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**Diocese of Charleston to Host Fundraiser for Mission Work in Guatemala**  
**~ Guest of Honor is WCBD News Anchor Carolyn Murray ~**

(Charleston, SC) - Carolyn Murray, missionary and WCBD news anchor, will be the guest of honor at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oyster Roast benefiting Project San Pedro in Guatemala. The event will be held on February 18 from 7-10 p.m. at the Diocese of Charleston Pastoral Center, 901 Orange Grove Road. This year's casual event will be a festive night of music, dance and celebration.

Ms. Murray spent a week as a missionary in Guatemala last September. During her time there, she worked in a medical clinic giving eyeglasses to hundreds of villagers. "‘Ooot, ooot!’ they exclaimed, which meant ‘good, good, I can see.’ It was the fastest rise to becoming a medical professional in history," she said. "I went from TV reporter to optometrist within hours." She also added that the villagers spoke a language she didn't understand, yet their actions and kind expressions showed gratitude for the strangers who came to their community to help them. "The medical mission organized by the Diocese of Charleston is among the most valuable experiences of my life. I went so that I could help others, but in the end, they helped me," she said.

In addition to hearing from Ms. Murray, the evening will include oysters, Lowcountry boil, a silent auction and music by the [Gino Castillo Quartet](#). Mr. Castillo won Jazz Artist of the Year in 2013 and 2014 by the City Paper Music Awards. The silent auction will include handmade and exquisite items from Lake Atitlan, San Pedro and Antigua, Guatemala.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$75 each and includes admission, food and drinks. For more information, go to <https://missions-doc.org/oyster-roast>. To purchase tickets, contact Deacon Gabriel Cuervo at (843) 531-5540 or [missions@catholic-doc.org](mailto:missions@catholic-doc.org).

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**About the Diocese of Charleston**

The Catholic Diocese of Charleston comprises the entire state of South Carolina with Charleston as its See city. Founded in 1820 by Pope Pius VII and is one of the oldest Catholic Dioceses in the United States.

**About Project San Pedro**

The Diocese of Charleston's Project San Pedro is a sponsorship program supporting education in Guatemala. Currently there are approximately 300 children sponsored and twice a year medical missionaries go to San Pedro to provide additional support to the sponsored children, their families and the community.

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