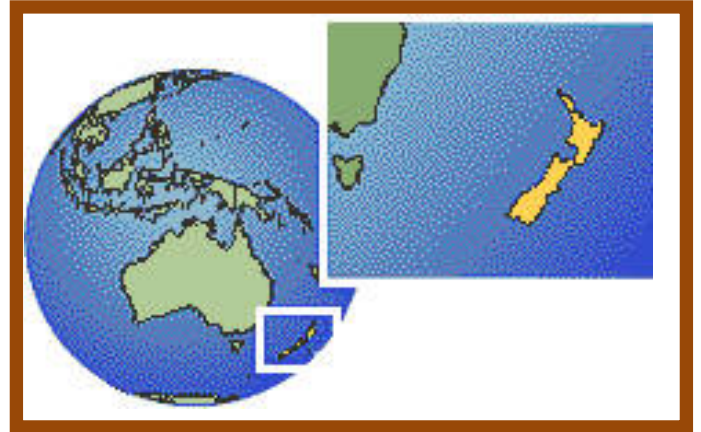


Our Neighbors — the World Over!

Neighbors aren't just next door or down the street. St. Leo's neighbors are all over the globe—across North America, South America, South & Central Africa, Europe, Asia, and as we've recently discovered—New Zealand!

On a snowy day in early March, a brown paper-wrapped package arrived at St. Leo bearing a return address of "NZ"! It contained beautifully



knitted sweaters and caps in just the perfect sizes for our wee ones, accompanied by a precious card. Our new found New Zealand friends, The Basiles, were told our story by one of our parishioners.

In gratitude, an email was sent, attaching a photo of St. Leo in the snow, asking if there was a picture of them to share and, Wah-lah! ...we'd like to introduce you to Caprice (8) and Miguel (5)!



Their mom shared in the email their pleasure that the hats and jerseys had arrived – and their hopes that it will help a couple of children. “Thank you for letting us know that the parcel arrived – Caprice and Miguel were amazed that you had so much snow (we get snow at our house once every 50 years or so – although there is often snow in different parts of New Zealand in winter!)”

So no matter where you are, be in the presence of grace knowing the joy of love and gratitude from all ends of the earth - and that our neighbors aren't just “next door”!