



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

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Caring for Our Sisters at Home

Happy New Year Friends!

As we think of Jesus as “the Alpha and the Omega,” or the beginning and the end, so too is the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse in Allegany, NY for the majority of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. At the Motherhouse, our Sisters start their journey into religious life by being received into the Congregation as novices. Most come back here to finish their days on Earth before they are welcomed back into the Lord’s arms.

Local Minister Sr. Jean Hayes shared these thoughts during her recent eulogy for Sr. Theresa Eugene LeClair, “At the Motherhouse, we have the special ministry of being with a Sister on her final walk to God. During this time, the beauty of a Sister comes out as she gets closer to the Lord, and so then we spend more time with the Lord by being in a Sister’s presence.”

Many changes have been made to the Motherhouse over the last few years in an effort to make the Sisters’ time here as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. A new dining hall has two beautiful murals (see picture above), lots of natural light and an accessible entrance to an outdoor courtyard. Renovated rooms have private bathrooms, and some have more space to accommodate those with mobility concerns.



(L-R): Sr. Elaine Cote, Sr. Ann Clare Gallagher, Sr. Eva DiCamillo and Sr. Mary Ellen Walsh enjoying dinner in the new dining hall for the Feast of St. Francis. Note the mural in the background.



2014 Jubilarians living in the Motherhouse. (L-R, Jubilee year): Sr. Frances Cardillo (60), Sr. Ann Wachter (50), Sr. Carlina Tronconi (65), Sr. Sharon O’Neil (50), Sr. Frances Monica Sheehy (65), Sr. Roseanne Duffy (65) and Sr. Mary Therese Maher (70)

Yes! I would like provide a special gift for the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in St. Elizabeth’s Motherhouse as well as helping the Sisters reach out to the poor in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia and the U.S.

I am enclosing my gift of: \$200 \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other

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Each floor has common areas with comfortable seating. Chairs replaced pews in the front rows of the Chapel for easier worship. A larger health care facility was added, which includes community areas where Sisters can come together to pray. Sisters who aren't able to leave their rooms can still feel connected to the Chapel and the spirituality there through a closed circuit TV channel.

Our Sisters have committed their lives to God's service and caring for those who are poor. As they come back to the Motherhouse, now it is our time to care for them. We offer you the opportunity to appreciate our Sisters through giving. A portion of your donations will be used for the addition of a "hearing loop" in the Chapel, which will enable them to hear the services there with much better clarity. A new meeting room has already successfully used this technology.

Please allow me to remind you that the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse is also a House of Prayer. Sisters here pray daily for all those who serve the mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. They also pray for you, our generous benefactors, and all your intentions. You are such an integral part of our lives, and once again we want to



Activities Director Monica Colts helping Sr. Anne Peter Motto select a baby outfit for the Motherhouse's "Shower for Mary." Local community members bring gifts to the Chapel every December for this event that provides outreach to children who are vulnerable.



Sisters pray daily in the Motherhouse Chapel for the Sisters in missions, the Mission Society benefactors and their intentions.

thank you for your continual support of those we are privileged to serve through the St. Elizabeth Mission Society.

In gratitude for your generous support throughout the entire year, we will include your name in our Winter Raffle, giving you the chance to receive \$500, \$200 or \$100. Just complete the tickets below, and return them before March 15.

Blessings on you and your loved ones,

Laura C. Whitford

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*Please remember the following **Persons and Intentions** in the Sisters' prayers .*

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