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The past year is not one we are likely to forget. The pandemic brought the world to a shuddering halt in so many ways, and it all happened so quickly. For years to come, we will be talking about what we did during 2020 as we lived within the restrictions that came with the virus. We know, or have witnessed through personal experience, that so many have been robbed of their livelihoods, and sometimes even life itself. Fear of the present and uncertainty of the future while living with an invisible enemy brought about the challenges of a more fragmented, even more polarized society, often suspicious and distrusting of the other. Everything that formed the pattern and fabric of our lives has been affected by the restrictions we have all lived under.

Fortunately, within the Federal Association we have found ways to adapt to the increased needs of the sick, poor, and incarcerated and to provide programs helpful to the formation and spiritual lives of our members. This even included a first-ever formation retreat presented by ZOOM. When our annual Lourdes pilgrimage could no longer take place, many resources were employed to present a virtual Lourdes pilgrimage. This offered our entire membership, as well as malades from previous years, the opportunity to prayerfully participate; the attendance was impressive. A similar format was used to present a program on the pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help in August.

We were saddened by the rapidly declining health of our beloved Grand Master Fra’ Giacomo, which ended with his losing his battle with cancer. This delayed the approval of the Class of 2020 until a new leader could be elected. Happily, this was accomplished with the election of Fra’ Marco Luzzago, who was elected the Lieutenant of the Grand Master at the Council Complete of State, where I represented the Federal Association. With churches and businesses closed, Investiture would not be the same in 2020, yet the entire Federal Association is committed to properly welcoming and celebrating the Class of 2020 with the Class of 2021 in Washington in October.

We know by experience that it is our hands-on works, fortified by our faith foundation, that bind us together as a religious community. We serve the needs of the sick and the poor side by side with fellow members and volunteers. When we give of ourselves in works of love and mercy, we live as an outward sign of our faith and distinguish ourselves as responders to the calling of this religious order. The year 2020 saw the needs of others increase significantly, and we responded where and within the ways we were allowed. It is important to remember that works being done by any of our regions, or by the Order anywhere in the world, include all of us within the Federal Association. Meanwhile, there was impressive growth in the Prison Ministry Pen Pal Program as a means to participate from our homes.

In an effort to remain spiritually grounded, while providing an opportunity to introduce the chaplains of our various regions, the Federal Association offered regular Wednesday spiritual reflections. In addition, hospitaliers were encouraged to stay connected with our elderly or infirm members, especially those living alone. And there were many virtual retreats, defense of the faith presentations and regular prayer times together offered across our regions. Certainly, one emphasis of 2020 was that it is important to set aside time every day to listen to God. Spiritual reading, especially the use of the daily Mass readings, gives us the chance to remind ourselves that Jesus taught us through his gospel both how to live and how to respond to the needs of others. This is our important take-away, or stabilizer, while we have learned to live within the world of coronavirus 2020 and beyond.

A special appreciation is due to all who contributed to the Annual Stewardship Appeal, to the Emergency Appeal for Lebanon following the Beirut explosion, and to an offset of the cancellation costs of the Lourdes pilgrimage. Thank you for the very generous response that all of us can be assured will continue to make a difference to the increased needs worldwide.

As the year 2021 unfolds, we will continue to encounter those who do not believe the same, look the same, or act the same as we do. Our challenge remains as always: work and pray for the graces to fortify ourselves as we seek to increase our personal sanctification; and as we strive to alleviate the needs of the poor and the sick, put aside any differences, seeking not to win arguments but instead to win to Jesus Christ the hearts and minds of those we serve. In the words of St. Peter Damian written some 900 years ago, “May Christ be heard in our language, may Christ be seen in our life, may he be perceived in our hearts.”

I remember your intentions in my prayers each day; and in your charity, I continue to ask for a spot in your prayers.

Fra’ Thomas N. Mulligan
President
ORDER OF MALTA-FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, USA
Vice President’s Report on Spirituality
Craig M. Jarchow, Ph.D., KMOB, Vice President

Pope Francis, in a recent op-ed piece entitled “A Crisis Reveals What Is in Our Hearts”, reminded us that there are:

“…moments in life that can be ripe for change and conversion…As in the Covid-19 lockdown, those moments generate a tension, a crisis that reveals what is in our hearts.”

In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic indeed revealed much of what is good in the hearts of the knights and dames of the Federal Association, not only through our service to the sick and poor, but also through our increased emphasis on spiritual reflection, renewal, and conversion.

Soon after the Covid-19 pandemic prompted widespread shut-downs, our president, Fra’ Tom Mulligan, instituted weekly spiritual reflections offered virtually by our chaplains. These reflections began in early April and were scheduled mid-week in the middle of the day, each about 15 minutes long. As such, they were an easy way to bring our members together in community in the midst of the constant challenges presented by the pandemic. The response from our chaplains and other priests was tremendous. Speakers included Monsignors Dillon, Enzler, Marcaccio, Watkins, Boland, and Bognanno, along with Fathers Fragomeni, Greenfield, Fisher, Schrenk, Baumgardner, and Mullins. Recordings of these weekly reflections have been posted on the Spirituality Committee page in the Federal Association website.

In a similar way, the Spirituality Committee, led by Barbara Patocka, DM, responded quickly to the Covid-19 pandemic by offering a series of retreats hosted virtually on Zoom. Speakers included Abbot Placid Solari, OSB, reflecting on “Prayer and Accompaniment”; the Rev. James Greenfield, OSFS, reflecting on “Spiritual Life Without the Eucharist”; the Rev. James Heft, SM, reflecting on “Commandments and Community”; and finally, Sister Carol Keehan, DC, reflecting on “Advent and Christmas in the Time of COVID-19”. Recordings of these virtual retreats also are available on the Federal Association website.

During the 2020 reporting year, the Spirituality Committee continued to publish its monthly modules, “Called by the Lord”. This series was planned to run through December of 2020, and ended, appropriately, with an essay entitled “Malta: My Spiritual Home”. In this essay, the committee captured succinctly what is undoubtedly the shared sentiment and conviction of the knights and dames of the Federal Association:

“It is when we are living in Christ that we are at home. And Malta is our spiritual home because it is in Malta that we can and do encounter Jesus. We find Him when we work with our Malta brothers and sisters on service projects. We find Him when we defend the faith with our Malta brothers and sisters. We find Him when we journey with our beloved malades to Lourdes with our Malta brothers and sisters. We find Him when we serve the poor and the sick with our
Malta brothers and sisters. We find Him when we pray with our Malta brothers and sisters. We find Him when we share our spiritual home with our Malta brothers and sisters."

Contributors to the “Called by the Lord” series were current and former members of the Spirituality Committee, including Barbara Patocka (Chair), Shep Abell, Linda Budney, Hugh Dempsey, Suzanne Ganse, John Hoy, Dan Kerns, Don Patteson, Cindi Salazar, Connie Silvaggio, Tony Sorgi, and Chip Souser.

The Defense of Faith Committee, led by Ed Damich, also was quick to respond to the challenges posed by the pandemic. Notably, the committee arranged for a virtual presentation by Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and founder of the Word on Fire media ministry, during the Federal Association’s Annual Meeting. Bishop Barron’s presentation covered the philosophical underpinnings of our volatile and uncertain times. In particular, the influence of Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche, Jean-Paul Sartre, and Michel Foucault was discussed in a way that was accessible and comprehensible by laypeople without deep training in philosophy and theology. Bishop Baron’s presentation was well-attended and well-received.

Members of the Defense of the Faith Committee include: Ed Damich (Chair), Donald Brey, Chuck Cornelio, Lisa Howard, Margaret Jopp, Martie Kendrick, Dan Krieger, John Lenczowski, Michele Malloy, Chris Parker, Cindi Salazar, John Sauder, Bill Thierfelder, and Tom Wessels.

In a first for the Federal Association, the Spirituality and Defense of the Faith Committees combined forces in 2020 to address the issue of racism. Two modules, together with an introductory virtual presentation by Cardinal Wilton Gregory, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., were produced. In his introductory remarks, Cardinal Gregory reminded us:

“Racism anywhere and everywhere can only be countered with the love of God in action, with truthfulness and fairness just as Jesus showed us. This is the path that will lead to a change of heart, healing, and reconciliation.”

The Federal Association’s Formation Committee, led by Cara Aghajanian, had a busy and consequential year in 2020, adjusting quickly to the pandemic by rolling out its revamped formation process in a virtual setting. The committee did so seamlessly, and likely will use what it learned from this experience in the future. Members of the Formation Committee include: Cara Aghajanian (Chair), Brandon Brown, Taffy Hewitt, Charles Letteer, Alexandra Milos, Chris Murphy, Marlana Ottinger, Randy Rainey, Robert Simmons, Chip Souser, and Dorothy Zolandz.

The Federal Association ended the year with a survey of the membership to collect feedback on the body of work from the Spirituality, Defense of the Faith, and Retreats Committees over the past several years. The survey also solicited ideas regarding potential new offerings.

In a message promulgated at the end of 2020, referencing the World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis stated, “We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church’s loving concern.” The knights and dames of the Federal Association, through our collective actions in 2020, were witnesses to this spiritual closeness and loving concern during a year of many challenges and consequent graces.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us.
Our Lady of Philermo, Pray for Us.
To say the least, 2020 was a most unusual year for the Federal Association. As you will recall, by the end of March we experienced an almost total shutdown of our activities. No more visits to homeless shelters, no in-person feeding of the poor, no hospital visits, and no active Prison Ministry activities. But in true Order of Malta fashion, and with the help and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Philermo, and our Patron, St. John the Baptist, our regions—hospitallers, knights, dames, auxiliary, and volunteers—found ways to exercise our charism.

We continued to feed the hungry poor and sick with food preparation:

• Tens of thousands of sandwiches and box lunches prepared;

• Hundreds of full meals purchased from local restaurants; and boxes and boxes of dried food and canned goods.

All of these were delivered, mostly by drop-offs.

If anything, our spirituality was enhanced during the year. Many regions hosted virtual Rosaries on a weekly basis. Another region conducted a daily Angelus. Many of our chaplains provided continual guidance and support during this most difficult time through ZOOM Masses and spiritual discussions.

During the year, our Spirituality and Defense of the Faith Committees produced numerous articles and publications for distribution to our Federal Association membership.

Pilgrimages to Lourdes and to Our Lady of Good Help were canceled but virtual pilgrimages to each were successfully conducted.

As we were unable to meet face-to-face for our hospitaller conferences, thanks again to ZOOM, we were able to get together on four occasions. The meetings featured reports from our president, Fra' Tom Mulligan, association officers and a number of committee leaders. The sharing of ideas and best practices was a most common focus.
Our membership continues to grow. At year-end the Federal Association numbered 29 regions, with five more in development:

- Bluffton/Hilton Head, South Carolina;
- Charleston, South Carolina;
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;
- Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina; and
- Savannah, Georgia.

Our membership exceeded 1,100 and members-in-process included:

- 67 in the Class of 2020
- 58 in the Class of 2021, and
- 53 in the Class of 2022.

Lastly, I want to mention the growing Prison Ministry efforts. While in-person visitation has been temporarily curtailed, the Pen-Pal Program has seen rapid growth. To date more than 80 percent of our regions and regions in development are involved in this vital ministry.

In summary, our regions and their hospitallers get an A+ for their efforts in spirituality, service to the sick and poor, and membership development.
I am pleased to report that the Federal Association finances are in good shape, in spite of the challenges presented by the pandemic this past year. We had to make many adjustments beginning with the cancellation of the Lourdes Pilgrimage and other events. Our process of organizing budgets and accounts to reflect the various works and spiritual activities of the Association has served as a good foundation for dealing with these uncertainties. Our net results were positive for the year and our investments performed in line with goals.

The Association's staff managed our expenses and the endowment effectively, resulting in net income of over $1.4 million. This includes investment gains of over $750,000 and administrative savings achieved while dealing with the cancellations caused by the pandemic.

The administrative reserves at year-end 2019 were over $550,000, which provided a financial cushion as we dealt with the uncertainties of 2020. We finished 2020 with a reserve of $850,000.

The Association's investment accounts were approximately $8.2 million at year-end 2020, with $3.5 million in the Blessed Gerard fund and $4.6 million in the Lourdes Endowment. Our balances year-to-date in 2021 are $8.7 million as of March 31. Your continued support to these campaigns is important.

The Association had expenses in 2020 for the year of approximately $1.9 million, approximately $1 million less than 2019 due to the cancellations of the Lourdes Pilgrimage and Investiture activities.

An effort is made to match the sources of revenue to the relevant expense items. For example, we spent approximately $1.5 million to manage the office and make assessment payments to Rome. These were paid for by dues and passage fees of approximately $1.7 million.

The next major expense item was the Lourdes Pilgrimage, which cost approximately $400,000 due to cancellation fees and was paid for by grants and donations from members. A significant portion of the pilgrims' fees were refunded.

We spent over $650,000 on grants to regional and international projects paid for by the Annual Stewardship Appeal, including a grant to the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Additional details can be found in our audit report available on the Association website.

I would like to thank our staff lead by Deacon Michael Stankewicz for their diligent attention to detail and successful management of our finances during these particularly challenging times. And I would like to thank each of you for your commitment to the Order of Malta and your ongoing financial support of the stewardship appeals.
2020 Financial Report—Based on Audited Financial Statements

Federal Association:

Income: Expenses:
Dues & Passage Fees, net $ 1,701,480 Operations/Administration $ 1,014,249
Committees 63,484 Assessments to SMOM 468,200
Merchandise Sales - Net Cost of Sales 34,235 Committees/Other 50,818
Administrative Sub-Total $ 1,799,199 Administrative Sub-Total $ 1,533,267

Events/Spiritual Activities - Events/Spiritual Activities 6,646
Investiture - Investiture 32,154
Lourdes Pilgrimage * 161,548 Lourdes Pilgrimage 400,313
Domestic Programs * - Domestic Programs -
Events/Activities Sub-Total $ 161,548 Events/Activities Sub-Total $ 439,113

Subtotal - Net Income Before Contributions, Investment Income, & Grants Committee $ (11,633)

Charitable Giving
Annual Appeal 840,665 Grants/Hospitaller Program
Lourdes Trust 55,788 Grants Committee* 468,838
Split interest agreements & planned giving 249,574
Charitable Giving Sub-Total $ 1,146,027

Other Non-operating
Investment Income (loss) 788,621
Association Revenue & Support $ 3,895,395
Association Expense $ 2,441,218
Association Net Income $ 1,454,177

Investments—
Ass’n & Lourdes Endowment Trust
Operating Account $ -
Malta House (DC) Fund -
Lourdes Fund 4,695,492
Blessed Gerard Fund 3,520,419
Total Investment Accounts $ 8,215,911

* A grant of $192,000 was designated for the Lourdes Pilgrimage and $30,000 was designated for Prison Ministry from the Annual Appeal. These internal grants receive different accounting treatment per GAAP than the grants to third parties called external grants. Differences in timing of the Annual Stewardship Appeal contributions and the grant distributions expense over two calendar years results in variations on the annual income statement that smooth out on a multi-year basis.
Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic From Our Regions

Life has been affected in our regions in this COVID-19 environment. The Order’s response to the needs of others has been served in various ways throughout the Federal Association. Below are just a few examples from our regions.

Central Texas

The Central Texas region is developing a service partnership with Saint Louise House in Austin, an organization that serves women and children experiencing homelessness. Even with local stay-at-home orders, members have found creative ways to support these families.

The first project was a cleaning supplies drive. Nearly 150 individual items were purchased online, sorted and organized at a member’s house, and delivered in a single, low-contact drop-off.

Each Saint Louise House family lives in supportive community housing, and the supplies are crucial to maintaining cleanliness at home during a pandemic. In July 2020, members purchased and assembled 20 backpacks, filled to the brim with nearly $2,000 worth of school supplies, each personalized to the needs of a particular child in grades K-12. Again, assembly and delivery were centralized to minimize risk.

Chicago, IL

Knights, Dames, and members of the Auxiliary in the Chicago Region had the honor of helping the sisters at Our Lady of the Angels (OLA) clear debris from the OLA campus
and gardens, an effort that brought immediate results and raised spirits. In August, confreres assisted the sisters in distributing school supplies to neighborhood families.

Doug O’Brien, KM, shared his thoughts about helping the sisters: “The work clearing the overgrowth of weeds and debris from around OLA was tough and left my back pretty sore. But as we drove home, my son turned to me and said how proud he was that we had done something to help a community in need, and how impressed he was by the sisters and their work. He wants to know when we can go back to OLA.”

At St. Thomas of Canterbury Food Pantry, Chicago confreres began the work of emptying a large storage area that will be reconfigured to accommodate a new, grocery-style approach to the food pantry. This project has been funded through a generous grant from the Federal Association.

**Dallas, TX**

The Dallas Region hosted a Nativity of St. John the Baptist Mass followed by dinner at the Dallas Country Club in June 2020. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Edward Burns, the bishop of the Diocese of Dallas and the region’s new conventual chaplain. Concelebrating was the Rev. Tony Lackland, associate chaplain and new pastor of Christ the King Parish. During the Mass, Richard Stanzel, KM, was installed as new hospitaller by former Dallas Region Hospitaller, Kip Rolland, KMOOb. Additionally, all members of the Order recited the Renewal of Recommitment to the precepts of the Order.

Coming at the end of the Covid lockdown, the event drew a record number of people eager to celebrate the feast day with a return to Mass. Many potential applicants attended and learned about the Order, three of whom accepted the invitation to join the next day.

Hospitaller Richard Stanzel gave a very brief presentation outlining the Order’s history and purpose, a few of its national and international activities, and a description of the seven service ministries and seven spiritual activities of the Dallas Region.

The event was a wonderful introduction to the Order for the guests and served to remind the Knights, Dames and Auxiliary of the reasons they became involved with the Order in the first place. The dinner ran well into the night, and a good time was had by all.
Responses to the Covid-19 Pandemic
From Our Regions

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Houston, TX

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston has announced that the Houston Region is the 2020 recipient of the agency’s Charity in Action Award for “Partner of the Year,” given annually to the outside organization with the greatest positive impact on programming for Catholic Charities.

The Order has partnered with Catholic Charities at their Mamie George Center in Richmond, Texas since 2011. Once a month, upwards of 40 Malta-related volunteers have traditionally donated time to run a Food Fair, distributing groceries to the needy families in the area. The Food Fairs served 250 to 500 families each month.

With the pandemic affecting every aspect of the operation of places like the Mamie George Center, a new program had to be instituted. Starting in March, the Order worked with the Mamie George staff to organize and distribute groceries twice a week. As the summer arrived, the Houston Food Bank called upon Mamie George to take on an even bigger challenge, making it a mega distribution center to serve approximately 1,500 families per session from a broader geographical reach. Once again, the Order stepped up to help staff and organize these events.

Jacksonville, FL

The Jacksonville region served more than 100 families on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at the Guardian Catholic School in the most impoverished area in North Florida. Zip code 32206 is known for food, health, and education disparities.

The Knights and Dames partnered with Catholic Charities and Feeding Northeast Florida. Families received beautiful bags of groceries and fresh produce as well as diapers and personal-care products. This area was hit hard by Covid-19. Most families are single-parent households the virus impacted with lost jobs, reduced hours, caring for sick family members, and more.

Lancaster, PA

Members of the Lancaster region joined in welcoming new members into the Catholic Church in October 2020 as all five children of the Dunia family were baptized by the Rev. Deogratias Rwegasira, AJ, at St. Joseph’s Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The Dunia family immigrated from a refugee camp in Tanzania in May 2019. The Lancaster Region has served as
their welcoming committee, providing guidance and assistance to help meet the many needs of a growing family in their new country. The baptisms were a fitting culmination to our 18-month association with this wonderful family and their successful assimilation. The children are pictured with their parents, godparents, and Father Deo.

Syracuse, NY

Sharon and Jim Cirincione, Hospitallers for the Syracuse region, came up with an idea for the residents of Malta House who have not been able to enjoy our company for the past several months due to the Coronavirus. In the past, we would put on a monthly birthday party that would include a meal, camaraderie, music and fun. We have missed being with our friends and celebrating them.

Adapting to the circumstances, the Cirinciones’ suggested putting together care packages to bring to the residents, knowing that they may be in need of basic food items. Colorful fabric grocery bags were selected and filled with non-perishable items, including soup in a cup, pouches of tuna, broccoli alfredo side dishes, crackers, cookies, candy, cereal cups, mac and cheese, fruit and applesauce cups, ramen noodles, and personal items—50 in each bag. Everything was ordered online. As the items arrived at the Cirinciones’ home they were unpacked and organized for bagging, filling their dining room. Members from the Skaneateles area, along with many of their grandchildren, gathered to pack the bags for the 50 residents of Malta House.

The bags were personally delivered to their doors. Most of the residents answered their doors and were thrilled to talk to someone, and so appreciative.

Washington, DC & Montgomery County, MD

The Washington, DC and Montgomery County (Maryland) regions held a coat drive in October 2020 to benefit the Father McKenna Center, which serves homeless men and needy families and seniors in Washington. We collected 57 winter coats—many of them brand new—to distribute to homeless men. Those who could not bring coats brought socks (about 75 pairs) or food (some 35 bags full).

The drive was contact-free. Donors coming in person drove up and popped their trunks, and the Malta volunteers took their contributions. Other donors ordered their contributions online and had them delivered directly to Barbara Patocka’s house. Still others made financial contributions, which are still coming in and will probably exceed $1,500.
Catholic Charities of Acadiana - Lafayette, LA

Catholic Charities of Acadiana has been blessed to have the Order of Malta be a part of our effort to serve the marginalized in our community. Our program, Rebuilding Together Acadiana, has benefitted from “Malta Week” for many years. This is when Malta members from all over the United States (and sometimes overseas) take a week off of work and pay their own way to come to South Louisiana and assist in disaster recovery projects in poor neighborhoods in Acadiana. These are weeks that we look forward to all year long, knowing that the Malta members “come not to be served, but to serve” (Matthew 20:28).

Lafayette is nested roughly 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. Acadiana, which encompasses 8 civil parishes, is considered “disaster alley” to anyone who has lived here. It’s never a question if a disaster will hit our area, it’s merely when. Organizations like Catholic Charities of Acadiana train year round in disaster preparedness and work to mitigate against human suffering in the event of a disaster. When disaster strikes, we respond immediately and work through the painstaking long term recovery process until the last house is completed. This speaks to the core of who we are as a Catholic organization that cares for the sacred gift of all human life, especially the most vulnerable.

2020 was a year of great strife for the vulnerable in our area. In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, Acadiana was impacted by the landfall of two major hurricanes, one being the largest and strongest to make landfall in South Louisiana in recorded history. To add insult to injury, these storms made landfall within 13 miles of each other and roughly 30 days apart. Catholic Charities of Acadiana began responding immediately, mucking out homes and removing storm debris while assessing longer term issues. Through the homes that we have addressed and those that we are currently assessing for repair, Catholic Charities of Acadiana teams will touch over 1,500 disaster affected homes, each having its own complex set of obstacles. Our response to these storms will be expensive and will require volunteer effort for many years to come. We are grateful for disaster relief partners like the Order of Malta who share in our common commitment to serve the most vulnerable in their time of need.

Catholic Distance University - Charles Town, WV

“If God can save me, he can save anyone,” said Clayton Fountain, an incarcerated Catholic Distance University student who was a death row inmate in solitary confinement when he died of a massive heart attack. Truly repentant, he died shortly before being admitted to a religious community as a lay external brother.

Setting hearts on fire and transforming the lives of the incarcerated Church is a mission CDU shares with the Order of Malta Federal Association. Together, we are breaking down barriers to reach our most underserved brothers and sisters behind bars.

With a decreasing number of Catholic chaplains, COVID-19, and the challenge to have a Catholic presence in prisons across the United States, CDU leveraged its digital technology expertise and Catholic course content to provide innovative Catholic programs on digital tablets available in prisons. Thanks to grants from the Order of Malta, CDU now offers 30 courses in English and 7 in Spanish that today account for more than 350,000 free digital lessons in 100+ U.S. prisons. Impressively, nine out of ten of the courses are completed satisfactorily. This recent digital initiative mirrors CDU’s correspondence program for prison ministry that began in 1984 and continues today for incarcerated Catholics without access to the intranet tablet technology or for those qualified to work toward earning a degree.
“I would like to be that beacon of light to my Catholic brothers,” inmate James H. proclaims. “I want to relearn all that I have forgotten and help educate my peers.” As the prison ministry enrollments continue to scale, CDU hears the desires of incarcerated Catholics who are inspired to learn and support their fellow inmates. With the Order of Malta’s support, CDU is creating free certificate programs so that incarcerated students can earn a credential that enables them to share their knowledge with others behind bars. In addition, CDU will increase Hispanic outreach by translating more free courses into Spanish and provide certificates in Spanish.

The use of digital tablets has enormously expanded our ability to serve incarcerated Catholics. Teaming up with The Order of Malta Prison Ministry Committee, CDU is exploring new ways to collaborate with the Order. CDU developed and launched instructions for the pen pal program on the digital platform that brought several hundred pen pal requests.

CDU recently collaborated with the Order to launch a digital Rosary program. This comprehensive course includes the history of the Rosary, composition of the Rosary, petitions and meditations for the Rosary, Papal endorsements for praying the Rosary, its importance in our spiritual life, and enrollment in the Rosary program with a certificate of recognition. The first fruits of this free digital Rosary program have resulted in an average of 600 completed lessons per month.

“The results not only prove that the teachings of the Church respond to a deep hunger among incarcerated Catholics, they also prove the effectiveness of technology for education to reach through
prison bars with the word of God,” says Sister Dolores Keyser, CDU prison ministry associate. “The number of incarcerated Catholics we are able to reach and serve at one time has increased tremendously through technology and partnerships.”

CDU President Dr. Marianne Evans Mount, DM reflects, “We are deeply grateful to the Order of Malta for supporting our effort to educate the underserved Church and foster an authentic encounter with the living word of God. Our incarcerated brothers and sisters now can hear the Gospel message of hope and forgiveness through the gift of technology that makes Christ present to them.”

“The prison ministry team is collaborating with CDU now to explore a future of new transformative outreach possibilities through technology,” says Doug Sandvig, Order of Malta Federal Association Prison Ministry Committee Chairman. “We are filled with hope for the future that this is just the tip of the iceberg.”

**Holy Family Hospital**

The most hopeful place at Holy Family Hospital, run by the Order of Malta, is our 18-incubator state of the art Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit or NICU. It is cheery and welcoming and warm in a country without much central heating. The nurses, residents and doctors carefully tend the fragile babies, helping them breathe, maintain good body temperature and learn to swallow. It is where the care, the hope and the prayers come together to create the everyday miracles of life.

In the NICU, there is a nurses station surrounded by the babies each in his or her own incubator. Each incubator has a chair next to it for the mom or dad to keep vigil and talk to their new babies. There is a constant hum of doctors and nurses updating each other against the whirrs and beeps of the machinery. The movement of the staff is perfectly choreographed to provide the best care. The staff is well trained to know when to intervene and when to carefully monitor the fragile babies.

Hope is the tiniest babies who survive against all odds and hope is the refugees from the local camps who train to become doctors and nurses at Holy Family Hospital. Hope is the pride of the six residents who complete training each year and go on to care for the next generation of Palestine. Hope is in the faces of the women who chair departments and train students from
local nursing schools. Thank you for helping hope find its way to Bethlehem!

Dr. George heads this department ensuring the best care and outcomes for each baby. In 2020, the staff admitted 423 babies in need of the lifesaving care of our NICU. Dr. George noted that these babies are earlier, smaller and sicker when compared to past years. Dr. George attributes this to extremely high levels of poverty and anxiety because of the pandemic. Most of the mothers are sharing that their husbands have been unemployed for a year creating economic hardship. Most of them share they feel guilty for not buying prenatal vitamins or coming for regular pre-natal care. They blame the frequent closures and lockdowns and the financial hardship. Mothers prioritize feeding their families before eating themselves.

Holy Family Hospital is the only Hospital in the region that can deliver and care for babies born before 32 weeks. In 2020, our Hospital had 67 babies born before 32 weeks, whereas in 2019 there were only 33. The hope is in the 4 babies born at 23 or 24 weeks in a pandemic that not only survived but thrived despite their extreme prematurity. Their parents, so fearful at first, began to feel more hopeful each day. Namat, who delivered Maya weighing just one pound at 23 weeks, says that she is sure baby Maya lived because Doctor George was careful and patient and that the nurses sang to Maya encouraging her to become strong. Maya is breathing on her own and swallows well. She is almost ready to go home. Namat says she’s a Holy Family Hospital miracle.

The larger number of very high needs baby has strained the doctors and nurses who have been working since March without vacation. The staff is all working extra to help cover days for those in quarantine or infected with Covid. The NICU budget has been adversely affected by the long stays and more intensive needs of the babies. 25 babies stayed 50 or more days in the NICU with some still hospitalized. That is an increase of 50% over 2019.

The costs of these long hospitalizations are well beyond what any Bethlehem family could cover. Since few families have any medical insurance, the Hospital turns to our Poor Case Fund and the Grant from the Federal Association of the Order of Malta. Thanks to the Federal Association Order of Malta, the tiniest babies of Bethlehem have the whole NICU team helping them and cheering them on in their struggle to survive. Thanks to you, we count Maya as another everyday miracle at Holy Family Hospital.
Little Sisters of the Poor - Baltimore, MD

A silver lining is a sign of hope or a positive aspect in an otherwise negative situation. The phrase is often seen as part of the proverb “Every cloud has a silver lining” … meaning there is hope or something good to be found in every bad situation. COVID 19 has certainly tested this phrase for everyone on a personal and professional level. While our Sisters and staff at St. Martin’s have always provided exceptional care, the pandemic has brought out the best in them in keeping everyone safe.

The Little Sisters acknowledge and applaud the hard work provided by all employees since the pandemic began, and they know there is still more hard work ahead before this pandemic ends. In a letter to family members of our Residents, Mother Joseph wrote, “We are so fortunate to have very dedicated staff who are working tirelessly to promote the well-being and safety of all those we care for here in the Home. We continue with social distancing, wearing masks, hand hygiene and good housekeeping to try to fight off this invisible enemy that has changed the lives of everyone.”

One of the ways our social worker helped our Residents was assisting them in sending Christmas cards to their loved ones. Many of our Residents simply needed a brief cue to write “I love and miss you! Love, Mom,” or help in guiding a hand to write “With love, Dad.” This small silver lining helped lift Residents’ spirits, and hopefully, the spirit of the recipient of that special Christmas card. While we continue with window visits and zoom calls, sometimes something as simple as seeing “mom’s handwriting” in a Christmas Card helps bring back the nostalgia of Christmases past with love, joy, comfort, and peace.

Liana, Volunteer Coordinator and Geriatric Nursing Assistant, says the pandemic is challenging but the nursing assistants try to stay positive while making sure the needs of our Residents are met in these unprecedented, challenging times. She finds satisfaction in providing a friendly face for the Residents, knowing she is doing something good for others. Most important for Liana is letting our Residents know they are not alone!

With one-on-one visits now “the new normal” due to group activities on hold, Danielle, Activities Coordinator, says she has taken this opportunity to really get to know our Residents on a much more personal level. She said she has to get really creative with her visits, offering small “prizes” and bringing Residents’ some of their favorite snacks (which usually involves ice cream). While COVID 19 restrictions keep family members from visiting in person, Danielle has offered video visits and tries to assist the families in giving them tips to connect with their loved one virtually. When a Resident smiles, Danielle says, “I made this person happy!” and that is her silver lining!

As a result of COVID 19 restrictions, the Sisters and staff planned and implemented a social distanced, but special, Christmas Party for Residents as they were unable to host their annual large Christmas gift-giving party. Sister Lawrence Mary explained the Sisters arranged to have a small party in...
each cottage. Our Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, said, ‘Making the elderly happy, that is what is important.’ Sister Lawrence elaborated that “The Sisters thought each Resident would enjoy selecting a gift they really wanted for Christmas. We asked them to let us know their desires and we did our best to find the item or items. One request gave us quite a challenge: ribbons for an old manual typewriter! Our Resident, Joe, who treasures his typewriter, was working with a worn-out ribbon. We managed to find the right ribbons on-line and ordered them, but the projected date of arrival was sometime in January. We thought we would let Joe know that Santa’s reindeer would still be working in 2021 to bring him his gift. However, during our party, the receptionist alerted us to a small package that had just been delivered. The typewriter ribbons arrived! Quickly wrapped, Joe’s delight was evident and one of his first letters was a beautifully typed thank you note to the Sisters thanks to the new typewriter ribbon! I’m not sure who was the happiest - Joe or the Sisters and this silver lining!”

**Mission of Our Lady of the Angels - Chicago, IL**

Our COVID response has mainly included our outreach to over 3,000 families a month with food and basic necessities in this time of very great need. Our pantry has tripled in size since the beginning of COVID. We moved our entire operation outdoors to maximize social distancing and safety.

During the pandemic, we have used the opportunity of having the building empty to speed up and move through our renovation project. We are anticipating finishing our new outreach center by the end of the year so that once all the restrictions are lifted we can welcome our neighbors back inside on the first floor to go to the indoor food pantry + other (coming soon) social services as well as be ready to welcome retreatants and volunteers to join us weekend-week long trips.
The Order of Malta’s First Foray into the New World

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In the seventeenth century, as the major European powers were advancing their colonial agendas in the New World, the Order of Saint John from its base in Malta joined in the quest for colonies. From 1651 until 1665 the Order ruled the Caribbean islands of Saint-Christophe, Saint Martin, Saint Croix, and Saint Barthélemy. The venture began at the behest of Phillippe de Longvilliers de Poincy, a Knight of the Order, who was also the Governor of the French colonies in the region, having been appointed by King Louis XIII in 1639.

The Grand Master, Frà Giovanni Paolo Lascaris di Ventimiglia e Castellar (1560-1657), an Italian who had been elected in 1636, appreciated the opportunity to expand into the Americas, thus he approved the purchase of the islands from the French Company of the Islands of America that had been in charge of their government by authority of the French crown.

The French monarchy at the time was under the control of Jules Cardinal Mazarin (1602 -1661), acting in his capacity as First Minister of State under the Regency of the widowed Queen, Anne of Austria, during the minority of King Louis XIV.

Mazarin was more concerned with European matters in the wake of the Thirty Years War than in maintaining overseas possessions. Consequently, he was willing to sell some of France’s colonies, including those of the Company of the Islands of America which had been unsuccessful in its colonial policies. The purchase of the four islands by the Order was negotiated and signed by Frà Jacques de Souvré, the Order’s Ambassador to the French Court. The price was 120,000 écus.

The resulting agreement prescribed that the King would retain sovereignty over the islands, but that the knights would have total political and spiritual authority. It specified that only French knights were to govern the islands, and that upon the ascension to the throne of each new king, the knights were to send an offering of a gold crown valued at 1000 écus.

Poincy established his headquarters on Saint-Christophe, where he continued to rule absolutely, as he had during his previous years as the French Governor. He drew criticism from members of the Order for his ostentatious lifestyle, causing the Grand Master to send a confrère, Charles Jacques Huault de Montmagny, the former Governor of New France, to work with Poincy, who rejected his authority. Montmagny returned to France, and then was sent a second time by the Grand Master, this time as Lieutenant Governor. Again, Poincy refused to work with him, and he died on Saint-Christophe in 1657 without ever holding power.
Poincy attempted to make the islands agriculturally productive. He undertook an extensive series of construction projects, concentrating on erecting fortifications and culminating with the building of his own residence, the Chateau de la Montagne. He was not popular with the native Carib people, who rose up in rebellion on several occasions. Poincy died in 1660, and he was succeeded as Governor by Charles de Sales (1625-1666), whom the Order had sent as a Lieutenant Governor after Montmagny's death in 1657.

A nephew of Saint Francis de Sales, being the son of his younger brother Louis, the Comte de Sales, he proved to be a good choice in smoothing the relations with the indigenous peoples and in dealing with the other colonial powers in the region. Back in France, after Cardinal Mazarin's death in 1661, Louis XIV assumed direct control of the government himself. Mazarin was succeeded as First Minister of State by Jean-Baptiste Colbert, whose economic policy, unlike that of Mazarin, included overseas expansion. The Order had not completed payment for the four Caribbean islands, which Colbert saw as being potentially lucrative for the French crown.

In 1665, the Caribbean venture came to an end when the Grand Master, Frà Nicolas Cotoner, agreed to sell the colony back to France, which had formed the French West India Company to administer its Caribbean territories. Charles de Sales remained as Governor under the new regime, but the following year the Dutch and English went to war in the Caribbean, leading the English to advance into the part of Saint-Christophe that was under French control.

Charles de Sales was killed in the ensuing battle on April 22, 1666, as was William Watts, the British Governor. In the conflict the French were successful in repelling the British forces, thereby securing their control over the entire island. With de Sales' death, the French crown appointed another member of the Order, Claude le Roux de Saint-Laurent, as Governor. He served for 23 years, but his fealty was to the King of France, rather than to the Grand Master.

The Order did not attempt colonization in the Americas again, however a century after the Caribbean venture, Étienne-François Turgot, a knight of the Order, while serving as Governor of Guyana, tried unsuccessfully to involve the Order in populating the colony. He is more famous for being one of the most significant scientists of his time, known for his work in natural history and medicine.

In retrospect we can say that the Order's initial advance into the New World was not in keeping with the historic religious mission that had characterized its previous five centuries. Its failure presaged the Order's loss of temporal power over Malta in 1798, which, free of the concerns of temporal rule, has led to its total focus for the past two centuries to living out its spiritual charism of “tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum.”
Covid-19 has thrown us all off balance. I know that many of you are dealing with family health concerns, business issues, diminishment of programs through Malta, the cancellation of our Lourdes Pilgrimage, and the 2020 class for Investiture being delayed or refashioned. We have every hope that the 2021 Investiture will take place as planned this fall.

We chaplains have also been affected in ways that will not be a surprise to you, as active and committed members of your parishes. Almost all of our churches were shut down in the spring of 2020 for nearly three months. The pandemic took away the Easter Triduum last year, so this year we are trying to figure out how to distribute ashes and palms as the pandemic continues to surge through our communities. Now that churches are open once again, with mask requirements and other social distancing protocols, the in-person participation has not come back to what it once was a year ago. The availability of vaccines gives us all hope, but even that rollout has been difficult to manage at the federal, state, and local levels.

In speaking to other Malta chaplains, I realize that our own experience of ministry has changed significantly. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, our churches are far from full. Marriage preparation and religious educations programs are most often done virtually. Schools are open but many are taking a hybrid approach. ZOOM and virtual teaching are the order of the day. On top of all that, we are at a time of political unrest in a country that is trying to deal with racial inequities and violence. We can’t seem to find a way to talk civilly, disagree respectfully, and begin to discuss solutions rather than problems.

All of us, as your chaplains, want to be helpful to you in our various regions as we continue to make sure those who are most in need are taken care of while always standing strong in defense of the faith. We miss the opportunity to be together but continue to offer our prayers, Masses, and spiritual direction whenever appropriate. I hope you will see us as a spiritual resource, readily available to assist wherever we are needed. We will continue to walk the journey with you and continue to be strengthened by the example all of you give to us.

I pray for an end to the virus, with the availability of vaccines, and for a return to the commitment we all have to the Order and to our participation in the Federal Association. Please know that our prayers continue as we remember you in our Masses throughout the year.
This past year was especially challenging in prison ministry. Essentially, all volunteer services ended in early February. Even chaplain access was severely curtailed or eliminated. We were still able to make our presence felt inside prisons through our collaboration with Catholic Distance University (CDU). They have Intranet tablets in prison libraries in 151 units across the country. The Federal Association provided a generous grant to facilitate the development of courses to display on their tablets. We have been active in assisting in the development of courses.

Our first course, on the Rosary, went live in October. To date, 2,281 prisoners have started the course and 2,210 have completed it. Members of the Federal Association and the American Association worked with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to prepare Advent reflections for each week of Advent. These were shown in the Philadelphia jails and placed on the CDU tablets, as well. In the prisons, 892 prisoners started viewing the reflections and 490 completed them. The formatting of the program on the tablets required all four weeks of reflections to be viewed at once. This will be addressed in future presentations for the Easter season.

Our next project with CDU will be a collaboration with the Calix Society for a 12-step recovery program. The Calix Society has Catholic roots and emphasizes the “surrender to a higher power” component of the 12 steps.

The distribution of bibles, prayer books and prayer cards continued in 2020 in spite of the limited access to units. Our distribution figures for 2020 are: bibles (1,705 in English, 912 in Spanish); prayer books (1,535 in English, 868 in Spanish); Christ in Prison prayer cards (1,400 in English, 700 in Spanish); Rosary cards (2,593); Forty Weeks, a spiritual mentoring guide (4).

The Federal Association has worked closely with the American Association to develop and improve our materials and processes, and to identify inmates for our Pen Pal Program. In the Federal Association we have approximately 700 matches. A growing number of seminarians also are participating in the program.

In addition, we have a Holiday Greeting Program where writers can send a message of hope and encouragement at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter without the commitment of continuing correspondence with a particular prisoner. We have 119 writers sending greetings to 464 inmates.

We have used our time outside the walls to build our relationships with the Catholic Prison Ministry Coalition and Catholic Mobilizing Network. They provide educational webinars, town halls, and materials to help keep those interested in prison ministry engaged in the spiritual and social justice issues related to our criminal justice system.
Just to state the obvious, 2020 was an unusual year; a year we will remember well! It was unusual for your Grants Committee, too. The Federal Association Board of Directors decided to put all grant requests through the Grants Committee review and evaluation process, with the exception of the allocation to our annual Lourdes Pilgrimage. This made for an interesting first-time through process for a few grants previously made directly by the board.

Once again, the members of the Federal Association were generous in supporting the Annual Stewardship Appeal, donating more than $820,000 in 2019. Of that 2019 amount, the board authorized $700,000 for regional and international grants in 2020. The Committee received 21 grant applications and recommended the board approve 18 of them, for a total of more than $530,000. It was determined that three applications did not satisfy the guidelines given to the committee by the board. Funds remaining after grants are made will be available for future grant cycles and for any unforeseen urgent needs among our local charitable partners.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 29-37) Jesus tells his listeners about a man who is beaten and robbed by thieves and left for dead. The focus of commentaries is often on the contrast between the Samaritan who helps the injured man and the self-righteous Jews who don’t. Such analysis sometimes overlooks the fact that the Samaritan didn’t just take the man to an inn and pay for his care there, but first cleaned and bandaged the man’s wounds himself. Then Jesus says, “Go and do likewise.” It is exactly this kind of hands-on service so many of you provide through your regional projects within our Federal Association. Thank you for your financial generosity, but even more for your rolled shirt-sleeve imitation of the Good Samaritan.

The pandemic had a significant impact on several of our regional projects. While many of our usual activities were shut down as a precaution, a couple of the applications this year included funding for badly needed Covid-19 PPE (personal protective equipment) for the needy as well as for staff serving them. Organizations that desperately needed equipment to slow the virus included Holy Angels in Charlotte, North Carolina; Women’s New Life Center in New Orleans, Louisiana; and Center of Care in Columbus, Ohio.

Other local projects continue to help the needy in spite of the pandemic. We provided a grant to the Mamie George Community Center to purchase two large commercial coolers to increase the storage of perishables for their food pantry. The Houston Region has been able to continue safely hosting their food fair twice per month with curbside delivery. The Assumption Food Pantry in Syracuse, New York purchased...
new commercial kitchen equipment with a Federal Association grant. Similarly, the St. Thomas of Canterbury Outreach Center, a project in the Chicago Region, was able to move their food pantry to a more convenient location in the cafeteria with our funding. When the Dallas Region’s long-time Feed the Hungry program lost a major donor, a grant from the Federal Association allowed them to continue that program for 2020 while they seek other funding sources for the future.

Through two construction-related projects—rebuilding storm-ravaged homes in Lafayette, Louisiana and replacing roofs in Kansas City, Missouri—our members were able to continue their good work through funding provided by your generosity. In Kansas City, in addition to the service to needy homeowners, the project also provides training to workers learning a new trade.

Prison ministry efforts continue to grow in our local regions. Catholic Distance University is using a grant to develop Catholic programming on Edovo tablets allowed into prisons. The Baltimore Region is developing ways to support newly released prisoners in their re-entry journey into society. Funding was also approved for programs to expand within the Prison Ministry Committee.

The one international project for which funding was approved in 2020 was the Holy Family Hospital. Our grant of $149,000 supported the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) at the hospital in a year in which their funding needs have soared with the costs of dealing with the pandemic.

It is a true joy to serve on your Grants Committee. We have the privilege of observing all the wonderful things you do to serve those in need, and we get to know more about the many partners in your regions that give us the opportunity to serve alongside them in helping the poor and the sick. Blessings to all of you Good Samaritans out there.
To support the signature work of our worldwide Order, the Federal Association started the Lourdes Endowment Fund with a very generous gift Admiral William Callaghan and his wife Elizabeth in 2013. The Lourdes Endowment Fund provides an opportunity for our entire Association, even those who cannot attend the pilgrimage, to participate in the care of our beloved Malades. The fund supports the participation of our Federal Association-sponsored Malades so that the charism of our Order, to serve the poor and the sick, can continue for generations. As we work together to build the fund, we ensure the future spiritual fruits of the Order’s pilgrimage to Lourdes not just for ourselves but also for those we have been called to serve.

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Deacon Edmund Gronkiewicz  October 2
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