



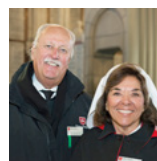
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### *A Time of Memories, A Time of Commitment*

When Saint Patrick's Cathedral is filled with Knights, Dames, family and friends, there is a feeling of deep, spiritual commitment to the liturgical proceedings that are taking place. With the organ and choir tuned to perfection, the solemnity of the liturgy unfolding before them, in the presence of Cardinal Sean O'Malley and many concelebrants, the importance of the moment became apparent to the men and women who were being invested at the afternoon Mass. Surrounded by Knights, Dames, family and friends, the new members of the Order of Malta committed to a life of spiritual growth through living the charism of the Order, "Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum."

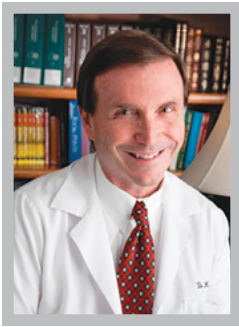
Having already started on that path during the Year of Formation, the new Knights and Dames made a solemn, public *(continued on page 5)*

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Since its redesign, the Order of Malta, American Association mobile app continues to be updated regularly with new photos and user friendly improvements to its features such as daily prayers and the member directory. This app is available for Android and iOS devices in the app store when you search "Order of Malta, American Association".



LAST WEEK'S ANNUAL MEETING AND INVESTITURE WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF MY YEAR. IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE THE CHEERFUL FACES OF THE 63 NEWLY INVESTED KNIGHTS AND DAMES.

Our Board meeting the day before the annual meeting was focused on the implementation of the strategic planning committee's recommendations. We sent you a summary that was presented at our annual meeting of the committee's recommendations to all members.

The emphasis of the strategic plan is to increase the spirituality of our members, grow the membership of the auxiliary and their participation in the ministries of the Order and support our area leadership so they can support our members on a local level. I firmly believe that these initiatives will increase our ability to recruit members including younger members and will ensure that new members are fully informed about the Order and its charisms and actively involved in ministries.

One of the issues that the Board thoroughly discussed was the need to increase the Annual Contribution to support the recommendations of the strategic planning committee and cover our increasing overhead. We have not increased the Annual Contribution in 10 years; our Annual Contribution was the lowest amount of the three US Associations. We decided to spread the increase over two years, so in 2020, they will be \$1650 and then in 2021, they will increase to \$1750.

The Board is acutely aware that any increase in the Annual Contribution could pose a financial burden on some of our members. For that reason, we have a policy to do our best to accommodate those members who have difficulty paying the full amount of the Annual Contribution. This policy is administered by Dr Trexler on an individual basis. Any member who is having financial difficulties should contact Dr. Trexler at the New York office.

At the Annual Meeting, we recognized those Board members and Area Chairs who were ending their terms. Unfortunately, I neglected to recognize the person who has led and helped grow our Prison Ministry for the past fourteen years. Bob Fredericks has devoted significant time and energy to expand prison ministry so it is now an active ministry in all three US associations as well as Canada. He has been recognized by the Grand Master for his great work and has inspired the European Associations to begin Prison Ministries. He decided to step down as chair at the end of this year. Please join me in thanking Bob for all of his hard work growing this ministry. Craig Gibson has agreed to become the new chair of Prison Ministry.

As I looked out at all of the members attending our annual meeting, it was humbling to see two of our past presidents, Dan Kelly and Jack Pohrer sitting in the front row. The support and guidance these two gentlemen have provided to me over the past two years have allowed me to continue their legacy.

Finally, I would like to encourage all of you as I did our Board members and new members to make a commitment this next year to attend as many of our two retreats and three pilgrimages as you can. These are special occasions where we can grow together as a lay religious community and increase our spirituality.

I hope you and your families have a Blessed Christmas and Healthy New Year!

God bless you and all you do,

Peter J. Kelly, MD, GCM

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## 2020 Lourdes Pilgrimage

With Advent upon us, we are preparing for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ. Mary awaits the birth of her Son, with joy and trust in an angel's greeting. The 2020 Lourdes pilgrimage allows us the opportunity to bring together the American Association with members of the Order of Malta throughout the world.

Plans are well underway, applications should be in our office for consideration, and recommendations for the Malades we hope to sponsor, are being assessed by our medical team.

Our theme, "Jesus, I trust in you", reflects upon our dependence on God's will for us in this life, so that we may live eternal life with him. It is through His mother Mary that we beseech the grace and strength to deal with our physical, emotional, and spiritual shortcomings. As we help each other, we can grow spiritually to know that, "His will be done".

We will have an excellent group of clergy, doctors, nurses, Knights and Dames, Auxiliary and volunteers, to lead us on this journey. Our "trust in Jesus" will show us the way.

Our Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette with the message of praying the rosary, bathing in the healing waters, processing and building a church. We will visit the churches in the Domain, celebrate daily Mass, pray at the Grotto and participate in the candlelight procession as a group.

Beyond this, our week will include reflections and inspirational talks by some of our clergy as well as the sacrament of reconciliation. Our chaplains will be available throughout our pilgrimage for help and counsel. There will be anointing of the sick, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and, of course, a trip to bathe in the healing waters of Lourdes.

Many of us have responded in the past to the call of our Order to care for "our lords, the sick" in Lourdes. We look forward to welcoming those in formation and first time pilgrims. We anticipate a full charter this spring. If you are unable to join us, we asked for you to participate in the 'Malades in Spirit' program for those whose illness does not allow travel.

As expenses continue to grow, and in order to provide a no-cost experience for our Malades and their caregivers, we ask that you prayerfully consider a donation to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Foundation. This will provide much to the future of our endeavors to serve "our Lord's the sick and the poor". We are grateful for your participation.

We wish you blessings for a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Jesus, I trust in you  
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us  
Saint Bernadette, pray for us

Cathy

Cathy Besgen, DMOB

Bill

Bill Besgen, KMOB





## Investiture Weekend

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commitment to stay on that path for the rest of their lives. Living a life giving witness to their Catholic Faith through service to the sick and the poor, each Knight and Dame joined thousands of their peers around the world and across the centuries.

Thirty-five Knights and twenty-eight Dames were invested during the solemn liturgy at the Cathedral. Cardinal O'Malley, blessing the insignia of the Order which the Knights and Dames would wear, spoke these solemn words, "God our Father, through the suffering, death, and resurrection of your Son, the Cross has become for us a sign of life. Pour down your blessing on these Crosses (+) which you have created. May those who wear them be blessed. Let them learn that the yoke of the Lord is not oppressive, and that his burden is light. Let these Crosses ever be a reminder of our Faith, an inspiration to good works, a help to salvation, a comfort and a protection against all evil."

Dr. Peter Kelly, with authority delegated from the Grand Master, invested three Conventual Chaplains and two Magistral Chaplains. (Deputy Chaplains and Deacon Deputy Chaplains were invested at the Mass for the Blessings of the Robes and Capes on Thursday.) Chancellor Edward Delaney then read the names of the Dames and Knights to be invested and they made the following promise of commitment:

*I promise, calling on the name of God, in chivalrous fidelity, always to bear witness to the Catholic Faith, to defend the Church, and to lead my life in accordance with the teachings of Holy Mother Church. I declare myself ready as a member of the Order of Malta to care for our lords, the sick and the poor, with all my strength and ability. I also declare myself ready to obey the Constitution, the Statutes, and the Rule of the Order, and to fulfill with fidelity and diligence whatever the Order and my superiors impose on me. To all this, so help me God, Our Lady of Philermo, Saint John the Baptist, our Glorious*





*Patron, Blessed Frá Gerard, our Founder, and all the Saints of our Order. You who are here present, I also call to witness my commitment.*

This promise of commitment represents a lifetime allegiance to the charism of the Order of Malta to witness to and defend the faith and to serve the sick and the poor. Invoking God, the Blessed Mother, John the Baptist, Blessed Gerard and the saints of the Order, and all those present, as witnesses, each Knight and Dame freely committed him or herself to rules, regulations and direction from their superiors of the Order.

One by one, the Knights and Dames made their way to the front of the Sanctuary where they were greeted by President Kelly and Cardinal O'Malley and then presented with the medals they would wear throughout their lives as a sign of the commitment they had just made.

The Investiture weekend was filled with meetings, celebrations and making new friends. The weekend Masses were made even more special with the presence and per-

formance of the young violinist, Zoe Nguyen, during the Masses over the three days of the Investiture events. Zoe was a participant on the 2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage where she had debuted with the Association and opened minds and hearts to the presence of God through her music. Zoe's artistry and skill were described by one attendee as, "God opening the door of Heaven so the people at Mass could hear the music."

The Class of 2019 is the first to complete the new Year of Formation online curriculum, the first to be involved in a new service project during the Investiture weekend, the first to have the gala at the restored Intercontinental Barclay. They come from eighteen different Areas, span ages from the twenties to the seventies, and represent many diverse backgrounds. The Class of 2019 did show one common element of community at the Investiture Ceremony at Saint Patrick's Cathedral - the commitment to the Order's charism. May God bless them as they travel the path of Blessed Gerard to a greater level of spirituality through hands-on work and witness to the Catholic Faith. ■

# DEPUTY AND MAGISTRAL CHAPLAINS,

## — CONVENTUAL CHAPLAINS —

Most Rev. John T. Folda, ChC  
Fargo, ND

Most Rev. Gerald Vincke, ChC  
Salina, KS

Most Rev. Peter Rosazza, ChC  
Bloomfield, CT

## — MAGISTRAL CHAPLAIN —

Rev. Msgr. Michael C. LeFevre, ChM  
Auburn Hills, MI

Rev. Michael R. Rock, ChD  
Philadelphia, PA

## — DEACON DEPUTY CHAPLAINS —

Deacon James M. Cowan, ChDD  
Staten Island, NY

Rev. Mr. Franklin Hung, ChDD  
Wappingers Fall, NY

Rev. Mr. Greg Rotherham, ChDD  
Green Bay, WI

## — DEPUTY CHAPLAINS —

Rev John Ahern, ChD  
Boston, MA

Rev. Msgr. Aloysius Callaghan, ChD  
Saint Paul, MN

Rev. Royce Gregerson, ChD  
Goshen IN

Msgr. Thomas Joseph Klinzing, ChD  
Palm Beach FL

Very Rev. David R. LeFort, ChD  
Albany, NY

Fr. Peter Le Jacq, ChD  
Maryknoll, NY

Msgr. James Swiader, ChD  
Garden City, NY





# KNIGHTS AND DAMES INVESTED

## — KNIGHTS OF MAGISTRAL GRACE —

John A. Apap, KM Bloomfield Hills, MI	Luis J. Fujimoto, MD, KM New York, NY	George C. Mulry III, KM New Canaan, CT	Andrew L. Shemin, KM New York, NY
Kirk A. Babyak, KM Sandy Hook, CT	William M. Ioas Sierra, KM New York, NY	Minh Q. Nguyen, MD, KM Bethlehem PA	Brandon, Sipple, KM Stockton, NJ
Timothy J. Brooks, KM Vero Beach, FL	Peter Jensen, KM New Canaan, CT	Steven G. Niehaus, KM Fort Myers, FL	Robert C. Sisson, KM Gallatin Gateway, MT
Edward M. Brotonel, KM Chicago, IL	Martin D. Kerckhoff, KM St. Louis, MO	Lloyd, Noble, KM Tulsa, OK	Anthony, Stasi, KM Kew Gardens, NY
James A. Calcagnini, KM Darien, CT	John D. Koch, KM Palm Beach, FL	James J. O'Connor, KM Winnetka, IL	Scott J. Steffan, KM Jacksonville, FL
Dominique, Conseil, KM Minneapolis MN	Oliver J. Kupe, KM Chicago, IL	Timothy P. Page, MD, KM Birmingham, MI	Peter L. Twill, KM Berkeley Heights, NJ
Mark, DeFrancisco, KM Andover, MA	Christopher A. Lipinski, KM Waterford, CT	Brian A. Ragen, KM St. Louis, MO	John S. Vricella, KM Manhasset, NY
James F. Egan, KM Rye, NY	Joseph T. Lucia, KM Woodbridge, NJ	Mark D. Reisbig, MD, KM Elkhorn, NE	Charles F. Youngblood, MD, KM Omaha NE
James J. Fallon, KM Armonk, NY	Jose A. Motta, KM Plano TX	Michael P. Rodgers, KM Glen Cove, NY	

## — DAMES OF MAGISTRAL GRACE —

Elizabeth M. Auda, DM New Canaan, CT	DeAnne, Calcagnini, DM Darien, CT	Kathleen R. Fallon, MD, DM Armonk, NY	Karen E. Maynard, DM New York, NY
Michelle L. Babyak, DM Sandy Hook, CT	Evelyn Caron, DM Andover, MA	Amandine, Freidheim, DM New York, NY	Julie A. McCarthy, DM North Sutton, NH
Elizabeth C. Baine, DM Rye, NY	Lia A. Carter, DM Fairfield, CT	Tiffany, Hawley, DM Newtown, CT	Karen C. Mongiello, DM Forest Hills, NY
Kelly L. Bender, DM Webster Groves, MO	Marsha J Casey, DM Greenwich, CT	MaryPat S. Hughes, DM Ossining, NY	Tara M. Moser, DM Delmar, NY
Carlyn, Berghoff, DM Wilmette, IL	Lucia Chan, DM Forest Hills, NY	Blanche, Johnson, DM New York, NY	Pamela S. Pagnani, DM Greenwich, CT
Maureen H. Bleday, DM Westwood, MA	Mary DeFrancisco, DM Andover, MA	Judith W. Johnson, DM New Canaan, CT	Kathryn E. Staudt, DM New York, NY
Rebecca A. Brooks, DM Vero Beach, FL	Marina, Fairfax, DM London	Sara E. Littlefield, DM Darien, CT	Jeanne F. Stewart, DM Westport, CT





## The 2019 American Association Strategic Plan

### *A Roadmap for the Future*

Early this year, President Peter Kelly and the Board approved the creation of a Strategic Planning Committee made up of Chancellor and Committee Chair Edward Delaney, and Committee members Peter Bewley, Hope Carter, Karol Corbin Walker, Michael Donoghue, George Molinsky, Thomas Schlafly, and Msgr. Dennis Sheehan. The Committee has met several times and the Subcommittees have been meeting regularly since May. At the September Board of Councillors meeting, the draft plan was presented to the Board which approved the direction and sent the Committee back to develop an implementation plan for each of the four major topics. The implementation plans were presented and approved at the November Board of Councillors meeting.

The plan was presented at the Annual Meeting by Chancellor and Committee Chair Edward Delaney. Here is a summary of the components of the plan:

**Spirituality:** A module will be developed that can be used at the Area and smaller group levels to better educate members about the Order of Malta's central purpose which is to promote God's glory through the sanctification of our members. The module will help members clearly understand that purpose and provide suggestions for collaborative opportunities to engage in that purpose. Members will be encouraged to develop daily spiritual habits aligned more fully with the

Order's central purpose. The ultimate goal is to help our members more effectively "witness the faith." This effort will provide the succinct answer to the important question — the beneficial results of more fully practicing our faith is "the reason to join the Order of Malta."

The new materials will be presented in focused and coordinated ways at national, regional and local gatherings among members. The materials will be created with the intention that local chaplains will be able to deliver the material at local Area events. It is expected that the materials will be available for a roll-out among the membership in the fall of 2020.

**Area Support and Development:** A Committee of experienced Area leaders including 6-7 Board of Councillors (BOC) members and 3-4 current or recent Area leaders who are not BOC members will be created, replacing the current Membership Committee. Each Committee member will be responsible for working with 3-4 areas to assist them in setting their own goals; the committee member should develop a plan to provide support, resources, and mentoring help needed. Focus areas will include (as appropriate) new member recruiting, building a leadership team, forming an Area Leadership Council and developing future leaders, adding /engaging chaplains as partners and leaders, matching Area leaders with experienced mentors from other areas, appointing an Auxiliary chair to attract younger members, developing ministries and events that include elements of service, spirituality and camaraderie, and using the Lourdes Pilgrimage, Our Lady of Good Help Pilgrimage, and local spiritual events as recruiting tools.

**Area Support funding** is a payment to the Areas for each member who is current in their Annual Contributions. The payment will refocus on the original purpose of the funding which is to support Areas whose leadership assists in the timely payment by their members of the Annual





Contribution. The amount of the funding is expected to increase significantly over the next several years.

This increased funding from the Association can be used by the Areas to support the development of ministries and spiritual activities, to support new member recruitment activities, and cover operating expenses at the Area level. A dedicated resource in the New York office will work with the Committee members to focus on identifying and sharing best practices across the Areas as well as templates and software to support Area event planning, technology use, new member recruiting, communications, and administrative activities.

The Area Support Committee will work in conjunction with the Communications Committee of the BOC to develop and deliver a training program for new Area Chairs and create a boot camp or other introductory course for new Area Chairs. New Areas have unique challenges in attracting new members and building ministries especially with limited funds available. The Area Support and Development Committee will recommend funding new Areas with some “seed capital”.

Committee members will monitor potential future leaders and advise the President on candidates for Area Chair positions.

The Committee should discuss with each Area Chair and other leaders the needs of the Area and the strengths and weaknesses of potential candidates before new Area Chairs are selected. The Committee members will advise the President on whether an Area Chair should be reappointed for a second term.

The Committee will identify new areas to be opened, create strategies for successful development of new areas, identify, and recommend to the BOC when an Area should be restructured or eliminated. The Committee will consider whether to establish a diocese-based Area structure and, if so, determine how to implement such a structure in new Areas and current Areas crossing more than one diocese.

As a result of the Strategic Planning Committee recommendation, Area Chairs will be appointed one year before they assume their responsibilities, so they can learn before they are in charge. The Board has approved a Strategic Planning Committee recommendation that new Areas normally be required to have a minimum of ten members before they are approved as Association Areas.

Solicitation: The Board approved the development and rollout of a five-year capital campaign to raise funds to support The Order of Malta Pilgrimage Foundation and the Malta Human Services Foundation. The goal is to help the Pilgrimage Foundation reach its fundamental goal of having the funds to pay for the annual costs of the Malades and Caregivers on the Lourdes Pilgrimage. This goal, when achieved, will ensure that the financial aspects of the Lourdes Pilgrimage never become

a burden for the Association or its members. Once that goal is achieved, the cost to participate in the Pilgrimage will be reduced for other participants. Certain endowment opportunities will be made available, giving members who strongly believe in the importance of the Lourdes Pilgrimage an opportunity to provide the funding for a seat for a Malade to participate every year for the foreseeable future.

Support for the Malta Human Services Foundation will increase the available funds that support the Association's grants program. The grants program supports the hands-on work in the Areas – this is an important element of the Strategic Plan goal to help the Areas grow and remain strong by having hands-on work in which their members can be engaged.

Young Adult Engagement: To better attract and engage more younger adults to the Auxiliary, the affiliated members currently called Auxiliary will be divided into two categories;

those between eighteen and forty will be called Auxiliary; those over forty will be called Associates. Associates will participate in Association and Area events as affiliates on a level with Knights and Dames. No specific activities directed at this group will be developed nor will there be any discounts

for participating in the Area and Association events.

Auxiliary (those between eighteen and forty) will be engaged in activities specifically designed for their group including hands-on work, spiritual and liturgical events, as well as opportunities to participate in activities sponsored by the Areas and the Association. Where feasible, the Auxiliary will be given discounts to participate in Association and Area events. Over time, greater numbers will be included in the Lourdes Pilgrimage. A Committee will be created with members of the Auxiliary and a Board member to develop and recommend policies, projects and ideas that will attract, motivate and retain Auxiliary members and encourage ultimate membership in the Order as Knights and Dames when appropriate.

The Board of Councillors gave its strong approval to these recommendation which, when fully enacted over the next several years, will provide a solid framework on which the Association can grow and flourish. ■

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## New Member Orientation: A New Look

For many years, the orientation of new members, scheduled for the day before the Investiture, provided those about to be invested with important material that every member should know. Topics such as the history of the Order, the Lourdes Pilgrimage, the Regulations and Commentary, the role of the Subpriory, the meaning of 'first and second class' and many others were fitted carefully (or squeezed) into 2.5 hours of solid material. New members often left with their heads filled with so much material that it was hard to know if there had been enough time for any or all of it to sink in. Attendees left the meeting with a great overview of the size and scope of the material and were likely impressed with, if not necessarily immersed in, all they were getting into as part of the Order of Malta.

The amount of material that is required and the need for that information to be available much earlier in the formation process in order to properly discern whether there is a true vocation prompted the release of the revised Curriculum for Year of Formation candidates. With much of the former New Member Orientation Meeting agenda already being covered in greater depth and detail, Chancellor Edward Delaney significantly revised the format and the content of the New Member Orientation this year. While still holding its traditional spot on the Investiture weekend agenda, the participants in the program found themselves in much less than the traditional 'sit and listen' format of days gone by.

With a welcome from President Peter Kelly and an overview of the agenda and a brief discussion on the spiritual nature of the Order from Mr. Delaney, participants then heard from H.E. Ambassador Paul Beresford-Hill, KM, Permanent Observer Mission of the Order of Malta to the United Nations. The Ambassador discussed the unique place the Order of Malta has among the sovereign entities of the world and how the diplomatic corps supports the mission of the Order. He stressed the importance of the spiritual component of the hands-on work done by members of the Order as well as the value the Order brought to crisis situations around the world.

From there, tradition took a back seat to new formats. The group was broken up into four separate contingents who traveled together to three breakout groups and a hands-on project. Representatives from Prison Ministry, Holy Family Hospital Foundation and Malteser International Americas spoke to each of the smaller groups in turn. The smaller groups allowed for

more personal discussions with the spokespeople and a better opportunity for them to bond as part of the Class of 2019.

Meanwhile in the back of the room, one of the groups began the hands-on project that celebrated the third annual World Day of the Poor by making sandwiches at their first station and building a 'care package' at the next station for distribution to the homeless who come to Saint Bartholomew's Church around the corner from the hotel.

Over the course of the rest of the meeting, each smaller group visited the three presentation stations and the stations set up to prepare the sandwiches and bags for the homeless. From there, the group departed to deliver the completed bags to Saint Bart's and then went on to Saint Patrick's Cathedral for the Mass of the Blessing of the Capes and Robes.

Mr. Delaney was pleased with the outcome and the new members seemed to benefit from the revised format. The Chancellor said that much was learned from the revised format and a greater focus on logistics will improve the session for next year's Candidates.





# 2020 ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

## January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God –  
New Year's Day

## January 23-24

**Washington, DC**

Pilgrimage for Life

## January 27-28

**Naples, FL**

Board of Councillors Meeting

## Jan 31-Feb 2

**Lutz, FL**

Association Retreat

## February 10-11

**New York City**

Chaplains' Convocation

## February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes,  
World Day of the sick

## April 5-12

Holy Week and Easter

## April 28-May 5

Lourdes Pilgrimage  
(note extra day at start of pilgrimage)

## May 21

Ascension Thursday

## May 28

**New York City**

Board of Councillors Meeting

## June 11-12

**New York City**

Area Leadership Conference

## June 24

Feast of Saint John the Baptist

## August 6-9

**Wisconsin**

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help

## August 15

Feast of the Assumption

## August 20-31

Association Trip to  
the Mediterranean

## September 8

Feast of Our Lady of Philermo

## September 16-17

**St. Louis, MO**

Board of Councillors Meeting

## September 25-27

**Medway, MA**

Association Retreat

## November 1

All Saints' Day

## November 12

**New York City**

Board of Councillors Meeting

## November 13

**New York City**

Annual Meeting, Investiture,  
Annual Dinner

## November 14

**New York City**

Mass for Malades, Caregivers,  
and Malades in Spirit

## November 14

**New York City**

Subpriory Mass

## November 15

World Day of the Poor

## November 26

Thanksgiving

## December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

## December 25

Christmas

On the first Wednesday of each month, there is a Spiritual Outreach call at 11AM ET  
(January's call is on January 8).

BLESSED CHRISTMAS

&

HAPPY NEW YEAR!





## Healing After Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas

*Malteser International Americas, Order of Malta Worldwide Relief*

When Malteser International Americas staff arrived in the Abaco Islands, Bahamas, they were met with the shocking devastation that Hurricane Dorian left in its course. Homes and schools shattered, churches torn to shreds. Streets where children once played now empty and riddled with debris. It was as if a bulldozer had razed an entire community.

Fortunately, most of Abaco's 17,000 inhabitants were evacuated before the category 5 hurricane made landfall on September 1st with winds

of up to 185 miles per hour. The small islands, which belong to the Bahamas, also experienced floods from a prolonged storm surge that left parts of the Abacos 23 feet under water. Residents were relocated to the Bahamian capital, Nassau.

Thanks to the strong network of the Order of Malta, and the generous efforts of the Knights and Dames of Vero Beach, Florida, Malteser International met with the Archbishop of Nassau, The Most Reverend Patrick C. Pinder, STD, as well as the Ambassador of the Order of Malta to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

H.E. Francis J. Crothers, GCM. With their guidance, Malteser International Americas was able to access some of the hardest-hit parts of the islands and identify where help was needed most - the forgotten victims of the disaster.

One of the great challenges facing reconstruction and resettlement of the Abacos is the restoration of the school system. Most schools have been left in ruins, reduced to shards of wood and cement, and water wells contaminated with seawater. Families in the Nassau shelters want to desperately return home but cannot do so without schools to send their children to or access to clean drinking water.

This is why Malteser International Americas is partnering with local organizations to help rebuild schools and bring families back to the Abacos.

At San Francis de Sales, a Catholic school run by a local parish which also suffered heavy damages, an assessment was made of the structural and safety





conditions, which determined that it was fit for rehabilitation. The school serves approximately 200 children from Pre-K to 12 and is blessed with the support of the Archbishop of Nassau and very enthusiastic staff.

A second school, Every Child Counts, which serves children with disabilities and special needs, was also chosen because of its critical role in the community. It is the only school for disabled children in Abaco and only one of two in the entire Bahamas.

At both sites, we are working with NGO's and volunteers, including 'All Hands All Hearts' to clean up the debris and rebuild the foundations of the schools and the San Francis de Sales parish, with imported materials. Malteser International Americas has set up water treatment equipment that is providing the volunteers and members of the community with safe

drinking water. A successful call to action through the American Association raised \$22,000 and is allowing us to support these projects, but also support long-term rehabilitation measures.

For island communities that have been evacuated and that have suffered devastation, a critical point of recovery is the rehabilitation of infrastructure. Once schools, churches, grocery shops, gas stations and other necessities are rebuilt and functioning, the evacuees can return home. Disasters such as Hurricane Dorian wipe out so many precious things and remind us that schools and churches are pillars of any community and are essential to recovery and healing. ■

*To learn more and support the work of Malteser International Americas visit <http://www.orderofmaltarelief.org> and follow us on Facebook at @MalteserInternationalAmericas*



## Getting To Know Our Chaplains: An Interview with Father Patrick Beidelman



The Communications Committee continues to familiarize our members with the chaplains who attend to our spiritual needs. In this issue of the Hospitallers Newsletter, we introduce you to:

**Rev. Patrick J. Beidelman, STL, ChD - Chaplain in the Central Indiana Area**

### HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ORDER OF MALTA?

The Archbishop was asked by Hans Geisler who was Area Chair at the time for a dedicated chaplain to minister to the spiritual needs of members of the Order. The Archbishop asked me, and I was honored to reply yes. I've been involved with the Order since the Spring of 2014.

### SINCE YOUR TIME WITH THE ORDER, HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE ORDER AND THE KNIGHTS AND DAMES EVOLVE IN RELATION TO SERVING OUR LORDS THE SICK AND THE POOR?

I came in when there seemed to be a renewal of spirituality of the Order in an intentional way. The Area began holding regular days of reflection, having Area Mass together where we invited people to share in the spirituality of the Order and learn of the work of the Order. An increased spiritual dimension was beginning in the Area, which was probably why I was asked to become a chaplain of the Order.

### IN WHAT MINISTRIES ARE MEMBERS FROM THE CENTRAL INDIANA AREA MOST ACTIVELY INVOLVED?

The Central Indiana Area has several programs that involve food for the poor. It began with supplying and serving seniors monthly meals at a senior center. The members now also serve at a soup kitchen and supply and serve meals at a local low-income housing complex. Not only do they provide good wholesome food, but they also provide social interaction for many people who have a limited social network or no social network.

A few members have become very active with the local VA hospital. They provide spiritual support to veterans who are nearing the end of life and have no family.

### WHAT ABOUT DR. KELLY'S INITIATIVE FOR A PALLIATIVE CARE MINISTRY?

Excellent place for the Order to be, right in the cross hairs of our mission. Historically the Order used to tend to pilgrims and, in this way, the Order is with people on their journey of life.

### DO YOU FEEL THAT THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN A BACKSEAT TO THE WORKS OF THE ORDER?

In Indiana, the people invited into the Order already had a deep faith and practiced that faith. They have a high level of spiritual maturity. Service has not detracted from spirituality. The Knights and Dames in Indiana are a small but very active group with a high level of commitment.

The reason I was so willing to serve as a chaplain was because I noted how real the commitment was for the Knights & Dames in the Indiana Area. They put what they professed into action. They walk the walk and talk the talk. That's what is distinctive about the Order of Malta. Knight & Dames have a high commitment to serving out their charism.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHANGE TO THE DAILY PRAYER OF THE ORDER?

The newer version is an improvement. It strengthens the commitment of Knights & Dames and the dimension of their spiritual life. My hope is that the new wording will have Knights & Dames focus on the prayer and not pray by rote. As they focus, they will grow in understanding. The human tendency is to go on autopilot and when you change the words, there is an opportunity to put your whole heart in it. Another good thing is that all three (3) Associations (the Federal, the Western and the American) will be saying the same version of the prayer.

### THANK YOU, FATHER BEIDELMAN, FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR YOUR SERVICE.

*This interview with Father Beidelman was submitted by Margarite Heintze, DM, a member of the Association's Communications Committee.*





## Holy Family Hospital: Serving the Poor, Witnessing the Faith



On a bright Monday morning in September, three-year-old twins Ghalab and Baytul played together at Holy Family Hospital while they waited for their bi-annual checkup. The pediatricians were pleased that the twins were meeting every developmental benchmark for their age group. It's been a journey for Ghalab and Baytul -- and Holy Family Hospital has remained alongside them every step of the way.

In 2016, parents Jacob and Aheth rushed to Holy Family Hospital where they delivered Ghalab and Baytul three months prematurely, weighing less than 1.5 pounds each. Because of their small size, the twins suffered health complications and had to be placed in special incubators. Soon thereafter, the neonatology team determined that both babies needed immediate emergency surgery.

Aheth and Jacob could not afford the cost of the twins' healthcare, but thanks to Holy Family Hospital's Neediest Baby Fund, the babies were able to receive the lifesaving care they needed.

"These funds are needed to help save the next babies admitted to the NICU who have complications like our twins did," said Jacob.

In an area where the childhood mortality rate is extremely high, Holy Family Hospital demonstrates that all life is sacred no matter how small or fragile. Saving the life of a one-pound baby and then providing care throughout her childhood creates a community that is more hopeful and peaceful.

The Hospital benefits from the fact that all three US Associations, American, Federal and Western, work cooperatively with Order of Malta Associations around the world to make these miracles in the Holy Land possible every day.

*Holy Family Hospital is a primary work of the Order of Malta. Located just 1500 steps from the birthplace of Christ, this Catholic teaching hospital will deliver an estimated 4,800 babies in 2019. During Investiture Weekend, we were delighted to have the opportunity to introduce Holy Family Hospital to malades and caregivers at the New York Brunch. For more information, please visit the website of the Holy Family Hospital Foundation at [www.birthplaceofhope.org](http://www.birthplaceofhope.org)*

## Deceased Members: January 1, 2019 – Present

Edward V. Atnally, KM	Bronxville, NY
John M. Aversa, MD, KM	Woodbridge, CT
Richard F. Baalman, Sr, KM	St. Louis, MO
Barbara Miller Burns, DM	New Canaan, CT
John T. Bycraft III, KM	South Bend, IN
John M. Coughlin, Sr, KM	Larchmont, NY
Rev. Mr. Joseph C. Crowley, Jr, KM	Wayne, NJ
Frank M. D'Alessandro, MD, KM	Providence, RI
Michael M. Deren, MD, KM	New London, CT
Ralph T. Dimpel, KM	Bronxville, NY
Robert Anthony Dolehide, MD, KM	Darien, IL
John J. Finn, DDS, KM	Ottsville, PA
Joseph P. Flannery, KM	Wellesley, MA
Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, ChC	St. Paul, MN
Mary Jane Gavin, DM	Hawley, PA
Philip H. Geier, Jr, KM	New York, NY
Michael J. Hannigan, KM	Riverside, CT
Nancy Higgins, DM	Vero Beach, FL
Barron Hilton, KM	Los Angeles, CA
James G. Houlihan, KM	White Plains, NY
Leroy F. Jarrett, KMOB	Chatham, MA
Veronic D. Joyce, DM	Somers, NY
John G. Keane, KM	South Bend, IN
Dennis Joseph Lynch, KM	Naples, FL
Louis J. Mahoney, KM	Rochester Hills, MI
William P. Morrissey, KM	Chestnut Hill, MA
Carrol A. Muccia, Jr, KM	Greenwich, CT
Catherine R. Murphy, DM	Delray Beach, FL
Patricia D. Murphy, DM	Far Hills, NJ
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George D. O'Neill, KM	New York, NY
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Most Rev. John M. Smith, ChC	Lawrenceville, NJ



## ORDER OF MALTA

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION GRANTS FOR 2019

GRANTEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Africa Surgery, Inc. (ASI)– New Jersey	Provide medical and surgical treatment to 5 patients in Sierra Leone suffering with abscessed jaws	\$1,500
Ave Maria Communications – Michigan	Purchase equipment for broadcasts and recordings on Ave Maria Radio programs (primarily Power From the Pews)	\$3,000
Benedictine Health Foundation, Inc.– Upstate New York	To provide cancer patients in treatment with gift cards to purchase nutritious food and/or fuel cards to access	\$1,000
Birth Haven, Inc. – New Jersey	Implement and expand Life Skills Training Curriculum Program to continue to provide critical trainings to young mothers	\$3,500
Camp Veritas, Inc.– Upstate New York	Provide scholarships to underprivileged teens; fund work of Order of Malta volunteers in defense of the faith	\$1,500
Caritas of Port Chester, Inc.– Westchester, New York	Purchase Climbing Stair Shopping Carts for clients who walk to pantry and need to transport up to 40 pounds of groceries	\$3,000
Cathedral of the Holy Cross– Boston	Replace the Archdiocese's broken urns for Sacred Oils	\$5,000
Catholic Charities / The Thomas Merton Center– Southern, Western, Northern Connecticut	Continue fresh fruit and vegetable purchases for house of hospitality and food pantry	\$7,500
Catholic Charities of Collier County– Naples, Florida	Provide children, who are homeless or at-risk of hunger, with a backpack filled with nutritious food for the weekend	\$1,660
Catholic Charities of Dallas– Dallas, Texas	Subsidize program costs for summer enrichment program for children in low-income community	\$8,399
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago– Illinois	Continue provision of warm meals to families and individuals at St. Vincent Hall seeking nourishment and assistance	\$4,606
Catholic Guardian Services– NYC, New York	Support Parenting Resource Center (for parents of children 0-5 building strong families in safe/ loving homes for children)	\$7,500
Catholic Senior Housing and Health Care Services– Allentown, Pennsylvania	Purchase Welcome Bag supplies for sub-acute care rehab patients	\$271
Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc.– Naples, Florida	Provide Ultrasound Technologist's 2nd quarter salary of financial year 2020	\$18,930
Correctional Ministries – Houston, Texas	Building improvements, furniture and linens for Kolbe Halfway House	\$2,438
Criminal Justice Ministry – Missouri	Provide 20+ post-incarcerated individuals and families housing assistance/services	\$10,000
Cristo Rey Newark High School – New Jersey	Purchase 32 desks and chairs that are ergonomic, lightweight and easy to move, and compatible with the use of Chromebooks	\$3,000
Dames and Knights of the Order of Malta Dental and Medical Clinic of Southeast Michigan – Michigan	Ramp up a mission to treat veterans, a group that is suffering with PTSD, unemployment, and homelessness	\$4,000
De La Salle Academy – NYC, New York	Provide funding to enhance and expand math and science curriculum into a 21st century STEM curriculum	\$5,000
Dismas Home of New Hampshire – Boston	Help fund expansion of Dismas Home from 6 beds to 8 beds and add private counseling space	\$6,203
Eva's Village– New Jersey	Provide 2 students with scholarships to attend Culinary School to provide them valuable skills necessary for a career in the culinary arts	\$4,000
Foundation of the Catholic Church in the Virgin Islands – US Virgin Islands	Provide scholarships for Catholic Education to students in need of financial support; send students to annual Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage	\$1,355
Franciscan Charities, Inc.– New Jersey	Pay for the application fees for government identification cards that are necessary to obtain government assistance for the poor	\$4,000
Friends of the Poor– Scranton, Pennsylvania	Support program activities (family bonding through a day of fun, food, swimming, and sun)	\$2,709
From Houses to Homes–Guatemala, Inc.– New Jersey	Help alleviate the crippling costs of prescription drugs	\$2,500
Genesis of Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Purchase cribs for expectant parents in class series (prevention of SIDS, Newborn Care Series (3), Infant CPR, First Aid and Breastfeeding)	\$1,355
Grief to Grace Minneapolis–St. Paul – Minnesota	Cover professional fee to organize as a local nonprofit, purchase annual liability insurance, and design and maintain a local website	\$4,564
Home for the Aged of the Little Sisters of the Poor of the City of New York– Westchester, New York	Replace 15 year old resident care lifting equipment	\$5,800





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Homeless Solutions, Inc. – New Jersey	Underwrite programs and services provided at Emergency Shelter, helping children and adults recover from the trauma of homelessness	\$2,000
Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford – Ohio	Replace waste management system that was installed in 1971 and is rapidly and dangerously deteriorating	\$2,342
L'Arche Chicago – Illinois	Install a fully accessible, roll-in bathing unit in the ground-floor bathroom of the Peace House	\$4,606
Let's Start, Inc. – Missouri	Cover supplies for women's Tuesday night support groups, requests for food, utility assistance, and other needs upon reentry	\$5,000
Life Athletes, Inc. – Northern Indiana	Re-present the Order's Lourdes pilgrimage at nursing homes and following up with on-going spiritual support program for elderly and sick	\$2,980
Little Sisters of the Poor – Nassau & Suffolk Counties, New York	Purchase 3 commercial series top reach-in refrigerators to aid in the feeding of elderly residents	\$10,000
Little Sisters of the Poor of Greater Boston, Inc. – Boston	Purchase a new van for Sisters and Residents	\$15,000
Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Mary's Home– Illinois	Allow our staff and Sisters attend specialized geriatric training by Leading Age.	\$4,605
Malta House, Inc. – Southern, Western, Northern Connecticut	Host "Spiritual Suppers" that bring women, their children and guiding staff together at communal table of blessing	\$7,174
Marian Center School and Services, Inc. – Southeast Florida	Provide adaptive horse riding services as therapy to adults with diverse abilities to reinforce their physical and emotional wellbeing	\$12,487
Mary's Mantle – Michigan	Start a new program entitled the Transportation Assistance Program; aid participants in achieving their goals	\$2,000
Midnight Run, Inc. – Westchester, New York	Replace old computer used to organize weekly missions, maintain website, distribute stops, communicate with homeless and volunteers	\$1,400
Mothers' Home, Inc. – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Provide shelter, hope, and support for women who choose life for their unborn children; ensure healthy babies in a healthy environment	\$5,419
New Covenant Center – Southern, Western, Northern Connecticut	Feed more of the 21,000 Stamford residents who struggle to get food each month	\$7,500
New Hope Charities – Southeast Florida	Support food distribution program that provides approximately 200 families with supplemental food packages every two weeks	\$10,000
New York Common Pantry– NYC, New York	Repair E. 109th St. walk-in cooler unit, exterior door, and interior pantry doors that separate secure areas (vital for core operations)	\$5,000
Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School – Boston	Purchase a new van to bring students to and from professional internships in workforce development training program	\$2,500
Our Lady's Inn – Missouri	Provide 42 days of abortion alternative services (average cost is \$118/day/person) and nights of shelter for homeless pregnant women	\$2,500
Our Lady's Pilgrimage, Inc. – Southern, Western, Northern Connecticut	Enable 2 physically challenged pilgrims to visit Lourdes by providing a pilgrim scholarship and a medical staff member to assist them	\$5,800
Part of the Solution (POTS) – Westchester, New York	Purchase supplies for kitchen and community dining room to help staff and volunteers prepare meals in a dignified environment	\$5,200
Passionists Monastery of Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center – Vero Beach, Florida	Repair damaged guest bathroom tub, associated plumbing and wall; replace one of two rotted and corroded 'domestic water valve boxes'	\$5,419
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary – Boston	Cover cost of seminarian expenses (medical copays, pharmacy expenses, textbooks, auto repairs necessary for pastoral assignments, etc.)	\$10,000
Pregnancy Help, Inc. – NYC, New York	Provide cribs to pregnant mothers (encourages participation, resulting in live childbirth, while ensuring 30 babies have a place to sleep)	\$5,340
Quest For Grace – Upstate New York	Provide new shoes, underwear, socks and pajamas to foster children	\$4,000
RC Church of St. Rita & St Pius V – Westchester, New York	Fund Camp Veritas	\$1,900
Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary – New Jersey	Support 3 men in formation as priests; assist Seminary in meeting the costs associated with their spiritual, physical and educational needs	\$500
Rose Hill Center, Inc.– Michigan	Purchase rebuilt elliptical device to enhance fitness room and better meet the needs of residents	\$2,000
Sacred Heart Academy – Michigan	Fund professional development for faculty to help them share and defend the Catholic faith	\$650
Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs – Southern, Western, Northern Connecticut	Purchase additional van to transport wheelchair-bound passengers	\$10,000
Saint Joseph Parenting Center – Southern, Western, Northern Connecticut	Support Volunteer Services and Community Outreach program (newly hired full time staff member)	\$2,000
Saint Louis University– Missouri	Allow 50 students to attend a 3-day silent Ignatian retreat at St. Meinrad's Archabbey in Indiana (total cost is approximately \$7,000)	\$3,500



GRANTEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
San Miguel of Academy of Newburgh – Westchester, New York	Purchase winter/rainproof jackets, gloves and waterproof boots for students to wear during the PBL2 Programs	\$3,000
Schenectady Right to Life – Upstate New York	Change hearts and lives through education on the sanctity of life	\$1,500
Shepherds, Inc. – Southern, Western, Northern Connecticut	Underwrite a portion of expenses associated SAT and ACT test preparation program for 26 Shepherds students in academic year 2019-20	\$5,000
Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine, FL – Northeast Florida	Update one of the 18 bedrooms (over 30 years old) in retirement home for elderly Sisters	\$3,231
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis – Missouri	Provide mattress sets for families disrupted by eviction, domestic violence, or other emergencies and are now living in poverty	\$1,500
Spirit of Assisi Foundation, Inc. – Upstate New York	Service provided to structurally unemployed in the Albany community; work with each client to help them find and keep a good job	\$4,463
St. Francis Food Pantries and Shelters – NYC, New York	Allow St. Francis Food Pantries and Shelters to continue Annual December Holiday Party for needy children and their	\$5,000
St. Francis Retreat, Inc. – Westchester, New York	Replace obsolete bedding in the dormitories of the retreat centers	\$3,300
St. Francis Seraph Ministries – Ohio	Underwrite the operational costs for the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Dining Room	\$4,800
St. Gianna Molla Clinic, Inc. – Green Bay, Wisconsin	Purchase a laptop computer to use in preparation and delivery of presentations and storing and accessing essential information/files	\$2,709
St. John's Bread and Life Program, Inc. – NYC, New York	Provide basic care necessities (diapers, formula, wipes, personal care items) for mothers, their babies, seniors, families and individuals	\$5,000
St. Martha's Parish Social Ministry Program – Nassau & Suffolk Counties, New York	Expand and improve the efficiency and capacity of the St. Martha's outreach food and clothing distribution	\$5,443
St. Patrick Center – Missouri	Cover Shamrock Club Program costs (direct client aid, medication, rental and housing assistance, etc.)	\$2,500
St. Vincent de Paul – Cincinnati, Ohio	Support capital expenses associated with the expansion of the Charitable Pharmacy in the Don and Phyllis Neyer Outreach Center	\$5,000
Straight & Narrow, Inc. – New Jersey	Provide 240 backpacks (filled with items for 3 family meals) per month for low income preschool children at LaVida 3	\$7,500
Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center – NYC, New York	Support liturgical music at Sunday Masses attended by over 100 TCC residents (professional musician will sing and play hymns on guitar)	\$5,000
The Association of St. Jude, Inc. – Northeast Florida	Purchase new, restaurant style stove and grill for St. John the Evangelist Church where the Association cooks the meals for the homeless	\$3,000
The Center in Asbury Park– New Jersey	Support Wholeness Program (massage/wellness programs, entertainment experiences, beach badges, gardening projects)	\$4,000
The Dwelling Place of NY, Inc.– NYC, New York	Purchase and install a new commercial gas dryer to replace 30 year old dryer	\$4,425
The New Life Ministry of S.E. Connecticut – Eastern Connecticut	Support transitional housing for women ex-offenders as they transition back into the community	\$5,148
The Secretariat for Worship and Evangelization – The Archdiocese of Indianapolis– Central & Southern Indiana	Provide food and clothing to the homeless and poor; provide Bibles to the homeless and needy	\$2,709
The Village Angels of Tanzania, Inc. (TVAT) – New Jersey	Purchase a motorcycle with an attached cab to deliver drinking water (stored in 44 lb. tanks) to approximately 50 remotely-located elders	\$1,000
Twin Cities Prison Ministry – Minnesota	Cover programs costs (workshops-speaker stipends, printing, food, fish-books, study guides, children supplies, Rosaries, stamps	\$3,564
York Street Project– New Jersey	Support increasingly intensive, supportive costs to stabilize women and children and improve their physical and emotional wellbeing	\$1,991
Columbia University – Association	Langer Trust grant for pediatric medical research	\$120,000
Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation – Association	Fund Neediest Baby Fund (provides lifesaving care for patients/those thought to be nonviable born as early as 23 weeks)	\$50,000
Order of Malta American Association's Prison Ministries Apostolate – Association	Purchase Catholic Bibles and Prayer Books for the incarcerated; provide quarterly newsletters	\$113,000
Order of Malta Worldwide Relief Malteser International Americas – Association	Support programs particularly with the Order of Malta Associations throughout the world	\$50,000
The National Catholic Bioethics Center – Association	Continue the work of ethical consultation service to faithful Catholics in need of such advice	\$25,000

**TOTAL GRANTS 2019 \$731,895**





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### Malta Human Services Foundation – The Engine Behind the Grants Program

In 2019, the American Association and its Areas were able to distribute grants exceeding \$700,000 to organizations of the Order and Area projects where members are involved in hands-on work helping the sick and the poor. What many people do not know is where that money comes from.

The Malta Human Services Foundation (MHSF) was re-established in 2003 when President Daniel Kelly recognized its value as a supporting organization for the Association. Originally, the idea of President Peter Grace, the Foundation has been a strong organization for holding and investing donations that have been restricted to support the grants program. Since 2004, the Malta Human Services Foundation has provided over \$7,000,000 to the American Association to support its grants program.

The MHSF has been funded by generous donors in the past; however, the greatest amount of its current resources have come from consistent gains in its portfolio. While the market has provided the opportunity, it has been the careful investment strategy of the Foundation that has produced investment gains of more than \$12,000,000 in the last ten years, allowing its resources to double while meeting its objective of transferring 5% over the five-year rolling average of its year-end value. In simple terms, despite withdrawing almost as much as the original size of the 2004 portfolio to fund the American Association's grants program, the portfolio's value has practically doubled.

The MHSF's belief is that it is not enough to invest prudently – it is necessary to invest ethically. Catholic values as provided by the USCCB are used to eliminate investments that support activities that are contrary to Catholic teaching. Donors to the Foundation and the ultimate beneficiaries (organizations that receive grants) can both be secure in the knowledge that the funds are derived from donations and investments that conform to Catholic teaching.

The Foundation's Board is led by its President, Andrew Aoyama, KM; the Foundation's Investment Committee is comprised of members of the American Association whose financial backgrounds represent world-class skills, deep knowledge and broad experience in the financial world. The results of their decisions speak for themselves.

As American Association Chancellor Edward Delaney has stated many times, the American Association is blessed by the foresight and commitment that led to the establishment of the Malta Human Services Foundation. The Grants Program funded by the resources of the MHSF has been a life-line supporting the hands-on work across the Areas of the Association. That hands-on work is an essential element of the Association members' path to the spiritual growth that is the core of the Order's purpose.

*A summary of the grants provided in 2019 with the funding received from the MHSF is included in this issue.*

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### Wanted: Writers Looking to Live the Gospel

"For I was hungry and you fed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you cared for me, in prison and you *wrote to me*."

Are you looking for a chance to make a difference in the life of one person. The Prison Ministry's Pen Pal Program offers just such an opportunity. Right now our Prison Ministry Pen Pal Program has more than 160 inmates seeking someone on the outside who will care enough to write them once a month. Our process is simple and secure, protecting your identity but providing much needed contact with the most marginalized in our society. You may have seen our article in the Hospitaller earlier this year or heard about us through Spirituality in Action. Now we need your help. Please consider committing to write one letter a month for one year to an inmate assigned to you. You'll be making a difference in the lives not only of those to whom you write, but in the lives of those whom they return to and the communities they will rejoin once they are released.

*Complete details and applications are on the American Association website in the Prison Ministry section under Spirituality in Action (<https://orderofmaltaamerican.org/spirituality-in-action/prison/services-offered/pen-pal-program/>). "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." Our need is great. And the time is now. Please join us.*

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### Making a Difference: One Step at a Time



After almost fifteen years as a co-founder and leading force in the development of the North American Prison Ministry Apostolate, first in the American Association and then expanded to include the Federal, Western and Canadian Associations, Dr. Robert J. Fredericks is stepping down from his role as the American Association's Prison Ministry Chair as well as his role on the North American Prison Ministry Apostolate Board. The Association is grateful for

his leadership, insight and the generosity of his time and talent for the last fifteen years in creating and nurturing the Prison Ministry Apostolate. The thousands of prisoners and ex-offenders and their families who have benefited from the work of the Apostolate will be forever in his debt, as will the many prison ministers who have found a source of joy and grace in ministering to the most forgotten members of our society.

In 2010, the Grand Master recognized Dr. Fredericks for his work in prison ministry with these words:

*"To our beloved, greetings in the eternal God, Your merits and sincerity toward Our Order and the inclination and devotion whereby you are highly recommended to us, lead us to receive with special benevolence your most distinguished person. Therefore, happily accepting the requests extended to us on your behalf, we agree for you to carry and wear in good health the award of The Cross of Commander of the Order."*

Dr. Fredericks will continue to be involved in prison ministry, providing visitations, publishing distribution, counsel, historical context, and ideas for the future. His impact on the development of Prison Ministry within the Order of Malta will be felt for decades to come.

*Craig Gibson, Boston Area Co-Chair, has been named Chair of the American Association Prison Ministry Committee.*

## Our Mission

The American Association of the Order of Malta has as its mission to promote the glory of God through the sanctification of its members, through witness to and support of the Catholic faith and through active service to the sick and the poor.

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If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers, or created a new email address, we encourage you to visit: [www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/members/update](http://www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/members/update) and fill out our information update form. This online form provides members with a quick and simple way to update any, or all, of their information that is stored in the American Association's database. Members with and without active email addresses can now submit an update to their home address, professional, and even educational information on our website using this new form. We hope that you will utilize this new method and help keep the American Association's records up to date.

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