



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Fall 2015

Partners in the Gospel

"I thank my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." – Philippians 1: 3-10

Dear Friend,

I hope you enjoyed a beautiful summer! After a long, cold winter in Allegany I embraced every one of our warm, sunny days. Part of my summer adventures included a visit to several of our funded ministries in Tampa and St. Petersburg, FL. While there, I also shared in fellowship and worship with our Sisters at St. Elizabeth and St. Clare Convents.

Daystar Life Center in St. Petersburg was one of my stops. Located in an area where 48% of the population is living in poverty, Daystar provides help with rent, food and clothes. For those without homes who are seeking employment, they offer critical services like acting as a mailing address for clients and inviting a Florida DMV van to come once a month to create ID cards. Mission Society grants have helped provide underwear, socks, hygiene supplies and baby care items. You and I may take these little things for granted, but they bring such comfort and dignity to a person.



In a recent visit to Daystar Life Center in St. Petersburg, FL, Mission Society President Laura Whitford (right) met with Executive Director Jane Walker.



Mission Society funding helped provide carts for Daystar clients to easily bring home food, hygiene supplies, socks, underwear and other items that bring comfort to neighbors in need.

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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Donations can also be made on our website, www.franciscanhope.org, using PayPal.

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Fall Raffle

1st Prize: \$500
2nd Prize: \$200
3rd Prize: \$100

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Our Sisters have been involved with Daystar since its inception. One of them, Sr. Rosemarie Infinito, OSF, passed away this summer. Sr. Rosemarie had a great love for the poor, and she became the director of Daystar, following in the footsteps of Sr. Ruth Bartle, OSF.

At her funeral, the priest read the above scripture, and I found it to be very inspirational. We are all partners in the gospel – you as a benefactor, our Sisters and our Mission Society board members and staff. All of us work together to bring Christ’s love and healing to those who need it the most. Our Sisters pray joyfully for you, and I know from the notes that you write to me, that you are praying for their good work, too.

The priest also talked about the things people leave when they pass away and how when we see them, it reminds us of them. Sr. Rosemarie, and all those before and after her, leave an indelible mark on everyone they have touched - the children who have been educated, the sick who have been cared for and the poor who have been loved.

In gratitude for your generous support throughout the entire year, we will include your name in our Fall Raffle, giving you the chance to receive \$500, \$200 or \$100. Just complete the tickets below, and return them before October 15. The Mission Society will make a donation to the Motherhouse Activities Program, where the Sisters could use things like DVDs, iPods with headphones, updated CD players, new hand weights and other items.

Blessings on you and your loved ones,

Laura C. Whitford

Laura Whitford
President
St. Elizabeth Mission Society

Sisters at the Motherhouse enjoy outings, like this picnic with older adults from a local assisted living community. A donation from the Fall Raffle will help support the Sisters’ activities program.



*Winter Raffle
Helps Sisters Hear
Better in the Chapel*



Thank you for supporting our Winter Raffle appeal. In March, Sr. Jean Hayes, OSF drew the lucky raffle winners who are listed below. The Mission Society was able to give the Motherhouse in Allegany \$1,500 to support a hearing loop in the chapel, making it easier for the Sisters to hear Mass.

- 1st Prize:** Maryann Gallagher
Philadelphia, PA
- 2nd Prize:** Mark Hannon
Portville, NY
- 3rd Prize:** Mary Holton
Lewisburg, TN

Please remember the following Persons and Intentions in the Sisters’ prayers .

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