



St. Elizabeth Mission Society

A Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY

Easter 2025

Finding Renewed Strength

"They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow faint."

– Isaiah 40:31

Dear

In this season of rebirth, let us show how you have brought renewed strength and hope through **\$95,000 in Mission Society grants** last year:

- **Assistance to Families - FSA - Brazil Region** (*Quirinópolis, GO, Brazil*) Health care, medical assistance, food & clothing for families experiencing poverty.
- **Laboratory in Action - St. Francis of Assisi Educational Center** (*Palmas, TO, Brazil*) Upgrade the science laboratory with equipment & educational materials.
- **Waters for Life - FSA - Brazil Region** (*Santarém, PA, Brazil*) Support for defending the socio-territorial rights of original peoples along the Amazon River banks.
- **Revive the Proclamation - FSA - Mozambique** (*Maganja, Mozambique*) Support for Biblical-Catechetical pastoral school - educational materials, food, fuel, etc.
- **Solar Projects - Alvernia Preparatory & St. Joseph's Infant Schools** (*Kingston, Jamaica*) Installation of solar panels at two schools to reduce dependence on energy supplier.



Feeding Patients – Santa Casa de Misericórdia de Anápolis (Anápolis, GO, Brazil)

A grant to Santa Casa Hospital helped feed 150 patients and their companions while receiving treatment at the hospital. Santa Casa spends around \$7,000/month on food. Sr. Pat Reid, OSF made a special appeal for help last year as the hospital was experiencing financial challenges. Her heartfelt words helped raise an additional \$35,000 that the Mission Society was able to send directly to the hospital. "My prayer for you is that you be rewarded with health, peace & courage to meet every day with the gift you need." – Sr. Pat

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.



- **Fence Repair** - *Immaculate Conception Convent (Kingston, Jamaica)* New wall & fence repair for safety & security of the convent.
- **Restroom Repairs** - *Immaculate Conception High School (Kingston, Jamaica)* Repair damaged ceilings and replace toilets & fixtures.
- **Infant Playground** - *St. Francis Primary & Infant School (Kingston, Jamaica)* Erect a covered area in the elementary playground.
- **Emergency Financial Assistance** - *Catholic Charities of WNY (Olean, NY)* Support for food, hygiene supplies & utility assistance.
- **Peanut Butter Project** - *FEAST Food Pantry (Palm Harbor, FL)* Provide peanut butter to 1,700 food-insecure families.
- **Resurrection Grotto** - *Franciscan Center (Tampa, FL)* Creation of outdoor altar/grotto to enhance Franciscan identity at the Center.
- **Care of Creation** - *Mt. Irenaeus (Friendship, NY)* Educational & leadership experiences for faculty & students for Care of Creation.
- **Sandwiches for the Homeless** - *Holy Cross Parish (Springfield, MA)* Sandwich ingredients & clothes for 200 weekly recipients.
- **End of Life Education** - *HomeCare & Hospice (Allegany, NY)* Support for continuing education classes for health care workers.
- **Car Seats for Families** - *Madonna House (Neptune, NJ)* Provide 15 infant/toddler car seats for families in need.
- **St. Anthony's Garden** - *St. Anthony's Hospital (St. Petersburg, FL)* Upgrade garden with a meditation garden & monarch habitat.
- **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 families with rent/mortgage payments.
- **Elderly Mobility** - *Total Senior Care (Olean, NY)* Purchase treadmill to facilitate regular physical activity.

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



Daystar Kids EAT – Daystar Life Center (St. Petersburg, FL)
A Mission Society grant provided food for this program that engages children in growing a garden & learning how to cook.

2025 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!



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.**



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