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# Order of Malta South Florida Area

Spring 2015



Investiture November 14, 2014  
St. Patrick's Cathedral  
New York City



## Upcoming Events for the Order of Malta, South Florida Area

February 18

Camillus House Service Day

February 27-  
March 1

Association Winter Retreat in Lutz, Florida

March 18

St. Ann Place Service Day

March 29

Palm Sunday Mass and Reception

April 14

Camillus House Service Day

April 15

St. Ann Place Service Day

June 17

Camillus House Service Day

June 24

Feast of St. John the Baptist Mass with General Meeting and Reception

August 19

Camillus House Service Day

October 21

Camillus House Service Day

December 16

Camillus House Service Day

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Sean Clancy, K.M.  
Area Chair

*“Please let me extend my thanks to these members and all they do for our area and the time and effort they put forth in helping us to achieve our mission.”*

Dear Knights and Dames,  
My best wishes to all of you for a blessed, happy and healthy 2015.  
Each year that passes, I understand more and more the importance of good health and not taking anything for granted.  
As we begin this New Year, I want to remind each of you of upcoming events and hope that you will actively participate and ensure their success.  
Beginning on February 18th, we will meet every other month on the third Wednesday at the

Camillus House in Miami to serve lunch to the homeless.  
The time commitment is from 11:30am to 1:30pm and casual clothes are suggested.  
We have a similar program in Palm Beach at St. Ann Place and the two remaining dates are March 18th and April 14th. Both locations provide us with a means by which to fulfill our mission.  
On Sunday, March 29th, we will have our annual Palm Sunday Mass celebrated by our Chaplain, Father Patrick O'Neill. This event is graciously hosted and underwritten by Emilia and Pepe Fanjul at their beautiful home in Palm Beach.  
Later in the year we will have our White

Mass, the Prison Ministry Mass and a spiritual retreat.  
A note of thanks to Lucille Roberge Devane, Jack and Hawley McAuliffe and Father Dave Caron for all of their efforts in underwriting and presenting a Morning of Reflection, Mass and luncheon at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center in North Palm Beach on December 13th, 2014.  
It was a wonderful gathering and enjoyed by all who attended.  
All the best and I look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Yours in Christ,

Sean Clancy KM

# Our South Florida Area Service Projects

## Camillus House

2735 NW 5 Avenue

Miami, FL 33127

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Upcoming dates:

February 18

April 14

June 17

Malta Aprons will be provided,  
casual clothing recommended.  
Parking is available onsite.

Members may bring a guest to help  
serve and please RSVP:

[sean.clancy@ubs.com](mailto:sean.clancy@ubs.com)



## St. Ann Place

2107 N. Dixie Highway

West Palm Beach, 33407

9:15 am – 11:45 am

Upcoming dates:

March 18

April 15

Members may bring a guest to help  
serve and please RSVP:

[hawleymca@gmail.com](mailto:hawleymca@gmail.com)



# Prison Ministry Update

The Malta North American Prison Ministry Apostolate held a meeting September 19-20 in Chicago. Members of this steering committee include the American, Western, Federal and Canadian Associations. The area from the Antilles has expressed interest in joining as well. The committee adopted recidivism as our priority targeted effort, although not to the exclusion of other prison ministry efforts. The committee felt that the issues surrounding recidivism are key to moving forward in improving prospects for productive lives and family unity. To this end, the Florida prison ministry has produced a guide to post incarceration assistance, so that ex-felons can get immediate help in their efforts not to return to crime. This guide was made possible through a generous grant from the Amaturio Foundation and the research efforts of forty-two students from Barry University, under the direction of Professor Laura L. Finley PhD. The Malta Florida group will produce a greatly expanded edition in 2015; this will be Florida's definitive assistance directory for released prisoners, the homeless and working poor.

The Serving Brother prison newsletter, which was started four years ago by Steven Caron KM in Massachusetts, is now printing almost 160k copies a year. The Malta Florida prison ministry group are collectively distributing close to ten thousand bibles and prayer books annually.

The Malta prison ministry is growing rapidly and it's our expectation that this growth will continue as more Maltas commit to the ministry, and more programs are established.

Andy Vissicchio





## The Order's Prison Ministry is Now Active in Miami-Dade County

Following a very supportive mentor, Andy Vissicchio, I joined the Order's Prison Ministry. The Archdiocese of Miami has a training program to prepare volunteers and after completing this process I began serving women awaiting sentencing or completing sentences of one year or less. That doesn't always mean a short "stay." Complicated cases can go on for a long time. Quite a few of the women in the unit I serve have been at the jail for several years.

I am currently the only regularly scheduled Catholic volunteer for women at the jail. The women do not have access to the chapel so I spend time with them in their units. There is a genuine thirst to learn more about God. Their questions about the Church and Faith have genuinely helped me grow stronger in mine. And they absolutely love the bibles and prayer books provided by the Order.

The Florida Re-Entry guide has been an invaluable tool that has been gratefully received by inmates and chaplains of other faiths. One woman broke into sobs when she saw the guide. A lapsed Catholic with addiction, she had gone to confession during a relapse while on probation. The priest recommended she enter a program. Scared and on the street she didn't know where to go and...well she is now facing a long sentence. She felt that if she had seen the guide during her first incarceration she would have had a chance at recovery.

This is rewarding work. It is one of the seven corporal works of mercy. It is the work of our Association. If you would like to learn more, please email either Andy or me.      [andyv2350@gmail.com](mailto:andyv2350@gmail.com)      [leepinto@gmail.com](mailto:leepinto@gmail.com)

Lee da Graça Pinto

A warm welcome to South Florida's newest confrere!!



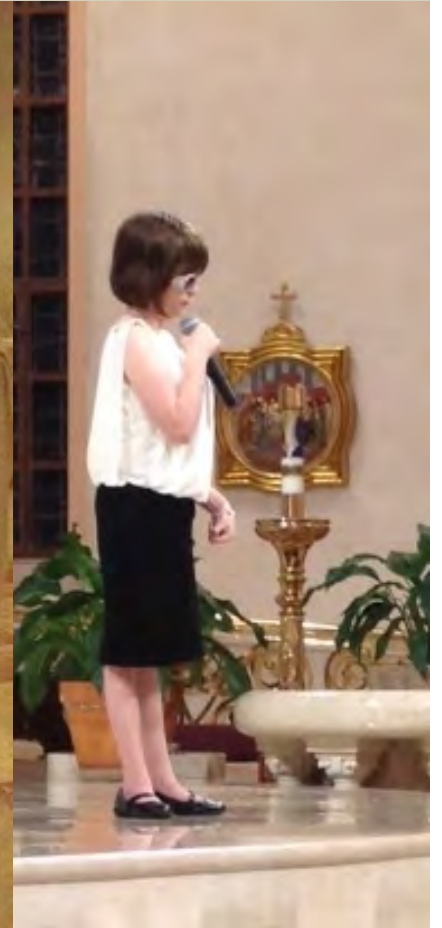
Redmond J. Hogan, Jr. K.M.

"Jim"

A special Thank You! to Ray and Loraine Kayal, along with their beautiful family, for hosting our Annual Advent Mass and reception.



# Photo Roundup



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
White Mass

November 23,  
2014

St. Patrick's  
Miami Beach,  
FL





Volunteering at St. Ann Place  
West Palm Beach





Advent Retreat.

December 13

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center

Fr. David Caron

Director of Evangelization

Archdiocese of New Orleans

