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In the year of 2012 what did I do to build the Priestly People?

2012 year of elections in the USA, massacres, hurricane and doomsday boom. What to do? Trying to make possible the Peace of Jesus, sharing my faith and hope. Evangelize as a wife and from my work. My father in law dies and changes my routine, new sacrifices. Contribute to the Hispanic Community and the Pastoral Vision Council in my Parish; create a bridge between two ethnic communities. The Holy Hour in Spanish praying for the Priests. The Apostleship of the Cross in the Ministry Fair of St Joseph Church. Teaching about Virgin Mary.



The hurricane Sandy is here, I live in the beach: evacuation, no electricity and no gasoline. Pray and give what you can. Will we have house to live after everything ends? The Cross of the Apostolate is in the garden! I knew the Cross will make miracles!

But to my surprise the hurricane did not hit our home! My work, a way to evangelize: parents give me clothes to donate. I'm training bodies & souls. Giving scholarships and discounts to those affected by the hurricane or the economy. It's Christmas! I celebrate with my family in Comalcalco! Jesus Savior of all the mankind! Save them! With Mary everything without Her nothing!

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How did I build up God's Priestly People in the year 2012?

I left my routines and comfort zone and headed out to Kenya, East Africa in the latter part of 2012.

Leaving behind my routines of daily Mass, my visits and Holy Eucharist to the sick and senior citizens, my group of Apostleship of the Cross, my Bible group, my work, my friends, my phone calls to my family in Texas I went forth to see the heart of Christ on the other side of the world. There I saw His Priestly People in action in the work of the sisters, Missionaries of Charity of Mary Immaculate in Arutani and South Horr in Kenya. I was blessed to share in their prayers, Mass and Communion, meals and listen to them as they valiantly communicated with the people of Christ in their different languages. I saw them embrace without hesitation; heal wounds and hearts without gloves and without fear. This made me realize my limitations and fears.



I had left my relaxing moments and routines of going to the movies and seeing television, to discover the face of Jesus in the faces of my brothers and sisters in the diverse tribes and different situations. In their faces I saw their curiosity gazing at my own face and my camera, that wanted to capture their faces, their sufferings, their smiles, their homes and places of study, but especially the places where they



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worshiped, prayed, adored, praised, and danced to the same God.

What did I do in the year 2012 to build up God's Priestly People?

I pray that my prayers, the few wounds I healed, the embraces and smiles I gave may have been united with Christ Priest and Victim in His people in Africa. May all I experienced break me away from my routine and may my prayers and actions be more from the depths of my heart.

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In 2012 I had the honor to serve on the Regional Council of Christ the Priest Region. I was in the office of Lay Representative of the Northwest Area. In this role I was one of two General Coordinators for the 2nd Congress of the Spirituality of the Cross, Mary: Our Example of the Priestly Attitudes of Jesus in the Northwest Area. It was a challenge as I had no previous experience in organizing such an event, but thanks be to God and to all of the people that helped us, the congress was successful. The Spirituality of the Cross was made known to many people in our community that demonstrated an interest in learning more.



On a personal level, when appropriate, I share my faith at work. I am a nurse and in certain moments I have the opportunity to pray, give consolation that only comes from God and to speak about faith and suffering with my patients. These moments are special and grace filled.

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