



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Helping Those Who are Poor by Remembering St. Anthony

Dear Friend,

Have you ever prayed to St. Anthony of Padua for his intercession in your daily troubles and challenges? From finding a pair of reading glasses to finding a biological birth parent to finding a way out of debt, he has been called the “Wonder Worker” for countless miracles attributed to prayers requesting his help.

St. Anthony was a teacher, preacher, lover of the poor, peacemaker and bringer of social justice. A true Franciscan at heart and in deed, St. Anthony wanted to live like the poor like Jesus. Our Franciscan Sisters of Allegany also walk in these same footsteps, giving witness to the Gospel and ministering to those who are poor in the U.S., Brazil, Jamaica and Bolivia.

Allow me to share with you four stories of how our Franciscan Sisters care for those who are poor and how the St. Elizabeth Mission Society has helped.

Sr. Maria José Monteiro, OSF works with low-income students in a Franciscan spirituality program at the St. Francis Educational Center in Palmas-Tocantins, Brazil. The program focuses on caring for the environment,

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Low-income students at St. Francis Educational Center in Brazil were able to raise their grades and build self esteem thanks to a Mission Society grant for books.



A Mission Society grant helped Canticle Farm in fulfilling its goal to provide 20% of its crops to local agencies feeding those who are poor.

Persons/Intentions

Please remember the following persons and intentions in the St. Anthony Feast Day Mass at the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse Chapel in Allegany, NY.

- Family Peace Youth Guidance Employment Peace Good Health
- Spiritual Help Happy Marriage Motherhood Recovery of Lost Items

music, art and overall academic achievement.

Sr. Joyce Ramage, OSF directs Canticle Farm, a certified naturally grown farm started by the Franciscan Sisters near the Motherhouse in Allegany, NY. Each year, the farm provides 20% of its summer harvest to local non-profit organizations who help feed those who are poor. Last year 33 farm shares benefited numerous local families.

Sr. Mary McNally, OSF, VP of Mission Integration at St. Anthony's Hospital, volunteers at Pinellas Hope, a homeless community in Clearwater, FL. When homeless adults are discharged from the hospital, they often need ongoing treatment and education about their illnesses. The Medical Respite Program offers them "casitas" to stay in as well as access to a nurse, medicines, showers and food.

Sr. Nancy Chiarello, OSF is a case manager for the homeless women living at The Dwelling Place of NY. She says a woman's "journey to wholeness begins by providing her with food, a clean bed of her own, the use of a bathroom and being with people who care. Daily nourishing meals that she can count on are a big first step in her healing process."

Through your generosity, St. Elizabeth Mission Society was able to help with funding for all of these programs! Whatever your personal devotion to St. Anthony of Padua, I invite you to remember the very poorest of the poor and make a donation in his honor as we celebrate St. Anthony's feast day on Monday, June 13. We will offer a Mass in thanksgiving for all the blessings, graces and gifts received from God through his intercession. Please list your needs and concerns on this form so that we may place your intentions on the altar.

On behalf of all those who have so little, I give my deepest gratitude,

Laura C. Whitford

Laura Whitford
President, St. Elizabeth Mission Society



The Mission Society gave a grant to The Dwelling Place of NY to provide nourishing daily meals for the shelter women and for weekly and holiday community dinners.



Homeless people discharged from the hospital are able to recuperate in medical casitas at Pinellas Hope, a homeless community in Florida. Mission Society funds provided IV antibiotics to assist with their healing.



A St. Anthony statue in our Mission Society offices watches over your intentions daily in the gold box. On his feast day, your intentions will be placed on the altar for a special Mass.

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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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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