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St. Anthony of Padua-June 13, 2013

My Dear Friends,

June 13th, the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua is a very special day for all Franciscans but more so for all of you who have a very personal relationship with him. He is known throughout the world for his miraculous powers given to him by God for the spread of the gospel. You may know him as the Wonder Worker-Finder of Lost Articles, Healer, Missionary and Lover of the Poor. You may also have your own special devotion unique to the love you feel for the Beloved Saint.



Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195. He joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine, but shortly after ordination, transferred to the Friars Minor. Devoting himself to spreading the faith, he converted heretics in Africa, France and Italy. He was the first member of the Order to teach theology to the friars. His sermons are notable for their learning and gentleness. He died at Padua in 1231 and was canonized less than a year later. In 1946 he was named the Doctor of the Church. (Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise)

Both Anthony (1195-1231) and Francis (1181-1226) were contemporaries for six years 1220-1226. Their personal contacts, as far as we know, were minimal. There is testimony of a contact between the two by way of an affectionate note, full of veneration and esteem, that Francis sent to Anthony, "his Bishop," between the end of 1223 and the beginning of 1224 in Bologna. With this, Francis authorized Anthony to teach theology to the monks, but asking him to ensure that this did not interfere with prayer. (www.saintanthonyofpadua.net/portale/santantonio/spirito/francescano/fra1.asp)



Dear Sr. Chris,

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.....FRANCIS, A LETTER TO BROTHER ANTHONY OF PADUA.....

Brother Francis sends Greetings to Brother Anthony, my Bishop. I am pleased that you teach sacred theology to the brothers providing that, as is contained in the Rule, you "do not extinguish the Spirit of prayer and devotion" during study of this kind. (Lt Ant)



Both St. Francis and St. Anthony living in the same era turned away from riches and dedicated their lives to helping the poor. From our early days as Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, we too, have followed in their footsteps. Our missions in Brazil, Bolivia, Jamaica and the United States continue because you, our benefactors, provide us with the means to serve the poor.

This photo was taken on my recent visit to our missions. It is the Church of St. Anthony in Brasilia, Brazil. At St. Elizabeth Mission Society here in Allegany, NY, we will again honor St. Anthony with a Mass celebrated in the Motherhouse Chapel in thanksgiving for you as well as for all the blessings and graces received from God through his intercession. We invite you to be a very special part of this time. Please list your intentions on the form below and return it to us so that we may place your petition on the altar.

Thank you so very much for your generosity in helping the poor through the Mission Society.

May YOU be blessed abundantly!

Sr. M. Chris Doherty, OSF
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