



# St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Easter 2023

## Remembering Christ's Sacrifice

*"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" – John 1:29*

Dear

When John the Baptist first met Jesus, he recognized the Holy Spirit in him and made it known who he was. Jesus was the Messiah and would become the sacrificial lamb for God's children to have everlasting life. In this season of rebirth, let us show how you have brought new life and hope through **\$65,000 in Mission Society grants** last year:

- **Health Care Assistance to Families** - *Franciscan Education & Assistance Association (Anápolis, GO, Brazil)* Health care, travel to appointments, meals & hygiene kits for families experiencing poverty.
- **Give Food to the Hungry** - *Menino Jesus Community (Anápolis, GO, Brazil)* Food, medicine, utilities assistance and hygiene & cleaning supplies for 12 families.
- **Evangelize through Music** - *FSA - Brazil Region (Anápolis, GO, Brazil)* Engage people to develop the art of singing & playing instruments in parish activities.
- **Transforming Lives through Education** - *St. Francis of Assisi Educational Center (Palmas, TO, Brazil)* Textbooks & educational supplies for students in need.



### Maternity Health Care Needs – *Maganja da Costa Hospital (Mozambique, Africa)*

Mission Society funding helped bring dignity and better service to women giving birth. Purchased items included: curtains to separate beds for individualized care for women in labor, sinks for washing material used in the delivery room, hospital clothes and other supplies.

*"These items will greatly benefit health care, especially for mothers who will come to the hospital to give birth to their children. They will help us to welcome pregnant women with much more dignity, sensitivity and affection."* – Sr. Liliane Araújo, OSF

## Easter Intentions

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

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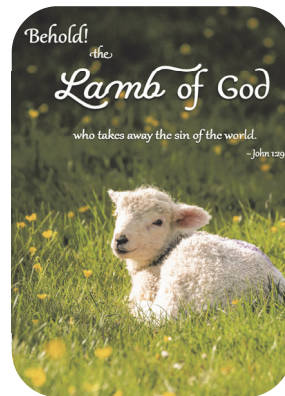
- **Roof Repair** - *Alvernia Preparatory School (Kingston, Jamaica)* Repair roof of Grade 6 classroom and roof above stairwell.
- **Maternity Health Care Needs** - *Maganja da Costa Hospital (Maganja, Mozambique)* Curtains to separate beds, sinks to wash material used in delivery room and hospital clothes.
- **RISE (Rental Assistance)** - *Brunswick County Homeless Coalition (Brunswick Co., NC)* Provide 4 families with rental assistance to keep existing rental housing and prevent homelessness.
- **Expand House Capacity** - *Genesis House (Olean, NY)* Renovate office space offsite to expand capacity in the house for 4 more bedrooms for people experiencing homelessness.
- **Sandwiches for the Homeless** - *Holy Cross Parish (Springfield, MA)* Ham, turkey and cheese for 400 weekly sandwiches.
- **Car Seats for Families in Need** - *Madonna House (Neptune, NJ)* 15 infant/toddler car seats for families.
- **St. Anthony's Garden** - *St. Anthony's Hospital (St. Petersburg, FL)* Creation of pathways for the community garden to improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities.
- **Children's Services** - *St. Francis Community Center (Long Beach Island, NJ)* Outdoor play equipment for children.
- **Food Supplies** - *The Warming House (Olean, NY)* Food supplies to support 360 weekly meals to those who are hungry.
- **Pathways for Liberation Through Education** - *United Interfaith Action of Southeastern MA (Falls River, MA)* Computer equipment & supplies for a community improvement program.
- **Good Food to Grow** - *Virtua Health Foundation (Marlton, NJ)* Provide bags of food to families to promote healthy eating.



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## 2023 Easter Card

As our gift to you, remember your loved ones this Easter by including their intentions in Easter Masses at the Motherhouse Chapel.



**EASTER CARD INSIDE MESSAGE:**  
In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith & your heart made new with the hope Easter brings.  
Happy Easter!

Thank you for your generosity that has helped us to accomplish God's work in serving those who are poor in Bolivia, Brazil, Jamaica, Mozambique and the United States. I ask you to consider a gift that will bring comfort to those without food, hygiene, homes and jobs.

May you feel your heart made new in this season of rebirth,

*Laura*

Laura Whitford, President



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

**I am enclosing my gift of:**

<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____

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



Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ Easter cards

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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[www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub](http://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub).