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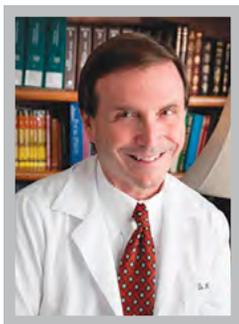
**W**hen His Beatitude, Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa, OFM, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, ascended to the pulpit, it is hard to imagine that anyone could have foreseen what he would say to the Knights, Dames, Chaplains and families and friends who had gathered within the confines of what Cardinal Dolan refers to as America's parish church. More than one thousand people gathered on Friday afternoon, November 18th, at Saint Patrick's Cathedral to give witness to the Investiture of seventy Knights and Dames who had completed their year of formation, passed the scrutiny of the Admissions Committee, received the approval and recommendation of the Board of Councillors and met the requirements when their applications were placed in front of the Sovereign Council.

His Beatitude's message seemed to come from Blessed Gerard and reflected the founder's commitment to follow Jesus. What distinguishes the Order of Malta from other religious orders, at least to an *(continued on page 6)*

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AS I RECOVER FROM THE FUN AND NOISE of 5 grandchildren under the age of 8 over this past Thanksgiving, I thought I would use the newly found quiet time to reflect on all that has happened in the Order of Malta during 2022.

During my presentation at the Annual Business Meeting at this year's Investiture Weekend, I repeatedly used the term Historic to describe the year.

This is the first time in 27 years that we have a new Constitution and Code for the Order. It's the first time in the almost 1,000 years of the Order of Malta's existence that a North American leads the Order

as Lieutenant of the Grandmaster.

This is the first time in 12 years that we have had a Capital Campaign and have received commitments of over \$17 million. It is the first time that we have expanded our Association-wide ministries beyond Prison Ministry to now include a Mobile Van Ministry, an Anti-Human Trafficking Ministry, St. Bernadette's Ministry, a palliative care initiative called to combat physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, and have set aside grant funds to begin new ministries throughout the Association.

It is the first time in 2 years that we were able to attend the Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Wisconsin in August 2022 with 300 pilgrims from all 3 US Associations and the first time in 3 years we have sent out applications to participate in the Lourdes Pilgrimage in 2023, which will be hosted by our Chancellor, Tom Reedy, and his wife, Missy.

At the Investiture and the Annual Dinner, we honored the women who were the first Dames in the American Association in 1985 and 1986. We have all benefited from the pioneering work they did and that the Dames of the Order of Malta continue to do!

So, I think you will agree that Historic is an appropriate word to describe 2022.

In addition to all of the above, we were blessed to have a Professed in the American Association, Frá Nicola Tegoni, take his final vows at St. Patrick's Cathedral in February and be named Regent of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes in July. Also, Frá Richard Wolff and FJ McCarthy were appointed to the Sovereign Council in September 2022.

We welcomed 70 new members into the Order at St. Patrick's in the week before Thanksgiving and thanks to all of your efforts and the guidance of Tom Reedy, we now have 75 prospective members for the Class of 2023's Investiture.

We also elected 4 new board members, David Dempsey of the Illinois Area, Thomas Egan of the Northeast Florida Area, Stephen Fletcher, MD, of the New Jersey Area and Greg Oussani of the New York City Area.

We reelected 4 members to the board, Laure Aubuchon of the New York City Area, Nancy Graebe of the New Jersey Area, Rory Kelleher of the New York City Area, and Anne Peach of the Naples Area.

Congratulations to all of you!

We thanked the outgoing board members for their service over their terms, Bill Besgen, Pete Bewley, Esq., John Murphy, MD and John O'Rourke, Esq.

We also welcomed a new member to our office staff, Fr. David Sellery, who will be overseeing the Capital Campaign and member engagement. As we move into the new year, Father David will be helping us focus on more effective ways we can realize our charism. While our members continue to be generous with their time, talent and treasure, finding and developing fresh sources of support is a focus of his position. To that end, Father David will lead our efforts to identify and develop new revenue streams to support our hands-on work and the sick and the poor we serve.

As we build our Development and Engagement capabilities, Father David will be leading the transition with the team at CCS, which has been instrumental in executing our Called to Serve Campaign. His efforts will be aimed at developing the most effective balance of in-house and external resources. We are excited by the potential of this growing

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## Lourdes 2023 — Returning to That Sacred Space

When the last three years of the Association are reviewed, many will see a gaping hole in their memories. Like the empty chair at the table for a loved one who has passed on, for many, the absence of the Lourdes Pilgrimage for three straight years has been a painful reminder that the pandemic had a broad range of impacts, some medical, some emotional, and some spiritual.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage has become a fixture in the Association. The Association owes a debt of gratitude for the works of the Dames in those early years of the Pilgrimage starting in 1986. Dames of the Order did the groundwork to get the first pilgrimage in 1986 off the ground. In the years that followed, the Dames continued to have a leadership

role. The success and growth of the Pilgrimage over the last thirty-five years can be traced back to the success of those first five pilgrimages.

From thirty-seven pilgrims trying to find their way on the first pilgrimage in 1986, the numbers continued to grow — the demand was there and the logistics were refined and developed to accommodate the increasing numbers. In 1996, the Association chartered a plane to take the pilgrims directly from New York to the airport at Tarbes (Lourdes), avoiding the challenges of moving several hundred pilgrims in Paris to different planes (and sometimes airports) — a strenuous journey for sure for the Knights, Dames, and support teams but a particular burden for many of the Malades and their caregivers.

The whole nature of the pilgrimage changed with a charter — everyone began bonding at the airport and on the long flight to France. Like a family on a special outing together, the pilgrimage had grown so large that a charter provided an important element in the effort to bring larger groups to Lourdes, not as individuals but as part of a cohesive group of pilgrims, traveling together in answer to Mary's call.

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The three years (2020, 2021, and 2022) that the Pilgrimage had to be canceled brought to mind the old proverb about never missing the water until the well runs dry. The waters of Lourdes are a staple in the annual cycle of the American Association. The three years have been a drought of sorts — removed from the graces that flow from the spring at the Grotto.

We are honored to be hosts for what turns out to be the American Association's thirty-fifth Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage. In round numbers, over ten thousand pilgrims have traveled on the Lourdes Pilgrimage since that first group of thirty-seven showed up in Lourdes, not sure exactly what to expect but committed to the goal of bringing sick people to Lourdes as part of the international Order's annual journey. The Order started its annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1958, the hundredth anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to Bernadette.

In 2023, the American Association plans to bring four hundred twenty-five pilgrims including fifty Malades and their Caregivers to Lourdes. Reservations are coming in from Knights and Dames. In addition, applications from Malades who were approved in 2020 before the pilgrimage was can-

celed have been invited to re-submit medical applications; should they meet the medical requirements, they will be given priority placement.

The selection of Pilgrimage themes has evolved in recent years to take advantage of the themes that are annually presented by the Sanctuary in Lourdes. The theme for the year 2023 is: "...that a chapel should be built here...". This is the second part of the pastoral theme decided upon by the Sanctuary to cover 2022 to 2024. The three themes are based on the words that the Virgin Mary spoke to Saint Bernadette on March 2, 1858: "1) Go and tell the priests 2) that a chapel should be built here 3) and that they should come in procession." The members of the American Association's 2023 Lourdes Pilgrimage, like all thirty-four Pilgrimages before them, will come in procession to the chapels that have been built there by prior generations, led by our chaplains — they go to answer Our Lady's call to come in procession and wash with the waters of the spring.

*This article was submitted by Tom and Missy Reedy, Hosts of the American Association's 2023 Lourdes Pilgrimage. For more information on the 2023 Lourdes Pilgrimage, visit [www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/members/lourdes-pilgrimage](http://www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/members/lourdes-pilgrimage).*



ORDER OF MALTA AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
**2022 INVESTITURE WEEKEND**

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Most Rev. William D. Byrne, ChC  
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 New York - New York City

Most Rev. Edmund J. Whalen, ChC  
 New York - New York City

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 Texas - Dallas

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 New York - New York City

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 and Northern

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 and Northern

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 and Northern

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 and Northern

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 Connecticut - Southern, Western  
 and Northern



## The Investiture: An Invitation to Walk in the World

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outsider looking in, is that the Knights and Dames embrace the world; they do not step away, avoid the harsh realities of the world or the evil within it. Building on the Gospel story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, His Beatitude spoke of choosing the more dangerous path.

“Sometimes, it is easier for us to remain in the harbor; it is much more secure,” he said. In noting that Jesus told the disciples to leave the harbor, He was sending a message to us as well. He told the congregation that Jesus did not offer the easier, safer alternative; rather, He told them, “Go to the other side.” The Patriarch explained that the sea was considered to represent evil and the Apostles were caught in the storm, a parallel to life in the world. Sometimes a safer harbor seems so appealing but the Patriarch said the message was clear, “Go into the life of the world, which is risky with a lot of danger.” His Beatitude went on to provide the frame of mind in which to enter into the world, “...you have to go there but with faith” in Jesus...“don’t be afraid, take courage.” Jesus tells us, “I can walk on the sea.”

The Patriarch said that we need to remind ourselves to say always, as did Saint Peter, “Lord, save me.” He emphasized that we cannot save ourselves. He spoke of the great works of the Order around the world, referencing in particular, Holy Family Hospital, which he noted serves predominantly a Muslim population.

Taking the message of being forgetful of oneself from the Daily Prayer of the Order without a specific reference, he stressed that whatever we do (for the good of others) is not just for ourselves, and whatever we do is because of Him. What Knights and Dames do in service to the sick and the poor is an expression of their love for Jesus.

His Beatitude finished by telling the Knights and Dames, “All of what you are doing must be according to the will of God.” Then you will have nothing to fear.

This year, four Conventual Chaplains, two Magistral Chaplains, thirty-one Dames and forty-two Knights were invested at the Solemn Mass of Investiture on Friday at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral. Two Deputy Chaplains and one Deputy Deacon Chaplain were installed at the Mass on Thursday.

This year’s events provided members an opportunity to see and hear Frá John Dunlap, Lieutenant of the Grand Master. He presided over the commitment promises of



the new Knights and Dames at the Solemn Mass of the Investiture; with the words from the Solemn Liturgy, the Lieutenant completed the Investiture process:

*By the virtue of the power bestowed upon me as Lieutenant of the Grand Master, I invest you in the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes, and of Malta.*

Attendees at the Annual Dinner were blessed to have Frá John as the guest speaker. Frá John said that the promise the new Knights and Dames had made “is a lifetime and life-altering commitment. The wording of the oath may be a bit archaic; but its meaning is just as clear as it was nine hundred years ago.” “In the end,” he said, “it is our service to our lords, the sick and the poor that counts.”

One of the unique and memorable elements of the multi-day celebration was the recognition of the women who were invested in 1985, 1986 and 1987 as a result of a concerted effort by President Peter Grace to change the face and direction of the Association. Their names were listed in the Dinner Program and are listed on page 9. Please pray in gratitude for these pioneering women for the important role they have played in the Association’s transformation.

President Peter Kelly ended the festivities at the Annual Dinner by thanking all those who attended; he thanked Mrs. Nancy Graebe, the Dinner Committee, and the office staff. He concluded, “I look forward to seeing you once again next year at our 95th Annual Investiture and Dinner. So good night and God bless.”

Saturday morning saw a regathering of several hundred

people at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral for what has become the Annual Mass in Honor of Living and Deceased Malades, and Deceased Members of the Association. Malades and their Caregivers were joined by sponsors, Knights and Dames, family and friends at the special Anointing Mass. The Very Reverend Enrique F. Salvo, ChM, Rector of Saint Patrick’s Cathedral and Assistant Principal Chaplain, was the Celebrant. Following the Mass, Malades and their Caregivers were honored at a brunch at the 3 West Club, a fundraiser for the Holy Family Hospital Foundation.

The multi-day series of events was capped off by the afternoon Mass for the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes, held at the Church of Saint Francis of Assisi. Reverend Joseph Francis Cavoto, OFM, ChM, Assistant Principal Chaplain of the Subpriory, was the Celebrant. The Lieutenant of the Grand Master, His Excellency Frá John T. Dunlap and the Regent of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes, Frá Nicola Tegoni, were also in attendance. More than sixty members of the Subpriory were in attendance. The Lieutenant of the Grand Master, His Excellency Frá John T. Dunlap led the attendees in the Daily Prayer of the Order.

And so, another year in the life of the Association comes to an end. May Our Lady of Philermo, Saint John the Baptist, Blessed Gerard and all the Saints intercede for the all who labor for the good of the Order that they may be blessed in their commitment and flourish in their work.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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capability to better serve and to more actively engage our members as they grow spiritually through living the charism of the Order.

As we move into 2023, there are still many challenges that we will be facing. At the President’s Meeting in Poland in October, we were able to discuss the new Constitution and Code and its effect on our bylaws with the Grand Chancellor, Grand Hospitaller, and Receiver of the Common Treasure. We were reassured that there would be flexibility in adapting the new Constitution and Code, as well as the timing of its adaptation.

I will be working with the other 2 US Associations’ Presidents and the Canadian Association President to develop a common set of bylaws that we can discuss with the Grand Magistracy to move the process forward. I will also be attending an Extraordinary Chapter General in Rome in January to elect a new Sovereign Council. Following that election, we will convene a Council Complete of State to elect a new

Grandmaster for a term of 10 years, with the possibility of a second term; under the new Constitution, there is a mandatory retirement age of 85 for the Grand Master.

You will probably be receiving this newsletter in the beginning of January. The above meetings will be at the end of January, so you can expect an email from me in February to keep you informed of the outcomes. Please continue to keep the Order and its leadership in your prayers as we conclude this reform process.

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

God Bless you and all that you do,



Peter J. Kelly, MD, GCM  
President



ORDER OF MALTA AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
2022 INVESTITURE WEEKEND

## Honoring The Dames of 1985 to 1987

*The 2022 Investiture provided a unique and appropriate venue to recognize the Dames of the Classes of 1985, 1986 and 1987. At the Solemn Mass of Investiture at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the Dames of those years were represented in the sanctuary by Camille Aubuchon (1985), Hope Carter (1987), Cissie Ix (1985), Janet Gestal (1987), Patricia McCarthy (1985), Mary Moran (1985) and Ellen Shafer (1985).*

The Dames were honored at the Annual Dinner at the Intercontinental Barclay Hotel.

In those three years, ninety-four Dames were invested into the Order as members of the American Association. Fifty-three Dames came in 1985, twenty-six in 1986 and fifteen in 1987. Their names were listed in the Annual Dinner's Program.

A 1985 trip by eight Dames from the American Association to Europe to get a better understanding of the kinds of ministries coupled with participation in that year's pilgrimage by Peter and Margie Grace and Ann Peabody, resulted in Mr. Grace asking Mrs. Peabody to lead the Association's first pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1986.

The influx of a significant number of women had the focus of the Association change. It showed itself first and perhaps most notably through the entry of the American Association into the 1986 International Pilgrimage of the Order to Lourdes. To the Europeans on the Pilgrimage, the thirty-seven pilgrims seemed an eclectic group with the men in grey flannels and sport coats — the women at least had their capes with them. Mrs. Ix recalled that "the Baroness Illene Von Schell gave us white dresses — one apiece which we wore for a whole week!"

The Dames have continued their leadership of the Pilgrimage through all the subsequent years. In 1987, Mrs. Ix and Mrs. Peabody led the group; in 1988, Mrs. Patricia Murphy and Mrs. Lucy McGrath took the leadership roles; in 1989, Mrs. Mary Agnes Kiernan had the reins and in 1990, Mrs. Barbara Cleary was the leader. In subsequent years, the Pilgrimage has been led by a Dame and a Knight.

The Pilgrimage has come a long way from those early days in size and in scope, but the purpose of the pilgrimage has not changed,

bringing Malades and Caregivers to Lourdes to share with them the joy, peace and power found at the Grotto. From the earliest days of the Association's involvement in the Pilgrimage, the focus has been and continues to be on the Malades, but many Knights and Dames who have been on the Pilgrimage come back with a changed heart and a renewed commitment to the promise they made at their Investiture to give witness to faith through service to the sick and the poor.

The American Association is planning its thirty-fifth pilgrimage in 2023 — like many traditional yearly events, the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage has been affected by the pandemic; with a three-year hiatus, plans are well under way to bring four hundred twenty-five pilgrims to Lourdes for our next pilgrimage.

The Dames in the American Association have played an important part in the organization's transformation to a living example of the charism of the Order. Dames have taken on leadership roles at the Association level and across the Areas. The Dames in the Association have led the way in developing and participating in local hands-on work. Some have described the Association prior to the significant influx of women as a check-writing ministry. Lourdes has been a primary work but other ministries began to spring up.

While not every member is capable of participating in hands-on work, many Knights and Dames fund the spiritual, service-oriented projects at the Area level which are the heart and soul of their membership in the Order. The third element, an opportunity for social activities with like-minded Catholics, has provided the glue that holds people in the Association and brings them out to participate in hands-on work in service to the sick and the poor.

There is an old saying that behind every great man, there is a great woman. In the American Association, the Dames are out in front with energy, creativity, compassion. and true dedication to live the charism, in Lourdes and in their hometowns.

The legacy of Lourdes that the Dames began and nurtured has changed the face of the Association to more clearly reflect the vision of Blessed Gerard, an organization whose members are dedicated to growing closer to Our Lords by finding Christ in the sick and the poor that they serve. In the end, nothing is more important. And in the end, nothing turned out to be more important for today's Knights and Dames than the journey of those ninety-four Dames who led the Association to the true nature of the Order of Malta.

ORDER OF MALTA AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
**2022 INVESTITURE WEEKEND**

— THE FIRST ELECTED DAMES OF THE ORDER —

Katherine L. Angermueller, DM Elected In 1987	Elaine J. Elio, DM Elected In 1986	Pauline Magee-Egan, DM Elected In 1986	Prudence S. Regan, DM Elected In 1985
Mary Jane Arrigoni, DM Elected In 1985	Mary Kay Farley, DM Elected In 1986	Mary B. Maguire, DM Elected In 1985	Shirley W. Ryan, DM Elected In 1986
Camille H. Aubuchon, DM Elected In 1985	Elizabeth J. Finnerty, DM Elected In 1985	Phyllis F. Mahoney, DM Elected In 1985	Patricia A. Saunders, DM Elected In 1985
Angela G. Bagatta, DM Elected In 1985	Charlotte E. Flatley, DM Elected In 1987	Virginia C. Matouk, DM Elected In 1985	Adelaide M. Schlafly, DM Elected In 1986
Marion I. Beckman, DM Elected In 1987	Leeda J. Fletcher, DM Elected In 1985	Virginia B. McCann, DM Elected In 1985	Marguerite M. Seidell, DM Elected In 1987
Mary J. Benson, DM Elected In 1986	Ellen M. Flynn, DM Elected In 1985	A. Patricia McCarthy, GCDMOB Elected In 1985	Ellen S. Shafer, GCMOB Elected In 1985
Carolyn L. Bomberger, DM Elected In 1985	Jeanne D. Forte, DM Elected In 1986	Mary Catherine McCooley, GCDM Elected In 1985	Patricia Q. Sheehan, DM Elected In 1985
Mary G. Brennan, DM Elected In 1985	Mary Jane Gavin, DM Elected In 1987	Irene A. McCreery, DM Elected In 1986	Elizabeth J. Sheridan, DM Elected In 1985
Linda F. Brenner, DM Elected In 1985	Janet S. Gestal, DM Elected In 1987	Lucy F. McGrath, DM Elected In 1985	Carol G. Simon, DM Elected In 1985
Gail G. Bunce, DM Elected In 1986	Margaret F. Grace, DM Elected In 1985	Justine D. Meehan, DM Elected In 1987	Patricia G. Spencer, DM Elected In 1985
Mary Agnes Callahan, DM Elected In 1985	Dorothy S. Guste, DM Elected In 1986	Joan M. Mooney, DM Elected In 1987	Joan B. Steiniger, DM Elected In 1985
Alice M. Carney, DM Elected In 1986	Patrice O'Malley Hagan, DHDM Elected In 1986	Mary T. Moran, DM Elected In 1985	Audrey M. Sullivan, DM Elected In 1986
Hope E. Carter, GCMOB Elected In 1987	Frances O'Connor Hardart, GCDM Elected In 1986	Thelma A. Mosher, DM Elected In 1985	Gloria E. Sullivan, DM Elected In 1986
Jill T. Ciraldo, DM Elected In 1985	Marie M. Harris, DM Elected In 1985	Catherine R. Murphy, DM Elected In 1985	Marjorie P. Teetor, DM Elected In 1985
Barbara M. Cleary, DM Elected In 1985	Marylou Hayford, DM Elected In 1986	Patricia D. Murphy, DM Elected In 1985	Dorothy F. Thiel, DM Elected In 1986
Roseanita Coffey, DM Elected In 1985	Josephine K. Hennelly, DM Elected In 1985	Suzanne C. Murphy, DM Elected In 1985	Mary Lou Torykian, DM Elected In 1985
Helene Downey Coyle, DM Elected In 1987	Mary M. Houlihan, DM Elected In 1985	Marjorie M. Nugent, DM Elected In 1985	Lucy Joan McGrath Triulzi, DM Elected In 1986
Mary Winifred D'Ablemont, DM Elected In 1987	Mildred G. Ix, GCDM Elected In 1985	Ellen L. O'Connor, DM Elected In 1985	Helen J. Valerio, DM Elected In 1985
Barbara Anne Dimpel, DM Elected In 1986	Helen A. Jones, DM Elected In 1986	Nancy B. O'Connor, DM Elected In 1985	Katherine M. Walsh, DM Elected In 1985
Eileen G. Dolehide, RN, DM Elected In 1986	Virginia Mary Kaneb, DM Elected In 1985	Ann R. Peabody, GCM Elected In 1985	Helen D. Williams, DM Elected In 1986
Grace A. Donovan, DM Elected In 1985	Ursula M. Kelly, DM Elected In 1985	Janice Wright Pepe, DM Elected In 1987	Ruth F. Woolard, DM Elected In 1986
Edith M. Doran, DM Elected In 1985	Nora M. Lawlor, DM Elected In 1987	Eileen Perini, DM Elected In 1987	Frances M. Ziminsky, DM Elected In 1987
Marie J. Doty, DM Elected In 1985	Dorothy M. Loftus, DM Elected In 1985	Agnes C. Quinn, DM Elected In 1985	
Ruth A. Edwards, DM Elected In 1986	Phyllis M. MacNeil, DM Elected In 1985	Susan H. Reese, DM Elected In 1985	





## The Professed and the Renewal of the Order

*Frá Richard J. Wolff, Ph.D.*

On Saturday, September 3, 2022, Pope Francis promulgated a new Constitution and Code for the Order of Malta. This event was notable not only because of the extraordinary interest and involvement of the Holy Father in the renewal of the Order, but also because it underscored, in no uncertain terms, the Order’s religious nature as well as its sovereign status under international law. Consequently, concerns that the sovereignty of the Order would be compromised in the course of the renewal have been set aside, as the documents recognized and endorsed the Order’s unique sovereign status among Catholic religious institutes.

With the Order’s sovereignty confirmed, the renewal of the Order is focused on re-establishing it as a properly functioning religious institute under canon law. The professed organized a strong working majority to ensure that the focus of the Order would remain on its spiritual nature.

The appointment of Cardinal Silvano Tomasi as the pope’s special delegate facilitated the efforts to preserve the Order’s religious nature. Aided by the eminent Jesuit canonist, now Cardinal Gianfranco Ghirlanda, the special delegate initially reached out to all parties involved in the renewal.

This brought him into close contact with the professed. The cardinal came to know the professed and recognize their intense love for the Order and their commitment to renewing its religious nature. Further, he saw the desire of the professed not only for a renewal of their own religious lives, but also for a renewal that would touch the lives of all members of the Order, religious and non-religious alike. With the appointment of Frá John Dunlap as Lieutenant to the Grand Master, the pontiff had the internal support necessary to decide strongly in favor of a Code and Constitution that recognizes and supports the religious nature of the Order.

This brings us to today. Today, our efforts to renew the Order continue unabated with the support of the Pope and Cardinal Tomasi. We can rest assured that the Order will remain a “lay religious” order, but what does that actually mean? There is still a great deal of confusion among rank-and-file members about this term “lay religious.”

First, we should address what this phrase does not mean. “Lay”, in this case, does not refer to lay persons, like members of Magistral Grace or in Obedience. It does not mean lay persons working side by side with religious (the professed) in the Order. Although that certainly happens every day, this is not what “lay religious” means. “Lay religious” refers to a state of life in the Church and canon law. The professed are lay religious. Sisters are lay religious. Brothers in other religious institutes, like Marist Brothers, are lay religious. Lay religious means that these brothers and sisters are “lay” in that they are not clerics (priests or deacons). Therefore, being a lay religious order has nothing to do with combining the laity with religious in a single order. “Lay religious” does not mean that the laity (the second and third classes) together with the religious (the first class) combine to make up the Order. The Order is comprised of the lay brothers (or religious) often referred to as the “heart” of the Order. Since the 19th century, it has invited non-religious to work side-by-side with the brothers as “confreres,” meaning “with the brothers or professed.”

In the renewed Order, the professed will take on greater responsibility for direction and governance which reflects their place as *sine qua non* with respect to the Order. That is, without the professed, the Order of Malta cannot be a religious institute. Therefore, both because of this requirement under canon law and the restoration of their responsibilities under the new Constitution and Code, vocations and formation are critical elements of the renewal. The new governance structure creates an influential Council of the Professed, dissolving the Government Council entirely. The professed have a majority on the Sovereign Council (SC), and going forward only the professed will vote to fill the seats on the SC reserved for the religious. The new governance brings the Order in line with canon law in that it no longer permits non-religious to determine policy or take actions that touch or affect the lives of the professed.

That said, it is important that all members of the Order

should pray for, and celebrate, new vocations to the first class. Additional professed are very necessary. Because of a moratorium placed on vocations during the most difficult years of the renewal process, the number of professed has declined from 62 in the last year of the reign of Frá Matthew Festing to 36 in this first year of the Lieutenancy of Frá John Dunlap. Still, the current professed, though fewer in number, are energetic and committed to seeing the renewal through to a successful conclusion, and they are confident that the Order will now be blessed with many vocations.

Thanks to Cardinal Tomasi, another moratorium placed on any profession of solemn vows was lifted last year, and five men took solemn vows: Frá Francis Vassalo (Malta); Frá Mathieu Dupont (Canada); Frá Richard Berkley-Matthews (England); Frá Joao Augusto Freire Andrade (Portugal); and the American Association's own (via Italy, of course) Frá Nicola Tegoni who is now the new Regent of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes. The professed are by and large an exceptionally experienced and talented group of men, with well-known doctors, lawyers, business executives, government officials, and academicians among their ranks. After years of being sidelined, they are anxious to become once again involved in the governance and leadership of the Order.

Those of you who have attended a profession of solemn vows will have a better understanding of the life of a professed knight than those who have not. Professing solemn vows is not a privilege, nor is it an honor, not a decoration or a promotion. Instead, it is the final answer — a resounding “yes” — to a call to dedicate our imperfect lives, through the Order, to Christ and His Church, a dedication that brings joy

to the heart and meaning to life. It is a public commitment to use all our given talents in service to the people of God, especially to our lords, the poor and the sick. For many of the professed, it is a call that they heard for years, sometimes loudly, other times faintly, but it pursued them unceasingly until they found the Order of Malta.

Francis Thompson's *The Hound of Heaven* is an epic poem, based on the poet's life. It speaks to the futility of fleeing from God's love. It calls on us to surrender to God's relentless pursuit.

*I fled Him, down the nights and down the days;  
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;  
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways  
Of my own mind; and in the midst of tears  
I hid from Him, and under running laughter.  
Up vistaed hopes, I sped;  
And shot, precipitated,  
Adown Titanic glooms of chasmed fears,  
From those strong Feet that followed, followed after.*

Vocations that come to fruition later in life, like many of those to the Order, often identify strongly with *The Hound of Heaven*. The Mass and ritual of the solemn profession is the equivalent of a public declaration that the man prostrate before the altar has finally surrendered to God, to “those strong Feet that followed, followed after.” Sharing with the members of the Order the beauty of that surrender, however, is for some an important part of their solemn profession. The surrender takes on its fullest meaning when we recall, once again, the words of Francis Thompson:

*All which I took from thee I did but take,  
Not for thy harms,  
But just that thou might'st seek it in My arms.  
All which thy child's mistake  
Fancies as lost, I have stored for thee at home:  
Rise, clasp My hand, and come.*

The renewal of the Order is now underway in earnest, jump-started by the welcome decisions of the Pope and the promulgation of the new Constitution and Code. The religious nature of the Order has been re-affirmed; the professed are once again being called upon to share with others their talents, love and enthusiasm for the Order. Together with their confreres, the knights and dames in obedience and magistral grace, the professed of the Order are ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

May our efforts be guided and blessed by Our Lady of Philermo, Saint John the Baptist, and Blessed Gerard, and may they be supported by the prayers of Knights and Dames throughout the world.



## HIGHLIGHTS



A big welcome at Malta Camp USA!



Ben Malec KM and Elizabeth Demaree DM with ballerina Mary Elizabeth Sell at the NYC Ballet workshop.



Malta Camp USA's field day!

## Malta Camp USA: Changing the way we interact with people with disabilities

"Malta Camp is life-changing," exclaimed Nicole Wiegers, one of eleven "Guests" with disabilities who participated in Malta Camp USA. "It is a place where true, authentic, real community is built, where people feel as though they truly belong. It makes me not feel so lonely anymore because I know without a doubt that I have friends who love me for who I am."

This summer's first-ever Malta Camp USA was designed to serve adults with intellectual and physical disabilities like Nicole. After much anticipation, the Malta Camp kicked off beneath blue skies at Siena College's bucolic campus in Loudonville, New York on June 19th. For five days and nights, Guests were joined by 24 volunteers for a program chock-full of daily and evening activities, including excursions around the Hudson Valley and Catskills region. The Guests were medically stable, 21-to-40-years-old, ambulatory adults, who applied and were reviewed through a process similar to that of the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Volunteers included Knights and Dames of Malta, Auxiliary members, and other volunteers wanting to serve their peers with disabilities.

Each Guest was paired with a volunteer "Helper" who accompanied and served the Guest's needs throughout the week. The secret ingredient of Malta Camp is a strong focus on intentional relationship-building. The aim is to develop friendships between Helpers and Guests that transcend strictly relationships of service and build up the Guest's confidence and courage through affirmation,

love, and respect. Since people with disabilities tend to "age out" of services which allow socialization when they reach young adulthood, this highly marginalized population has few opportunities to travel, experience new things, and build meaningful friendships — particularly with their peers who don't have disabilities. The Guest-Helper relationship therefore fills this void and offers independence away from regular caretakers, parents, and institutional settings. This special relationship also ensures that Guests receive the utmost care from Helpers.

In keeping with the tradition of the Order to serve the marginalized as "our Lords," our disabled participants are treated as distinguished Guests — just as we call them. Rather than bringing them to a summer camp in the woods, Malta Camp USA's rich slate of activities gave them a chance to enjoy a week spent in several desirable summer destinations: the Hudson Valley, Lake George, Cooperstown.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF MALTA CAMP USA 2022:

- An all-day excursion to Lake George included a visit to historic Fort William Henry with tours by interpreters in period uniforms, cannon and musket firings, and a steamboat cruise with a lunch tour and live music.
- Professional ballet dancers from the New York City Ballet came to Malta Camp USA and gave a workshop featuring sequences from "Serenade" and "West Side Story."
- Visiting Howe Caverns provided an adventure underground to see fascinating rock and water formations.
- In Cooperstown, professional players showed Guests the best of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and then joined Malta Camp USA participants at Dr. Joseph Dutkowsky's home for a ball game, beautiful dinner al fresco, and visits to the extraordinary Order of Malta chapel on the grounds.





Guest Tom Hogan high fives Mary Delaney AUX.



Guest Amy Conton waves while Dr. Kathy Dubowski and Dr. Michael Espiritu KM look on.



Peter Maloy KM with guest Tom Hogan and Ryan Young KM at the opening day's tug-of-war.



Jean Maloy DM at Lake George with Elisabeth Boeselager DM and guest Kristi Nemes.



Pro players Tom Carroll and Gary Holle, Dr. Joe Dutkowsky KM, Peter Maloy KM, Jean Maloy DM and Steven Hardy KM support batter Chris Hogan at "Dancing Lawn."



Guest Ryan McLean, Tim Fortnam AUX, and historic interpreters at Fort William Henry.

- June Farms provided visits with numerous farm animals and heritage breeds.
- Unforgettable talent show hijinks and karaoke performances were enjoyed by all.

The robust spiritual program of Malta Camp USA centered around our chosen theme “wonderfully made,” taken from the psalm for the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist. The theme highlights that our Guests were made exactly as God intended them to be. Opening and closing Masses were celebrated by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger ChC, daily Masses were offered by the Siena College friars Fr. Larry Anderson OFM and Fr. Kenneth Paulli OFM, ChD, and “the heart of Malta Camp USA” — its Silent Night — consisted of a Rosary procession to the college’s Lourdes Grotto followed by Eucharistic Adoration with the Sacrament of Confession available. One Guest chose to return to Confession after over a decade during the Silent Night.

After the camp, Nicole shared that, thanks to the encouragement of those around her, she tried new things at Malta Camp USA that her disability had previously made difficult or were thought to be beyond her reach — things other women without disabilities like Nicole’s might do on a summer getaway with friends. Nicole’s experiences feeding a horse, donning a full-body bubble suit and squaring off against friends, spinning and reeling around the dance floor of a steamboat cruise, and exploring caverns deep below the Earth caused her to reflect, “Everyone feels truly free at Malta Camp, a freedom that they can do anything and everything no matter what! Malta Camp is where the things that seemed impossible become possible, and these life-changing experiences create a sense of courage and bravery that extends beyond the week.”

Indeed, the success of Malta Camp USA is not simply based on the week of the camp itself, but on the strength of the bonds established and the commitment of the volunteers outside the week of the camp. This fruit of

Malta Camp USA can already be seen over the summer months since the camp drew to a close. Guests and volunteers, who had never met before June, now call or text each other nearly every day, plan trips to visit one another, and continue to relive the joy of Malta Camp through their friendships and the memories they share.

### Camp Prayer

*Eternal God, we love you and praise you, and we give you thanks for all the ways you have made us unique and beautiful! Every day you remind us that we are infinitely loved and wonderfully made.*

*Guide us with your light as we embark on this new adventure and help us to let our own light shine. Bless our camp and the camp friends we will make. Teach us to love more fully and to be witnesses together to the Joy of the Gospel, through Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

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# The Lieutenant of the Grand Master Speaks to Newly Invested Knights and Dames of the American Association

## Your Eminence, Beatitude, Excellencies, Confreres, and Dear Friends,

I am so privileged to be here this evening and to address you for the very first time in my role as Lieutenant of the Grand Master. Who would have thought that this could ever happen?

For over twenty-five years, I sat where you are sitting this evening, thinking, "I wonder why, year after year, we insist on having a guest speaker? It only ruins the conversation at the dinner tables." Little did I know that one day it would be me ruining the dinner conversations!

I was given only one instruction from our President, Dr. Peter Kelly, "Be short"! Thank you, Peter, and all the members of the American Association Board of Councillors for inviting me here this evening. Thank you also for everything that you do for our beloved Order.

This evening, I wish to address, in particular, those newly minted Knights and Dames who joined our Order this afternoon. I was pleased to meet you all in the Cathedral, and I am happy that you survived your Year of Preparation.

So, first of all, "Congratulations!" I want to recognize this extraordinary achievement. You and your families should be very proud. Second, I want to urge you on in your commitment to serve our lords, the sick and the poor.

The late Grand Master Matthew Festing used to say that this is a Religious Order and not a Country Club. And it is good to remind ourselves of this fact from time to time — especially on nights like this, filled with beautiful traditions, set in elegant surroundings. Our internationally recognized sovereignty and our unique character may set us apart from other religious Orders, but make no mistake, we are one of the world's oldest religious orders, and today's ceremonies reflect that fact.

The promise you made today is, as in all religious orders, a lifetime and life altering commitment. The wording of the oath may be a bit archaic, but its meaning is as clear as it was 900 years ago. Different problems perhaps, but the same suffering humanity.

Today, human and natural crises are affecting the world population with a speed that has never been seen before. For example, just as we in the Order started to develop projects to prevent global warming and climate change (the major cause

of climate-driven migration) new diseases and catastrophic natural disasters hit back. Before we could even catch our breath, we were on the defensive.

COVID-19 changed our lives in only a few weeks. We were all affected down to the minutiae of our daily lives, work and routine. Tragically, I dare to say that each one of us knows at least one person who has died in the pandemic.

And just when we seemed to be emerging from this disaster, a war in the middle of Europe changed our perception of danger, its likelihood, and its proximity. We are now living with the real fear of nuclear disaster, global hostilities and rampant inflation, while hurricanes, floods and earthquakes are destroying lives and prosperity — creating new basic needs like food security and homelessness, which are seen now in even high-income regions.

The list of tasks for the Order grows exponentially on a daily basis and so does the need for volunteers. The Order has some 13,500 members, some 95,000 permanent volunteers and a qualified staff of some 52,000 professionals. We operate in 120 countries and currently have diplomatic relations with 112 countries throughout the world. Our worldwide annual budget is over 2.2 billion Euros. During COVID the Order grew its staff and volunteers by some 20%. For example, Holy Family Hospital, the Order's Maternity Hospital in Bethlehem, is expected to have its 100,000th birth early next year in 2023. But there are never enough members, never enough volunteers and never enough funds to meet these growing needs.

Not surprisingly, the Order of Malta has changed radically over the past 900 years and continues to change to adapt to modern times. For example, I am the first leader of the Order to be from the New World, the first Canadian, and the first Lieutenant not in Honor and Devotion in over nine hundred years. You can imagine my shock when I was told that the Holy Father had decided to name me! My first response was that I did not qualify for the position! I was then told, ever so politely, that no one ever says no to the Pope.

The Order's reputation in North America has also changed dramatically. In fact, when I was first approached, in the early 1990's, by the late Dr. Archie Foley and Joe Hagan, who is still very much alive, about my interest in becoming a member, I eagerly called my

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## The Lieutenant of the Grand Master Speaks to Newly Invested Knights and Dames of the American Association (continued)



father in Ottawa to tell him. His immediate response was, “John, don’t do it, they are a bunch of snobs!” Dad had been asked on many occasions to join the Order in Canada, and he had always refused, even though the then-President of the Canadian Association had been his classmate in Law School.

At that time in the US, the President of the American Association was the formidable American industrialist, J. Peter Grace, for 50 years President of W.R. Grace & Co. My first meeting regarding membership was with the late Henry Humphrey, then Chancellor of the American Association. He said that he had reviewed my application and was satisfied, but that I was too young to belong to the Order and that, in his opinion, I should wait a few years. He said that the American Association did not normally accept members under forty years old. (Thank God this has changed, as evidenced by the number of young people who were invested this afternoon.)

I was obviously disappointed with Henry’s decision, but I agreed to volunteer with the Order.

I then asked Henry where, by volunteering, I could help the Order the most. He responded that the Order ran the volunteer program in Harlem at Terence Cardinal Cooke Healthcare Centre. He said that he was having difficulties in getting members to go up to Harlem. (East Harlem was a very different place in the early 1990’s than it is today.)

I was finally invested in the Order on an extremely cold January afternoon; the gala dinner followed at the Waldorf Astoria. Investitures

were then held in January as hotel room prices were at their lowest. This lasted until there were a series of blizzards in January which prevented many from coming to New York, and the investiture was moved to November. In those days, the ballroom of the Waldorf was packed with over one thousand guests all in white tie. Each new member was expected to fill a table.

That year, the guest speaker was the late John Cardinal O’Connor. He rose from his seat at the huge head table on the Waldorf stage and proceeded to the podium. He began his talk with these words, “My father always said that the Knights of Malta were all Crooks in Tails”! My mother glared at me from across the table. Thank

God, the Cardinal then said how wrong his father had been, which was just what I believe my mother was thinking.

Back to TCC, as it is called. It is owned by ArchCare which is the healthcare arm of Archdiocese of New York. It is a unique Continuing Care Facility unlike any other in New York City. The Centre’s mission is to reach out to the dis-enfranchised and to those who seem beyond help. It provides special and compassionate approaches to the chronic care and treatment of some 600 residents and renders in excess of 71,000 Outpatient Clinical Services each year in one of the poorest parts of New York City. There are geriatric residents, severely disabled children and victims of Alzheimer’s disease, AIDS, and Huntington’s disease.

Basically, and without mincing words, the Centre cares for those people that no other facility wants. It was set up originally to take AIDS patients when public hospitals would not admit them. This was in the early stages of the epidemic, and people were petrified to care for those suffering from this frightening disease. So much was then unknown. Cardinal Cooke asked the then Mayor of New York City, Ed Koch, to give him a facility. The Church would staff it, and the Order of Malta would provide the volunteers. So TTC was born.

I began to volunteer there on a weekly basis and continue to do so to this very day. I found my time there most rewarding and a welcome change from my duties and responsibilities in my law



firm. On Sundays, we helped transport residents to church for both the Catholic and Protestant services, gave communion and then fed those who were unable to feed themselves. I enjoyed this service so much that I began to ponder a vocation as a Professed Knight of the Order of Malta.

The Professed Knights, or Knights of Justice, as you know, form the core of the Order. They are small in number, about fifty in all, but are the direct successors of those Hospitaller Knights who worked in hospitals first in Jerusalem, then in Rhodes and then in Malta. They take vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience. The road to Solemn Profession is a long one, with a one-year Aspirancy Period followed by a one or two-year Novitiate, followed by a minimum of three years in Simple Vows before being able to apply for Solemn Vows.

In those years, I felt that I had a full life, a successful career, lots of friends, plenty of money, but began to wonder if there were not something more to life. And wouldn't you know it? Something happened to me at TCC that changed my life forever. For I shall now tell you a story that I have told to very few, not even to my own family. It is the amazing story of Byron.

Byron was a long-time resident of the hospital who suffered from AIDS and was in the last stages of life when I met him. He was a very angry man who sat in the lobby of the facility with a menacing face. When I was alone and overwhelmed by residents needing assistance, he sometimes offered to push residents up the ramp that leads to the chapel. He would never come in, though he was present every day outside.

One day, I got up the courage to ask him why he never came in. He said that he had been raised a Catholic, but now he hated God for having made him sick. We slowly became friends, and I would buy him a coffee after church to thank him for his help.

He told me one day how he and his wife had become drug addicts. His wife had already died of AIDS and prior to her death the State of New York had taken two daughters away from the couple and put them up for adoption. He told me that he had no idea where they were, but that before he died his one hope was to see his daughters once again. He asked if I might be able to help. I took down the two names and said I would see what I could do.

Monday morning, I arrived in the law office, preoccupied by how I could keep my promise to Byron. One of the young associates came into my office to ask me something. She asked if I was OK. I told her the story and said that, being a corporate lawyer, I had no idea even where to start, missing persons wasn't

my forte. Suddenly, she said that she had gone to school with the head of Child Services in Staten Island. They must have been very good friends as she knew the woman's telephone number by heart. We called her, and she explained that the only thing that we could do was put a letter in each of the files from the father. If one of daughters asked to see the file, she would then see the letter and decide whether or not to contact the parent.

She asked if I knew the names of the two children. I gave them to her, and there was a long silence. She then said, "How fast can you arrange for the father's letter to be delivered to my office in Staten Island?" Why the rush? Well, it turned out that both girls had written separately to Child Services just that week, asking to see their files. More amazing was the fact that the girls had been adopted by different families and did not even know each other.

I immediately ran up to TTC and drafted letters for Byron to sign, as he could neither read nor write. I then had them couriered to the woman's office in Staten Island. She immediately placed them into the two girls' files and then called them to come in to see the files. The following week both girls came to see their father and to meet each other. They met one other time, and then Byron died. Before dying, he was received back into the Church and died with the grace of the sacraments.

This, for me, was confirmation of my desire to pursue a Hospitaller vocation in the Order of Malta. I have never looked back. I trust that each of you new knights and dames will find a Byron in your life to send you in the right direction.

The Order is one very large family. Of course, we have disagreements which are sometimes upsetting and destabilizing, but we work through our differences for the Glory of God and the Good of the Order. In the end, it is our service to our lords, the sick and the poor, which counts most.

Finally, I'd like to share with you something that my sponsor to the Order, Dr. Archie Foley, told me all those many years ago. He said that I would never, ever meet "nicer people in the world" than the members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. And you know what? Archie was absolutely right, and I am blessed to have so many Malta friends — especially in the American Association. May God bless you all!

*\*HE Frá John Dunlap*

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## CALLED TO SERVE SECURING OUR LEGACY OF CARE FOR THE SICK AND THE POOR A Campaign for the Order of Malta, American Association



**WE WERE HONORED AND GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS SEVERAL HUNDRED MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL IN NYC ON THE MORNING OF THE INVESTITURE.** We shared a message of incredible generosity and the opportunity that lay ahead as we opened the Capital Campaign to all our members. We used the presentation to thank the more than two hundred-fifty donors who took the campaign to \$17.1 million on the way to \$20 million and beyond. And we used the presentation to open the doors wide to our twelve hundred members who have not had the opportunity to make a contribution.

The presentation covered three key areas; we provided an overview of the campaign as it has unfolded, we spoke about how we have all been called to serve the sick and the poor by our vocation in the Order of Malta; and we provided a roadmap for securing our legacy of service to the sick and the poor.

### OVERVIEW

The Campaign started in 2020 as a key element of the Strategic Plan; at that time, it was unclear where this campaign could actually go — the pandemic forced the cancellation of pilgrimages, retreats, and opportunities for hands-on work which are actually the primary focus of the Campaign. While the Strategic Plan outlined a campaign with a potential target of sixteen million dollars as a placeholder, we knew that a campaign of any significant size would require a lot of thinking by a lot of smart people to conclude on what the true potential might be. The first step was engaging CCS, a top consultant in the area of Catholic Philanthropy. From there, a campaign cabinet was formed. Many of you were called upon to share your thoughts and questions as we considered where this campaign was going to go. With input from dozens of Knights, Dames, Chaplains, with a focus on current and past leaders, we challenged our members to be open to what was important about the Order of Malta, how did it fit in your lives, what were the high points and what were the sticking points. Those who volunteered to speak shared their love for the spirituality of the Order, for the melding of hands-on work with your spiritual journey.

We heard the good and the bad and we are grateful for each of you who responded in the formative days of the campaign — your honesty, wisdom and concerns all provided the basis for the case we developed,

a case that reflects your story and the story of the Order you love so deeply — it is a story of love, compassion and spiritual growth.

In the end, we have built a campaign around a twenty million dollar goal with seven million to be directed to the Pilgrimage Foundation to build an endowment capable of funding the cost of a hundred or more Malades and Caregivers to participate in the Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage in perpetuity; the second piece was to add thirteen million dollars to the Malta Human Services Foundation endowment to double its capacity to fund grants for the American Association to support your hands-on work in Area activities and at the national and international levels of the Order.

We started actually raising funds in late 2020, seeking leadership contributions from selected members; we continued that work as we moved into the Area Engagement Phase. We have had the opportunity already to visit more than half the Areas, including multiple visits to some. In this phase, we have been speaking to small groups about the campaign. At Dr. Kelly's Town Hall Meeting in October, we entered the All Member Invitation Phase; following the meeting, each member received a personalized package with the case statement and a request for your participation in the campaign.

### CALLED TO SERVE

When we say the Daily Prayer of the Order, we thank Jesus for enlisting us in this Order of Knights and Dames in the service of the poor and the sick. Within the American Association, we participate in the Annual Pilgrimage of the Order to Lourdes — it is often called the signature work of the Order because it visibly reflects the international nature of the Order while providing members with the opportunity for hands-on service in a deeply meaningful spiritual event. It is a major undertaking and represents a significant commitment of time and resources. It is said that no one goes on the Lourdes Pilgrimage without experiencing a change in their understanding of what being in the Order is all about and a deeper understanding of the nature and beauty of hands-on work in service of the sick and the poor. The Lourdes Pilgrimage will cost over one million four hundred thousand dollars in 2023; about twenty-five percent of that is to cover the direct expenses of the Malades and Caregivers.

For most members, that service unfolds in their own backyards, at the soup kitchens, homeless shelters, in prisons and nursing homes, in protecting life and in service to the dying. The attached chart gives a snapshot of the areas where you, our members, are working to ease the suffering and enhance the lives of those whom we serve, Our Lords, the Sick and the Poor. When Christ said, "The poor you will always have with you," He was speaking to us, the Knights and Dames of the Order and the unending nature of poverty and sickness in our world. We have set a challenging goal to raise funds for the Malta Human Services Foundation but we know that the needs are truly limitless.

### SECURING OUR LEGACY OF CARE FOR THE SICK AND THE POOR

What we do, we do for Him because what He did, He did for us. As we continue our journey and our labors in the field, we can ask ourselves what should be our legacy. The Capital Campaign is designed to help secure the



## Called to Serve – Campaign Prayer

Prayer by H.E. Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
 Bailiff Grand Cross of Honor and Devotion  
 Archbishop of New York and Principal Chaplain



Blessed Gerard  
 Founder of the Order

Almighty and loving God,

Thank you for the many blessings you bestow on me and my family each day. Let me never take them for granted, but rather, appreciate and cherish each gift you give us.

Thank you also for calling me to serve You as a member of the Order of Malta. You created this wonderful group of people to be your hands and feet, your eyes and ears, for the sick and poor of the world, in order for Your presence and ministry to continue in this world today.

This ministry has made me realize just how blessed I am. You have given me love, understanding, talents and treasure. Now you ask me to share these gifts with others less fortunate than I.

I realize that this can be a daunting task, but I also realize that you never ask more of me than I can really do, nor give me more crosses to bear than I can endure. With You at my side, and along with my faith, I know that all things are possible!

Loving God, I ask You now fill me with a cheerful heart, as I respond to the opportunity before me. Move me to generosity in Your love, as I dedicate myself to the work You have entrusted me.

I ask this in Your Son's name, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

capacity of our members to respond, and the compelling case that you as members have built in serving the sick and the poor. Securing the legacy of your work is a worthy goal that has inspired the campaign's success so far.

A question that we were asked early on was whether the \$20M dollar goal was achievable? Honestly, as we began our exploration to define the case, the goals and our processes, we experienced a growing confidence that we were on the right track. That was because all we had to do was tell the story — a compelling story of Knights and Dames, supported by their chaplains, who are traveling a unique spiritual path by living the charism to the give witness to their faith through their hands-on work serving the sick and the poor. The foundation for the campaign was built on bedrock; it was structured around what you all do, at soup kitchens, with prisoners and victims of human trafficking, with Malades and caregivers, with the poor and the sick whose

needs will always be with us but where you make a difference every day.

At that point in the campaign, we had received commitments from sixteen percent of our households; eighty-four percent still have the opportunity. Since we announced the member engagement phase of the campaign during Dr. Kelly's October Town Hall meeting, we have opened the door to that group, many of whom had not yet been approached. The response since the Town Hall Meeting has been humbling.

Now the "asks" are on the table; most of you have received a package that was sent on the day following the Town Hall meeting. We ask that you prayerfully consider the request you have received to support this campaign. We know that many of you have great demands on your generosity; we only ask that you consider how the Order of Malta fits into your life and consider a gift that reflects that. The needs are great; securing our legacy of care for the sick and the poor is the purpose of the campaign. We invite you to participate at the level you decide.

We finished our presentation at the Annual Meeting by sharing the prayer composed by Cardinal Dolan for our campaign. We end our report here with words from that prayer. "Loving God, I ask You now to fill me with a cheerful heart, as I respond to the opportunity before me. Move me to generosity in Your love, as I dedicate myself to the work You have entrusted me." God bless you for all you do.

At the 2022 Investiture Mass and Annual Dinner, our members honored the legacy of our original Dames who brought us, our Malades and Caregivers to Lourdes almost 37 years ago. Growing the Pilgrimage Foundation's resources today will allow us to secure their legacy which had its beginnings in 1985.

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legacy of our hands-on opportunities far into the future. What we are doing has an immediate impact as some projects are already receiving funding through gifts to the Campaign. But the real impact of the Campaign is to secure the legacy of care that we are currently involved in for generations to come. The goal of the campaign is to secure funding as has been described — funding that will be wisely stewarded to provide resources beyond our time here on earth. But the second and perhaps greater outcome will be the creation of a culture of greater philanthropy which is focused on increasing the impact of what we do in the days and years to come.

When we started work on this campaign, we were greeted by a pandemic. Some people said it was the wrong time, but what we saw was the heightened need for resources to address the needs of the people we serve. The success of the campaign so far is not of our doing — it is built on the generosity of a small number of donors who see the vision we are trying to share, one of fostering our own hands-on work and leaving a well-marked trail for others to follow.

Those who attended the Annual Meeting in New York in November saw the gift table, a common feature of capital campaigns; it was developed at the beginning of the campaign to provide the path to raise \$20M. We are tracking very close to the table that we developed and expect to meet and exceed it at every gift level. The level of generosity we have encountered provides a basis for optimism that we will exceed our goal and this campaign will have a greater immediate impact than we initially estimated.

At the time of the Annual Meeting, sixty leadership gifts had already been received, bringing us to 65% of our goal. One hundred seventy-one additional donors brought the campaign to over 80% of the \$20M goal. Seventy-five percent of the commitments are in cash pledges; the rest are in planned gifts, mostly bequests. Of the cash pledges, more than half have already been paid. The numbers are real and the success so far has been gratifying.

At the meeting, we then presented a chart to show that we are now in the midst of a \$3M campaign to bring us to our \$20M goal. The road to \$20M was outlined with a graph that showed our progress and the milestones and dates as we move forward. It depicted the success to date, the generosity and

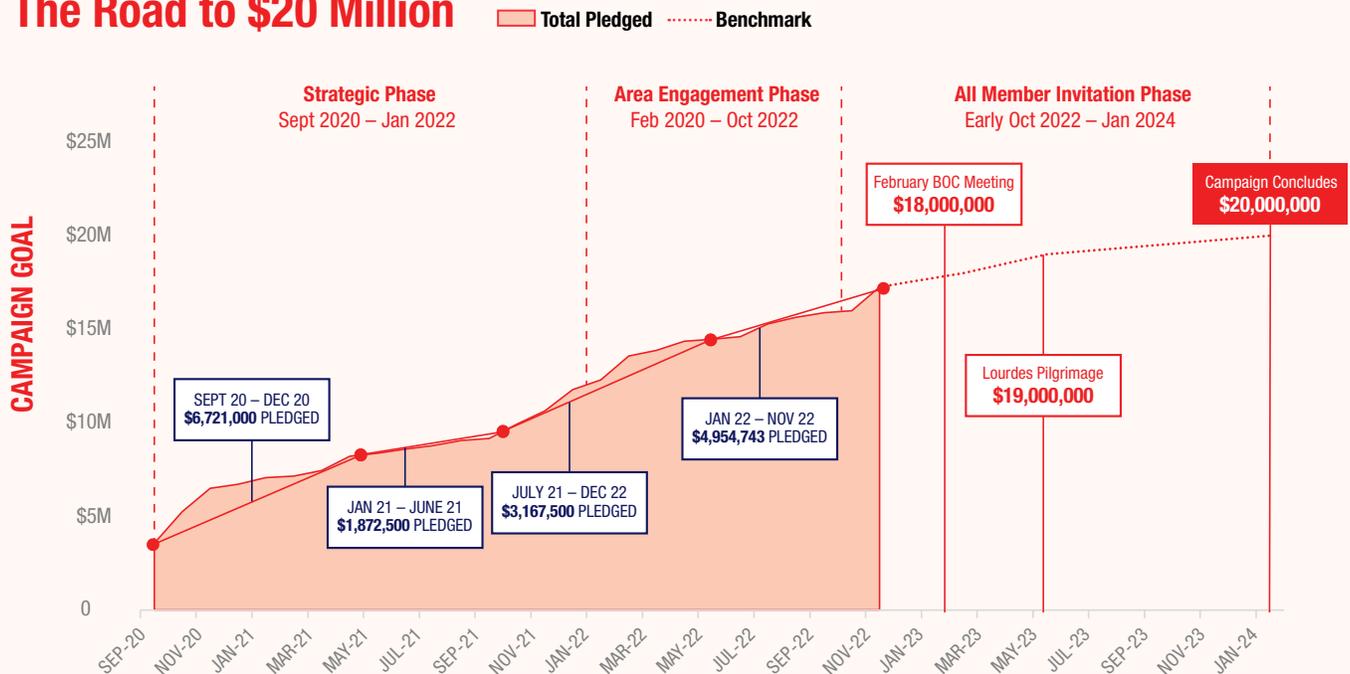
## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### Next Benchmark: \$18M by February 24th

- Since our last meeting on November 7, we have secured thirty-six gifts totaling \$837K.
- Of the \$17.26M pledged, **\$13.9M**, or 81%, is derived from **62 leadership gifts**, representing an average leadership gift of \$224,242!
- **Approximately 18% of our membership**, or 257 households, have made a gift to *Called to Serve*.
- Of the \$17.26M pledged, **\$5.6M has been received in cash** and **\$3.9M in Planned Gifts**. Receipt of 42% of all cash pledges is on pace with expected collection benchmarks.

Gift Level	# of Gifts Required	# of Prospects Required	Providing	# of Donors	Total Raised	Average Gift
\$1,000,000	4	8	\$4,000,000	3	\$3,040,000	\$1,013,333
\$500,000	8	16	\$4,000,000	6	\$3,288,000	\$548,000
\$250,000	12	24	\$3,000,000	10	\$2,700,000	\$270,000
\$100,000	40	80	\$4,000,000	43	\$4,875,000	\$113,372
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>\$13,903,000</b>	<b>\$224,242</b>
\$50,000	60	120	\$3,000,000	31	\$1,675,000	\$54,032
\$25,000	50	100	\$1,250,000	28	\$755,000	\$26,964
\$10,000	50	100	\$500,000	55	\$688,123	\$12,511
<\$10,000	100	200	\$250,000	81	\$234,120	\$2,890
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>\$17,255,243</b>	<b>\$67,141</b>

### The Road to \$20 Million



## Meeting the Rosary

As a relative newcomer to The Rosary, I've had the advantage of taking in its power and beauty with a curiosity that has quickly morphed into wonder... a wonder at the strength and simplicity of its architecture... a wonder at the serene well-being the prayers impart... a wonder at the bonding force released in its sublime communal recitation.

My wife, Jane, and I recently joined in the "live Rosary prayers" offered by the American Association each Sunday evening. The experience is one we look forward to each week... as it caps our prayer life and fuels our faith. If you think about it, faith is our reaction to God's grace. In Baptism we get a life-time supply of that grace... but it is up to us to keep our tank of Faith topped-up. It evaporates when it is idle. It flourishes when it is active. Jesus tells us again and again, in parable after parable that we were meant to grow it, to show it... and to share it as we now do with the Order each Sunday evening.

St. Paul tells us: When I was a child, I spoke as a child. I understood as a child..." It is the same way with our grasp of faith. When we first learn the beliefs of the Church, when we first sing the glorious hymns and when we first pray the Rosary, we have little understanding of their depth and mystery. While often confused, distracted... even bored... intuitively, we know they are good. And that is enough for a start.

And so, as we take our first steps on what Bishop Robert Barron calls the *Via Pulchritudinis*... the Way of Beauty... the path that draws us to God through the Church's exquisite mix of the humble and the majestic... none more humble... none more majestic... than The Rosary. And as The Rosary becomes ingrained in our prayer life, our heavenly Father smiles approvingly... pleased with our devotion to Mary... pleased with our contemplation on the mysteries of Christ's saving love.

As my own appreciation of the Rosary grew, I decided to learn more about its practice and its power... and how it has impacted the lives of both the humble and the exalted. While I'm a beginner, The Rosary holds a revered... even legendary... place in the story of Jane's family. Flashback over seventy years to the summer of 1950. The Korean War had started and everywhere American troops were in defeat and retreat. Jane's Uncle Bob was pulled out of Fordham to head to Korea with his reserve unit. In fear and confusion, his Mom had a simple plan. The family would pray the Rosary every night for peace and for Bob's safe return. And so, they did for two years, six of them, on their knees, in the living room, after dinner every night... often joined by neighbors and extended family members. With peace and Bob's return, the family kept right on praying in thanksgiving and in the serenity and solidarity they had found in the Rosary. Jane's Grandmother went on to pray the

Rosary every day for the rest of her life, until at age ninety-five Jesus welcomed her into the Glorious Mystery of the Resurrection. While Grandma will always be our favorite champion of the Rosary... undoubtedly, the greatest champion of the Rosary is one of the greatest heroes of all time.

Karol Wojtyla... the beloved St John Paul II... took time every day from being the victor of the Cold War and the champion of Christian evangelization to pray the Rosary. Or perhaps more accurately, praying the Rosary was integral to his every spiritual and temporal achievement. Starting with his days as leader of a secret prayer group in Nazi occupied Warsaw... to his recovery from an assassin's bullet, he tells us that the Rosary was his constant source of strength and consolation.

Later in his papacy John Paul went further. With the power of a divinely inspired theologian, he immersed himself in the mysteries of the Rosary and then shared his awe and insights in Rosarium Virginis Mariae, his glorious Apostolic Letter commending the practice and benefits of the Most Holy Rosary to all the faithful:

*These words express, so to speak, the wonder of heaven; they could be said to give a glimpse of God's own wonderment as he contemplates his "masterpiece" — the Incarnation of the Son in the womb of the Virgin Mary... The repetition of the Hail Mary in the Rosary gives us a share in God's own wonder and pleasure. In jubilant amazement we acknowledge the greatest miracle of history.*  
— Pope St. John Paul II

No wonder people who are looking for a miracle are said to be "Throwing a Hail Mary." The expression has come into the language to describe an act of desperation... when all is lost, it's a desperate attempt to break out of a hopeless situation. And if one Hail Mary can snatch victory from defeat, what can fifty of them do? We'll never know unless we follow the advice of St. John Paul and lift our hearts and minds to God in the Rosary.

But don't wait for an act of desperation... find strength and peace and joy in the Rosary today. Join us... and St. John Paul II and Grandma... and all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let's pray the rosary together.

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# American Association's Area Grants Program

*Another year, another successful run of the American Association's Area Grants Program is in the books. The program entered its 4th year being hosted online, allowing for a streamlined process that was able to provide funds to over 70 organizations serving those in need exactly when they need it.*

## In 2022, We Awarded

33 Emergency Food-related Assistance Grants  
totaling over \$131,841 across 17 Areas

24 Local Area Project Support Grants  
totaling over \$85,710 across 12 Areas

38 Regular Area Grants  
totaling over \$238,921 across 18 Areas

5 Association Level Grants totaling \$300,000

**\$756,472 total awarded in 2022**

In between the lines of each grant application approved this year was the underlying drive to live the charism of our Order through our service to the sick and the poor. If you take a look at the listing of organizations and projects that were awarded grants, you'll see familiar phrases throughout — providing food to the hungry, purchasing items for new mothers and babies, assembling toiletry bags, offering shelter, and stocking food pantries. Each and every line item in our grants listing is a branch on a tree rooted in service to the sick and the poor.

Often, it is second nature to direct our focus on the nitty gritty of this program. Guidelines, deadlines, reminder emails, Zoom meetings, awaiting committee approval... When we step back and take a moment to reflect, we can see the breadth and impact of the Area Grants Program as a whole — providing funds that will help organizations and people throughout our Association meet the needs of the neediest. At the beginning of each year, we ask each Area to carefully consider how they want to make an impact in their community through one, two, or all three of our grant options.

Our Regular Grants support non-profit organizations in which our members are actively involved. This type of grant was awarded to organizations like the Michigan Area's Dental and Medical Clinic, which is planning to start an ophthalmologic clinic to screen for eye disease and provide glasses to those in need. Imagine the relief on an expecting

mother's face when she discovers that the Malta House in the Southern, Western, & Northern Connecticut Area or the Community Pregnancy Clinics in the Naples Area can provide the support she needs the most during her pregnancy.

Our Emergency Food-related Assistance Grants provide expedited funding to local organizations feeding those in need. This grant type came about at the beginning of the pandemic, when the number of families needing food had drastically increased. This year, Emergency Food-related Assistance grants were awarded to an array of soup kitchens, food pantries, and other food programs, in Areas like Central and Southern Indiana and Kansas, struggling to meet the continually growing demands of the neediest who are often the hungriest.

Our Local Area Project Support Grants, our newest grant type, is available to support local Area works and help start new ones. This year, Local Area Project Support grants were awarded to over 10 Areas to help support local ministries like the Boston Area's Malta Walks, the Illinois Area's St. Bernadette Ministry Initiative, the New Jersey Area's Backpack Program, the Philadelphia Area's meal deliveries to the homebound, and more. It was so great to see that not only are these funds providing support for current local Area ministries, but providing the base layer of funding for Areas inspired to establish new local ministries.

\$756,472 is an astounding number. How great to know that every single dollar was put towards helping the sick, the poor, new mothers, the homebound, the incarcerated, those recently released from prison, and so many others. We see the face of Christ in each and every person we serve and we have each and every member to thank for their part in this effort. Thank you to our Area Chairs and Area Grants Committees for taking the time to participate in this program each year by submitting grant applications for consideration. We also thank the American Association's Grants Committee for reviewing each grant application to ensure all funds available in 2022 were not only used appropriately, but were maximized to support the sick and the poor.

It has been said that the Area Grants Program is the lifeblood of the Association, because it supports the hands-on work of Knights and Dames. The Grants Program is supported primarily by the Malta Human Services Foundation. Each year, the Malta Human Services Foundations transfer money to the American Association specifically for the Grants Program. Supporting the Called to Serve Capital Campaign helps to grow and secure the legacy of service that is a direct outgrowth of the Grants Program.

*On page 24, you will find a listing of the 2022 Area Grants, presented by Area and grant-type. For more information on the Grants Program, visit the American Association's website at <https://orderofmaltaamerican.org/spirituality-in-action/grants>*





Illinois Area provides support for the Little Sisters of the Poor where needed



Northeast Florida Area purchases and delivers food for the Cenacolo Community



New Jersey Area's Auxiliary in Action/ Homeless Helpers gather regularly to support those in need



Eastern Connecticut Area assembles packages for new mothers and babies for the Birthright of Greater Westbrook



Michigan Area's Malta Dental and Medical Clinic is expanding to include an ophthalmologic clinic



New York City Area volunteers regularly at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center



Allentown Area purchases items to fill welcome bags for senior living home residents



Missouri Area's Mobile Ministry Van delivers much needed food and pantry staples



Houston Area helps expand food distribution to the underserved



Philadelphia Area prepares meals for the homebound each month



# ORDER OF MALTA

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION GRANTS FOR 2022

CATEGORY	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
<b>Boston</b>			
Emergency Food	Avodah Farms Lowell House	\$5,000	Provide food assistance for victims of human trafficking
Emergency Food	Dismas Home of New Hampshire, Inc.	\$5,000	Support the indigent in New Hampshire with meals
Emergency Food	My Brother's Keeper	\$4,653	Fund annual Christmas program
Emergency Food	Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary	\$5,000	Provide food assistance to homeless
Local Area Project Support	Malta Walks Boston	\$4,000	Mitigate cost of supplies, add gift cards to care packages, and provide printed spiritual materials
Local Area Project Support	Malta Walks Providence	\$2,500	Start up Malta Walks in a new location
Regular	Cor Unum Meal Center	\$15,000	Replace dishwasher
Regular	Homeless Not Hopeless, Inc.	\$8,000	Replace gas furnace
<b>Connecticut - Eastern</b>			
Emergency Food	Valley Shore YMCA	\$1,000	Fund weekly harvest which is delivered to a local food pantry
Local Area Project Support	Birthright of Greater Westbrook	\$1,000	Purchase items for new mothers and babies
Local Area Project Support	Connecticut Children's Medical Center	\$431	Supply Rosaries, Bibles, and prayer articles/booklets for patients
Local Area Project Support	St. Patrick Church Outreach Committee	\$1,600	Serve meals at 3 monthly dinners and provide care baskets to those in their first apartment
Local Area Project Support	St. Vincent de Paul Place Middletown	\$800	Purchase items needed for soup kitchen and pantry
Local Area Project Support	St. Vincent de Paul Norwich	\$800	Purchase items needed for soup kitchen and pantry
Local Area Project Support	Yale New Haven Hospital Chaplaincy	\$600	Supply Rosaries, Bibles, and prayer articles/booklets for patients
<b>Connecticut - Southern, Western, Northern</b>			
Emergency Food	New Covenant Center	\$11,211	Provide nutritious meals to those in need
Emergency Food	The Thomas Merton Center	\$11,211	Provide food for largest soup kitchen and food pantry in neighborhood
Local Area Project Support	Kennedy's Rosary Project	\$2,000	Purchase packaging supplies for the rosary chaplets
Regular	Malta House, Inc.	\$10,000	Purchase new computers for case managers
Regular	Our Lady's Pilgrimage, Inc.	\$2,000	Support summer work serving those in need
Regular	Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs	\$10,000	Purchase appliances and supplies for new kitchen
Regular	Shepherds, Inc.	\$10,000	Underwrite cost of purchasing Chromebooks and calculators for students
<b>Florida - Naples</b>			
Local Area Project Support	Anti-Human Trafficking Backpacks	\$4,000	Purchase backpacks, clothing and supplies for victims of human trafficking
Local Area Project Support	St. Matthews House Backpacks	\$3,115	Purchase bags, toiletries, and laundry supplies for residents and visitors
Regular	Catholic Charities	\$3,000	Provide homeless and at-risk children with nutritious food for the weekend
Regular	Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc.	\$20,000	Help cover ultrasound technician's annual salary, health insurance, and payroll tax
<b>Florida - Northeast</b>			
Local Area Project Support	Baby Steps Camino	\$4,000	Defray transportation cost throughout pilgrimage
Local Area Project Support	Cenacolo Food Providence	\$3,000	Procure and deliver food for the home during neediest times
Local Area Project Support	Pro-Life Support	\$1,308	Purchase products needed by expectant mothers
<b>Florida - Southeast</b>			
Emergency Food	KinDoo Family Center	\$6,660	Support cooking and nutrition program
Emergency Food	New Hope Charities	\$6,660	Support food program
Emergency Food	St. Mary Catholic Church	\$6,660	Supply parish food pantry
Regular	St. Ann Place	\$6,673	Expand and increase breakfast and lunch food program



CATEGORY	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
<b>Florida - Vero Beach</b>			
Emergency Food	A Heart Like His Foundation, Inc.	\$1,000	Feed the hungry
Local Area Project Support	Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen	\$1,000	Feed the hungry
Regular	Hope for Families Center, Inc.	\$1,172	Support general operating expenses
Regular	The Source (I am Ministries, Inc.)	\$1,405	Support operating costs for Dignity Bus
Regular	Women's Care Center, Inc.	\$2,000	Equip and furnish the second ultrasound room
<b>Illinois</b>			
Local Area Project Support	Little Sisters of the Poor - St. Bernadette Initiative	\$7,500	Provide general support for community
Regular	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	\$7,730	Support evening supper program
<b>Indiana - Central &amp; Southern</b>			
Emergency Food	Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral Kitchen	\$866	Distribute food to the homeless
Emergency Food	St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry	\$866	Distribute food to the poor
<b>Indiana - Northern</b>			
Regular	Life Athletes, Inc.	\$3,115	Host annual Lourdes in a Day at local nursing homes and spiritual support program
<b>Iowa</b>			
Emergency Food	Mary's Inn Maternity Home	\$692	Food for unwed mothers and their babies
<b>Kansas</b>			
Emergency Food	Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas	\$1,385	Help feed more than 5,000 residents
<b>Michigan</b>			
Regular	Malta Dental and Medical Clinic	\$12,000	Help start an ophthalmologic clinic to screen for eye disease and provide glasses
Regular	Rose Hill Center	\$2,538	Renovate an outdoor space on campus
<b>Minnesota</b>			
Emergency Food	Churches United in Ministry Food Shelf	\$1,333	Stock food pantry
Emergency Food	Church of St. Agnes	\$1,333	Stock food pantry
Emergency Food	Damiano Center	\$1,724	Supply community kitchen
Emergency Food	Emergency Food Pantry	\$1,333	Stock food pantry
Emergency Food	Sharing and Caring Hands	\$1,724	Provide food to those in need
Emergency Food	Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities	\$1,724	Provide food and gas for the truck
Local Area Project Support	Pen Pal Program	\$2,500	Fund cost of a software program to run program with over 700 participants
<b>Missouri</b>			
Regular	Criminal Justice Ministry	\$10,000	Retain volunteers to staff programs at a transition center
Regular	Order of Malta Mobile Ministries, Inc.	\$5,000	Defray operating expenses of branded van
Regular	Our Lady's Inn	\$1,192	Provide 29 days of care and nights of shelter for homeless pregnant women
Regular	Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis	\$4,500	Serve the poor
Regular	St. Patrick Center	\$7,000	Provide sustainable housing, employment, and healthcare
<b>Nebraska - Omaha</b>			
Emergency Food	Siena Francis House	\$692	Provide house with necessary supplies
<b>New Jersey</b>			
Local Area Project Support	Archdiocese of Newark Clinic and Food Project	\$14,000	Fund multiple clinic projects for uninsured patients
Local Area Project Support	Auxiliary in Action/ Homeless Helpers	\$2,499	Purchase food and assist at local soup kitchens
Local Area Project Support	Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal Backpack Program	\$4,500	Purchase backpacks for the homeless and stock food pantry
Local Area Project Support	Savings Grace Project	\$4,500	Provide food and care bags for the participants
Regular	The Mercy House	\$5,000	Purchase supplies for those in need
Regular	The Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia	\$10,000	Support the Nutrition Plus Program



CATEGORY	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
<b>New York - Nassau &amp; Suffolk Counties</b>			
Emergency Food	Parish Social Ministry at St. Martha's	\$18,692	Distribute food to the needy
<b>New York - NYC</b>			
Regular	New York Common Pantry, Inc.	\$7,500	Purchase food for Choice Pantry and Mobile Pantry food programs
Regular	Sisters of Life	\$7,500	Support one guest during pregnancy and in the first months with her infant
Regular	St. John's Bread and Life Program, Inc.	\$7,500	Supporting Brooklyn mothers with basic necessities and services
Regular	Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center	\$14,307	Support live music at Sunday Mass and expand use of outdoor garden
Regular	The Dwelling Place of NY	\$7,500	Provide vocational training and therapeutic programs in a safe environment for women
<b>New York - Upstate</b>			
Emergency Food	Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo	\$1,000	Support those most in need of emergency food aid
Emergency Food	Hearts for the Homeless	\$1,000	Feed the poor and the homeless
Emergency Food	Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless	\$2,000	Provide 100 shelter beds nightly and services
Emergency Food	North Country Ministry	\$2,000	Provide families in need with non-perishable items
Regular	Benedictine Health Foundation, Inc.	\$3,000	Provide financial assistance to cancer patients
Regular	Camp Veritas, Inc.	\$5,191	Provide scholarships to underprivileged teens to attend camp
Regular	PerpetualLife Care, Inc.	\$2,078	Purchase Gabriel Project signs and educational materials
<b>New York - Westchester</b>			
Emergency Food	Part of the Solution (POTS)	\$4,000	Provide food security assistance to the underserved
Local Area Project Support	Area Food Ministry	\$14,172	Provide food for several organizations serving underserved communities
Regular	Jeanne Jugan Residence (Little Sisters of the Poor)	\$5,020	Provide safety of grounds and increased social/activities participation of room bound residents
<b>Ohio</b>			
Emergency Food	City Mission of Findlay Ohio	\$5,000	Provide emergency food services to only emergency shelter in the county
Regular	Pregnancy Center East	\$5,085	Train male mentors to support expectant fathers to choose life
Regular	Ruah Woods	\$5,838	Provide discounted services for those seeking Catholic faith-informed mental healthcare
<b>Pennsylvania - Allentown</b>			
Local Area Project Support	Local Area Project Support	\$1,731	Purchase items needed to fill 500-600 Welcome Bags
<b>Pennsylvania - Philadelphia</b>			
Local Area Project Support	Meals for the Homebound	\$4,154	Provide meals, spiritual encouragement, and fellowship for the homebound/those with difficulties going out
<b>Pennsylvania - Pittsburgh</b>			
Regular	Genesis of Pittsburgh, Inc.	\$1,385	Cover the cost of training, certification, and supplies for First Aid and CPR instructor
<b>Pennsylvania - Scranton</b>			
Emergency Food	Friends of the Poor - Family to Family Program	\$4,500	Provide food for Easter food drive
<b>Texas - Dallas</b>			
Emergency Food	Catholic Charities of Dallas	\$11,423	Stock mobile food pantry
<b>Texas - Houston</b>			
Regular	Keep US Fed Montgomery County (Waste Not Want Not)	\$2,769	Regional expansion of food rescue and redistribution into underserved communities
<b>US Virgin Islands</b>			
Regular	Diocese of St. Thomas	\$1,385	Help Catholic Families with Catholic school tuition
<b>Wisconsin - Northeast</b>			
Regular	St. Gianna Molla Clinic, Inc.	\$5,538	Purchase items to complete an exam room
<b>Wisconsin - Milwaukee</b>			
Emergency Food	Women's Care Center of Madison	\$2,250	Purchase formula for mothers in need
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CATEGORY	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
<b>Association Level</b>			
*	Avodah Farms	\$50,000	Bring 24 Catholic Sisters to the US, support 4 Sisters in new home for human trafficking victims for 1 year, hire & train 3 new staff members for home for 1 year
*	Global Partnership to End Human Trafficking (PEHT) Corp.	\$15,000	Fund social enterprise business that employs victims of human trafficking
	Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation	\$100,000	Allow lifesaving care for vulnerable premature NICU babies for families in need
*	Permanent Observer Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations	\$35,020	Hire intern to assist with the coordination of events in the area of human trafficking and slavery
	Order of Malta Worldwide Relief Malteser International Americas, Inc.	\$100,000	Support programs in capacity-building, disaster risk reduction and response, and development and Humanitarian projects
<i>*Funding for grants annotated with an asterisk were provided by restricted donations made to the Called to Serve Capital Campaign.</i>			
Emergency Food-related Assistance: 33 Grants Awarded a Total of		<b>\$131,841</b>	
Local Area Project Support: 24 Grants Awarded a Total of		<b>\$85,710</b>	
Regular Grants: 38 Grants Awarded a Total of		<b>\$238,921</b>	
Association Level: 5 Grants Awarded a Total of		<b>\$300,020</b>	
<b>Total Amount Awarded for 2022</b>		<b>\$756,492</b>	

## 2023 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

### January 1

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

### January 19-20

Washington, D.C.  
Pilgrimage for Life

### February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick

### February 23-24

Lutz, FL  
Board of Councillors Meeting

### February 24-26

Lutz, FL  
Winter Retreat

### April 2-9

Holy Week and Easter Sunday

### April 12-13

Huntington, NY  
Area Leadership and Chaplains Workshop

### May 2-9

Lourdes Pilgrimage

### May 17-18

New York City  
Board of Councillors Meeting

### May 18

Ascension Thursday

### June 24

Feast of St. John the Baptist

### August 3-6

Champion, WI  
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help

### September 8

Feast of Our Lady of Philermos

### September 13-14

Boston, MA  
Board of Councillors Meeting

### September 15-17

Medway, MA  
Fall Retreat

### October 13

Feast of Blessed Gerard

### November 1

All Saints' Day

### November 6-15

International Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

### November 9-11

New York City  
Investiture Weekend

### November 9

New York City  
Board of Councillors Meeting

### November 10

New York City  
Annual Meeting, Investiture, Annual Dinner

### November 11

New York City  
Mass for Malades, Caregivers and Malades in Spirit

### November 11

New York City  
Subpriory Mass

### November 19

World Day of the Poor

### November 23

Thanksgiving Day

### December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### December 25

Christmas Day

On the first Wednesday of each month there is a Spiritual Outreach call at 11AM ET.

On Sunday evenings at 7PM ET, there is a live Rosary conference call.

Visit our website calendar on [www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/events/](http://www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/events/) for more information regarding upcoming events.





## From Seminarian to Cardinal: The Archbishop of New York's Journey Through Prison Ministry

By Craig Gibson, KM, Prison Ministry Committee Chair

**H**e was still in seminary. Still new to it all. A member of his local parish in Ballwin, Missouri, he made Communion calls, did the normal things he'd anticipated preparation for the priesthood would entail. What he hadn't anticipated was that "normal" would include visiting a boy from the parish serving time in jail.

Today, that young seminarian is Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York. Prison ministry is an important part of his calling. But back then? "Well, to be honest, I was kind of

scared," he said of the suggestion that he make the visit. "I thought, 'Boy, I've never been to a jail before. I've never wanted to.'"

Cardinal Dolan's journey through prison ministry may have begun with resistance, but it has taken him to a place where he now says, "It's become an extraordinarily precious part of my apostolic ministry." What's more, when commended for serving in this way, his response is, "This is one of the more selfish things I'm doing."

We'll get to the "selfishness" in a minute, but we've skipped a few steps. Let's go back to the beginning. That

first visit was an eye-opener for the then seminarian. He'd expected the bizarre and found routine. He was particularly impressed with how his local priest, Father Callahan, was effective in interacting with the inmates. "I dropped my defenses and thought, this is a good thing to do."

Cardinal Dolan said his commitment to prison ministry truly blossomed while he was studying in Rome as a deacon and visited Regina Coeli Prison every week. "That really sealed a love for, an appreciation for prison ministry," he said. As a priest, then later as Archbishop of Milwaukee, and finally as Archbishop of New York, he continued to serve prison ministry.

### HE VISITS THEM, AND THEY VISIT HIM

The Cardinal visits the several prisons in the Archdiocese to celebrate the Liturgy. "I try to go at Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, in the



summer and at Thanksgiving,” he said. “And as I leave, I will say, ‘You can’t come to see me, so I came to see you. But there will be a day when you can come to see me. And I want you to come to St. Patrick’s Cathedral.’”

Which is exactly what they do. The Cardinal tells his visitors to introduce themselves to the usher, saying, “I’m one of Cardinal Dolan’s prisoners, and he told me to come.” The ushers are instructed to bring the former inmates up front, and then the Cardinal brings them next door for a cup of coffee after Mass. “I’m amazed at how many have taken me up on it,” he said. “And do you know what it does to me when I see these guys who maybe were in jail for embezzlement or theft taking up the collection? You talk about the power of God’s grace.”

He tells the story of a day when he was hosting a fundraiser coffee after Mass. One of his former inmates, Willie, came to church, and the Cardinal said, “Come on over. I promised you a cup of coffee.” With Willie’s permission, the Cardinal introduced him to the group. “So I said, ‘Willie’s my buddy. I met him at Sing Sing. I hope you get to meet him.’” The Cardinal said that caused a few teacups to rattle. “But then everyone got to see the kind of utter humility and sincerity of these men and women who have

been in prison and their eagerness to return to society.”

### THRIVE FOR LIFE IS PART OF THE SOLUTION

One of Cardinal Dolan’s big concerns is recidivism. As important as the visits, both inside and outside the prison walls, are, he wants to do more. “How can I make sure that my new friends who are coming to St Patrick’s don’t end up back in jail? Because what’s the option? A lot of times when people get out of jail, family want nothing to do with them. They don’t have jobs. They certainly don’t have money. The big temptation is to go back to the old crowd.”

Over the past year, Cardinal Dolan has turned to the Thrive for Life Prison Project as a way of making a dent in that problem. Founded by Fr. Zach Presutti, SJ, in 2017, the program is designed to help transform lives both behind and beyond prison walls. One of the ways they do that is through Ignacio House of Studies, which has locations in the Bronx and in Milwaukee. Ignacio House provides an opportunity for former inmates to continue the college studies they began in prison.

Cardinal Dolan has been so impressed with the benefits of Thrive for Life that in spring of 2022, he gifted an

unused convent located in Manhattan to become the second New York- based Ignacio House. “The beauty of this ministry is it’s part of the solution. It’s not just a band-aid. It’s not just offering water to people who are thirsty. It’s helping them dig a well.” The professionals have told the Cardinal that if someone who leaves prison gets into a settled, sustaining, supportive community where there’s accountability, shared responsibilities, continued rehab, job training and further education, odds are they’re not going to ever go back to jail. “That in my book is worth it,” he said.

To any members of the Order thinking about participating in prison ministry, Cardinal Dolan said you would be doing a great service for men and women who are incarcerated, whose eyes will light up when they think, “There are people out there who care; there are people out there who will pray with me and listen to me; there are people out there who will give me a hope and purpose of getting through this mess.”

But they are not the only ones you will be helping, which brings us back to why the Cardinal says this is one of the more selfish things he is doing. “One day I’m going to be standing in front of Jesus and He’s going to say to me, ‘Dolan, when I was in jail, did you come visit me?’ And I’m going to be able to say, ‘Yeah, Lord. Remember December 21, 2018, when I was at Sing Sing?’ He’s going to say, ‘Yeah, I see that you were. Come on in.’”

Cardinal Dolan adds, “And I don’t know about anyone else, but I not only need life insurance, I need eternal life insurance, and prison ministry helps.”

*If you would like to learn more about the American Association’s Prison Ministry programs, please email Craig Gibson, Chair of the Prison Ministry Committee at [cbgibson@comcast.net](mailto:cbgibson@comcast.net) or visit the Association website at <https://orderofmaltaamerican.org/spirituality-in-action/prison/overview/>*

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CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK

# Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation

## *Growing for the Millennium*

Holy Family Hospital is located just steps from the birthplace of Christ. Holy Family Hospital is a state-of-the-art maternity and neonatal critical care center serving the needs of the poor and at-risk families throughout the Holy Land. As a work of the Order of Malta, the Hospital is guided by Catholic values and works to provide high-quality healthcare for women and children in the Bethlehem region, including the poor and sick of Bethlehem, those in the remote desert communities, and refugee camps. Irrespective of religion, nationality, or ability to pay, no one is ever turned away.



Christian women in the courtyard



A Bedouin mother with her baby



Hospital Then



Hospital Now

**1985**

Pope St. John Paul II entrusts Holy Family Hospital to the Order of Malta. The Order rededicates the Hospital as a maternity and neonatal critical care center.

**1997**

Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation is incorporated in the United States.

**2000**

3,112 babies are delivered.

**2007**

A new seven room labor and delivery ward was added, bringing the total number of beds to 63.

**2012**

The new Mobile Outreach Clinic van went into use, providing gynecologic, obstetric, and pediatric care to remote communities and isolated villages daily. The Well Women Clinic was launched to address the healthcare needs of menopausal women. This Clinic is the first of its kind in the region.

**2020**

The pandemic shuts down the Bethlehem region. Holy Family Hospital remained open and delivered 4,360 babies.

**1990**

893 babies are delivered at Holy Family Hospital.

**1998**

The new NICU opens with 10 beds.

**2001**

The first Hospital expansion brings the total number of beds to 47 and adds a second operating room. 3,415 babies are delivered.

**2010**

The Diabetes Clinic opened to provide vital care for women with gestational diabetes. The Hospital celebrates its 50,000th delivery.

**2014**

Holy Family Hospital Foundation raises over \$1 million for the first time.

**2022**

Construction resumes after a hiatus due to the pandemic. 97,977 babies and counting have been born at Holy Family Hospital.



A Daughter of Charity with the Mobile Outreach Clinic



Daughters of Charity in the Hospital pharmacy



Laboratory employee today



Mother with her daughter in the Hospital today



Mobile Outreach today

### GROWING FOR THE NEXT MILLENNIUM

Jesus was born in Bethlehem two millennia ago. The Order of Malta was founded in Jerusalem to serve the sick and the poor one millennium ago. In 2000, Pope St. John Paul II named Holy Family Hospital as a church priority for the new millennium.

Holy Family Hospital resumed construction in 2022 to ensure the highest quality of care for this third millennium.



## Spiritual Outreach Calls – Call In and Be Inspired!

In an excerpt from her message to members of the Boston Area on February 1, 2012, Mrs. Sheila Feitelberg, DMOB, Board of Councillors member and chair of the Member Outreach Committee, included the first known reference to her succinct tag-line to her emails regarding the Spiritual Outreach Calls: Call In and Be Inspired!

### **Spirituality Outreach Conference Call —**

Monday, March 12, 2012 at 11AM

This is to inform you of a Pilot Program being initiated in our Area. In an effort to reach out to our long-standing, faithful members, who for various reasons are no longer able to participate in our activities, we will offer a Spiritual Outreach conference call three times a year...we are thrilled to tell you our own Msgr. Dennis Sheehan will give the first talk and has agreed to mentor us in this venture.

We expect that these talks will coincide with the liturgical calendar and might be thought of as a boost during Lent, Advent, etc. (the call is open to all). I am happy to say that our hard-working Area Committee (Janice Judge Fox, Theresa Hanley, Maureen Makkay and Sue Redgate) have canvassed our four State Area and have spoken to over forty members — they received very enthusiastic responses. Suzanne Downing, our Area Chair, has encouraged us to go forward with her full support and helpful suggestions.

Remember: March 12th, 11 AM

**Call in and be inspired!**

While the original plan was for the messages to be made available three times a year directed to homebound members of the Boston Area, the program expanded quickly to include invitations to all members across the Association. Over the years, the schedule was broadened to provide a message on the first Wednesday of every month. More recently, the responsibility for the program has been absorbed by the Spirituality Committee and the Chair generally moderates each call.

Recordings of the presentations first began with two calls being recorded in 2015; recordings are posted within a few days on the Association website. Currently all calls from 2021 and 2022 are

posted there. Plans are in place to create an archived section that will have all seventy-three recordings back to 2015 and will be updated each month.

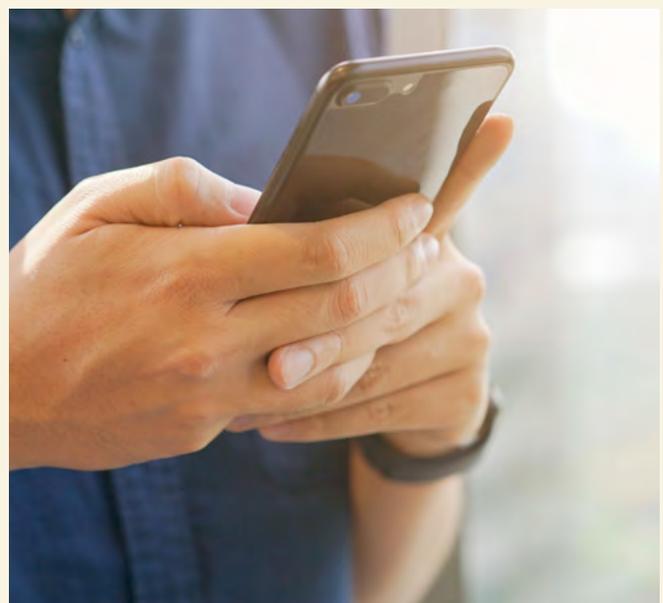
Through December 2022, there have been eighty-three calls, with an average “attendance” of over one hundred, including the live call and the playbacks from the web recordings. It is estimated that there have been over ten thousand “listen ins” on this uniquely spiritual exercise.

None of this would have been possible without the original commitment of Mrs. Feitelberg and the consistent participation of thirty-eight different dedicated speakers including bishops, priests, deacons, and lay persons.

The messages are both brief and relevant and many members find them to be compelling listening, likened to spiritual pearls. And you might want to send the link to the Association website to family and friends who might appreciate the opportunity to listen to the recorded messages: [www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/spiritual/spiritual-outreach-calls](http://www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/spiritual/spiritual-outreach-calls).

As Sheila Feitelberg used to say, by way of encouragement, “Call in and be inspired!” As the program continues past its tenth year with the generous participation of our chaplains, the promise is being fulfilled every first Wednesday of the month.

*Please contact the New York Office at [staff@orderofmaltaamerican.org](mailto:staff@orderofmaltaamerican.org) if you have any questions or suggestions about the Spiritual Outreach Call Program.*



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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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