



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Easter 2017

Receiving New Life Through Christ

"... just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

– Romans 6:4

Dear Friend,

Chapter Six in the Book of Romans reminds us of the redeeming power of our Lord's love for us. When we are born into Christ, our sin dies. God changes our hearts through salvation, and we focus on serving Him and not ourselves. God's grace, and the new life it gives, is a gift.

By proclaiming, or preaching, the Gospel, we are offering others the chance to change their hearts as well as become disciples of Jesus Christ. The best way we can show others the light of Christ is to let Him shine through our actions.

Our Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in Brazil, Bolivia, Jamaica and the U.S. live the Gospel by being a loving presence of Christ in the lives of those who are suffering. The Mission Society assists them in these efforts through grant awards made possible by you, our generous benefactor.

Sr. Grace Yap, OSF with Franciscan Ministries in Kingston, Jamaica focuses on community development and relief, with the goal to help people become self-sufficient, independent and working in a job or becoming an entrepreneur.



"I choose to work along side the very poor, difficult and most needy. I have placed all in God's hands. This is my faith journey. Thank you St. Elizabeth Mission Society for journeying with me and the very poor." - Sr. Grace Yap, OSF

A Mission Society grant helped Sr. Grace's organization, **Franciscan Ministries**, feed 12 very poor families in Jamaica through monthly distributions of food boxes of simple staples like rice, flour, sugar, cornmeal, oats, milk, tea, sardines, saltfish and laundry and bathing soap.

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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Our Sisters were some of the founding members of Santa Casa de Misericórdia in Anápolis, Brazil. The hospital serves patients from 45 cities who are poor, especially children, the elderly and expectant mothers. This year, a Mission Society grant helped purchase much-needed wheel chairs for transporting and bathing patients, small medical equipment, material for staff uniforms and mattress covers.

Our Sisters are part of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), which has a Collaborative Ministries in Lake Providence, Louisiana. Mission Society funding helped pay utility bills and rent for some families. When receiving assistance, the families also received financial counseling to help them manage their funds in the future.

Your prayers and support allow the Mission Society to help thousands of people each year through the good works of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and their partners. You have brought food, clothing, shelter, medicine and education to those who have little to nothing. Please consider a gift this Easter that will bring hope to a family who has no where else to turn.

May you ever be a witness to Christ's promised salvation,

Laura C. Whitford

Laura Whitford
President, St. Elizabeth Mission Society



"The aid received from the Mission Society has been and continues to be a sign of God's providence for **Santa Casa Hospital** in Anápolis, Brazil. We are all deeply grateful to the Mission Society and our benefactors." - Sr. Angela Albernaz, OSF

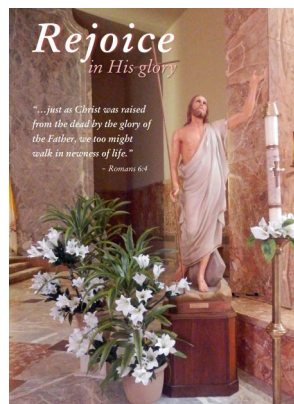


Ethel in Lake Providence, LA was able to avoid eviction due to utility assistance from **LCWR Collaborative Ministries**. A Mission Society grant helped reduce stress for 20 families who couldn't pay their bills.

2017 Easter Card

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

Please accept our Easter card as our gift to you by indicating how many you would like below.



INSIDE MESSAGE:

On this day of our Lord's glorious Resurrection, may the Spirit of the Risen Christ always live within you, and may you always have the gift of **Love**, the blessing of **Hope**, and the promise of **Peace**.
Happy 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 \$_____

Please make checks payable to: **St. Elizabeth Mission Society**

Please send me _____ Easter cards.

E-mail _____

Phone _____

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