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# Spirituality in Action

Inspiration from the Areas and the Order of Malta Worldwide

January 2018



## Westchester Area



**POTS (Part of the Solution):** Knights and Dames of the Westchester Area supply this wonderful resource for the poor and sick with donations of bread, pastries, fresh fish and canned food from local supermarkets. Located in the Bronx, POTS provides food and clothing, medical, dental assistance and legal aid. The Westchester Area serves meals in the facility's dining room on the second Saturday of each month.

**Prison Ministry:** On December 18, 2017, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Chaplain of the Order, celebrated Mass at Taconic Correctional Facility for women. The Order donated 30 Prayer Books for the use of inmates.

In November and December, the Westchester Area, collected new and used winter coats for the benefit of the Cabrini Foundation. They also provided many wrapped Christmas gifts of toys, new hats, gloves scarves and gift cards. We are specially thankful to Deacon Jack Shea CHDD for his resourcefulness.

## 2018 Spring Retreat



The American Association's 2018 Spring Retreat is scheduled for March 2 - 4 at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, Florida. Bishop Frank Caggiano, ChC, from Bridgeport, CT will once again bless us as our Retreat Master.

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Msgr. William J.



**Terrence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center (TCC) Christmas Party:** On Sunday, December 10th, a large group of NYC Area Members, Prep and Auxiliary gathered at TCC to wrap gifts, serve dessert and beverages to residents of TCC, and generally socialize with our guests while listening to the Christmas music of Squeaky Clean. Some even danced in the aisles as all awaited the arrival of Santa and his bag of gifts! This year marked the 25th year the Order of Malta in NYC has hosted the Christmas party. Many thanks to John Ottosen for acting as Santa.



**Holy Family Hospital:** Continuing an Advent tradition begun several years ago, parish appeals to benefit Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem were conducted this month. We extend special thanks to Msgr. Douglas Mathers and Fr. Gerry Murray for allowing members of the Order to speak to their parishioners about the Hospital and solicit donations after each Mass over a designated weekend during Advent. Organized by Marissa Blackett and Ellen Shafer, poignant descriptions of the Hospital were delivered by a Member or Auxiliary at each Mass while other Members, Auxiliary, and family passed out leaflets and collected donations at the back of each

series with a discussion about the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born citizen of the United States to be canonized.

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## Upcoming Association Events

**January 18 - 19**

[Pilgrimage for Life 2018](#)

**February 7**

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**March 2 - 4**

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Holy Family Hospital was also the beneficiary of a Viennese Concert on December 7th held at the residence of Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the Holy See's Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer to the United Nations. Organized by members of the Auxiliary Luisa Majnoni, Rory McCarthy and Martin Steinbauer, the evening included a wonderful performance by Lauren Andree, AUX, and caroling led by an a capella group from NYU. Mulled wine, champagne and Viennese pastries topped off the evening.

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