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## 2023 UPSES Portuguese Capela Annual Report

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Chapel Chair: Therese Garces

Co-Chair: Bridgette Mack

Committee: Grace Rose, Andrea Daluz, Yvonne Siragusa, Maria Jorge

“Today, as it was intended in 1922, the Chapel is used to house the Crown of the Holy Spirit during the Festa do Espirito Santo celebrations. On Pentecost Sunday, devotees of the Holy Spirit visit the Chapel to pray and offer a donation of money or Portuguese sweetbread to assure the continuation of this time honored ethnic religious celebration.”

Festa 2023 the chapel collected close to \$5000.00 in donation during Festa. We were open all 3 days, on Friday & Saturday, 5:00pm till 8:30, and on Festa Sunday from 11:00am till 600pm.

We thank the volunteers who took their 2-to-3-hour shifts. Alyssa Barandiaran, Kerena Monroig, Virginia Correia, Korrine Madruga, Rosemarie Silva, Maria Oliveira, Joe Monteiro, Gayle Frank, Jeff Madruga. The chapel was full of visitors all weekend and loved that they would come in to ask questions. The set back this year is Sra. Cecilia Medina was the only one who brought us sweet bread to be purchased at the Capela. It is a dying tradition that we hope to promote more for this year.

This year we decorated our Capela for Christmas, big thank you to Bridgette Mack, Andrea DaLuz, Maria Jorge and me. The Capela truly looked beautiful. We were open every weekend in December and only had about 10 people who came to visit. Thank you to Yvonne Siragusa, Barbara Hosaka, Dinisa Valadao, Rosemarie Silva & Diana Balelo along with myself who sat in the Capela from 6:00pm till 8:30pm.

We like to thank commend the Festa 2023 President's Ted & Cici Drummond on a beautiful Festa and to Festa 2024 President's Brennand & Bridget Schoeffel a successful year

Submitted:

Therese Garces