

# PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

2022

FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY VIOLENCE

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

POMC® makes the difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy, and awareness.

#### VISION STATEMENT

To provide support and assistance to all survivors of homicide victims while working to create a world free of murder.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to those who have been cruelly bereaved by the murder of a loved one. Professionals who are in frequent contact with grieving families are also welcome to join.

# May

May is a month that brings great joy to some and great pain to others, but either way I truly believe Mom's are meant to be celebrated. YOU ARE STILL A MOM!!!  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

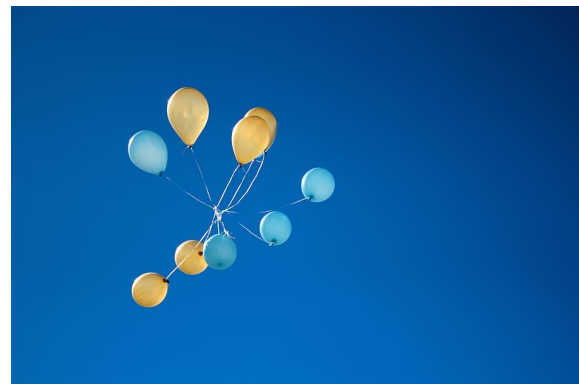
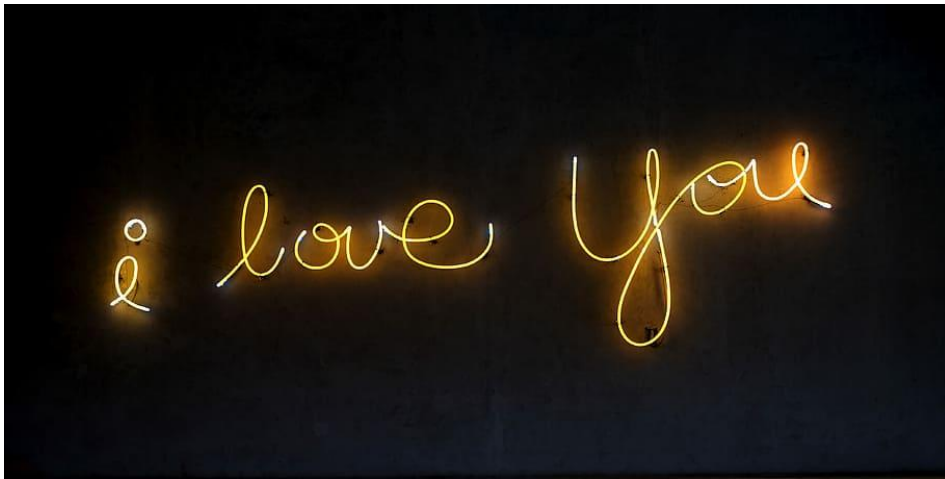
April 30th we had our annual Candlelight Vigil where we remembered our loved ones. There was so much love that went into this event and I hope you all were able to tell/receive it. There are many people to thank, but I would like to mention a few: Debra Dizon, John Maldonado, Martha Dewar and Lena Gonzalez, the four of them did the majority of the manual labor required to host the event. Our speakers who took time out of their day to hear and acknowledge P.O.M.C. There were many who donated, but I would like to thank and acknowledge those who give faithfully and regularly to P.O.M.C and this event: The Foster's in memory of their son David, Frank and Nancy Aguilar in memory of their son Jesse and the loved ones of Savannah Walker. Last but not least I would like to thank each and everyone in attendance for your strength and support that you provide to each other.



*Always in Our Hearts  
Happy Heavenly Birthday!*

*Douglas M. Lightfoot  
Salvador De Avila Jr.  
Manuel Joseph Moreno  
Ramon Franco IV  
Rose Marie Christian  
Tracy Lee Stratton  
Michael Grimm  
Mitchell James Curran  
Andrew Powell  
Ryan William Dasalla  
Heidi Hubrecht  
Eva Diaz Rondon  
Angela M. King  
Ivan Williams  
Neal Williams  
Arthur "Billy" Boucher  
Victor P. Rosa III  
Heather Broadus  
Wendy Weiker-Gordon  
Scott H. Wilson  
Christopher Bret Fuit  
Terence Unity Frietas  
Brandon Hanson  
Raul Carbajal  
Marcia Schafer  
Blake Donald Lundquist  
Hollie Karr  
Faye Lavonne Butler*

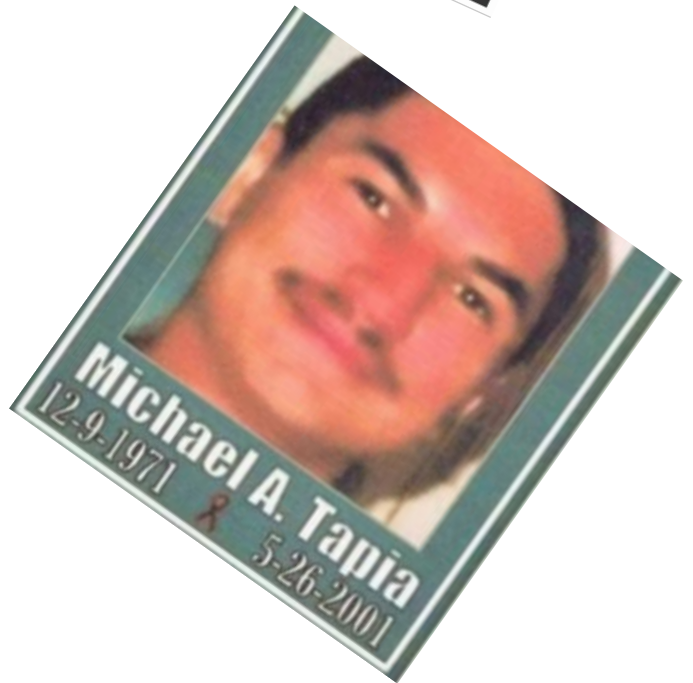
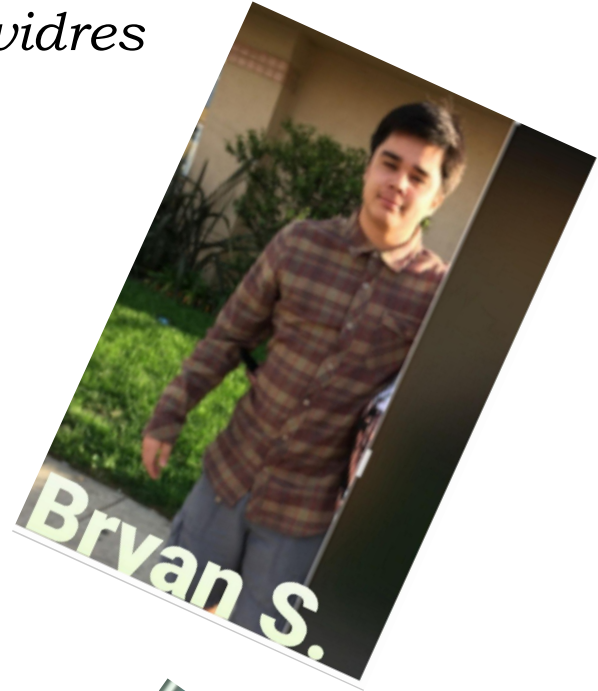
*Earnest Pickett Jr.*  
*Richard Flores Jr.*



## *Forever Remembered Angelversaries*

*Chuck Weeks  
Jeffrey Alvarado  
Justin King French  
Christopher Hamilton  
Mark Richard Fernandez Jr.  
Raul Carbajal  
David William Witmer  
Richard D. McGann  
Joseph Finzel  
Kristopher P. Alofaituli  
Anyssia K. Escamilla  
Dominic T. Redd  
Armando Eduardo Villagomez  
Denise Leanne Barker  
Jose J. Sanchez  
Manuel Michael Rodriguez Jr.  
Carl Dan Claes  
Brandon Hanson  
Antonio Torres  
Christopher Bret Fuit  
Bryan Anthony  
Carlesha Unique Renae Lewis  
Shannon Dale Stevens  
Steven F. Ambriz  
Antwann Donte Jones  
Ross Arnopp Munday  
Johanna T. Piccirelli  
Michael Tapia  
Susanmarie "Bunny" Pascale*

*Marcos Ian De La Cruz-Cody  
Jose (Benjamin) Salvidres*



Every effort is made to honor all our loved ones on Special dates. They are listed alphabetically and dates are not included in order to protect personal privacy. If you do not see your loved one's name or photo please contact us @ (714)402-3171 email [gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com). Please help us be accurate on these lists



# ***April Announcements and Information***

## **In Person Support Meetings**

Because some of our Chapters are starting in-person support group meetings and want to enforce proof of vaccination to attend we checked with National POMC's attorney. This is her response; "Although the issue of medical and religious exemptions is evolving, at this point I think the support groups can enforce vaccine mandates for in-person meetings." This is assuming there are no applicable state laws outlawing vaccine mandates (like Florida). Check with your Chapter to see if virtual support will also be offered.

## **Board Members:**

Chapter Leader- Debra Dizon-Hernandez Email: [Debraus22@gmail.com](mailto:Debraus22@gmail.com) In memory of Jonathan

Co-Leader Martha Dewar [marthad@roadrunner.com](mailto:marthad@roadrunner.com) In memory of Sarah

Secretary: Letty Gutierrez Email: [lettygutierrez2017@gmail.com](mailto:lettygutierrez2017@gmail.com)

In memory of Bryan Treasurer: John Maldonado Email: [maldoman28@gmail.com](mailto:maldoman28@gmail.com)

In Memory of Matthew

Anita Lewis Email: [alewismary@yahoo.com](mailto:alewismary@yahoo.com) In memory of Mary and Lester

Faye Jenkins Email: [qs\\_mommy@yahoo.com](mailto:qs_mommy@yahoo.com), In memory of Quiana and Sgt Pietrzak

## **MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS:**

Wednesday May 11th at 6:30pm. Please come join us. This step in your journey will be one of the toughest. We are here to support you as you go - because we understand. POMC provides the on-going emotional support needed to help families and friends of those who have died by violence facilitate the reconstruction of a "new life" and to promote a healthy resolution. Not only does POMC help survivors deal with their acute grief but also helps with the criminal justice system. LOCATION: Anaheim, CA 92805

## **Candlelight Vigil**

The Candlelight Vigil was an amazing event that brought us all together. The event allowed all of us that are going through the same thing to bond and feel/be understood. If you have any suggestions for next year we are more than happy to look into your ideas, but please be prepared to help.

If you have any additional photos we would be happy to add them to the June newsletter.

## **Need to Talk:**

The listed members are bilingual and able to listen. Mary Bennet 714-264-2690- Please send text first. Martha Dewar 714- 306-9166 Letty Gutierrez 714-601-9699 Please be mindful of times as these lines go directly to the members above.

## Support Greater Orange County

POMC Donations: When seeking a place to donate monetarily this year please consider a donation to Greater Orange County POMC. Help support GOCPOMC with your Amazon purchases: Amazon Supports GOCPOMC Go to: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Select: Greater Orange County Parents of Murdered Children Remember a portion of your purchase is donated to our chapter.

## National Day of Remembrance

If your loved one's name was not on the National Day of Remembrance list that was on the website [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org), please send an email to [rpati@pomc.com](mailto:rpati@pomc.com) for Ratana to get their name on for next year. POMC only puts names on at the request of the family. We do not add names without the family's permission.

## 2022 POMC National Conference

### Parents Of Murdered Children National 36<sup>th</sup> Conference!!

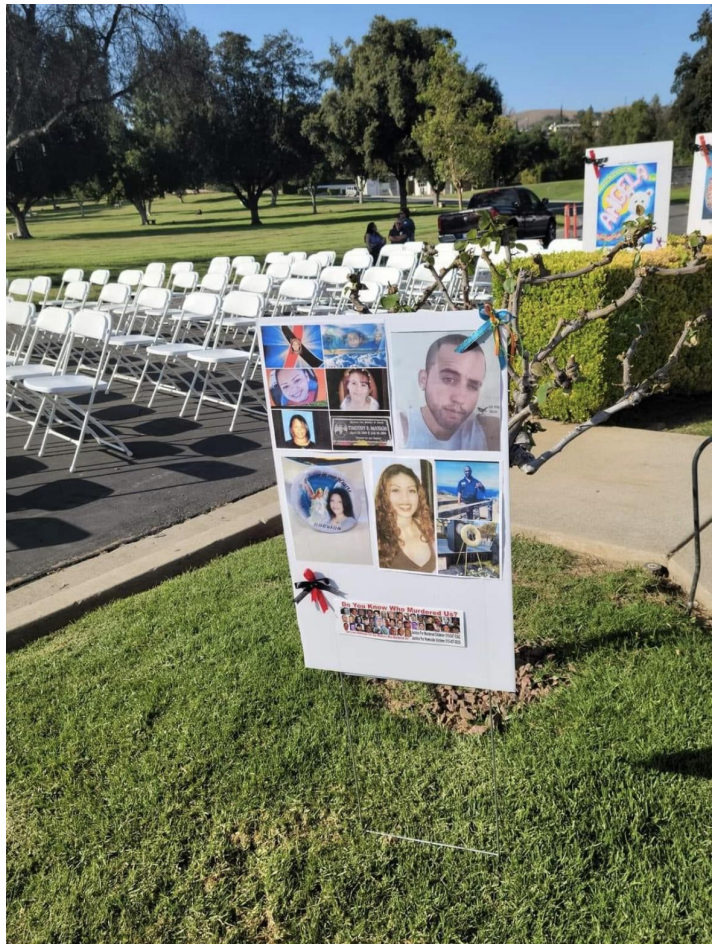
This conference will be held in St. Louis Missouri July-21-24, 2022 at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet.

The room price is \$115.00 plus tax. There is a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel. When booking your flight, you fly into the St. Louis Airport (STL). POMC is still looking for anyone who would be interested in working the Hospitality Room at the conference, anyone who likes to sing, and for someone willing to video the conference at a more cost effective cost. If you know anyone or are capable of providing these services please contact Bev @ [bwarnock@pomc.org](mailto:bwarnock@pomc.org).



## ATTENTION: NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP THROUGH FACEBOOK

Are you on Facebook? If so make sure to join our Facebook support group which is being used as a topic forum to talk among one another, share stories of your loved one and lean on one another for support. You can join the group at [www.facebook.com/groups/POMCOFFICIAL](http://www.facebook.com/groups/POMCOFFICIAL) Please note, this is the ONLY official online POMC support group. If you belong to other groups claiming to be POMC please be aware that they are not affiliated with or representatives of POMC. We still have our National page on Facebook as well which is used for updates within the organization and National Office as well as other important information. Again, this is the ONLY official page for POMC (besides Chapter pages) so please be aware if you are linked with other pages claiming to be a POMC Facebook account. You can access our National Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NationalPOMC](http://www.facebook.com/NationalPOMC)

















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