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Guatemala Pilgrimage Reflection

Though it has been several weeks since the pilgrimage the memories are still fresh and alive – a confirmation of the pleasant and beneficial experience that it was.

One might think that after being part of several pilgrimages it might just become routine, but no, rather those impressions, so strong at first, do not hold one's attention so dominantly now and one sees, hears "new" things that were not so obvious before. It is like one is experiencing it for the first time, because one goes deeper. And I believe this is true for the monks at the Priory also. You are not just visitors passing through their lives. Your relationship as a parish with the monks has that real, personal feel to it. The bond is strengthening.



I also felt this with the people in the communities that received water filters this time. They have seen a lot of projects come and go, but I got a sense they see you mean to see this through and I think that makes them feel different about themselves.



Your caring and concern is being felt. A sense of being family, God's family, brothers and sisters is happening. May God abundantly bless you for your efforts. You should rightly feel proud of what the Spirit is doing through you. I feel so honored to have been a part of these pilgrimages. Thank you so much.

—Br. Paul Friedman

Would you like to be part of the 2010 Cobán Pilgrimage Trip?

Our next pilgrimage to Cobán is planned for **April 7-14, 2010**. Any parishioner that would like to experience Cobán or learn more about St. Patrick's Cobán Connection is welcome to contact either:

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