



# HOSPITALTERS

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## Fellow members of the American Association:



### Lourdes Pilgrimage:

Once again, we have experienced a wonderful Pilgrimage to Lourdes — our 22nd. There were 370 of us, including 55 malades and 45 care givers. All went well, and, as usual, it was a “spiritual experience of a lifetime.” Congratulations to Meg Lyons and Michael Castine, Co-Chairs, and to their team, for their year-long efforts to plan and then execute the workings of the Pilgrimage, which are becoming more and more

complex every year. This year, except for the one cold, rainy morning when we attended Mass at the Grotto, the weather cooperated well enough, and, overall, the 2007 edition of the Pilgrimage was a great success. Plans are already being made for next year’s Pilgrimage, which will be led by Joe and Barbara Miller, and will commence on April 30, 2008.

### Italian Association’s 130th Anniversary Celebration / Quasi Presidents Meeting:

All the Presidents of the National Associations, and all the Priors and Regents of the Grand Priories and Sub-Priories of the Order, were asked to attend a two-day meeting in Rome, just before the Pilgrimage. The meeting program was split between presentations related to the 130th Anniversary of the Italian Association and others related to the long-term development of the Order. Of particular interest to me was a speech by Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran of the Vatican on the “Relationship of the Holy See with the Order of Malta.” Also there was a presentation on “global branding,” an initiative which, if launched successfully, could greatly enhance the image and reputation of the Order of Malta throughout the world.

### May Meeting of the Board of Councillors:

Our Board went to Dallas on May 23rd for a special dinner that night and its meeting on the 24th. The dinner was attended by more than 100, including several potential candidates for membership in the Order, as well as existing members of both the American and Federal Associations. The gathering was a great success, and we are indebted to Dennis Simon, Area Chair, and Gene Vilforde and Hugh O’Brien for their efforts in staging the dinner and arranging for our Board meeting.

Some highlights of the Board Meeting were:

- The approval of grant requests aggregating approximately \$1 million. They are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Hospitalters.
- Approval of the admission of over 100 new members into the Order through the American Association, subject to approval by the Sovereign Council in June. We look forward to celebrating their formal investiture at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on November 9th.
- An update on plans for our biannual National Membership Conference, to be held at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, from September 28th to the 30th. Bob Fredericks is spearheading this program, which all members are strongly encouraged to attend, because it promises to be inspirational, as well as spiritually enhancing.
- An update on plans for the world-wide Order’s Holy Land Pilgrimage, from October 3rd to the 11th, 2007. Paul and Sherry Durnan are leading this trip, which will include 100 pilgrims from the American Association, who will join the Grand Master and 1,200 other members of the Order from around the world.
- A discussion of the possibility of producing a weekly Order of Malta radio program which would cover topics from the Catechism, and be distributed throughout the country by the EWTN radio network.
- An update on the study to determine the feasibility of establishing an affiliate of Malteser International in the United States, which would manage disaster relief services of the Order in the Americas.
- The establishment of a stricter policy regarding the collection of annual dues. Unfortunately, some of our members do not treat payment of our bills for annual dues with the same degree of urgency as they treat payment of bills from their clubs and retailers such as Neiman Marcus, Saks, Bloomberg’s, Macy’s, etc. Our cash flow requirements are just as important as those of any organization, maybe more so, when you consider that our grants go to care for our lords the sick and the poor.
- Approval of plans for next year’s American Association Pilgrimage to the Islands of Malta and Rhodes, and to Rome, led by Msgr. Kevin Wallin, from September 15th to the 26th, 2008.

### Membership Development:

As noted above, at our Investiture in November this year, we will be adding over 100 new Knights and Dames to the membership of our Association — a relatively large class compared to previous years, and the result of very good work by the leadership of our Areas.

The trouble is that now we have to do an encore! *(continued on page 3)*

## Lourdes Pilgrimage 2007

by Meg Lyons and Michael Castine



Michael Castine and Meg Lyons

In the last Issue of Hospitalters Magazine, we introduced you to the team of volunteers who help out on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We are now home and back to our routines and hopefully a little more mindful of those around us, especially those in need. We departed Newark on May 2 and much to our chagrin the flight left early. Not on time...early. Our early arrival created some problems of delayed room availability all of which John and JoAnne Connolly, with Dr. Richard Milone, resolved with grace and with patience. Soon everyone was in their rooms,

catching up on lost sleep and building energy for the wonders of Lourdes that awaited them. By the time we got to the first Mass at the Rosary Basilica, we were well on our way to another spiritual and special week.

One thing that became clear very quickly was that we could not have managed to iron out all the details without the help of the Connollys, Milones, Carters, Millers, Metz, Jack Pohrer, Ken Craig and the Auxiliary, the Berardinis, Besgens, Bycrafts, Dillmeiers, Durnans, Tisdales, Monsignor Wallin and the clergy, the medical staff, Laure Aubuchon, the McCooeys, Carole



Less, the Fredericks, Peggy Lyons, Des McCarthy, Hap Redgate, John Mitchell, John Jennings, Beth Dolce, Kim Gillespie, Michelle Babyak, Joanne Cancro, Sue Farrell, Cary Sheren, Steve Leland, Jack Sise and Ray Pierce, Pam and Maureen from Executive Travel, and Carla, Maria, Miquan, Kathy, Ann Peabody, Ray and Jeff Trexler at the New York office. Plus all of you for whom we ran out of space to include. You know who you are as do those whom you touched through your actions.

We realize that we can never thank you enough. Through your service, you demonstrated how to be “forgetful of oneself” and how to give until it hurts. We want to thank you for radiating Christ and the mission of our Blessed Mother and St. Bernadette during the Pilgrimage.

We would like to quote Blessed Mother Teresa: “At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made or how many great things we have done. We will be judged by ‘I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.’”

Hungry not only for bread — but hungry for love.

Naked not only for clothing — but naked of human dignity and respect. Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks — but homeless because of rejection. This is Christ in distressing disguise.

During the Pilgrimage, we saw many examples of you feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and taking in the homeless.

This year, we were blessed with the benefit of the spiritual direction of some fantastic clergy. The Association was blessed with the presence of Cardinal O’Malley at our Association Mass at the Grotto as well as at the International Mass on Sunday. It was said that the International Mass was attended by over 25,000 people. A lot of prayers made their way that day through Mary to Her Son. Every day was made special because of the Liturgies, reflections, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration.



Many of our Malades, care givers, Knights, Dames, Auxiliary and volunteers experienced the healing power of the Baths. And the peace that comes from the Sacrament of Reconciliation was shared by so many. Peace and healing come in many forms and in

many ways — Lourdes provided the backdrop for the miracle of God’s love and mercy.

For the most part, the weather cooperated and the sun shone through on us...enough of the time. We were treated to some special homilies, a First Holy Communion, and many interesting points for reflection. But most of all, we were delighted to see so many smiles on our 54 Malades. They joined us from all over the country as strangers and left as members of a spiritual family. We have heard from so many of you thanking us for our work. For us, it is our turn to thank our Malades because your smiles are all of the thanks we need. As some writer once wrote, “it is not necessary to thank us when what we are doing is our duty.” It truly is an honor for us to have had you join us on our Pilgrimage. You have warmed our hearts and touched our souls. You helped us carry out the mission of the Order of Malta.

We were also blessed to have so many generous financial donors to support the Pilgrimage. Although the costs of the trip are at an all time high, with the price of jet fuel leading the charge, we achieved a new record for contributions to help defray the cost of the trip. We are grateful.

And wouldn’t you know it, the Charter Flight was waiting for us at the Lourdes Airport

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## Our Mission

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.



# SMOM, American Association 2007 National Conference

## Hosted by New Jersey Area



Jeannette and Bob Fredericks  
Co-chairs of the National  
Membership Conference

**B**y definition, members of the Order of Malta are very busy people. We have much to do and many places to go. We also have a rigorous schedule within the American Association this fall, and one of the most significant events is our 2007 National Conference, scheduled for September 28-30 in New Jersey.

This biennial conference is important because it provides an opportunity to share knowledge and experience, learn more about our faith and the Order of Malta, pray, laugh and break bread together in a relaxed setting over a week-end. The theme of the conference is "Celebrate Life!" We intend to do that.

We are proud to present the following program for the 2007 National Conference. Your personal invitation should have been in your hands by June 15; the same information can be downloaded from [www.maltausa.org](http://www.maltausa.org). Please review and act on it quickly. September will soon be here, and we would miss you if you were not among us.

*Jeanette Fredericks, D.M.  
Co-Chair*

*Robert J. Fredericks, Ph.D., K.M.Ob.  
Co-Chair and New Jersey Area Chair*

### Friday, September 28:

- 1:00-3:30PM Hotel Check-in / Conference Registration I, Westin Gov. Morris, Morristown, New Jersey
- 4:00PM Buses depart for the Cathedral-Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.
- 5:30PM Mass of Welcome  
Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Celestino Migliore  
Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the U.N.  
Concelebrants: Bishops of New Jersey
- 7:30PM Reception and Dinner, Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield  
Speaker: Traude Barbiero, President, NJ Right To Life
- 10:30PM Buses leave for the Westin

### Saturday, September 29:

- 7:30AM Buses depart for Seton Hall University, South Orange
- 8-9:00AM Continental Breakfast and Conference Registration II
- 9:00AM Welcome: Dan Kelly, K.M. — President, American Association
- 9:30AM Msgr. Stewart Swetland: Our Children and Their Leap From Faith
- 10:30AM Deacon Bill Toth: Catholic Marriage
- 11:30AM New Jersey Special Presentation
- 12:00Noon Mass Celebrant: Bishop Frank Rodimer, New Jersey Area
- 1:00PM Lunch
- 2:00PM Gary E. Fields, National Criminal Justice Reporter, Wall Street Journal:  
Prison Ministry from a Personal/National Perspective
- 3:00PM Albrecht VonBoeselager: Status Report: Malta's International Outreach
- 3:30PM Jim O'Connor, K.M.Ob.: Malteser International, Western Hemisphere
- 4:00PM Dan Kelly: Recent trip to Haiti
- 4:30PM Buses leave for the Westin (2 "freshening" rooms available for attendees not staying at hotel)
- 6:30PM Buses depart for Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit
- 7:00PM Reception / Dinner
- 9:00PM Presentation to Doug Perlitz by Dan Kelly
- 9:30PM "Family Life," with Gregory Floyd, A musical story of one family's victory over loss.
- 10:30PM Buses leave for the Westin

### Sunday, September 30:

- 8:30-9:30AM Full breakfast, Westin Gov. Morris Hotel
- 10:30AM Buses depart for Holy Family Chapel, College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station
- 11:00 AM Mass: Celebrant: Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson
- 12:30PM Final Blessing and Departure  
Buses leave for the Westin; Attendees leave for home.

God grant you safe travel. Thank you for being with us. ✠

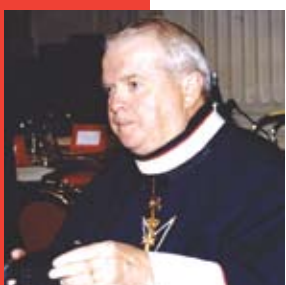
## Fellow members of the American Association:

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Our goal is to have 2,000 members by the year 2010, not that easy to reach when you consider how many deaths occur each year. So, I ask all of you to continue your efforts to bring highly qualified Catholics into the Order. As I have emphasized in the past, we must grow our membership to remain vital. It's "grow or die!" ✠

*Best wishes for good health and an enjoyable summer,*

*Daniel J. Kelly, K.M.  
President*



# Looking for Evil in All the Wrong Places: Dealing with Our Own Tendency to Sin

**“Early each day to the steps of Saint Paul’s the little old bird woman comes, in her own special way to the people she calls, come, buy my bags full of crumbs...”**

You will all recognize that song from the hugely popular 1960’s film *Mary Poppins* starring Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke, Glynis John and others. *Mary Poppins* is now a very successful stage production playing on Broadway and in London.

It is to Saint Paul’s that I want to take you, one of the great churches of Christendom. The current structure, built by Sir Christopher Wren after the great fire of London in 1666, is a marvelous example of baroque architecture. It stands on a spot where a cathedral has stood since 604, when a diocese was erected after the great Saint Augustine of Canterbury was sent by Pope Saint Gregory the Great to re-Christianize Britain in the very early 600’s.

As you enter Saint Paul’s the first chapel to the right, in the south aisle, is the Chapel of Saint Michael and Saint George. It is dedicated to a British Order of the same name. Over the altar of the chapel is a hand carved wooden statue of Saint Michael the Archangel, entitled “Saint Michael Overcoming the Seven Deadly Sins” by the sculptor Edwin Russell. It was done in the 1970’s. Saint Michael is about five feet tall. He has no breastplate or sword. He is dressed in a long flowing robe that fans out at the bottom, to the viewer’s left. At his feet are figures representing the seven deadly sins — a serpent for envy, a toad for sloth, a wolf for greed, a peacock for pride, a woman for lust, a bear for anger and a dragon for gluttony. Behind him are the torsos and heads of six other human figures, representing angels. I was fascinated by this statue the first time I saw it and went back to Saint Paul’s to examine it again — not an easy task since it is in a chapel not open to the public. You have to take the “super tour” to get inside.

It is so different from any representation of Saint Michael I’d ever seen. There is no violence here. The archangel is calm and serene. He is not crushing the vices or slaying them or driving them out, but simply keeping them in check. And the figures are beautifully carved. They are not ugly or tormented or broken or cruel. The woman is truly attractive. The peacock’s feathers are visible. The toad looks like a little toy a child would take into the bathtub. What strikes you is that the vices remain but are under control. They remain appealing but are subjugated. It is such a different reflection on evil.

We so often think of evil as personified by the devil, the fallen archangel Lucifer driven out of heaven by Michael, who wanders around the world seeking the ruination of souls. Lucifer, an ugly creature with a horn and a tail, the father of evil, who goes about without constraints. Evil may have been driven out of heaven but it is certainly present here. It may not exist in paradise, where there is only perfection, but it remains in our midst. What I liked about this statue is that the evil is there but under control. Goodness is in charge. The vices are contained. How realistic that seems to me. How accurate. How true to life.

I have never been one to focus on the devil roaming around the world seeking to devour souls. Make no mistake, we believe in a genuine being, Lucifer, just as we believe in the other archangels — Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael and

Michael. But I have never focused my spiritual attention on watching out for him, out there somewhere, lying in wait to trap me. I have taken a more personalized approach to evil. I have preferred to deal with the presence of evil by looking inside myself and others. I have dwelt on the interior sources of evil. I prefer to look inside for what is bad — and for what is good — as opposed to outside. That is where the deadly sins are. Our worst, our most destructive vices are within us. They are our negative attitudes, our harsh characteristics, our evil desires, and our bad habits. They are on the inside, where we must deal with them every day. These are the things that need conquering, driving out, overcoming, containing, managing.

What strikes me about that statue in Saint Paul’s is that the vices are there, alive, healthy, and attractive. I find it so marvelously insightful because we rarely drive out evil from ourselves. We seldom eliminate the deadly sins from our lives. The most we can do is control our vices so that they are not deadly, but only slightly sinful. Perhaps the great saints manage to relieve themselves of some of these flaws, but most of us, strive as we might, discover that they are always there. The trick is to keep them under control. That is why I liked this image so much. It struck me as much more in touch with human reality than those statues of Michael we usually see. If we ask him to defend us in our battle against evil, it seems foolish to expect that he will drive it out of us, as he did Lucifer from heaven. That is simply not the human condition. To be sure we might like to be rid of these evils, but if we are honest with ourselves that is an objective we never really, genuinely expect to achieve.

Each of us experiences moments when we are envious, unjustly angry, vengeful, falsely proud, and selfish, when we let our emotions run away with us, when we neglect what we know is right.

How do we deal with these things within ourselves? Because those vices, those bad habits, those sins, are not “out there” but “in here”. If all we do is look outside for the devil, trying to keep him at bay, we will surely miss the truth that most of what we do wrong comes from within. Jesus reminded His hearers of this Himself when He said it is not what goes into a person that makes them unclean but what comes out of them.

Evil is there, already in us. We have to focus on the inside.

Lourdes is a place for healing. We come here for all kinds of healing — spiritual, emotional, physical, psychological. During these days we will be seeking healing for ourselves, but will we be looking inside? Every one of us? It is not only our malades who need these gifts but every one of us. As Bishop William Curlin, the retired Bishop of Charlotte who will preach to us on Saturday morning at the Mass at the Grotto, says every year “we are all malades”. Every one of us has something, some things that need healing.

Will we identify those within ourselves? Will we accept that those vices are there? Because we so often deny our faults, they are enabled to develop and grow unchecked. Will we allow the Lord to help us get those negative things under control? We can pray to be rid of evil in our lives. Those with

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## Questions & Answers

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**Q:** *What is Malteser International?*

**A:** The following information comes from Malteser International’s web site:

Malteser International is the worldwide relief agency of the Sovereign Order of Malta. The organization is regularly engaged in about 200 projects that span some 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. The organization evolved from Malteser Germany and was internationalized as the Order of Malta’s relief service in 2005.

Malteser International provides humanitarian aid in all parts of the world without distinction of religion, race or political persuasion. Christian values and the humanitarian principles of impartiality and independence are the foundation of its work. Its mission is not only to provide emergency relief, but also to implement rehabilitation measures and to facilitate the link between emergency relief and sustainable development. Malteser International establishes and promotes primary health care services and seeks to reduce vulnerability and poverty.

**Q:** *What is the American Association’s relationship to Malteser International?*

**A:** The American Association is a founding member of Malteser International and is one of nineteen national associations of the

Order that are part of the organization. In addition to an initial assessment to get the organization started, the Association contributes to the financial support of Malteser International by paying annual dues and providing support and linkage to our members in response to critical situations which Malteser International addresses (e.g., responding to the tsunami destruction in Indonesia and the devastation following the fighting in Lebanon).

Malteser International was a partner with the three US Associations in funding the home restoration project in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. The Federal Association coordinated the work and all three Associations contributed money and volunteer workers. In the Americas, the primary focus of Malteser International has been in Central and South America.

For the past fifteen months, Malteser International has been working with the US Associations to develop an affiliate organization, Malteser International Americas, which likely will be headquartered in Miami and will focus on the Americas. There will be a presentation at the National Membership Conference in September and additional information in the Fall edition of the *Hospitaliers*.

*For more information on Malteser International, you can go to the organization’s website by using the link on our website: [www.maltausa.org](http://www.maltausa.org) and clicking Malta Links.*



## GRANT SYNOPSIS 2007

Name	Amount Funded	Grant Description
<b>Connecticut</b>		
Malta House of Good Counsel Norwalk, CT	\$25,000	Requires funds for program staffing and teaching costs.
Malta Prison Volunteers of CT, Inc. Bridgeport, CT	\$3,500	To support the incarcerated, their victims and the families of both to regain or maintain a respectful, peaceful and spiritually grounded place in society and to raise general, Catholic and legislative awareness of the opportunity and the need to help people and families within our criminal justice system to regain their proper place in society.
Saint Catherine Academy Bridgeport, CT	\$25,000	To continue the powerful curriculum they provide, and advance special education and functional excellence.
<b>Florida – Miami</b>		
A Safe Haven for Newborns Miami, FL	\$10,000	To support the cost of operation for the multi-lingual Statewide Referral Help Line, the purchase of two new hand held devices and upgrade the Cares software system.
Marian Center School and Services, Inc. Miami Gardens, FL	\$10,000	Help fund a dishwasher, conveyor type and remaining portion plus labor and materials needed for this project will be paid by fundraising through the Auxiliary and PTA.
New Hope Charities, Inc. West Palm Beach, FL	\$10,000	For the support of an ongoing effort to distribute food when many families are most vulnerable to hunger due to the limitation of state or federal assistance.
St. Ann Mission Naranja, FL	\$25,000	With matching funds from the Cuban Association, a mobile medical unit that will be capable of medical outreach to the labor camps and work fields as many migrant families are unable or afraid to come to the Mission.
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church — “Fresh Start Program” Boca Raton, FL	\$5,000	Monies will help Fresh Start provide first month’s rent and help ex-offenders find employment so they can assume their living expenses.
<b>Illinois</b>		
Port Ministries (Clinic Relocation) Chicago, IL	\$10,000	To fund the moving and build-out of new space for the Port Free Clinic in the front end of the main administrative offices.
Port Ministries (Mantle Relocation) Chicago, IL	\$7,500	To assist with the moving and build-out of new space and/or functional furnishings for The Mantle programs.
<b>Indiana</b>		
Indiana Area c/o John Rosenthal Mishawaka, IN	\$4,500	The grant will provide 80% of the cost to develop the website.
O’Hana Heritage Foundation South Bend, OH	\$15,000	Will be used for start up training of the staff that will welcome the first patients to the O’Hana House.
<b>Massachusetts</b>		
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program Boston, MA	\$25,000	To help purchase a new Patient Shuttle van equipped with needed safety features, such a hydraulic wheelchair lift.
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals Alstead, MA	\$6,000	Will support the purchase a new commercial refrigerator.
National Organization for Continuing Education for Roman Catholic Clergy Chicago, IL	\$21,000	For the fiscal year fees for the 21 priest participants for the current academic year in New England
Simon of Cyrene Society, Inc. So. Boston, MA	\$7,000	To heighten consciousness of persons with disabilities and Church community of their importance to the Church.
<b>Michigan</b>		
Angel’s Place Southfield, MI	\$15,000	For the renovation of the Raphael bathroom.
Helper’s of God’s Precious Infants of Michigan, Inc. Grosse Pointe, MI	\$5,000	Funds for material they distribute, financial aid to clients, training manuals, phones, rosaries, etc.
Hope Medical Clinic, Inc. Ypsilanti, MI	\$15,000	Support staffing for the 16-hour-per-week dental hygienist position, the 4-hour-per-week receptionist position, and a small portion of the clinic coordinator’s extra 20 hours per week.
Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund Farmington Hills, MI	\$2,500	Help launch the Church Representative Program to support the structure of the RLM Partners for Life program fund.
Rose Hill Center, Inc. Holly, MI	\$24,000	Develop connections with other organizations and create a template for establishing connections with other programs.
<b>Missouri</b>		
St. Patrick Center St. Louis, MO	\$20,000	The grant will help fund services provided by all three programs over a period of one year.
<b>New Jersey</b>		
Good Counsel, Inc. Hoboken, NJ	\$10,000	Will be used to provide a van for the Outreach program.
<b>New York — Five Boroughs</b>		
Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau New York, NY	\$10,000	To provide poor and low income mothers and mothers-to-be with pre and post natal care, including many vital services in a coordinated, comprehensive and effective way.
Cristo Rey New York High School New York, NY	\$15,000	To enable them to complete their new chapel, named after Edward Cardinal Egan.



## GRANT SYNOPSIS 2007

Project Reach New York, NY	\$20,000	Work with NYC area schools and affiliated community partners to reach an additional 2200 at-risk students and 200 parents from September 2007 through June 2008 to increase the number of youth between the ages of 12-18 who recognize the benefits of abstinence in preparation for marriage.
Rosalie Hall, Inc. Bronx, NY	\$ 15,000	Help assist in prevention programs against teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and substance abuse.
<b>New York — Nassau/Suffolk</b>		
Heart of the Hamptons Southampton, NY	\$12,500	Will be able to continue their medical transportation program.
Life Center of Long Island, Massapequa, NY	\$15,000	Will help with expenses for a Spanish language spiritual and emotional retreat for the healing from their abortions through post-abortion programs.
Office of Prison Ministry — RC Diocese of Rockville Ctr Bay Shore, NY	\$22,500	To purchase a trailer to be used as an Information/Hospitality/Spirituality Center at the Nassau Correctional Center.
<b>New York — Westchester</b>		
Good Counsel, Inc. Harrison, NY	\$15,000	To become more financially sound as an individual home since its needs are so unique.
Sisters of Life Westchester, NY	\$15,000	missioned to a ministry that provides pregnant women in the New York City area with For the renovation of a convent located in NYC to add offices and living quarters for Sisters practical resources, emotional support and spiritual counseling.
<b>Ohio</b>		
St. Vincent de Paul Society Cincinnati, OH	\$20,000	The funds requested will supplement the monies being contributed by the local Area Chapter.
<b>Pennsylvania — Philadelphia</b>		
Sacred Heart Foundation Allentown, PA	\$15,000	To help purchase a new van to maintain their Transportation Program.
<b>Rhode Island</b>		
Weybosset Street Community Center Providence, RI	\$10,000	Will financially support the continuance and increase of screenings of potentially serious illnesses in elders, children and adults and assuring that these individuals get immediate access to treatment.
<b>South Dakota</b>		
PRH Institute — Central Division Clarkston, MI	\$3,500	Will fund the cost of written course materials for each inmate, transportation costs for the Educator to travel to South Dakota's three widely dispersed prisons, and tuition expenses.
<b>Total Area Programs</b>	<b>\$489,500</b>	
<b>National</b>		
Education for Parish Service Foundation, Inc. Washington, DC	\$20,000	For the launch of a comprehensive marketing program and services that will expose the EPS program to a broader audience.
National Catholic Partnership on Disability Washington, DC	\$10,000	Will enable NCPD to dedicate personnel to carry out this project and to produce resources for and provide training to catechists, directors of religious education, and parents.
Prison Ministry Morristown, NJ	\$25,000	Used to purchase additional bibles, prayer books (English and Spanish) and other materials, as needed.
<b>Total National Programs</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>	
<b>International</b>		
AmeriCares Stamford, CT	\$125,000	Will enable them to continue to supply life-saving medicines, medical equipment, and other relief supplies on a consistent, reliable basis to SMOM organizations around the world.
CRUDEM Foundation St. Louis, MO	\$100,000	Will fund 20% of the 2007 salaries and ONA tax requirement of the Haitian medical professionals who are essential to the hospital.
CRUDEM Foundation St. Louis, MO	\$25,000	Source to operate Hopital Sacre Coeur and render necessary medical services to the adults and children of the Milot region.
CRUDEM Foundation St. Louis, MO	\$5,000	To provide the wages, equipment, and supply needs for the continuation of the free lunch program for another year for the primary grade school students at Holy Cross School.
H.B. King Medical Brigade Spring Lake, NJ	\$20,000	Will help to bring medical and dental care to the "poorest of the poor".
Haitian Health Foundation Norwich, CT	\$30,000	Will allow HHHF to decrease the morbidity and mortality among the poor during 2007.
Holy Family Hospital Foundation Bethlehem, Palestine	\$50,000	Represents eighth installment of \$500,000 commitment, payable over 10 years, to this Foundation, which benefits the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, which is the worldwide project of SMOM.
Hope for Haiti Naples, FL	\$10,000	Will contribute to the solution of providing a continuum of educational opportunity for the children of Haiti.
House of Friendship Foundation (Children's Shelter) Springlake, NJ	\$25,000	To continue to save children from adject poverty in Honduras.
Pierre Toussaint Cap Haitien, Haiti	\$25,000	Would be used to help defray increasing Haitian staffing costs and overall program expenses so that they can continue to serve the needs of the Haitian street children.
<b>Total International Programs:</b>	<b>\$415,000</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$959,500</b>	



## They Come in Many Ways to the Grotto

The American Association, in consideration of its malades, has a unique and thoughtful approach to getting our pilgrims to Lourdes — we charter a plane and land at the Lourdes airport and then transport everyone by conventional bus to the hotels. This makes the trip as convenient and direct as possible to limit the stress on the malades. We thought you might be interested in another group that brings malades to Lourdes in a very different way.

Those of you who were in Lourdes this year may have noticed the very interesting buses near the Hotel Mediterranee — they were fitted out with cots and stretchers used to transport malades. What you may not have known is that the organization responsible for bringing their malades to Lourdes is from Scotland and is known as ACROSS. ACROSS is a non-profit organization in Scotland which is dedicated to helping sick adults and children participate in a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to Lourdes.

They call their buses Jumbulances (they have two) and they cost over \$1.5M each and are outfitted to provide all of the physical needs of the malades whom they bring to Lourdes, including a full kitchen and a fully stocked medical supply cabinet along with equipment required by the malades. The Jumbulance is a unique vehicle, specially constructed to carry sick and disabled pilgrims. The malades are accompanied by nurses, doctors and helpers.

Priority at ACROSS is given to those in terminal illness, those with progressive diseases and those whose medical conditions make it impossible or impractical to use conventional means of transport. Basically, the malades they bring would be unable to come to Lourdes by plane or in a normal train.

One of the doctors from ACROSS told us that the trip is basically non-stop from Glasgow — they leave early in the morning on one day and get there in the evening on the next day. Stops are made only for fuel and to switch drivers. They have several employees who live in Lourdes and make all the arrangements. They bring at least one bus load a week and some weeks, they bring two buses.

John and JoAnne Connolly, Knight and Dame of Malta

## Estate and Planned Gifts Can Support the Work of the Association for Years to Come

The Malta Human Services Foundation provides an annual contribution to the American Association to support the Annual Grants program. Your consideration of the Foundation in your estate plan or with a planned gift will help to ensure that the works of Malta will continue for years to come. If you have questions about the Foundation, see the Foundation section of our web site at [www.maltausa.org](http://www.maltausa.org). For more information, call the Executive Director in our New York Office at (212) 371-1522.

## See the Photo Album of the 2007 Lourdes Pilgrimage on the Web

For an extensive selection of photos of the Lourdes Pilgrimage, go to [www.maltausa.org](http://www.maltausa.org) and select **Lourdes Pilgrimage** on the navigation sidebar. Select **2007 Pilgrimage** and click **Photo Gallery** at the top of the page. Enjoy hundreds of photos thanks to John Bycraft and his trusty camera.

## Spiritual Reading Column

by Msgr. James Cassidy

Recently, I said a memorial Mass for Judge Casey who died in March. It has been a long-standing custom that we offer a month's memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of our departed members of the Association at the Lady Chapel in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. This is fitting since it is the Cathedral where our members are invested and have been for many years. I still have the vision of Judge Casey's dog lying down in the main Aisle, watching the Judge's casket. A memorial Mass for Bowie Kuhn, the former Commissioner of Baseball, is on the schedule soon. A long time ago, Bowie and Tom Monahan pushed me into the Order of Malta. Bowie was a great inspiration to me as he visited with AIDS patients every week at St. Claire's Hospital and at the Terrence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center. Bowie and Tom used to communicate very often to discuss their spiritual realities — one of the things they often discussed was their spiritual reading. Both of them were daily communicants and did spiritual reading every day. Spiritual reading is a necessity to develop one's spiritual life. It should be a part of each person's spiritual development.

I would like to recommend to you for your spiritual reading and for your spiritual growth *The Holy Longing: The Search for A Christian Spirituality* by Father Ronald Rolheiser. He is a Canadian priest and psychologist whose books are on the Catholic best seller lists. ✠



...there is within us a fundamental dis-ease, an unquenchable fire that renders us incapable, in this life, of ever coming to full peace.

~ from *The Holy Longing*

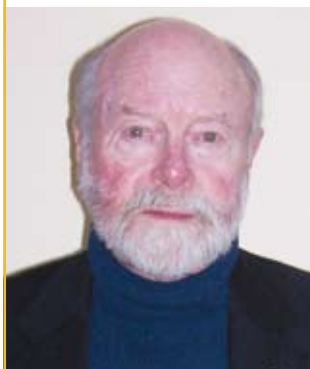
...from a book review by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat

“In a time when church membership is in radical decline, Catholic theologian Ronald Rolheiser has performed an immense service for all Christendom by cogently and convincingly spelling out reasons why membership and participation in a church community is a nonnegotiable element of Christian spirituality. The author teaches at the University of Saskatchewan and has a regular column in the Catholic Herald.”

Of interest to readers may be a web site that changes regularly and includes a daily prayer, the day's Gospel reading and a reflection on the reading. The site is [pray.nd.edu](http://pray.nd.edu) (no www).

## Malta Human Services Foundation President's Report

by Hershel Smith, KM, President of the Malta Human Services Foundation



Greetings to all of you — the year moves along and many things are happening.

The Malta Human Services Foundation Board has agreed to begin a search to fill a newly developed position of Director of Development. The Director is intended to focus on the growth of the Foundation's resources in order to increase our ability to fund more grants supporting the Malta works that you do in the areas as well as works at the national and international level. This year, we had requests for grants totaling \$1.8M but had only about \$1M in funding. While not every grant request will be honored unless it meets the criteria of the Association, there are important works which the Grants Committee could not fund and others where funding had to be

limited. By growing the Foundation's resources, it increases the works that can be supported. We are hopeful of finding the right person who can lead us in this important initiative.

In 2005, \$1,288,000 was approved; in 2006, \$940,000 was approved and in 2007, \$959,000 was approved for grants. Those grants were funded, in part, by contributions from the Foundation's resources, including \$381k in 2005, \$419k in 2006 and \$439k in 2007. It is clear that greater resources in the Foundation will support the ability to fund more grants.

Between now and the Annual Meeting, I plan to meet, in person where possible or by phone where necessary, with every area chair to speak about the Foundation and its important role in the Association's efforts to support your work. I also plan to discuss the role of the Director of Development, how the area chairs can help us in growing the Foundation's endowment and the plans moving forward.

And finally, we committed and plan to honor our commitment to share with you the names of those members who have made the financial commitment to support the Foundation. We have information to this point from those of you who have directly contacted us about making a cash gift of \$10,000 or more to the Foundation or who have committed to include the Foundation in their estate plans. But we believe there are more of you who have or are willing to make that commitment as well. It is our plan to recognize those members who have met the requirements to become members of the Blessed Gerard Society publicly (with their permission) before the year is out. If you have met the requirements as I have described them and have not informed the New York office, please do so as soon as possible.

Please pray that the work of the Foundation will be successful as it is all done to support your efforts and the efforts of the Order of Malta to defend the faith and to serve the sick and the poor. ✠



## We Are All Hospitallers

By Frances O.C. Hardart



In March, the XVth European Hospitallers' Conference took place in Paris. Each year a different European Association hosts the conference and approximately 30 to 35 hospitallers and representatives from the Grand Magistry and Malta organizations attend. The US Associations were invited to join the group eight years ago. The Hospitallers present gave reports on the specific works of their Associations and other organizations representing Malta worldwide report their activities. This year, at the request of the Grand Hospitaller, we gave a special presentation on the Prison Ministry, a new Malta Work of the American Association. Three of the worldwide reports given were on Malteser International, the relief efforts in war torn Lebanon and Iraq, and Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem. There was also a

lengthy discussion about the 2008 Lourdes Jubilee Pilgrimage (in May), the 150th anniversary of the apparition at Lourdes and the Holy Land Pilgrimage in October led by the Grand Master.

One of the presentations that I would like to share with you was particularly moving. Based in Geneva, Switzerland, **The International Committee of the Order of Malta (CIOMAL)** is a work of the Order that for many years has served the needs of lepers around the world.

*According to the World Health Organization (WHO), leprosy was supposed to have been eradicated by the year 2000 and endemic contagion to decrease to 1/10,000 by the end of 2005 but this did not happen. The data derived from the epidemiological surveys of WHO, which were published in early August 2006, indicate that at the beginning of that year there were still 219,826 new cases of leprosy every year and about 602 new cases every day. These were distributed geographically in the following way: Africa, 40,830; Latin America, 32,904; South East Asia, 133,422; the East Mediterranean, 4024; the Western Pacific, 8646.*

Despite significant advances in screening, drug therapy, surgery, rehabilitation and counseling, leprosy remains a significant public health problem in parts of Africa, Asia, and Latin America and it is in these regions that CIOMAL continues to work successfully towards eliminating the disease and defeating the stigma that still surrounds it.

Depending entirely on fundraising and voluntary donations, CIOMAL not only provides sufferers with access to a program of free treatment, rehabilitation and education provided by a team of trained specialists, but also works with local communities to remove the stigma associated with the disease so that those who have been cured can resume normal daily lives in society.

The following are excerpts from a talk given by John de Salis Soglio, Grand Cross of Honor and Devotion, President of CIOMAL:

“From biblical times, lepers have always been considered social outcasts. Still today they are forced to leave their villages, lose their livelihoods, and be separated from their families.”

“Care of lepers is at the heart of the Christian tradition. They live at society’s margins, they feel abandoned. Fundraising for leprosy programmes is difficult, as their cause is currently unfashionable, and they don’t photograph in a way that today’s society finds appealing. But the most motivational point is that leprosy is curable with the recently evolved treatment, multi-drug therapy (MDT). If the disease is diagnosed late, the consequences can include horrendous disfigurement, loss of fingers and toes, and blindness, but a full cure is now the norm if a patient is diagnosed early.”

“Treatment for leprosy is not expensive. CIOMAL has cured, and looked after, over 20,000 lepers in Cambodia: costs are minimal, \$9 a day in our hospital, with an average stay of 56 days. It seems cheap, doesn’t it? In Cambodia, 35% of the population of 14 million live below — not at — the national poverty level of 50 US cents per day, making the cost of \$9 a day beyond anyone’s dreams.”

“Caused by a bacillus which almost invariably attacks the weak and malnourished, it can have an incubation period of up to 20 years before the first symptoms appear.”

At the present time, there are no tests to identify the presence of the disease in the body until symptoms appear some twenty years after onset. With the poor existing below the radar of society and with the increasing migration of the world’s population, it is easy to imagine the difficulty in finding, identifying, and curing the disease which affects the poorest of the poor. Unsanitary living conditions, poor hygiene, and malnutrition provide a breeding ground for leprosy and sadly, the conditions do exist in many parts of our world.

CIOMAL became involved in research in the area of early diagnosis of leprosy on 2005 but until there exists a definitive test for early detection of leprosy, CIOMAL will continue to search in the remotest and poorest areas to identify the infected, bringing them not only medical treatment but also psychological and sociological services aimed at giving our brothers and sisters in Christ a chance at a second life.

If you feel that you would like to help CIOMAL with their work with the forgotten people, please contact the office for more information.

Thank you for all you do. ✝

### Lourdes Pilgrimage 2007

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when we cleared customs to depart for the United States. And on this leg of our journey, leaving early was a good thing. Hopefully everyone got home a little bit earlier than expected. We hope you enjoyed the Pilgrimage as much as we did. We now hand over the gavel to Barbara and Joseph Miller as they make the preparations for the 2008 Pilgrimage celebrating the 150th anniversary of Our Lady appearing to Bernadette. May Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us. ✝

### 2007 Deceased Members

Mr. Philip F. Cacciatore	Weston, MA
Honorable Richard C. Casey	New York, NY
Dr. Anthony A. Formato	New York, NY
Mr. John T. Gilbride	Stamford, CT
Dr. Robert F. Gomprecht	Bronxville, NY
Mr. William R. Grant	New York, NY
Mr. Edward T. Hanley	Mashpee, MA
Mr. Robert E. Helms	Dallas, TX
Mr. Gerald A. Kamm	Marco Island, FL
Mr. Bowie K. Kuhn	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Mr. Rodger M. Miller	Cincinnati, OH
Mr. Leavitt J. Pope	Scarsdale, NY
Mr. Robert P. Whelan	Brooklyn, NY
Mr. William P. Wunderlich	Chesterfield, MO

Memorial Masses are said for deceased members at the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in New York City by Monsignor James P. Cassidy, Conventual Chaplain ad honorem of the American Association.

### Former Leaders in the American Association Die

In the first quarter of 2007, the American Association saw the passing of two former leaders who made important contributions to the Association during their terms.

On March 15th, Bowie Kuhn, former Hospitaller of the American Association, died at the age of 80. And on March 22, the former President of the American Association, Judge Richard Casey died at the age of 74.

May they rest in peace. Please remember them in your prayers in gratitude for their past contributions to the Association. And remember all of our past members who have died.

### Check the “News & Updates” Section at [www.maltausa.org](http://www.maltausa.org)

Be sure to go to our web site at [www.maltausa.org](http://www.maltausa.org). Click on “News & Updates.” Click on the issue of the Hospitallers you are looking for (Summer 2007) and select from the following articles which are available only on our web

- Giving Hope Wings — one member tells about his involvement with an organization of pilots who donate time and resources to fly missions of mercy for the sick and those in need.
- A Visit to Crudem — a Crudem Board members reflects on his visit to the Hospital in Haiti
- The Naples Area is actively engaged in volunteer work and financial support for the poorest of the poor in Haiti.

## Looking for Evil in All the Wrong Places: Dealing with Our Own Tendency to Sin

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disease or any illness may want to be free of it. They will pray for a cure, a miracle. Those prayers are good. Lourdes is a place where praying for a cure for oneself or another is perfectly appropriate. The Lord has given this place miraculous characteristics precisely to inspire us to seek healing and wholeness here. But there is a difference between disease and vice. Both are evil. But they are not the same. If we have a disease or someone we love has a disease and we have allowed that to make us bitter or angry or jealous of others who seem not to have these burdens, those two things — the illness and the vice — are not the same. Related, perhaps, but separate.

We may well want to be rid of some physical evil in our lives or families. But if that does not happen we can still go home from here relieved of other burdens, maladies, suffering. So often misfortunes cause us to change our personalities. We become angry at others, at God, at the world, at ourselves if we blame ourselves for some suffering. We become envious of the seeming normality of other people's lives. We become jealous of those who seem to have fewer complications in their personal situations. We allow a kind of false pride to make us critical of others who do not have the same burdens to bear day in and day out. We allow our sense of lost vanity, our physical weakness, to tear down our sense of self-worth, or the self-worth of others. We succumb to selfishness because we feel we have lost or given up so much that we deserve extra attention or things or privileges. We can find ourselves wishing others ill because we have hardships so why shouldn't they. We become greedy for things in exchange for what we have lost.

If we allow these negative, destructive attitudes to take hold of us they can become deadly. They can destroy us. They can cripple our relationships with others. They can tear us away from the world, isolating us even from our loved ones. They can push us away from God.

Evil can destroy us. And almost always from within.

No one sets out to be an angry person, a bitter person, a jealous person, a resentful person, a cruel or violent person. But we can fall into being those things. We all have anger and laziness and jealousy. But when those things get out of control, they begin to kill our spirits. They deaden our senses. They dominate our behavior.

Every now and then it is good to take a look at ourselves and ask if we are like Saint Michael in that statue. After all, the saints are held up for us to imitate. They are those from whom we should learn about virtue and goodness. That statue of Saint Michael is really worth contemplating it seems to me. We are always going to have vices. Some we will control

better than others. Nonetheless they are always going to be there, inside us. However, we do not have to let them get out of control! Saint Michael, I told you, is calm, serene, at peace in this image. And all those vices are there, in all their beauty, under his feet. But he knows he can handle them.

Can we learn to control our vices with calm, with peace, with confidence? That is the secret to the virtuous life — not the absence of vice but the dominance of virtue.

We have come to this place for help from God, from His Mother. But one must be prepared to accept that help if they are to touch us. Are we open to allowing Jesus and Mary and the saints to help us? To guide us? To heal us? To inspire us? They can do their part on the outside, but we must do ours on the inside. God wants to help us change, improve, grow, be whole. He is always there to cooperate with us in this. It is we who must actually do the changing. Thus, we are back to focusing inside ourselves.

And so I want to return to the steps of Saint Paul's and *Mary Poppins*. It is there that the bird woman encounters Jane and Michael Banks, the children for whom Mary serves as governess. They have been to the bank where their father works and where they have caused a ruckus. But, also, each was given some money by a stranger. They are on their way home and the bird woman wants them to buy her bags of crumbs and feed the birds. Jane is not interested. She wants to keep her money. But Michael makes a purchase and feeds the birds. There is a lesson here, especially for Michael (note the similarity to our saint!) about sharing and generosity. A stranger had shared with them his wealth. What are they to do in return? There is a lesson for all children in this story, and for adults as well.

God has been generous with us. He has given us so many gifts, abilities, blessings. We can be selfish or we can share. We can be angry or we can be forgiving. We can be jealous or we can be generous. We can be good or we can be evil. We can practice virtue or vice, it depends on us. Not anyone else, not the world, not our circumstances. Not the devil. It depends on us.

We will use these days to acknowledge the fact that we have vices and that they will always be there, inside us. Will we ask ourselves how we are doing at controlling them? Will we explore what we can do to better keep them in check? Will we strive to reduce their power over us? Most importantly, will we develop a sense of peace and calm that will allow us to live with evil in our midst, confident that we can be victorious over it? ✠

*A homily from Lourdes by Msgr. Kevin Wallin*

### Prayer of the Order

*Lord Jesus, Thou hast seen fit to enlist me for Thy service among the Knights and Dames of Saint John of Jerusalem.*

*I humbly entreat Thee through the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin of Philermo, of Saint John the Baptist, Blessed Gerard and all the saints and blessed of our Order, to keep me faithful to the tradition of our Order.*

*Be it mine to practice and defend the Catholic, the Apostolic, and the Roman Faith against the enemies of religion; be it mine to practice charity towards my neighbors, especially the poor and sick.*

*Give me the strength I need to carry out this my resolve, forgetful of myself, learning ever from the Holy Gospel a spirit of deep and generous Christian devotion, striving ever to promote God's glory, the world's peace, and all that may benefit the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem. Amen.*

### The Beatitudes

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.*

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5: 3-10

### The Cardinal Virtues

**Prudence** — act rightly in any given situation.

**Justice** — give to each what is due to him, beginning with God.

**Fortitude** — endure difficulties and pain for the sake of what is good.

**Temperance** — be moderate in the pleasure and use of created good.

### Order of Malta Meetings

**September 6: Board of Councillors Meeting — New York City**

**September 28-30: National Membership Conference — New Jersey**

**October 4-11: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

**November 8: Malta Human Services Foundation Board — New York City**

**November 8: Board of Councillors Meeting — New York City**

**November 9: Annual Meeting — Annual Meeting of All Members — New York City**

**November 9: Investiture — New York City**

**November 9: Annual Dinner — New York City**

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