



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Easter 2016

Easter is a Time to Rejoice

*“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!” – Matthew 21:9*

Dear Friend,

“Hosanna!” was the welcome that greeted Christ as He entered Jerusalem in the days leading up to his crucifixion and resurrection. In the Old Testament (Psalm 118:25), the Hebrew word translated as “save now,” which was sometimes used for beseeching a king to help. In the New Testament, however, the meaning changed. The faithful recognized Jesus as King, praising Him and rejoicing because they knew salvation was coming. The phrase became one of hope, joy and deliverance; “Save us please!” changed to “Hurray! We are being saved!”.

Easter is a time of rejoicing for Our Risen Lord and the Gospel message He left with us. The Franciscan Sisters of Allegany answered the call to proclaim the Gospel in Brazil in 1946. Today, we have 60 Sisters there in 12 regions where they bring tenderness, compassion and sympathy for people who are suffering. With your generous help, St. Elizabeth Mission Society provides monthly support for seven programs in Brazil as well as grant funding for specific requests. Following are highlights on a few of the programs.



The Children and Adolescents Center (NACRI) received a Mission Society grant to purchase 300 uniforms for the at-risk students who attend.



The Mission Society supports St. Francis of Assisi School in Cristalândia, Brazil, which is administered by our Sisters.

Easter Intentions

Please remember the following persons and intentions in the Easter Sunday Mass and all the Masses to be celebrated during the Easter season at the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse Chapel in Allegany, NY.

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Sr. Iosita Freitas Campos, OSF is the president of the **NACRI - Alliance Community Center** in Anápolis, Goiás. The center serves 150 children every day who are in high-risk situations, not only personal but also child prostitution, juvenile crime and other social problems. They come from poor families who need help to survive. The Mission Society sends \$250 per month to help support the center's programs.

The **Brother John Anthony Janson Social Center** in Araguacema, Tocantins receives \$450 per month from the Mission Society to support programs for formation, nutrition, school supplies, pedagogical materials and hygiene. **Sr. Mariana Barbosa de Souza, OSF** works with community members, who learn crafts, cooking and more.

The **St. Francis of Assisi School** in Cristalândia, Tocantins was founded by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in 1959, and **Sr. Teresinha de Jesus Santos, OSF** is the current principal. The Mission Society provides \$100 per month to help support the school's good work.

The Mission Society provides over \$150,000 in grant funding and ongoing support to programs where the Franciscan Sisters are actively serving in Brazil, Bolivia, Jamaica and the U.S. Thank you for your generous donations, which help our Sisters bring joy and hope to many through food, clothing, medicine and education. Please accept our Easter card as our gift to you by indicating below how many you would like.

When we say or sing Hosanna, we make it our personal praise. Please join me in singing "Hosanna!" and let us rejoice at the coming of Our Lord and all that He continues to teach us through the Gospel. In His great sacrifice, He has given us life.

Wishing you a blessed Easter,

Laura C. Whitford

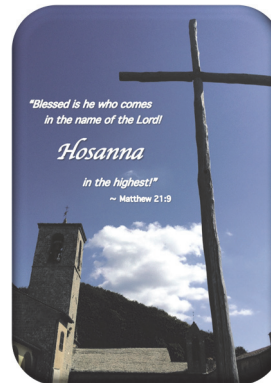
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Our Sisters' social center in Araguacema, Brazil provides family support.

2016 Easter Card

Remember your loved ones this Easter by including their intentions in Easter Mass at the Motherhouse Chapel.



Cover: Matthew 21:9

Inside message:

May your spirit rejoice and your heart be glad as you celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord. Wising You a Blessed Easter"

Yes! I would like to help the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany reach out to those who are poor in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia and the U.S.

I am enclosing my gift of: \$200____ \$100____ \$50____ \$25____ Other____

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Please send me _____
Easter cards.

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