth. Awareness leads to spiritual growth with occasional “slips” into sin.
- **Unitive Stage:** Constant awareness of God’s presence and habitually conforms to God’s will.

**Jamaica review:** Turkey Leg booth will need all the volunteers we can get. Patrick Torres will be the pit master and will be there around 5am to start the pit. We have 21 boxes of Turkey legs contributed by members and others within the Church. The cost is around \$85 per box.

- Enrique along with Julian and Victor will pick up the turkey legs from Restaurant Depot.
- We will need to pick up legs on Saturday before the Sunday event. We will need to store them in a refrigerator(s) and not the freezer. We can also store them in an ice chest(s).
- Some provided their contributions at the meeting, but others can provide them anytime between now and at the event September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Carport update:** Building drawings were shared and reviewed with members. Construction will start on Monday August 19, 2024. We contracted with Amador (who is redoing the parking lot) for \$2,225. Material cost will be \$3,000 and change. After much review and discussion members agreed to

pay up to \$2,600 for the new carport, with the office agreeing to pay for the rest. Leo provided the motion and Julian seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

***Budget briefly reviewed:*** We still owe \$900 for moving the shipping container to its present location. After making this payment this month our fund balance will be \$2,200. Therefore, we will pay our carport commitment to the OLG Office after our GuadalupeFest event in December 2024. Leo will notify Carolina at the office.

**End of Meeting at 8:40pm.**