



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua 2023

Good Works Accompany Faith

“If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,’ but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”
– James 2:15-17

Dear

James talks about how we can be saved through our living faith in Jesus Christ, but we must also have good works. A living faith means that our faith in Jesus is put into action; that we’re doing what he has commanded us to do, especially when it comes to helping and loving our neighbors.

St. Anthony of Padua embodied living faith and good works. He traveled widely and preached from his vast knowledge of the scripture, while at the same time had a special love for the poor and oppressed. His example of love and acceptance itself became a powerful call to conversion. He helped create a spirit of family and social peace. He preached against greed and always defended those who were powerless and incapable of defending themselves.

He has been called a “Wonder Worker” for the many



Nurturing Hope – NACRI - Community Center Alliance (Anápolis, Goiás, Brazil)

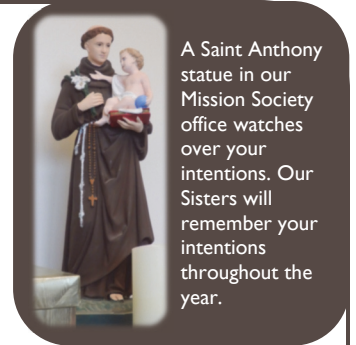
Mission Society funding of \$300/month provides daily meals/snacks, special workshop & educational materials and hygiene items for the 130 children who attend this enriching community program.

“We provide better food for our children, most of whom do not have regular, quality food at home. With this, we work with well-fed children who better develop their school activities and other activities proposed by NACRI, such as sports, basic computing, music classes, and handicrafts.” – Sr. Aldenir Mota Ribeiro, OSF

Persons/Intentions

Please remember the following persons and intentions in the Sisters’ prayers at the St. Elizabeth Motherhouse in Allegany, New York.

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



A Saint Anthony statue in our Mission Society office watches over your intentions. Our Sisters will remember your intentions throughout the year.



miracles that have been attributed to him during his life and since his death. One particular miracle is the story behind "St. Anthony's Bread." After a child fell into a barrel of water and drowned, her mother prayed to St. Anthony. She promised she would donate the child's weight in grain to the poor if she were restored to life. Miraculously, the child arose while her mother was praying and lived.

"St. Anthony's Bread" often refers to the money collected and given to those in need in St. Anthony's name. These offerings are made in thanksgiving to God for blessings received through the prayers of St. Anthony. At the Mission Society, we consider our St. Anthony appeal to be a year-round fundraising effort as people offer gifts in thanksgiving for St. Anthony's intercession throughout the year.

Every month, the Mission Society provides \$6,600 to support ministries in Bolivia, Brazil, Jamaica and Mozambique. This funding provides much needed food and medicine to many families; diapers and health care for young mothers; school supplies, uniforms, tuition and lunch programs for students; job skills training; and religious education. Additionally, the Mission Society hopes to provide \$85,000 in grants in August, which support many of these same basic needs, while also including many organizations in the United States.

It is only through your generosity that our Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and their partners in ministry are able to offer their loving ministries. While you may not be able to provide good works by giving actual material items to someone in need, making an offering to help our Sisters and their partners in ministry provide comfort to those experiencing poverty would also be considered as good works.

St. Elizabeth Mission Society specially celebrates St. Anthony's Feast Day on June 13 by offering prayers in thanksgiving for all the blessings, graces and gifts received from God through his intercession. Please include your intentions on the form.

May your living faith and good works inspire others,

Laura
 Laura Whitford, President



The Mission Society provides **\$800/month** to help **Sisters in Bolivia** bring much needed assistance to those who are experiencing poverty with food, milk powder, clothes, shoes and education.



The Madonna House in Neptune, New Jersey received a Mission Society grant to buy car seats, diapers & other baby items for people who struggle to buy food and clothe their children. Sr. Bernadette Schuler, OSF (left) is pictured with a single mom-to-be Kristina (right), who was referred to the program.



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

- I am enclosing my gift of:**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ |

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What's your legacy?

Please consider including the **St. Elizabeth Mission Society** in your estate planning. Naming us as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy or retirement plan will further our work for future generations.

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Donations can also be made on our website, www.FranciscanHope.org, using PayPal or via PayPal Giving Fund at www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub.