

St. Anthony of Padua

My dear friends,

In 2012, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany convened their General Chapter in Allegany, NY. It is during chapter time that all our members come together to be renewed, refreshed and make important decisions for the future as we respond to the signs of the times, through the lens of our Franciscan charism and spirituality. As a result of this chapter, I believe one of the **Initiatives** that we dedicated ourselves to, provides a powerful connection with the Saint we honor this June. I hope you will see "our special link with St. Anthony", the Lover of the Poor—

~21st Century~

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany

Initiative: "Engage" in service with people who are unemployed, under-employed, and those who are affected by these conditions. We will partner with our associates, sponsored ministries, and others to use our life experiences, education, skills, and financial and human resources."



~13th Century~

St. Anthony: Fernando de Bulhoes was born in Lisbon, Portugal in 1195 A.D. In 1220 he received the Franciscan habit and the name Anthony. He had a deep Love for the poor. It was central to his life. People instinctively were attracted to him. At each town and village he used the powerful message of Gospel love to implant a new unity, and to work the miracle of peace. Witnessing the Franciscan motto, Pax et Bonum, he spread the Kingdom of God.

www.shrineofst.anthony.org/novena

Dear Sr. Chris,

Please accept my donation in honor of St. Anthony to help the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany care for the poor in Brazil, Bolivia, Jamaica and the United States.

I am enclosing my gift of:

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***Please visit our website at: www.franciscanhope.org
Credit or Debit Card Donations can also be made through our website.***

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany:

Both Francis and Anthony turned away from riches and dedicated their lives to helping the poor. From our early days, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany 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 (alms, bread) to serve the poor. The term 'St. Anthony's Bread' is used for offerings made to the poor.

"St. Anthony's Bread is no longer a pious practice but an *intensified moral concern* for the poor and our desire to share our gifts from God with them."

...The Anthonian, Winter 2013-2014, P. 24

Legend:

"There is a story associated with St. Anthony where a desperate mother whose toddler had drowned calls upon the intercession of St. Anthony promising if she obtained the blessing of her child being restored to life, she would donate to the poor *bread* equal to the weight of her son. While she was still praying, the child arose as if from sleep. This miracle gave rise to the practice of giving alms (bread) to the poor as a petition or in return for favors received through St. Anthony's intercession"

www.thecatholictreasurechest.com

Today the Devotion... "St. Anthony's Bread" is widespread in Franciscan Churches where at the celebration each participant takes home a piece of bread as a token of their generosity to the poor.

At St. Elizabeth Mission Society here in Allegany, NY, we will again honor St. Anthony with a Mass celebrated in the Motherhouse 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 and return it to us so that we may place your petition on the altar.

As Franciscan Sisters of Allegany we are committed to do all we can to serve the poor, the unemployed, the afflicted and those in want, *everywhere*.

Let us be BREAD for one another...Any offering you send to help our missions in honor of St. Anthony will be used for the poorest of the poor.

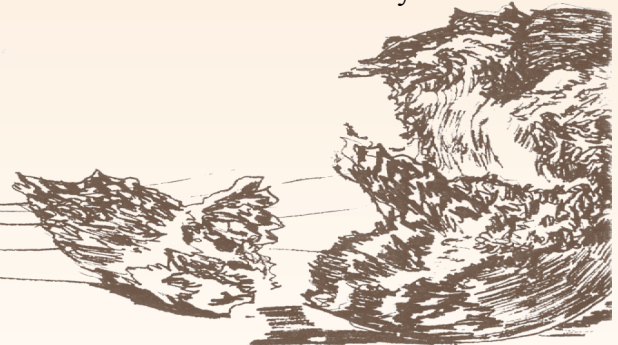
Thank you.

Pax et Bonum,

Sr. M. Chris Doherty, OSF

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St. Elizabeth Mission Society Director



Family Peace Youth Guidance Sale of Property Employment Peace Good Health

Spiritual Help Happy Marriage Motherhood Safety of those in areas of war Recovery of Lost Items

YOUR INTENTIONS

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