

## Costa Rica: I went to a slum the other Sunday with a Catholic youth group

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*Rummage sale held to help the people of the turgurio. Items are sold to discourage them from being resold*

I went to a turgurio (slum) the other Sunday with a Catholic youth group. We have gone there several times to have them fill out questionnaires to get health care or to help find jobs for them. We gathered up most of the inhabitants for a Catholic mass and made a brunch for them.

These people live in houses made of cardboard. It's dark and there are many flies and no roads. The roads they scratch out before the rains come get rained out and become slush. An old woman fell and injured her finger the other day making her way across these roads.

I can feel Father's heart very much when I go there not only because it is so dirty but also because many women are living with common-law husbands. The husbands often leave home after three, four, seven or even as many as 11 children. Basically people don't get married because wages are so low. People often make 500 Colones a month, which is less than \$100, but prices of food and clothing are often equivalent to or higher than the United States.

It is understandable why many of the youth think Communism is great. I can really see that the Divine Principle is the only solution for world problems. We are continuing our Sunday dinners. It seems very good we've had two priests come on two different Sundays.