



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Easter 2019

Easter is a Time of New Creations

“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”

– 2 Corinthians 5:17

Dear Friend,

Easter is a wonderful time to consider our relationship with Jesus and to let go of pride, sin and bad habits. Just as His resurrection created new life for us, your gifts to St. Elizabeth Mission Society have brought new creation to many people in need. Your help allowed us to award **\$45,000 in grants** in 2018.

- **Leadership & Religious Formation - Diocese of Miracema (Tocantins, Brazil)** Craft supplies, office equipment & snacks to develop leadership trainings in the most needy communities.
- **School Assistance for Needy Students - St. Francis of Assisi Educational Center (Palmas, TO, Brazil)** Educational programs & supplies, food and school uniforms for 12 low-income students.
- **Food for Healthy Living - Canticle Farm (Allegany, NY)** 6.5 farm shares & education for local community residents in need given through food pantries & shelters.
- **25 Laptops - Archbishop Walsh Academy (Olean, NY)** Bring the school closer to the goal of a one-to-one program that boosts educational outcomes.



Sr. Pat Tyre, OSF with a student at **St. Francis of Assisi Educational Center** in Palmas, TO, Brazil. 100 students receive financial scholarships to this private school, which gives them a better chance of entrance into public university. Studying engineering, law & medicine can change their lives and their families' lives by offering more opportunities for better-paying jobs.

Mission Society support of \$100/month, plus a grant, helps provide scholarship students with uniforms, food, transportation and supplies.

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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- **Homeless Women's Shelter Upgrades - *The Dwelling Place*** (*New York City, NY*) Paint dorm rooms.
- **New Oven for Meal Center - *Trinity Café*** (*Tampa, FL*) Replace an old, unrepairable model to better serve 450 free meals daily.
- **Sandwiches for the Homeless - *Holy Cross Parish*** (*Springfield, MA*) Ham, turkey and cheese for 400 sandwiches distributed weekly to the homeless.
- **Sick Bay Renovation - *Immaculate Conception High School*** (*Kingston, Jamaica*) Ironing board/iron, furniture, fixtures, appliances & linens to equip the newly-renovated Sick Bay facility.
- **The Alma Glenn Hall Improvement Project - *Alvernia Prep School*** (*Kingston, Jamaica*) Improve multipurpose space with new windows & two air-conditioning units.

Thank you for your generosity that has provided the means for us to accomplish God's work in serving those who are poor in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia and the United States. I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift that will bring new life and new hope to one who is suffering.

May Jesus Christ's redeeming love bless you this Easter,

Laura C. Whitford

Laura Whitford
President, St. Elizabeth Mission Society



Immaculate Conception High School is a top-ranking girls' school in Kingston, Jamaica that the Franciscan Sisters have operated for 140 years. A Mission Society **grant** helped provide supplies for its newly-renovated Sick Bay (Nurse's Office).



The **Holy Cross Parish** in Springfield, MA is able to distribute 400 sandwiches weekly to the homeless thanks to a Mission Society **grant**.

2019 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.



EASTER CARD INSIDE MESSAGE:

... and may all these continue to bless you throughout the year.

HAPPY EASTER!



Yes! I would like to help the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and their partners in ministry reach out to those who are poor in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia & the United States.

I am enclosing my gift of: \$200 \$50
 \$150 \$30
 \$100 Other \$ _____

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



Please send me _____ Easter cards

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

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