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Our Lady, Mother of Mercy

“We are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time.”

With the Mercy of God at the center of this Extraordinary Jubilee, the Holy Father has entrusted this Holy Year to Mary, Mother of Mercy with a call for Catholics to “give consolation to every man and every woman of our time.” Because this call resonates so well with our service as Members of the Order of Malta and especially our work in Lourdes, our theme for the 2016 Pilgrimage is Our Lady, Mother of Mercy. The Order of Malta in Rome has decided to hold its celebration of this Holy Year of Mercy in Lourdes as part of the pilgrimage, so we expect larger than usual crowds and there will be an opportunity to obtain a special indulgence.

At this time, final preparations are underway and in just a few weeks, we will travel with 350 pilgrims to Lourdes to experience the grace and blessings of this holy place during this holy year. There will be approximately 50 malades and 50 caregivers accompanied by Knights, Dames, Auxiliary members, clergy and medical team members, nursing students,

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Be sure to visit our Web site at: www.orderofmaltaamerican.org to find the latest information about the Association, forms needed for new members and new auxiliary members, Area Web sites and much more information about the Association and the Order of Malta. Links are also available to other Association Web sites and the Sovereign Magistry's Web site.



I am writing to you in the middle of Lent, a season of penance, reflection and preparation for the events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. May each of you be blessed during this holy season.

HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL

In October, a group of Dames and Knights, which included our Chancellor, Dr. Richard Milone, our Secretary, Ellen Shafer, Ambassador Robert Shafer, Vice Hospitaller Gail Berardino, Executive Director Jeff Trexler, Board Member Ed Delaney and I visited and celebrated the outstanding work of the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem.

Life is one of God’s great gifts. Life is supported and saved daily within the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where premature babies are monitored around the clock. The staff talks to and touches each baby throughout the day and calls them by name, which is all part of the program, assuring life and growth of the newborn preemie. It works!

A rare treat was experienced when our group visited the orphanage, which is a separate part of the hospital. There are approximately 40 children divided into three smaller groups by age, up to six year olds.

When we appeared in the play area, the children were extremely friendly and anxious to interact with us. I’m afraid they stole our hearts. Remarkable work is being accomplished by the Order at this Hospital and Orphanage.

INVESTITURE WEEKEND

As we moved into November, which for me, is always one of the happiest times of the year because it is Investiture weekend. We welcomed and celebrated the induction of 64 Dames and Knights into the Order. This weekend is always a special celebration because I see and meet the incoming class and our other Dames and Knights pour into New York, always in a festive mood.

St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the site of the Investiture, is sparkling after the 3 years of cleaning and renovating the outside and the inside of this Holy and Historic place. Cardinal Dolan is an inspiration always as he delivers his Homily, which inspires the newly invested as well as all assembled. The eloquence of the ceremony, the music, robes, capes and the Order’s cross decoration make an indelible and lasting effect on our Dames and Knights.



MALTESER INTERNATIONAL

Amazing work was performed this past year by our Malteser International response team, which is always the first to arrive anywhere in the world to respond to a natural disaster. Malteser International works from Miami to respond to disasters in the Americas. This past year the following places were the recipients of Malteser International on-site responses: Nepal, Iraq, Pakistan, Columbia, Uganda, Kenya and Haiti.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. - JANUARY 22, 2016

Unfortunately, Washington, D.C., was blanketed with snow which caused the government officials to cancel all parade permits and in essence, Washington shut down. All offices were closed and cancelled and the 2016 March for Life did not take place. Well not exactly - some of the Marchers demonstrated without a permit and arrived in front of the Supreme Court to give witness against abortion as a legal option.

I shared a pictorial email with our members, featuring High School and College students who were marooned by snow as they traveled home. I’m proud (continued on page 3)

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to say they rescued people that were unable to drive on the highways which were literally brought to a stop by the weather. The young “Marchers” pushed, pulled and even built a snow altar for the celebration of Mass. This proves to me the commitment of our young Catholic students to true Catholic values.

THE LAWSUIT

The Haiti Lawsuit in which we have been named moves on slowly. We are in the deposition stage where nothing old or new has been revealed which implicates the American Association. A full report was given at our Annual Meeting by our attorney, Brad Babbitt. Following his presentation the floor was opened for questions. Brad answered all asked questions and the outcome is always the same “We are not guilty of anything”. Happily, we are reaching the end of the deposition phase of the lawsuit.



ORDER OF MALTA INTERNATIONAL MEETING

The Grand Master called a meeting for the end of February 2016 to bring together the Associations of the USA, Central America and South America to create a strategic plan for our part of the world. I just returned from the trip along with our Chancellor Dr. Richard Milone, Assistant Principal Chaplain Monsignor Robert Ritchie and our Executive Director Jeff Trexler. The four of us each participated in separate sessions during the three day meeting, along with sharing in the general sessions. We shared the work our Association is doing and it was well-received. I can report that many of the Order’s Associations are actively involved, as are we, in helping the sick and the poor and in giving witness to and defending the faith.

The purpose of the meeting was to interact with our Central and South American brethren to strengthen and support the growth of The Order in that part of the world and to develop ways to come to the aid of the sick and the poor and to help them by acts and prayer to continue the Catholic Faith. By all accounts, the meeting was a great success – the future looks bright for our Order’s involvement in the Americas.



LOURDES

The annual pilgrimage to Lourdes is in the final stages of planning. Donna and Tom O’Brien are this year’s pilgrimage Chairs. Although the pilgrimage will be smaller this year because of the plane size, the experience for all Pilgrims is not affected by a few less people than in previous years. The Blessed Mother always provides the “miracles” that occur every year. During the pilgrimage, we will be providing pictures on our website for our members. We leave from JFK, in New York, April 27th. Please pray for our Malades in Lourdes and at home in our Areas and for a grace-filled journey for all the pilgrims on this year’s trip.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

It is always sad news for us who are left behind when we have one of our Dames or Knights leave us for their heavenly reward. This year, we lost a recently retired Board of Councillors Member and a sitting Board Member.

Dame Marie Garibaldi was the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court Bench in the state of New Jersey. Marie was an exceptional woman, judge, Board member and friend. Her reputation as a jurist was not recognized just in the state of New Jersey, but she enjoyed national respect and admiration. The Governor of New Jersey ordered all flags in the state of New Jersey to be lowered to half-staff in her honor.

Dame Sheila Feitelberg was a sitting Board of Councillors member. Sheila chaired three Board Committees and instituted the Member Outreach Telephone Calls. Sheila was not only outstanding in her service to the Order of Malta but also in Boston where her presence and cheerful personality helped the Order grow and be effective in so many of the Order’s works. Sheila possessed the rare gift of helping everyone while remaining a Catholic example for all.

Two Saints we can rely on!

God bless all of our deceased Dames and Knights and may they pray for us. May the hope and joy of the coming Easter season bring rich blessing to you and to your families.

Jack E. Pohrer
President

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Our Lady, Mother of Mercy

and volunteers. This year we will have many Knights and Dames on their first trip, as well as many who are in their Year of Preparation to become members. We know there is no better way to understand what it means to be a member of the Order than through the experience of service to others in Lourdes. For those who have come on a regular basis, the Lourdes Pilgrimage becomes part of the rhythm of one's life where you look ahead with anticipation, knowing that you will be touched in unexpected ways, and then return with new and often long-term friendships, graces, and a renewed faith that carry you until the next year and beyond.

NEW THIS YEAR

We are piloting an Emeritus program, by invitation, for Members of the Order over the age of 80 who have served the Order in many ways including their participation on many pilgrimages and who will be able to come with more flexible duties. The group will travel on the charter with the pilgrimage. While in Lourdes, they will be assigned as extra workers on pods but with a more flexible schedule. Our hope with this Inaugural Emeritus program is to offer a way for our senior Members to continue this special pilgrimage experience in a way that is both manageable and fulfilling for them as they serve our malades.

At JFK airport, we will have a check-in table near the gates at JFK, so we can guide our pilgrims to their Team Captains and hosts. We will also be asking all participants in the pilgrimage to send a head shot photo for a name and picture booklet so it is easier to find and remember people.

Over this past year, as many know, an Order of Malta Pilgrimage Foundation has been set up to build an endowment fund to cover the cost of malades and caregivers into the

future. We are working closely with FJ McCarthy, the Chair of the Foundation, and have received many donations to date. We look forward to the continued support and generosity of our members, so that we can grow the corpus of the foundation to a level that can support malades and caregivers on our future pilgrimages.

OUR MALADES

As all know, the malades and caregivers are the centerpiece of our pilgrimage. Much work goes into reviewing applications and making these selections. We have to thank our Malade Selection committee under the leadership of Dr Tony Gagliardi, Chair of our Medical Committee, with support from Patti Vera Hickey, NP. They are ably assisted by Drs. Dick Milone, John Murphy, Katie Hardart, George Hardart, Tom Forlenza, Lewis Britton, Michael Maynard, Palmo Pasquariello, Philip Pulaski and Pat Tietjen, and Ann Peach, RN, Laure Aubuchon, Dede Milone, and Jack Shine. It is humbling

to observe how much care goes into the determination of who will be selected and how arrangements are made to accommodate the special needs of our malades. It is also exciting to think about the opportunity that each malade and their caregiver will have to experience the solace and the power of Lourdes. As hosts, our members, auxiliary and volunteers are always transformed by the interactions with the malades and caregivers, with one another, with our dedicated medical team members and clergy, and by seeing our fellow Members from around the world work in concert to care for the sick in such a beautiful way...it is a faith-strengthening experience.

As is our custom, the Malade-in-Spirit Program is part of the pilgrimage and we encourage our Members to submit names for this program. Each team is assigned malades-in-spirit for whom they pray and bring their intentions directly to Our Lady's Grotto.

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THE WORK OF MANY

Being Chairs for this pilgrimage has been a special privilege and we have been the beneficiaries of support from all quarters. The New York staff, with Jeff Trexler at the helm, has taken the planning of this trip to a new level with all details attended to, with Carla Gunerard taking the lead. Like many before us, we have relied on Dick Milone who contributes his experience of many years as the Chair of the Medical Committee, his role as a Pilgrimage Co-Chair with his wife Dede, and his dedication to the Order as our Chancellor... he is always making thoughtful suggestions to insure that we have a safe and uplifting pilgrimage. The Pilgrimage Co-Presidents Michael Castine and Ken Craig bring their years of logistical and planning experience and coordination with the other U.S. Associations to make things go as smoothly as possible. Bill Knowles has done much groundwork with the Charter plane company, and with the JFK airport and TSA staffs to prepare for our departure on April 27th. Presi-

dent Jack Pohrer and the American Association Board of Councillors have been very supportive and encouraging all through the process. Many others are providing support to address the many moving parts of a trip as complex as this, and we are most grateful.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Lourdes. We ask those of you who are not coming on this year's pilgrimage to keep us in your prayers, for the safety of all those who travel and for the success of the journey. We, in turn, will ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes to pray for all the needs and intentions of the Members of our Association.

Our Lady, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.



Tom O'Brien, KM Donna O'Brien, DM
2016 Lourdes Pilgrimage Co-Chairs



A Morning of Recollection on the Lourdes Pilgrimage

delivered on May 1, 2015

by Rev. Joseph F. Cavoto, OFM, ChM



**“GOOD MORNING,
GOOD PEOPLE,” IS NOT
AN ORIGINAL GREETING
- IT’S ATTRIBUTED TO
SAINT FRANCIS.**

Good people we are. The Book of Genesis records that God looked upon the creation of Adam, saying, “How good.” The Gospel echoes a similar refrain as Jesus steps in the muddy

bank of the Jordan River: “From the clouds, a voice said, ‘This is my beloved.’”

Again in Mark’s Gospel, Peter says to Jesus in the moment of the Transfiguration, “How good it is for us to be here.” It is good. We are made for good. We are good just as we are, with everything that has brought us to this place right now.

Let me tell you a secret that really isn’t one - every one of us has come to Lourdes with a story, and every one of us will leave with at least one. We are in the thick of the Easter season, in the days following the resurrection, and the stories keep spinning. The stories we remember are such because they echo something of us. They are, in effect, words that have become flesh.

PERMIT ME TO SHARE A FAMILIAR STORY FROM LUKE, CHAPTER 24:

On the very day of Jesus rising, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation about everything that had happened. Jesus came up and walked along with them; but they were unable to recognize Him. He asked them, “What are you discussing? What’s the matter?” They stood still, looking downcast, before looking at this stranger.

One of them asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there?” “What things?” asked the stranger. “About Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet. He spoke with powerful words, and he did mighty deeds before God and all the people. The chief priests,

our rulers, handed him over. He was sentenced to death. They crucified him. We had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. There’s more — it has been three days since all of this took place. Some of our women brought us amazing news. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive... Some of our companions went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

The stranger asked, “Didn’t Moses and the prophets keep this hope alive among us? Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things?” He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. They approached Emmaus and the stranger continued as if he were going farther. They urged him strongly, “Stay with us. It is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” He went in to stay with them. When he was at their table, he took their bread, gave thanks, and broke it before he began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened. They recognized him and, all of a sudden, he disappeared from their sight.

They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road? He opened the Scriptures to us.” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven and those with them, assembled together, saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen! He has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The story from the Emmaus Road could well be one torn from our own family albums. It is filled with deep emotion. The disciples are raw from these devastating events. It seems the end of their dreams, total disillusionment, heartache, truly a test of their faith. Considering these women and men had broken away from what they knew, broken from tradition and the respect of their family to become the talk of the neighborhood — all this to be with Jesus. Now it seems they had reached a dead end. The disciples found themselves completely turned around by what happened to them.

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In the account on the Emmaus Road in subsequent verses from Luke Chapter 24, Jesus takes what they have — disillusionment, a piece of bread from the Emmaus table, their locked-away terror in the upper room, *(continued on page 7)*



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a piece of fish, even their fear at seeing a ghost - whatever they have, whatever they are experiencing, Jesus takes it. When we come to the Lord's table in the act of communion, Jesus takes the elements we offer and, in this great, sacred exchange, breaks it and passes it to us, for our sake and the sake of the world.

Truly in this story we know almost by heart, we are not so different. Truth be told, we are the good guys. We've done all the right things in life, said the prayers, kept the rules, perhaps worked hard to put life together, and then it happened... something out of the blue. A routine check-up, something accidental, and what we knew, what or who we always counted on - gone, changed in an instant.

What? ... Say that again. Who? ... Not true. How? Are you sure?

These automatic thoughts tap at our soul, disturb the peace, push whatever we believe to the max and even tempt us to doubt.

The Gospel often records Jesus on the road, the disciples not far away. The mission this morning is not so different. We have traveled, like many in Jesus' time. Life is like that. We say "I do," "Amen," to Jesus, to another, to an ideal or career. Then life happens and our stories accumulate, with tests, challenges and illness. Then on that day, when the life we knew comes to a crashing halt, we think more, and we pray, "If he could touch me, if he could heal me..."

Coming to Lourdes, we are in unavoidable face-to-face encounters, even with the few steps already taken yesterday, and this morning, we are at every turn witnessing human frailty mixed with divine joy.

Good folks that we are, Jesus names us as we are - salt of the earth, light of the world, a city set on a hillside. Jesus is encouraging our good works, cheering for us so to illumine the earth. Then the curious phrase in Matthew's Gospel: "Be perfect, Jesus says, as the Heavenly Father."

Wait a minute, "perfect?" We stop glowing, stuck on this curious invitation - be perfect.

Jesus admonishes us this way two more times. "Be perfect, sell what you have — give it to the poor." To that, we are quick to say OUCH more than "amen." Then we get stuck in our litany of "What's the use, why bother?" Believing, doing it right all the time, getting the best grade, being a star — all of this assures us, but really deceives us, making us think "If I am anything less, I must be defective." We even live as if we could return the life we're living for a better model.

It doesn't seem fair, after so many years of not only doing good or being good, that it all falls down. For far too long, we have lived with the memory of being banished from the Garden of Eden, failing to remember that we once walked with God.

Imagine that - walking with God? We will. We are already. (Keep that in mind, as we trudge through the rain and the cold this week.) Paradise means exactly that - walk-



ing with God. These few days in Lourdes, we do that, more maybe, even singing in the rain. Here at Lourdes, imperfection is the way of life. Jesus takes imperfection as he took the bread offered on the Emmaus Road, or the baked fish on the banks of the Tiberius, or Thomas's doubt, or Mary's curious plea to the imagined gardener. Jesus takes whatever is given to Him - our frail lives, thick with sin or full of grace. Jesus takes this to give it life again. This is the act of communion.

St. Francis admonished the brothers, saying, "We must bear patiently with one another not being (perfect) and not being thought (perfect)." Imagine if we could live this way, accepting that we are, in some way, flawed? Accepting that you might even criticize my flaw?

Jesus' crowd was more like us than not, wanting to do good, coming somewhere close, but more likely than not, falling just a bit shy or even failing miserably. We need not look too far into the Gospel to recognize the sort of folks Jesus gathered, with whom He spent considerable time.

Sisters, brothers, good people all, every one of us - sooner or later, we are all malades. Be sure of this - we are the redeemed members of Jesus' rag-tag band. For the next few days, look around this place. You will observe many, many forms of life, some obvious, some not so recognizable. Notice I said many forms of life, not illness or condition - many forms of living life. A life each of us will have a turn to live one way or one day.

Welcome, good people, to Lourdes, the village of imperfection. Welcome home! ■

American Association Opens the Year of Preparation Room on its Website

by Richard Milone, MD, Chancellor of the American Association



In May of 2015, the American Association began the process of developing a comprehensive program to satisfy the requirements for the implementation of the Preparatory Year, seeking to implement a uniform program of education within the Association for the Year of Preparation. The materials developed are not intended to replace the close working relationship between the candidate and the sponsors;

instead, the goal was to provide a uniform set of training materials to deliver a consistent message across the Association.

The American Association has always had a program designed to prepare candidates for membership into the Order. The program, conducted in each Area of the Association under the leadership of the local Area Chair and the Membership Chair and involving the Candidate's sponsors, included meetings with the prospective candidate, and monthly mailings to the candidate for approximately twelve months prior to Investiture. The mailings included the Regulations and Commentary of the Order, a History of the Order, documents on developing one's own Spirituality, a review of the Works and Ministries of the Order, particularly the Lourdes Pilgrimage, and other similar writings.

While what was in place was good, the Association's Board of Councillors was concerned that the arrangements made for implementation of the Preparatory Year varied from Area to Area for any number of reasons. Some of the Areas in the American Association are geographically quite large, so the ability of the Area leadership to meet with the candidate was often hampered; some leaders and sponsors are naturally better trainers and communicators, and not all of the required readings were easily available to the Candidates. For these, and other similar reasons, in May 2015, the Association's Strategic Planning Committee decided to undertake a complete revamping of the Preparatory Year education process.

A Year of Preparation Committee was formed by President Jack Pohrer, GCM, appointing Chancellor Richard D. Milone, MD, GCM as Chair, and other members of the Committee to include Gail Berardino, DM, Vice-Hospitaller, Monsignor Dennis Sheehan, Conventual Chaplain, Joseph G. Metz, PhD., GCMOb, Regent of the Subpriory, Edward J. Delaney, KM, Coordinator, Boston Area Year of Preparation Committee and Raymond J. LaRose, Assistant Executive Director, American Association. The Committee met during the Spring and Summer of 2015, and completed its work in early 2016.

Utilizing basic technology, and taking advantage of an already well-established American Association website, a "Year of Preparation" Room has been created on the Association's website. There are three key components to the Year of Preparation Room: 1) a series of eight instructional Modules, 2) an assemblage of all of the required readings as designated by the Regulations and Commentary along with other related readings and 3) a compilation of many of the pertinent videos of the Order.

The eight instructional Modules were developed by the Committee and are presented in video format, with PowerPoint slides, a voiceover script, and photos and video "clips" to help illustrate and deliver the message.

While the material included in the Year of Preparation Room was developed or assembled to address the need for a common set of educational materials for those in their year of preparation, the materials can be equally useful to other members who may be interested in enhancing or refreshing their knowledge about the Order. Many members may have come into the Order without the knowledge of the history, meaning and purpose of the Order and may benefit from reviewing the materials.

Thanks to the Committee for its great work; at the recent meeting of the Grand Master and members of the Grand Magistry with the Associations of the Americas in Panama, the modules in the Year of Preparation Room were discussed. It has been requested that the American Association provide the scripts so they can be translated into Spanish for use in Latin America.

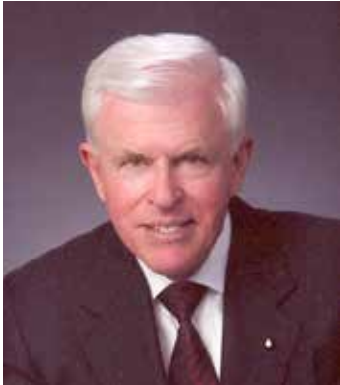
The Year of Preparation Room can be found on the Association's website – open the tab on the left navigational bar titled, "Year of Preparation Room". If you need help or have any questions, call the New York Office at 212-371-1522.

The Eight Modules in the Year of Preparation Program are:

- 1) The Year of Preparation
- 2) What is the Order of Malta?
- 3) The History of the Order of Malta
- 4) The Prayer of the Order
- 5) Work and Ministries of the Order
- 6) The Lourdes Pilgrimage
- 7) First, Second and Third Class
- 8) The American Association

The Creation and Evolution of the North American Prison Ministry Apostolate

by Robert J. Fredericks, Ph.D., GCMOB



THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

How did Prison Ministry in the Order of Malta begin?

In 2006, Dr. Robert Fredericks was serving on the strategic planning committee of the American Association. The chair of the committee, the late Mr. Joseph Miller, asked Dr. Fredericks to come up

with a project by which the Order would be known in the United States, analogous to the emergency corps in the Republic of Ireland. The challenge was easier said than done. Dr. Fredericks surfaced several viable recommendations but they were rejected by the Board of Councillors.

Mr. John Santa, a Knight in Connecticut, had been visiting prisons in Connecticut. Dr. Fredericks reasoned that prisoners are poor and many of them are sick, both physically and mentally. Serving such people would respond to the charisma of the Order of Malta which is Defense or Witness to the Faith and Service to Our Lords, the Sick and the Poor. This idea was presented to the Board of Councillors who approved the concept and instructed Dr. Fredericks to move forward.

Thus was born Prison Ministry. The initial meeting of the nascent Prison Ministry Committee was held at the American Association Headquarters in New York City in January of 2007 with five Knights of Malta in attendance.

The Committee decided that, in order to minister to the needs of the incarcerated brothers and sisters, bibles and prayer books would be needed. William and Theresa Benedict and Bishop Frank Rodimer of New Jersey were especially helpful in this respect. The Benedicts identified Mr. Robert Cavalero, president of Catholic Book Publishing also located in New Jersey. After considerable discussions among the Committee members and with the help of Bishop Rodimer, then the Bishop of Paterson, New Jersey, it was decided to use the New American Bible translation used at Mass and an English prayer book. The bibles and prayers books were personalized for the Order of Malta with the Order's shield on the

cover. The books contained a letter from the Grand Master of the Order and the President of the American Association. The Committee was off and running!

Gradually, the Committee enlisted the various Areas of the American Association in this ministry. Today the vast majority of the thirty areas of the American Association are involved in this ministry. A Spanish bible and prayer book were added to the publications.

Under the leadership of Mr. John Santa in Connecticut and Mr. Andy Vissicchio in Florida, significant programs were inaugurated to help previously incarcerated men and women re-enter society.

Mr. Santa started Project Prodigal where business men meet with incarcerated men who are scheduled for release within a year. The business men work with the incarcerated men, helping them with their resumes and coaching them in the development of job skills. Contacts are established, and when the men are released, in many cases, they have a job waiting for them.

Mr. Vissicchio, working with Barry University, developed the Florida Social Services Guide. Now in its second edition, this 200 page document lists many of the services available in Florida for previously incarcerated men and women—where to go to get a job, have your driving license restored, obtain medical help.

Mr. Santa and his team in Connecticut published *The Justice Imperative* in 2014. This was a ground-breaking publication which greatly influenced Governor Malloy of Connecticut and the Connecticut legislature to pass the Second Chance Act in 2015. The book was published by Mr. Robert Dilenschneider, KM and guided through the publication process by Mr. William Fox, KM and Mr. Nick Yanicelli, KM.

Mr. Steve Caron of the Boston Area of the American Association had started a publication, "The Serving Brother" (TSB) for inmates in 2009. The publication was financed by the Boston Area. Dr. Fredericks approached the Boston Area Chair and Mr. Caron and suggested that "The Serving Brother" become a publication of the American Association. The Boston Area agreed, and the first edition of "The Serving Brother", under American Association auspices, was distributed in 2010. Today some 50,000 copies of TSB are published quarterly and distributed to prisons throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean Basin. Now with a Spanish language edition inaugurated in the summer of 2015, TSB is electronically sent to Mexico, Central America and South America. The publication now reaches the incarcerated in 34 countries and/or territories. In the works is the development of a French Edition which will be circulated in Quebec Province. The Order's Prison Ministry outreach now is available throughout the Western Hemisphere with the exception of Brazil. Mr. Caron continues as publisher with Father George Williams, S.J. serving as principal editor. The publication is financially supported by the four associations of the Apostolate and by a gener- *(continued on page 10)*

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ous multi-year grant from Mr. Francis J. Crothers GCM, the Order of Malta's Ambassador to the Bahamas.

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

The Canadian involvement in prison ministry came about as follows: In November 2010, Mr. Caron reached out to the Executive Director (now retired Wedigo Graf von Schweinitz) of the Canadian Association who asked Mr. Roman Ciecwierz, the Association's Communications Delegate to contact Mr. Caron. Mr. Ciecwierz discussed the idea of distributing the TSB in Canada with Mr. Caron.

With assistance from Mr. Caron, Mr. Ciecwierz was able to identify and contact the Regional Catholic Chaplain for Ontario in Kingston. Mr. Ciecwierz convinced him to try it out. One of the Canadian Association Board members, the Vice president for Western Canada in Vancouver, Mr. Alex De Cosson, agreed to help and reached out to the Archdiocese of Vancouver, one of the few dioceses that actually has an active prison ministry. He was able to get the Federal Prison in Vancouver to participate.

Mr. De Cosson and Mr. Ciecwierz agreed to personally underwrite the first two editions of "The Serving Brother" as a way of demonstrating the value of the project to the Board. And so Canada's prison ministry was born with the 2011 Lenten edition. Mr. Ciecwierz has been able to secure a budget for printing and distribution of TSB which is now distributed in approximately 15 Federal Institutions in 5 provinces. Mr. Ciecwierz has been working diligently to bring more institutions into the fold and turn Prison Ministry into a national priority for the Canadian Association.

The President of the Canadian Association, Mr. Andre' Morin, appointed Mr. Ciecwierz in 2013, to the North American Prison Ministry Committee to represent Canada. At the completion of the Canadian Association Board's strategic planning meetings early in 2015, Prison Ministry officially became a priority on a national basis and is specifically mentioned in the plan which was approved and allocated a budget over and above the costs of TSB. There are currently a few knights who have volunteered to come forward to assist Mr. Ciecwierz in building the team and the service offered to the incarcerated brothers in Canada.

THE FEDERAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Collins Whitfield of the Federal Association was appointed Chair of the Federal Association Prison Ministry Task Force in February 2012. Joining him on the task force were Mr. Shep Abell, Mrs. Kathryn Abell, Mrs. Georgia Lynch, Mr. Mark Henke, Mr. Edward Reilly, Ms. Michele Bowe and Mr. Mike McGarry. The Task Force was asked to explore the feasibility of a Prison Ministry Steering Committee of the Federal Association and to develop a program for such a committee. The Task Force was asked to prepare a presentation to the Federal Association Board seeking approval of a Prison

Ministry Committee and a request for a budget amount. The American Association was asked to help the Federal Association as questions came up.

The Task Force presented to the Federal Association Board during the second week of October 2013. The Board approved the Standing Committee, a budget and appointed Mr. Mike McGarry and Mr. Collins Whitfield as co-chairs. The co-chairs prepared a charter for the Committee; the first meeting of the Committee was held in March 2014.

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Western Association has been involved with Restorative Justice since 2008 when Catherine Center, a residential program for previously incarcerated women, became an approved charity of the San Francisco area. Over the past seven years, knights and dames have supported the program at Catherine Center through many volunteer hours and financial help. In more recent years, the Western Association has started to distribute Order of Malta bibles. The Association's prison ministry committee has also embarked on a detention ministry program at various prisons in California, including San Quentin. The Association also supports prison ministry activities in Washington State and Arizona.

Mr. Roger Hagman was the first chair of Prison Ministry for the Western Association. In 2014, he was succeeded by Mr. Patrick Kraft, the current Chair.

WHERE IS PRISON MINISTRY TODAY?

With some 1250 knights, dames, auxiliary and volunteers involved in some aspect of Prison Ministry, the Order of Malta is now the largest Catholic outreach to the incarcerated and their families in the world. The programs are myriad in number. Members and volunteers visit prisons—county jails, state and federal prisons and Death Row in California, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee. We celebrate Mass with our incarcerated brothers and sisters, we conduct prayer services, we are with a man as he is being executed in Florida. We are involved in Connecticut, Florida and Maryland helping the previously incarcerated to reestablish themselves in the "outside world". We have "Get on the Bus" programs in California and Missouri where we assist in bringing inmates and their families together on Mother's Day and Father's Day. We mentor children in Camden, New Jersey, many of whom are the sons and daughters of the incarcerated. We conduct a Pen Pal program by which we correspond with our incarcerated brothers and sisters letting them know that there are those on "the outside" who care about them and are praying for them.

We reach a few—but isn't that what Jesus Christ wants us to do?

To reflect the position of the Apostolate as it exists today and our goals for the next few years, the Chair appointed a Strategic Planning Committee composed of Mr. Joseph Fiteberg as chair and Mr. Roman *(continued on page 11)*

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Ciecwierz, Mr. Patrick Kraft, Mr. Mike McGarry, and Mr. Collins Whitfield. The committee developed a vision statement, with the input of Mr. John Santa and others, and a strategic plan that was approved by the four presidents. The Apostolate will continue with its present programs but will give greater emphasis to re-entry for previously incarcerated men and women.

In 2013 at a meeting in Greece, the Grand Master requested that Prison Ministry become “the national work of the Order in the United States”. Since prison ministry now encompasses four associations working together seamlessly to accomplish a common goal and the prison ministry outreach is now throughout the Western Hemisphere, the prison ministry board at a meeting in 2015 changed the name of the committee to The North American Prison Ministry Apostolate. Also, at the most recent board meeting, held at San Quentin State Prison in California in November 2015, Dr. Fredericks announced his desire to step down as Chair of the Apostolate. The Board then appointed Mr. McGarry and Mr. Whitfield of the Federal Association as Vice Chairs of the Apostolate. In January 2017, they will succeed Dr. Fredericks as Co-Chairs. At that time, Dr. Fredericks will assume the newly created position of Chair Emeritus.

For more information or to offer support to the Apostolate, please contact Dr. Fredericks at fred3484@verizon.net or (973) 267-1571. ■

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■ **HIGHLIGHTS**

H.E. The Right Reverend Monsignor Jean Laffitte Appointed Prelate of The Sovereign Order Of Malta

The Sovereign Order of Malta announced that, on 4 July 2015, Pope Francis has nominated H.E., the Right Reverend Monsignor Jean Laffitte, Bishop of Entrevaux, as new Prelate.

Born at Oloron-Sainte-Marie (France) on 5 May 1952, Bishop Laffitte graduated in Political Science at the University of Toulouse. After working in the banking sector in Germany, he read philosophy and theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, and at the John Paul II Pontifical Institute where he graduated in moral theology.

A member of the Emmanuel Community, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1989.

In 2003, Pope John Paul II nominated him as Consultor of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, then as Under-Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Family. In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Vice-president of the Pontifical Academy for Life. Bishop Laffitte is currently Secretary of the Pontifical Council for the Family, further to his nomination on 22 October 2009. He was consecrated to the episcopate on 12 December 2009. In 2011, he was appointed Consultor of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Assistance to Health Care Workers.

The Prelate will be in attendance at the American Association’s Second Chaplains’ Convocation in New York City in April.



The SMOM's Prisoner Newsletter Goes Bilingual

by Steven G. Caron, KM

The North American Prison Ministry Apostolate of the Order of Malta was delighted to introduce a new Spanish language edition of its "The Serving Brother" prisoner newsletter with the Fall 2015 edition. An anonymous donor wrote a three-year grant that enables the Order to publish 3,000 copies per quarter of "El Hermano Servidor." This brings the total number of copies shipped per quarter to 44,000.

Publisher Steve Caron, KM, of Andover, MA commented "Confreres from each national association have stressed the need to begin respectfully serving the native Spanish language speakers in our target audience. The wonderful grant received allowed this objective to begin to be realized. However, with 2.4 million individuals incarcerated in the USA, the Order has a way to go to meet its strategic objective of making our quarterly newsletter available in every venue where souls are being imprisoned." He added that "Following the call of the Holy Father, we have actively sought to 'go out to the peripheries.' "The Serving Brother" is now found in prisons as widely dispersed as Northern Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the US Virgin Islands. Increasingly our focus has turned toward methodically identifying connections to each of the municipal, county, state and federal correctional institutions across the nation. We seek to reach every spiritually-hungry soul that would like to strengthen their tie to the Catholic Church through

the Order of Malta's outreach. The daily news headlines make clear how critically important getting high quality Church teaching out to those living in the correctional population is."

Dr. Robert J. Fredericks, GCMOb, of Morristown, NJ, serves as Chairman of the North American Prison Ministry Apostolate of the Order of Malta. He observed that "The Apostolate puts an emphasis on executing a high quality translation of our newsletter into Spanish. This opens the door to sharing our investment with our confreres in Central and South America. For almost no additional cost, we are positioned to share electronic master copies of print-ready publications with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the southern hemisphere. This offers to bring our service within the Order to a whole new level." He also pointed out that "The Augustinian religious family has provided incredible support to the critically important newsletter operation of our Works. St. Augustine Parish in Andover, MA has served as the publication's home since we struck our first run of "The Serving Brother" with 5,000 copies six years ago. Now a local Augustinian high school, Austin Prep, has joined the youth of St. Augustine Parish to function as the Order's shipping team. The eager response of these young people to the opportunity to assist in "visiting the imprisoned" is truly heart-warming. We couldn't be more delighted than to count them as Order of Malta volunteers!"



Pediatric Medical Research

by Joseph Dutkowsky, MD, KM

The American Association of The Order of Malta has started sponsoring an exciting new initiative. Using the income from a research endowment established with The Order by the Langer Foundation, The Order is funding a research program to benefit children with special needs through the Weinberg Family Cerebral Palsy Center at Columbia University. The effort is fully consistent with our call to serve the sick and the poor and serves as a model for the Catholic Church at large to re-engage in the world of medical research. In these times of great scientific advancements that are often associated with great ethical challenges, the Church's presence is critical.

A strong interdisciplinary and collaborative team has been assembled and is already at work on the project. The director of the research is Dr. Joseph Dutkowsky, KM, an Associate Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and Associate Medical Director of the Weinberg Family Cerebral Palsy Center at Columbia. He has over twenty-five years' experience caring for persons of all ages with childhood onset disabilities, and in 2011 served as President of the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine. His co-investigators are Dr. Andrew Gordon and Dr. Sunil Agrawal.

Dr. Andrew Gordon is a Professor of Movement Science and Neuroscience and Education in the Department of Biobehavioral Sciences at Teachers College in Columbia University. He is world-recognized for his pioneering research on upper extremity training for children with cerebral palsy. Dr. Sunil Agrawal is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering at Columbia. He currently directs the Robotics and Rehabilitation Laboratory and the Robotics Systems Engineering Laboratory at Columbia. Both laboratories are fully equipped and functional and are being used for this research. In addition, two postdoctoral fellows are already engaged in this work.

The focus of this research is to utilize current micro-technology and robotics to evaluate the function of children with disabilities and to develop and test the use of this technology to improve their function to enhance their independence, education and ultimately quality of life.

Children with conditions such as cerebral palsy frequently struggle with ambulation and expend an excess of time and energy in the process of walking, limiting their activities. Current gait analysis techniques require a room full of material to analyze one or two strides as the child walks past the equipment. This equipment was developed and tested at a time when cell phones were practically briefcases and the current research project is using newer technology to evaluate a child's

ability to walk. This technology has already been successfully applied to adults with Parkinson's Disease and to access the fall potential for adults in nursing homes. This technology is now being adapted to ambulatory children with disabilities. This "wireless gait analysis" not only allows a physician to evaluate a child's gait within a controlled environment but also throughout the day as the child fatigues and goes about their normal routine at home and school. In essence, for the first time, this technology will essentially provide a Holter Monitor for an ambulatory child with a disability.

Upper extremity function is also critical to a child with a disability trying to learn and perform their school work or to be independent in activities of daily living. A new ultra-light-weight upper extremity robotic system has been tested and validated as a research tool in Dr. Agrawal's laboratory. This provides an outstanding method to assess the upper extremity function of children with disabilities. Children who will never walk may still participate in independent mobility if they can develop effective upper extremity function to control a power wheelchair. Also, even high functioning children with spastic hemiplegic cerebral palsy have serious proprioception (position sense) deficits in the involved upper extremity. It is planned to use this technology to see if vibratory cuing can be used to take advantage of a child's brain plasticity to enhance the function of their affected hand.

Finally, some children with disabilities have total body involvement where they will never walk and have very limited use of their upper extremities. For these children, head, neck, and trunk control is paramount. Currently, the team is utilizing the aforementioned technology as an intervention targeting trunk and postural control in children with severe disabilities. A passive restraint device is being designed to assess trunk stability during upper extremity movements. After a proof-of-concept project is completed, a dynamic spinal brace will be modified to include force sensors for quantitative measurement providing objective decision making for changing the level of trunk support.

Children with disabilities are a medically underserved population with next to no research funding at the federal level or even private foundations. This research initiative, funded through a fund established by the Langer Foundation and administered by the American Association of the Order of Malta, is an incredible and nearly unique opportunity to use the latest research techniques and technology to benefit children with disabilities and their families. It is exciting that it is an initiative sponsored by a religious lay Order of our Catholic Church; this sponsorship truly shows the Order of Malta at its best.

The Langer Foundation established a fund to be administered by the American Association to fund pediatric medical research. The American Association directs those resources to medical research projects that meet the criteria established by the Langer Foundation when it made the contribution. ■



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A Prayer to Our Lady of Philermos



Most beautiful Mother, mystical and radiant, Our Lady of Philermos! Long have you been the image and inspiration of the Order of Malta extending back through the centuries to your shrine in Rhodes, and now enshrined in our hearts as we serve the sick and poor, and as we proclaim the Faith of the holy Apostles!

I kneel before you. Your eyes compassionately gaze upon the suffering and marginalized, the ill in mind and body, and also the spiritually impoverished—who have fallen away from their faith or who may be lost in adverse and dark places. You maternally look upon those searching for truth and peace, and the victims of violence and persecution. Your loving eyes fall upon us, your knights and dames, and those who work at our side, to be living extensions of your Son, the Redeemer - To heal and soothe those in need, to caress their wounds and bind them, to be bridges of reconciliation and unity and to proclaim the holy Gospel with courage and joy.

Mary, our Queen, and Mother, may our hearts be united to you as we lift high the Cross of Jesus for the world to see and receive His love! You mantle us in your maternal protection and guidance. We each consecrate ourselves to your service. Keep us faithful to the end in works of mercy and charity, always living the Beatitudes, constant in prayer and a Eucharistic life of adoration, total self-giving and praise. Give us closer union and friendship with Jesus everyday and let us share Him with the world. Guide on the way, His Way.

Our Lady of Philermos, pray for us! Amen.

(John J.D. Schweska, KM)



Order of Malta, American Association, Holds 2016 Spiritual Retreat

by Craig Gibson, KM

The American Association of the Order of Malta held its 2016 Spiritual Retreat February 5 through 7 at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, Florida. Over 35 attendees participated in the retreat, hailing from Massachusetts and New Hampshire, to Michigan, and as far south as Florida.

Our retreat master was the Most Reverend Frank Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport. Bishop Caggiano serves as a Conventual Chaplain for the Order and is very active in the Connecticut Area.

The theme of the retreat was “The Gift of Mercy.” Bishop Caggiano invited attendees into an exploration of the great gift of God’s mercy that comes to us in Jesus Christ. He reminded us that mercy and compassion lie at the heart of the mission that God has given each of us.

The retreat began Friday evening with a warm welcome from American Association Hospitaller, Gail Berardino. After introducing the Year of Preparation candidates, Gail provided a warm welcome for Bishop Caggiano. The bishop suggested that the retreat time together was about being in conversation with one another. He invited attendees to place themselves into God’s hands and to know that they were allowing God to work through and in them. He also encouraged attendees to take time for prayer and reflection, to rest in

God’s presence, to consider new perspectives in their lives, and to refresh themselves for ministry duties and family life.

Throughout the weekend the bishop built upon the theme of mercy, focusing on Works of Mercy and the Hebrew word “Hesed,” which translates as God’s loving kindness. He reminded attendees that, as members of the Order of Malta, much of our ministry outreach is working with those who have been forgotten.

Tom Garesche, KM, from New Hampshire affirmed that message: “We, as members of the Order of Malta, have a great responsibility to go out and assist those in need, particularly those in need of basic necessities,” he said. “We must show compassion to all, especially to the least of our brothers. We must be witnesses of who Jesus is to all around us.”

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF BISHOP CAGGIANO’S REMARKS INCLUDED:

- Mercy is that which we are called to share with others;
- God sees us as beloved sinners: and as sinners, called to be purified, sanctified, and redeemed in Christ;
- On our day of Baptism we receive God’s unmerited and everlasting love;
- Mercy and compassion: to suffer with others, to suffer together; to fully engage in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, putting mercy into action;

- Missionary Discipleship: to effectively “go out” to those in need, to be with those in need, one at a time;
- To foster three spiritual qualities: humility, courage, and joy.

Bishop Caggiano reminded all in attendance that Christian joy is a deep and abiding sense of contentment that arises from one’s relationship with God. On a final note, he encouraged all to consider making or keeping a dedicated sacred place in our homes for prayer, silence, and reflection.

“I thought the retreat was wonderful and very uplifting,” said attendee Charlotte Williams, DM from Florida. “What I liked best about the weekend was Bishop Frank himself! He was thought-provoking yet practical in his instruction. I also enjoyed the fellowship of the Order’s sisters and brothers who attended. It was a lovely way of being with people and sharing time together.”

Anne Peach, from the Orlando area, and in her year of preparation, felt the talks were “amazing and very thought-provoking.” Upon further reflection, she commented “there were several things that touched me. I loved the whole discussion about the Year of Mercy and how God loves us just the way we are, imperfect sinners. As an Order, how we help others is very important in allowing others to maintain their dignity.” She also felt the location was peaceful and the chapel was lovely.

The Bethany Retreat Center is named for the home of Mary and Martha of Scripture, a place of beauty and peace where Jesus took time for prayer, quiet, and reflection.

Mr. Gibson’s summaries of the four conferences from the retreat are on the Association’s website in the “Association Retreats” section under the Spirituality tab.

The Association’s next retreat is scheduled for October 14-16, 2016 at Mundelein Seminary, near Chicago, IL. The retreat master will be Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB.

The first retreat of 2017 will be on March 17-19, 2017 at Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, FL. The retreat master will be Bishop Frank Caggiano. ■



KNIGHTS, DAMES, CHAPLAINS INVESTED AT SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL



The "Class of 2015" was invested on November 13, 2015 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.
Here is a list of the Knights, Dames, Conventual Chaplains, and Deputy Chaplains who were invested:

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ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

March 20-26

Holy Week

March 27

Easter Sunday

April 4-5

New York City

American Association
Chaplains' Convocation

April 27-May 3

Lourdes, France

Lourdes Pilgrimage

May 5

Ascension Thursday

May 12

New York City

Board of Councillors Meeting

May 15

Pentecost Sunday

June 2-3

Pennsylvania

Sub-Priory Retreat

June 15-16

New York City

Area Chair/Hospitaller/
Membership Meeting

June 24

Saint John the Baptist

August 4-7

Wisconsin

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help

August 15

Assumption of Our Blessed Mother

August 24-September 2

Europe

Pilgrimage to Poland, Austria,
Czech Republic

September 7-8

New York City

Board of Councillors Meeting

September 8

Our Lady of Philermo

October 13

Blessed Gerard, Founder of the
Order of Malta

October 14-16

Illinois

Association Retreat in Mundelein

October 15

Election Ballots distributed

November 1

All Saints' Day

November 8

US Election Day

November 9-12

New York City

Investiture Events

November 9

New York City

Concert at Saint Patrick's Cathedral

November 10

New York City

Board of Councillors Meeting/
New Member Orientation

November 11

New York City

Annual Meeting, Investiture,
Annual Dinner

November 12

New York City

Mass for Malades, Mass for the Sub-Priory

November 24

Thanksgiving

November 27

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December 8

Immaculate Conception

December 25

Christmas

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on a timely basis. It can also save the American
Association a significant amount of time and money.

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The American Association of the Order of Malta, carefully observing the centuries-old tradition of the Order, has as its mission, to enhance the glory of God through the sanctification of its members, through dedication to and defense of the faith and the Holy See and through service to our fellow man, especially the sick and poor.