



Our mission is to deliver high quality care and services to the at-risk youth of Peru, rehabilitating them by teaching them social skills in a family environment.



Faith, Family,  
and Future  
For All Children

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— Fr. Joe Walijewski



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## A Vision of Hope

As a missionary priest from the Diocese of La Crosse, Fr. Joe Walijewski founded Casa Hogar in March of 1986. The dream of providing at-risk and abandoned children with a stable family and a Christ-centered formation had been in Fr. Joe's heart since childhood. After receiving initial funding for his project from Pope John Paul II, he constructed Casa Hogar and worked as the director for 14 years.

He then passed his work on to Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk. Fr. Sebastian transformed Casa Hogar to provide the children a Christian family-style living environment.

In July 2013, Msgr. Joseph Hirsch assumed leadership of Casa Hogar. Msgr. Hirsch has served in various roles throughout the Diocese in his 33 years of priesthood, but he has always dreamed of being a missionary.

A beatification process formally began in March 2013. Today, Fr. Joe Walijewski a Servant of God, his legacy and heroic virtue live continues today at Casa Hogar and through all those who believe in his canonization.

To learn more about Fr. Joe Walijewski's life of priestly zeal and heroic virtue, as well as the beatification process, visit [www.FrJoesGuild.org](http://www.FrJoesGuild.org).



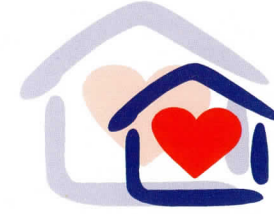
## Family is the Answer

We believe that strong, healthy families are the best environment for children to grow up. That is why we provide our children with family-style living where a married couple cares for eight children. Each family has their own apartment that they can call a home. The children are taught key skills necessary for building a strong foundation including:

- **Social Skills**
- **Building Healthy Relationships**
- **Empowerment through Self-Governance**
- **Morality and Spirituality**

The family is the secure base, the building block for all teaching, and we believe that God created families as a way to guide his children. Our goal for the children is to give them back the love, support, and guidance of a family that they have lost—setting them up not just to survive the world, but to thrive.

Our care goes beyond just the years spent at Casa Hogar. Just as any family would, we continue to support our graduates both emotionally and financially once they leave Casa Hogar through the Project of Life program. Kids work with our staff to begin to explore different life paths and make sound plans for their future. This has helped many of our graduates continue their education and find successful careers.



## How You Can Help

Casa Hogar is made possible solely through donor support like yours. All donations are tax-deductible. **Cash and Checks** can be sent in with the enclosed reply card.

**Credit Card Donations** can be made through our secure website: [www.homeajpm.org](http://www.homeajpm.org)

**Endowment Trust** Contact the Mission Office at (608) 791-2376.

**Planned Giving** Contact us for more information about including Casa Hogar in your will, trusts, or for further giving options.

**Sponsor a Family or Child** This is a great way to build a personal connection with one of our children or a family by providing food, schooling, healthcare and other expenses for 6 months (\$500) or 1 year (\$1,000). Sponsors stay connected with the work of Casa Hogar and their impact on the sponsored child through letters and photos directly from the children.

**Visit Casa Hogar** Each year both groups and individuals come down to Peru to volunteer and experience Casa Hogar firsthand. Whether you stay for a few days or a few months, Casa and the children will change your life. Please contact us in you are interested in joining the work!

**Join our mission to provide all of God's children with the family, faith and future they deserve.**

- Please accept my one-time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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- I would like to join the sponsorship program for:  Six months of \$500  One year of \$1,000  Monthly Recurring Sponsor

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*"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*  
— Proverbs 22:6



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