



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Easter 2024

Living in the Hope of Eternal Life

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

Dear

In this season of rebirth, let us show how you have brought new life and hope through **\$90,000 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.
- **Franciscan Spirituality Formation** - *FSA - Brazil Region (Anápolis, GO, Brazil)* Associate program support.
- **Transforming Lives through Education** - *St. Francis of Assisi Educational Center (Palmas, TO, Brazil)* Textbooks & educational supplies for scholarship students.
- **Waters for Life** - *FSA - Brazil Region (Santarém, PA, GO, Brazil)* Support for defending the socio-territorial rights of original peoples along the Amazon River banks.
- **Classroom Repairs & Equipment** - *Chetwood Memorial Primary School (Montego Bay, Jamaica)* Repair walls, paint classrooms and purchase projectors & cameras.
- **Library Roof Repair** - *Immaculate Conception High School*



Addressing Food Insecurity – *Lord’s Miracle Acre Garden Ministry* (Shallotte, North Carolina)

This faith-based community garden was founded with the same inspiration as St. Francis and his companions over 800 years ago - Christ’s love **for all people**. The program provides Ecumenical fellowship for individuals, families, church and youth groups. Volunteers plant, cultivate, harvest and transport over 43,000 pounds of responsibly-grown produce to four local food pantries and three Recovery Centers. Mission Society funding supports the garden with seeds, fertilizer, tools and other supply costs.

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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(Kingston, Jamaica) Repair roof to prevent damage.

- **Classroom Expansions** - *Immaculate Conception Prep & St. Francis Primary & Infant Schools (Kingston, Jamaica)* Expand classrooms to accommodate more students.
- **RISE (Rental Assistance)** - *Brunswick County Homeless Coalition (Brunswick Co., NC)* Provide 20 families with rental assistance to keep existing rental housing and prevent homelessness.
- **Franciscan Food Pantry** - *Canticle Farm (Allegany, NY)* Year-round distribution of fresh produce to area food pantries.
- **Breakfast Cereal Project** - *FEAST Food Pantry (Palm Harbor, FL)* Provide nutritious cereal to 1,250 food-insecure families.
- **Food Supplies** - *Genesis House (Olean, NY)* Milk, bread, butter, eggs, produce & condiments to unhoused families.
- **Sandwiches for the Homeless** - *Holy Cross Parish (Springfield, MA)* Ham, turkey and cheese for 200 weekly sandwiches.
- **Community Garden Support** - *Lord's Miracle Acre Garden Ministry (Shallotte, NC)* Seeds, fertilizer and tools.
- **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)* Irrigation system, seeds, tools & four new raised beds.
- **Food Supplies** - *The Warming House (Olean, NY)* Food supplies & takeout containers for meals for those who are food-insecure.
- **Homelessness Prevention** - *St. Francis Community Center (Long Beach Island, NJ)* Assist 10 families with rent/mortgage payments.
- **Assistance for Families** - *St. Vincent DePaul Society (Ruskin, FL)* Rent, temporary shelter, utilities, prescriptions, transportation, etc.

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.

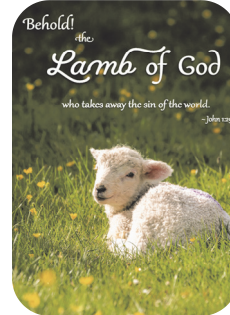
May you be inspired with God's love that brings hope,

Laura

Laura Whitford, President

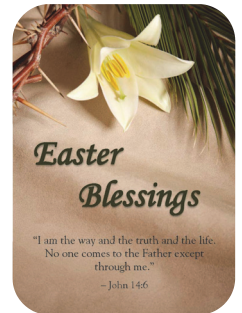
Easter Cards

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



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

INSIDE MESSAGE:
May the Lord bless you and keep you this Easter season as we remember the resurrection and step forward...
Happy Easter!



MESSAGE:
With the risen King, comes peace, comes hope, comes joy.
May your Easter be blessed and filled with love.



Yes!

I would like to help the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany & their partners in ministry reach out to those who are experiencing poverty in Bolivia, Brazil, Jamaica, Mozambique and 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 the following

Easter cards:

(indicate quantity for each)

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____ Snowdrops

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.