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The year 2021 saw the completion of my first three-year term as President of the Federal Association and my election to a second term. Once again, many of the activities that were regular annual events, such as the in-person Formation retreat, happened virtually. While Zoom meetings are efficient, each time we bring everyone together, so much more is gained from the various types of inter-personal experiences we share.

The happy news we received at the end of 2020 was that there was a return to normalcy in the Grand Magistry with the election of Lieutenant of the Grand Master Fra’ Marco Luzzago; and he, with the Sovereign Council, approved the admissions of our Federal Association’s Class of 2020. This posed another interesting question. Would it belogistically manageable to accommodate two large admission classes at a 2021 fall Investiture; and wouldn’t it be better if local or regional Investitures could be done to honor the patience and good will of the newly approved members rather than wait?

And so, there were many Investitures held throughout the year, followed by honoring both the Class of 2020 while investing the newly approved class at the 2021 Annual Investiture Mass at St. Matthew’s Cathedral in Washington with our Principal Chaplain, Cardinal Wilton Gregory. The gala dinner followed honoring both classes at the National Building Museum, after an eleventh-hour cancelation by the Library of Congress due to the Coronavirus situation. We owe much to the Investiture Committee and our Executive Office staff for the seamless transition, that gave us a truly wonderful evening.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage unfortunately was canceled for a second year, also due to the restrictions and safety issues caused by the Coronavirus, and the reality that each year our malades have been seriously ill. We also faced travel restrictions into and home from France. The cancelation was the correct decision of course, given what seemed to be the long-term closures and restrictions. Happily, many were able to attend the smaller August pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help in Wisconsin without incident.

Across the Federal Association, hands-on works were only able to continue dependent upon local government and Church regulations. Some regions, such as Houston, were able to respond to the very high increase in the numbers needing assistance. Other areas were simply shut down, leaving needs unmet and those in need to adapt into a survival mode, if they could. What did hold the life of the Association together was the impressive prayer life that became even stronger across the regions. And Zoom made it possible for weeknight rosary gatherings in places like Chicago, often joined by members from other regions, as well as daily Angelus from Oklahoma and various other recitations of the rosary and celebration of the liturgy, led by members and chaplains.

The year 2021 also brought a return to travel as I visited many regions, often presiding at a local Investiture, and three meetings in Rome connected with the long-term process of Renewal of the Order.

Fortunately, this is beginning to solidify, protecting the religious nature of the Order. Cardinal Silvano Maria Tomasi, the Special Delegate of the Holy Father and his commission of canon lawyers were mandated by the Pope to protect the religious Order we are and not slide into something like an NGO, doing nice things for people in need. This was excellent news for all of us, as I am always hearing how volunteers, auxiliary, candidates in formation, and members alike have responded to the calling to join our community. This can best be understood as living the foundation that our faith establishes in us through the works of mercy and the life Jesus taught us in his Gospel as we attentively serve face-to-face the sick, the poor and the incarcerated. And as age or illness limits our ability to do the works, we stay connected with our community by reciprocal prayer and by reaching out and staying aware of the needs of those Knights and Dames who have set the solid foundation for us that we now build upon.

This year 2022 will hopefully bring a better year for everyone and their families in every way. For many reasons, our lives will not necessarily return to what we once knew. But we have been given the gift of hope and strengthened faith as we live our day-to-day lives incorporated into the life of Christ as we strive to continue to will God’s will through doing his works here among the needy.

As always, I ask your prayers for me, that I be given the wisdom to better understand how I might best serve him and this Order as we move forward into 2022. Every day in my prayers, I ask the same for each of you.

My confraternal best wishes,

Fra’ Thomas N. Mulligan
President
Vice President’s Report on Spirituality

Wayne T. Ruth, KMOob, Interim Vice President

As we see signs of the waning of the pandemic, and another year without our Lourdes Pilgrimage, we focus on the hope on the horizon. Our sisters and brothers in the Order are returning in person to their churches and convening again to physically care for our lords, the poor and sick. The analogy of moving out of the darkness to the Easter light cannot be missed.

This is a time of reinforcement of our core values as a religious order. It is a time to reflect on what it means to be a community, care for each other, support each other and our chaplains, and appreciate our excellent and dedicated staff. Particularly, we must be persistent in daily prayer for our beloved professed, and for vocations to the Order of St. John. It is an appropriate time to retreat and reflect.

This past year, our Board of Directors decided to combine the Spirituality and Defense of Faith Committees. After discussions with Fra’ Tom Mulligan, we will be focusing the combined effort of these committees this year, and ask committee members to assist us with the challenge and joy of life within a religious community. This is no small effort. We will ask these committees for concrete recommendations to foster spiritual renewal within our regions, our committees, and our leadership. This renewal begins no doubt with prayer and “prayer with our hands”; that is, good works. These good works extend to our personal relationships, to become better listeners, less argumentative, less certain of our position, and more open to the position of others. Truly, those outside our community should know we are members of the Order by the way we treat each other and those in our private lives.

Several years ago, Fra’ Tom wrote in this space of a call to spirituality. He quoted past Grand Master Fra’ Andrew Bertie, regarding good works (without spirituality) being simply, “nice and necessary as they are, not much more than nice people doing nice things for people in need.” He mentioned the efforts of then-Hospitaller Bob Signorelli and the regional Hospitallers to strengthen the spiritual lives of our members.

It is time, at what we hope is the end of this pandemic, to focus once more on this important task. Though we will not be together in Lourdes in 2022, let us devote ourselves to our community and community prayer and kindness. Let us use every opportunity to be forgetful of ourselves, generous to each other, and imitative of those before us in faith who set themselves apart, not with distinctions, pontificating and self-importance, but with quiet and faithful care for each other and our lords, the poor and sick.

In the year 2022 we are blessed, as many are aware, with the visitation of the Lourdes relics of St. Bernadette making their first tour of the United States. Her reliquary will visit many of our regions, and hopefully regions in proximity of the visitation cities can take the opportunity to make pilgrimage and bring poor and sick with them. It is a spiritual invitation for us to remember and reflect, not only on the faith of St. Bernadette, but our own experiences as a community together in Lourdes.

May each of us experience a renewal of our promises, and our commitment to the traditions of our Order. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St. Bernadette pray for us. God bless each of you for all that you do for our holy Order.
The calendar year of 2021 was one of fortitude and resiliency for the Federal Association as we resumed full services to the sick and poor through our regional Hospitaller projects.

Regional Projects and Membership

By year end, our membership had grown to more than 1,100 Knights and Dames, 165 Auxiliary, with more than 400 volunteers in 29 regions and five more regions in development. Hospitaller projects numbered 133, almost four per region. Together, these serve in excess of 66,000 people in need.

Prison Ministry, especially now in Covid times, is principally addressed through our Pen Pal Program. It is active in almost 80 percent of our regions. Post-Covid we will expect to resume our in-person visitation programs which have become a mainstay in 21 of our regions.

Spirituality of Our Members

During 2021, spiritual activities took the forefront as our Hospitallers and chaplains kept the spiritual home fires burning. Zoom connectivity supported weekly rosaries, Masses, and spiritual discussion as well as the daily Angelus. Monthly First Friday or Saturday Masses were resumed as well as celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist, the Mass for Deceased Members, and the annual Mass for the Sanctity of Life. In-person Lenten and Advent reflections were held in most regions.

Although our Lourdes Pilgrimage had to be conducted virtually, our pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help in August was well attended and provided a much-needed spiritual boost.

Regional Growth and Development

In 2019, Fra’ Tom Mulligan introduced a growth initiative to promote the recruitment of new members and development of new regions. In all cases, we won’t sacrifice quality for quantity, but we will promote diversification and find the ways and means to attract young men and women as Knights, Dames, and Auxiliary members. The process is working, as witnessed by 191 men and women entering Formation of the past three years, and this is in the midst of the Covid period.

Summary

Special thanks go to our regional Hospitallers and chaplains for keeping the faith cultures and communications alive in the recent darker times. Also, thanks to our members and volunteers for the annual estimated 110,000 hours of service dedicated to our charism of serving the poor, the sick, the downtrodden.
2021 Financial Report—Based on Audited Financial Statements

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*A grant of $3,839.67 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.*
While I’ve not been able to see many of you in person, I’m excited to be able to express some thoughts, through this letter, from our chaplains as part of this annual report. I’m worn out by Zoom calls. I long for in-person meetings, discussions, and time to stand side by side with the members of the Order. Once again, we’ve had to cancel our 2022 Lourdes Pilgrimage, knowing that we take malades whose immune systems are compromised and that many of us are in the age range that calls for caution as well.

Are you close to one of the chaplains? Do you feel that you are well-served by their interest and commitment to the Order? What can we do that would improve the spirituality collectively and individually of our many regions? I hope that you will take this as an invitation to respond to me personally (at john.enzler@ccdc.org) if we can do anything to help support your personal journey or that might assist all of us in becoming more conscious of the gifts we share as members of the Federal Association.

I am sensing an end to the pandemic, and we may soon return to normalcy, but there are places where it still has a grip on our communities. I have found it difficult to celebrate the sacraments knowing that many parishioners have become disconnected during the pandemic. A number of weddings have been postponed and have been rescheduled for later this summer and fall. It seems like I’m in church for at least one funeral each and every week. Sadly, we have lost a number of our members, some from Covid, since our last annual report. Our hearts go out to all of those who are missing family members and friends. There is a lot of pain and suffering in the loss of loved ones. Hopefully, we are helping our fellow members deal with their own setbacks with the compassion and mercy that they deserve. Doctors are still advising others to quarantine and to be careful that they are not exposed to Covid and the Omicron variant. This is a time where we need to reach out with phone calls, notes, and love to the members of the Order who walk this journey with us.

May the pandemic soon be behind us. May our pilgrimages begin once again. We need each other as we continue to grow spiritually in service to our beloved malades and the Defense of Faith. I know I speak for all the chaplains when I say we are praying for you. Hopefully, you are praying for us.

Father John
On March 11, 2008, Fra’ Matthew Festing, then serving as the Grand Prior of England, was elected Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Hospitalier Order of Saint John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, succeeding Fra’ Andrew Bertie, who had died on February 7 of that year. Fra’ Matthew was the third Englishman to head the Order, the first having been Hugh de Revel from 1258 to 1277, with Fra’ Andrew having been the second.

Fra’ Matthew was the fourth and youngest son of Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, the Chief of the British Imperial General Staff. His father was a convert to the Catholic Church, and his mother was from an old recusant English family. Through her side, he was descended from the sixteenth-century martyr, Blessed Sir Adrian Fortescue.

Fra’ Matthew studied at Ampleforth College, the English Benedictine monastic school, prior to matriculating at Cambridge University where he studied modern history, after which he served in the British Army. For many years he was a prominent figure in the art world, working for Sotheby’s Auction House.

In 1977 Fra’ Matthew followed his father into the Order of Malta, and in 1991 he made his profession of solemn vows, becoming Grand Prior of England two years later with the restoration of the Priory that had been suppressed during the Protestant Reformation.

Following his election as Grand Master in 2008, Fra’ Matthew set off on a course to encourage the fostering of vocations to the religious life of the Order. He traveled widely, and in October 2009, he paid his first visit to the Federal Association. While here he attended the Red Mass at Saint Matthew’s Cathedral and the annual Investiture.

In planning for his trip, he requested a tour of the historic sites of Southern Maryland and Virginia. I was honored to serve as his guide along with Fra’ James-Michael von Stroebel and our President, Noreen Falcone. We also were joined by the Grand Chancellor, Jean Paul Mazury. We first visited Saint Ignatius Church at Chapel Point, Maryland, where daily Mass has been offered since 1662, the longest continual Mass schedule in English-speaking America.

Crossing the Potomac River, he was interested to see the escape route taken by John Wilkes Booth after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. We stopped briefly at Stratford Hall, the ancestral Lee family home in Westmoreland County, Virginia, which is one of the finest examples of American Georgian architecture. He compared the house to similar eighteenth-century English buildings.

At Yorktown, Fra’ Matthew was intrigued by the battlements, and their different functions in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. We had lunch at a
His Holiness Pope Francis and Grand Master Fra’ Matthew Festing

Grand Master, one of his own most profound contributions was his focus on following Our Lord’s mandate with respect to engaging in prison ministry.

In 2017 Fra’ Matthew abdicated as Prince and Grand Master, thereafter spending much of his time at his home in Northumberland, England. In November 2021 he traveled to Malta to witness the solemn profession of Fra’ Francis Vassallo. While there he became suddenly ill and died in Valetta on November 12, 2021. His funeral Mass was offered by His Eminence Silvano Maria Cardinal Tomasi in Saint John’s Co-Cathedral, after which he was interred in the Cathedral’s crypt. He is the first Grand Master to be buried there since the Napoleonic seizure in 1798. His legacy and the inspiration he engendered are profound.

His Most Eminent Highness, Fra’ Robert Matthew Festing, November 30, 1949 – November 12, 2021. Requiescat in Pace!
As the new Chairman of the Grants Committee, I need to express my heartfelt thanks to Don Patteson, KM, who has provided leadership and guidance to the 10-member committee for the past six years.

I plan to continue his focus of working hard with the grantees and the committee to ensure that grants are reviewed and submitted to the Board of Directors in support of their guidelines.

2021 was another challenging year for the Federal Association as the Covid pandemic necessitated another cancelation of the Lourdes Pilgrimage. It presented equal challenges to our members’ many charitable endeavors as safety precautions were needed in most every aspect of daily life. Thankfully, creativity reigned supreme, and your generosity resulted in substantive grants that supported the mission of the Order to serve the poor and the sick, and defend our Catholic faith.

The Board authorized $650,000 for regional and international grants in 2021, and 21 grants were reviewed by the committee. Of these, 20 were recommended to the Board, with some receiving minor modifications for a total of $619,000. The one grant that was not recommended did not satisfy board requirements. Funds remaining after grants are distributed will be available for future grants cycles.

After seven years on the Grants Committee, several of us were recently reflecting on the 100-plus grants that have been approved and how proud we were to be members of the Order, where grants can augment service projects. It is especially noteworthy when a grant becomes seed money for an endeavor that expands from its original focus.

“Do ordinary things with extraordinary love”
- St. Mother Theresa

One notable example was a 2019 grant that funded a uniquely designed Coats for the Homeless program, which began in Australia but recently came to the Oklahoma City Region. Members from many regions heard about the program and asked to participate, expanding it to 15 regions, including some from the Western Association. Further expansion is planned.

The Malta House of Care in Connecticut was founded in 2006 by members of the Order and currently provides comprehensive and compassionate patient care for uninsured adults. Over 65,000 patient visits have been conducted through the years, mostly using a specially designed 40-foot mobile van. Their mission has been expanding and includes a 2021 grant for equipment and PPE (personal protective equipment) for new dental services. Their patients provide remarkable endorsements. Here are just a few:
Several grants were provided to organizations for improvements in the safety and cleanliness of facilities for the poor and homeless:

The Cathedral Center in Milwaukee was notable as our members provide a monthly dinner and partner with it on a variety of hands-on projects. This has resulted in members of the American Association participating with our members.

Catholic Worker House of Lancaster, Pennsylvania received a grant for facility improvements to a kitchen that serves 2,400 meals annually to the less fortunate.

“Malta House of Care are my heroes”—Georgina S.

“I hope people continue to support MHOC because they save lives”—Napoleon B.

“Thank you for your assistance for my healthcare needs”
—Verna S.

Prison Ministry and Catholic Distance University (CDU) received grants and are working together to maximize the CDU resources, which have been vital for the Order’s Pen Pal Program and unique entry into prisons using proprietary computer tablets.

“For whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do unto me.”
Matthew 25:40

Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem received the largest grant—$150,000—for its neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and included medical supplies, equipment and PPE as their needs rose sharply in support of their babies. Covid-19 caused major problems for the hospital and outlying areas as tight restrictions were enacted that hampered humanitarian goods and medical supplies entering the region. Holy Family continues to be a highly visible presence of the work and charism of the Order of Malta.
Our Catholic faith was also a major focus of 2021 grants, especially in support of the unborn.

Grants were provided to Women’s Care Center in Ohio for facilities needs as they serve expectant and at-risk women, and to Mary’s Place in Pennsylvania for restoration of a chapel to allow for celebration of Mass for struggling expectant mothers.

Women’s New Life Clinic in Louisiana promotes the sanctity of life, serving women with unplanned pregnancies and will utilize the grant for medical supplies, PPE, and technology improvements.

Mamie George of Texas received a grant focused on safely serving meals to the poor of the region. Members of the Order have been a prominent and respected volunteer group since the project began in 2011. Recently their warehouse was named to honor Les Hewitt, KM, who was instrumental in the development of this wonderful endeavor.

“We implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion”
Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patron Saint of the Unborn)
Holy Angels in North Carolina, which serves individuals with substantial disabilities and fragilities, received a 2020 grant. Recently, they convened a special visit from our Board of Directors for a tour that was limited because of Covid. Highlights of the visit included an overview of the value of the grants, which included funding for patient lifts, clinical and sanitary equipment. This organization has a long history with the Order, and has received many blessings by the Order’s chaplains—the late Bishop William Curlin, Abbot Placid Solari, and local members of the Order. The session concluded with Board members providing a safe blessing for 15 residents of Holy Angels.

Members of the Grants Committee are truly honored to review and assess grant applications, and we feel blessed to discuss the merits of each application and how it fits with the charism and mission of the Order. As Chairman of the committee, I have the responsibility to discuss the merits of each submission with the Board of Directors. After the 2021 meeting concluded, I informed the Board that they can be proud of the work of the members on the Grants Committee—especially of the wonderful work of the members serving the poor and the sick in their regions, and defending our faith.

Many thanks to our members for their generosity and the blessings they provide. I will borrow the final thought from my good friend, Don Patteson, KM: “Well done all you good and faithful servants.”
Community Missions Corporation  
St. Joseph, MO by Randy Sharp, Director of Operations

Things are incredibly busy right now at CMC. We opened an emergency cold weather shelter on Jan 1st as part of a community initiative to provide shelter to individuals during the coldest months. We are responsible for the men seeking shelter. There is no year-round emergency shelter for individuals in our community at this time so the need was critical.

As of Feb 10th, we have operated 41 days of shelter, serving 78 men for a total of 771 nights of shelter. That is an average of almost 19 a day and four beyond our capacity, but we are making do with the space we have. It is a very challenging time as these men are street homeless and typically have severe addiction and untreated mental health problems. Couple that with Covid outbreaks for staff and residents and you can see that CMC is burning the candle at both ends.

But I have been encouraged during this time. First, our community has stepped up. We need to feed about 50 people every night and sometimes—depending on the weather—during the day as well. Many community groups, including our Malta friends, have come to our aid by bringing meals and cooking at our facility. The local hospital has also been donating food. One night the shelter men got lobster bisque! Pretty sure none of them ever had that before.

The other thing that has happened is that we employed our residents at Juda House and the St. Joseph’s Haven to work at the emergency shelter. Our residents are all former homeless men who once were considered chronically homeless. Most of our staff for the shelter is made up of our residents. They have been fantastic. They have worked to cover for each other as sickness tore through the staff. They clean the building every morning, and more importantly, they can relate to the men we are serving because at one time they were homeless too. Many of them have stayed in our cold weather shelter at some point.

Thanks to Malta for your support over the years. As soon as we can get to March and end the emergency shelter, we will start on the fencing project, which will provide more safe spaces for our residents and secure our property.

Malta House of Care  
Hartford, CT by Betsy A. Walsh, Assistant Director of Advancement

The founders, the Board members, the staff, the medical volunteers, and, most of all, the patients of the Malta House of Care Clinic of Greater Hartford wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the Order of Malta - Federal Association for its continued support of our mission. Truly, though, the best expression of our thanks is through the experiences of our patients and medical providers, and so I wish to share some brief stories with you:

From longtime volunteer (retired OB-GYN physician) and now Hospitaller and Malta House of Care Board member, Dr. Tracy Brennan Graham:

This lovely patient is a very hardworking young lady. She is a health aide but does not have any health insurance. She was diagnosed with a connective tissue disorder several years ago. She was not doing well at all when she first came to Malta. She was fatigued, had generalized muscle pain, and her kidneys were not functioning well. She could not afford two of her lifesaving medications. She became a patient of Malta (Anita, our rheumatology APRN, sees her every month). We purchase the two expensive medications needed to keep her disease in check. She is now feeling well and has a wonderful quality of
From one of our Medical Directors:

A female patient walked into clinic about a month ago (an existing patient). She asked to be seen as her son had died by suicide the night before and she was very distraught. The doctor spent about 30 minutes with her and her husband, and prescribed some medication to help her sleep. The entire staff was amazingly kind and supportive with the woman. A follow-up visit was scheduled, and she got an appointment with a volunteer psychiatrist that comes to our office, and is doing better.

Those words tell so much about what Malta House of Care means to the community and how important we are in the lives of our patients. In that tragic situation, where does that patient turn? Who could she trust to understand and care, and not judge? Where could she get the help she needed? That day?

What MHC means to our community is so much more than the words we use to describe it. All of the literature today around the topic of health care includes words like disparities in health care, racial inequity—diversity, equity, inclusion. Malta has been living all this for 16 years, addressing these problems before many other folks were even talking about it. Our founders did what was said to be the impossible—offering free care with no caveats. And all these years later, because of the support from the Order of Malta - Federal Association, we have been able to have the kind of impact described in these patient stories. Your support of our efforts is immeasurable.

Testimonial from Malta Patient, Jessica, referenced above (translated from Spanish):

Malta House of Care has been a blessing for me for its attention. Attention for my eyes, attention to treat the lupus that I suffer from. They helped me to be able to obtain my medications for free. They have helped me to control the arthritis that I suffer from. Dr. Anita helps me to control the arthritis. I am very grateful to everyone at Malta for their attention to me. Thank you to Lilly, Vanessa and the others that have helped translate what the doctor tells me. I feel very satisfied with the attention they give me. I can feel the love they have for me. Thank you for taking care of my health, and may God bless you always.

-Patient, Jessica
Thanks to the funding grant provided by the Order of Malta-Federal Association, mobile canteen service to Oklahoma City’s homeless population was made safer and more efficient. This is because an old bus, which was being used by Sister BJ’s Pantry to deliver meals, clothing, blankets, hygiene kits, and the like received a major interior renovation.

The onset of the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic forced Sister Barbara Joseph Foley to close her beloved Pantry doors as a safeguard against the spread of the Covid virus. However, the homeless population in Oklahoma City still needed to be served, and “Sister BJ,” as she is widely known as, was determined to find a way to continue serving. So, she found a shuttle bus in Tulsa. For the rest of 2020, volunteers—including members of the Order of Malta-OKC—would pack the bus with food and other items to distribute, and drive around the city, handing out items to those who needed it the most. The items for distribution were stored in large plastic containers and cardboard boxes, often placed on the floor of the bus and handed out through a tiny window on the side of the bus.

In 2021, members of the Order of Malta-OKC helped write a grant that resulted in funding that allowed Sister BJ to have custom-built cabinets, serving windows, and shelves installed on the vehicle, making it highly efficient for delivery of goods, and much safer for Sister BJ’s volunteers.

On Sundays Sister BJ’s Pantry ministry is supported by the Order of Malta-OKC. Knights, Dames, and Candidates get up early every Sunday morning to cook breakfast at the Pantry, serve the food to the homeless and other poor who stop by for a hot meal, then load the Pantry canteen bus with food, clothing, and hygiene items to be distributed at the homeless encampments around the city.

St. Thomas of Canterbury Church
Chicago, IL by Dorothy Julian, Director of Stewardship

St. Thomas of Canterbury, located in the Uptown neighborhood on the north side of Chicago, was founded in 1916 by families of predominantly Irish or European descent. Over the years, refugees and immigrants arrived from Asia, Africa, and Latin America, seeking a place of worship, education for their children, and help with the basic necessities of life. St. Thomas of Canterbury was there
to meet their needs—with its church, school, and outreach ministries.

Among the outreach ministries, the soup kitchen served simple meals twice a week, the clothing room provided clean, gently-used clothing, and, in 1979, St. Thomas of Canterbury opened what was then the largest free food pantry in Chicago.

The food pantry serves residents with a home address in Cook County, City of Chicago, zip code 60640, which is the area bounded by Wilson Avenue on the south, Bryn Mawr on the north, Lake Michigan on the east, and Clark Street on the west. These boundaries are set by the Chicago Food Depository. The soup kitchen guests are primarily from the neighborhood. Some people come from other areas in the city if such services are not available closer to them. Most importantly, no one is ever turned away.

In 2019, the food pantry served an average of 320 individuals each month, providing enough free groceries to tide households through the month. The kitchen served more than 20,000 bowls of soup, and 2,100 people visited the clothing room.

Fast forward to 2020 and the coming of the pandemic.

The clothing room suspended operations. The faces at the soup kitchen changed as the shelters and group homes went under lockdown, and the jobs supporting many immigrant families were eliminated. The faces at the food pantry changed as the elderly were warned against leaving home, and families affected by school closings had to find a way to provide two more meals, five days a week, to their children.

As the pandemic numbers rose, March through May of 2020 saw a 79.5 percent increase over January and February of that year in the number of individuals served weekly by the food pantry and a 12.5 percent increase in the number of individuals served weekly by the soup kitchen.

As the pandemic restrictions toughened, what had been done inside was now done outside. The soup kitchen served its meals to-go, distributing soup with salad, sandwiches and dessert, from the front steps of the church. The food pantry also moved all of its operations outdoors. A tented waiting area, with gas heaters to help cut the cold, was created. Patrons lined up outside at 6-foot intervals and were served one at a time. The volunteers worked outside or in an unheated garage to distribute the food bags.

While the soup kitchen numbers remained steady, the food pantry numbers rose exponentially, month by month, during 2020. By December of that year, the food pantry was serving more than 800 people every month. Its hours were doubled to meet the increased demand.

Despite having to move operations outdoors into frigid temperatures and record snowfalls, despite losing volunteers forced to quarantine, and despite facing ever-lengthening lines of people seeking help, the church’s outreach ministries continued their service uninterrupted.
The generous grant from the Order of Malta did so much more than relocate the food pantry. It did so much more than create the space for a choice-based food pantry. It enabled the outreach ministries at St. Thomas of Canterbury to acknowledge and re-affirm the dignity of all who rely on the kindness of others to survive.

What a great gift you gave to so many!

Women’s Care Center
Columbus, OH by Madeline Pesavento,
Outreach Director

With 34 centers in 12 states, Women’s Care Center is the largest, most life-saving pregnancy resource center in the nation. The Order of Malta has been a long-time friend of this Catholic mission and a key partner in saving over 175,000 babies since the founding in 1984.

Last year was no different. The Order of Malta made a permanent impact at the Women’s Care Center of Columbus, Ohio.

In 2021, the Columbus center sought support for an extraordinary and unbudgeted expense. The beautiful, historical building previously donated by a founding Board member was being impacted by a large hole and rotted roof directly above the parenting classroom and most important baby supply storage area.

But, because of you and the grant program, the Order of Malta made a $25,000 grant and became a hero for the mission and the moms and babies it serves.
The center’s mission is to help every woman feel empowered to choose life and have the support she needs to experience a healthy pregnancy, be a nurturing parent, and become self-sufficient. Because of the problems with the building, the entire building and program were at risk.

In a major way, you helped the center to continue offering incentivized parenting classes, with the promise that each mom can earn the items needed to take care of her baby.

One of them, Mom Hadjer, says, “I feel like I owe my motherhood to you!” Hadjer is one of roughly 150 moms who participate in parenting classes each month at the Women’s Care Center Columbus.

She continues: “With my first child, we didn’t have anything. When I go to the Crib Club [to redeem coupons for baby items] I cry every time because I am so proud that I have earned these items for my daughter.”

Thank you for your forever impact. With 2,037 babies born in 2021 to moms aided by the Women’s Care Center, we can look forward to a future generation of kids that are loved and supported by nurturing parents.
In an unprecedented celebration over the weekend of October 15-16, 58 new members from the Class of 2021 were invested into the Federal Association. While regional Investitures were previously held to celebrate the Class of 2020, many individuals among the 65 new members in that group also received special blessings and recognition during this Investiture Weekend.

While the pandemic and its restrictions forced modifications to our traditional gatherings and approach to events, including a late venue change for the Annual Gala Reception and Dinner, genuine joy permeated the weekend’s events. Guests relished seeing old friends, spending time together, and celebrating our new members.

The weekend commenced with a rehearsal Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC. Following the Annual Members Meeting later that afternoon, George Weigel, a Senior Fellow of Washington’s Ethics and Public Policy Center, delivered the Defense of the Faith address. On Friday evening, several regions held informal events and gatherings, including a dinner for younger members connected to the Auxiliary.

On Saturday morning at St Matthew’s, Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, Bailiff Grand Cross Order of Malta and Conventual Chaplain ad honorem, celebrated the Investiture Mass and Ceremony. Once again, under the direction of Msgr. James D. Watkins, Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies and Conventual Chaplain ad honorem, the Solemn Liturgy of Investiture reflected a moving spiritual celebration.

The new members promised to faithfully call on the name of God, always bear witness to the Catholic faith and lead their lives in accordance with the teachings of the Church. They declared themselves ready to care for our lords the sick and poor, and to obey the Constitution, statutes and Rule of the Order with fidelity and diligence.

Melanie Colley, DM, a newly invested Dame who became a Catholic in 2009 and joined the Auxiliary with her husband in 2010, shared this afterward: “Over the past decade I have discerned that I wanted the Order of Malta to be my spiritual home. The community of holy men and women have helped to deepen my faith, and the service, especially the pilgrimages to Lourdes, have drawn me closer to Jesus and the Blessed Mother. Investiture was an absolutely beautiful weekend, and I am so grateful I was able to share it with my husband and parents there to support me and celebrate alongside me. I look forward to a lifetime of service and growing in faith with all those who share this spiritual home with me.”

Later, on Saturday evening, at the National Building Museum, nearly 400 guests enjoyed the weekend’s culminating event, the white-tie Gala Reception and Annual Dinner. The celebrations continued in welcoming the newly invested Dames and Knights from the Classes of 2020 and 2021, and recognizing the accomplishments from the past year.
The evening’s highlights included the distribution of the Pro Merito Awards given to Edward Damich, KM; Barbara Laughlin, DM; Barbara Patocka, DM; and Richard Wood, KM. These awards are given in appreciation for sustained and extraordinary work in the Order over many years.

In addition, President’s Awards were presented to Brock Akers, KM, and Michael Denton, KM, along with the Pro Piis Award to Msgr. Michael Boland, Magistral Chaplain. Dr. Hugh M. Dempsey, GCMOb, received the Grand Cross of Magistral Grace in Obedience from the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes of the Order of Malta.

Domenico Musso, KM, a member of the Class of 2021, stated: “To me, joining the Order of Malta means having the opportunity to serve the poor and the sick alongside people who have become my family and with whom I share faith and values, which gives my life deeper purpose and encourages me to share Christ’s love through our works. The Investiture Weekend was very emotional, and was made even more special because I was surrounded by people whom I love and admire. I was very impressed and I am grateful to the organizers for an amazing weekend, and I will cherish this beautiful memory forever.”

The Investiture Committee would like to recognize the dedication and partnership of so many individuals who helped make this weekend a success.

A tremendous thank-you to all of the participating clergy, volunteers, team members and staff, including Jeffrey Ludwig, KM, and Christopher Murphy, KM, for the beautiful Investiture Mass and Ceremony; Dr. Hugh Dempsey, GCMOb, for his work on the Gala Reception and Annual Dinner; Morgan Baker, Financial Coordinator, and Annalice Mollica, Program Coordinator, for their close attention to all logistics and details; Deacon Michael Stankewicz, for his continual collaboration and guidance; and Fra’ Thomas N. Mulligan, for his leadership and support.
After a year of social distancing and Zoom meetings, the 2021 Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help, held August 5-8, was a welcome in-person trip to meet and enjoy time together with the Knights and Dames of the Federal, American, and Western Associations.

In 2021, there were approximately 140 Knights, Dames, Priests, Special Pilgrims, youth, and volunteers in attendance. The pilgrimage began with opening Mass on Thursday afternoon and ended after Mass on Sunday.

The pilgrimage included daily Mass, the Anointing of the Sick, Rosary Procession, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a healing service. There were many other activities as well. The choir from Chicago was with us throughout, enhancing each liturgy with their beautiful voices.

The pilgrimage allows members of the Order to get to know one another in a relaxed, peaceful, prayerful environment, and the members of the Order share the experience of grace and healing with Special Pilgrims, family members, and friends who participate.

It is the only time the three Associations come together to receive the sacraments, and bring our Special Pilgrims, our children and grandchildren, to pray together and socialize together.

When the Blessed Mother appeared to Adele Brise in 1859, she asked Adele to teach the children of this wild country what they needed to know for salvation. The Order of Malta has taken this request to heart and has instituted a program for the children and grandchildren of Knights and Dames who attend the pilgrimage.

The program includes children ages 8 to 17. They are instructed in the faith by our chaplain, the Rev. Luke Millette, and learn how to serve Mass and assist at all liturgies during the pilgrimage.

When Adele Brise asked Our Lady, “What do you want of me?” Our Lady responded that she wanted Adele to do more. Similarly, we are trying to do more.

The Federal Association has expanded activities not only to encourage more pilgrims to attend the Order’s pilgrimage but to encourage Knights and Dames to spread Our Lady’s message.

Multiple communication tools have recently been deployed by Steve Marget, KM. We now publish quarterly a free digital magazine, “Our Lady of Good Help Pilgrimages.”

Readers are encouraged to forward the email distribution of the digital magazine and to share our news and Our Lady’s messages on social media. We also have social network presence on Facebook, a new YouTube channel, and are in the process of developing additional avenues of communications to promote awareness of Our Lady of Good Help.

The 2022 pilgrimage, our ninth, is scheduled for August 4–7. All three Associations anticipate record attendance. Registration opened on March 14.
his past year was a continuation of the challenges from 2020. Volunteer services were non-existent in most prisons and jails. The limited access affects religious services within prisons due to spacing requirements and limits on the number of participants at a service. It affects chaplain access, and since much of our contact is facilitated by chaplains, it reduces our presence inside units.

We were still able to expand our presence through our collaboration with Catholic Distance University (CDU). They have Intranet tablets in prison libraries in 181 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.

Members of the Federal Association and the American Association worked with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to prepare Advent reflections for each week of Advent in 2020. These reflections were shown in the Philadelphia jails and were placed on the CDU tablets as well. A new set of reflections (unrelated to Advent) has been prepared and will be ready for distribution in early 2022.

We have three more projects with CDU in development. Gatekeepers is finalizing their re-entry program on The Business of Living. We are working on a course for the Stations of the Cross with meditations for each station depicting some part of the shared suffering of those immersed in the criminal justice system. Our final course under development is Captive and Forgiven, which will be a profile of 12 figures from Scripture and history with important lessons on mercy, forgiveness, and healing.

Knights, Dames, and Auxiliary members from the Washington, DC and Montgomery County regions brought a celebration of Thanksgiving to the returning citizens from the Gatekeepers program in Hagerstown, Maryland on November 20. The Malta Luncheon brought together the community of returning citizens, the local community and volunteers who have worked with the Gatekeepers program over the years. Many speakers, including Mike McGarry, KM, Vice Chair of the North American Prison Ministry Apostolate Board, the Mayor of Hagerstown, and others, shared their journey of gratitude during a group discussion that morning followed by a meal served by the Malta members.

The distribution of Bibles, prayer books and prayer cards continued in 2021. Thanks again to Bob Gallagher, KM, and with the generous help of Tan Books, we distributed more than 2,000 Bibles, 1,600 prayer books, and 1,600 rosary cards to those serving time.

Our Pen Pal Program is thriving. We have added a third postal box to help spread the workload. The Federal Association continues to work closely with the American Association to develop and improve our materials and processes, and to identify inmates in need of a pal.
We had an informational Zoom meeting for our pen pal volunteers and for those considering volunteering. Bill Gaertner with Gatekeepers shared his story about the power of letters for those inside the walls. The meeting allowed volunteers to raise questions and get ideas to help them in their writing.

Our Holiday Greeting Program continues to improve under the guidance of Patti Millette, DM, of Mobile. Writers can send a message of hope and encouragement at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter (and birthdays, if known) without the commitment of ongoing correspondence. We had 123 volunteers send greetings to 623 men and women inside the walls in 2021. Prison mail guidelines vary from state to state and unit to unit. Our instructions help writers comply with the applicable rules and greatly reduce the amount of mail that gets returned.

Letters through the Pen Pal Program and the Holiday Greeting Program have been especially important in this extended season of isolation. Each letter reminds those inside the walls that they are not forgotten.

John Sequeira, KM, of Central North Carolina updated our written list of the services and features offered through Federal Association Prison Ministry to assist regional Hospitallers and regional leaders in each region in making prison ministry present throughout the Association.

The prison unit in Lansing Kansas had a porcelain statue of Mary that was damaged. With the help of the Kansas City Region, we were able to obtain a replacement. There is a tight knit community that is able to continue to express their devotion to the Blessed Mother.

We have used our time outside the walls to strengthen our relationships with the Catholic Prison Ministry Coalition, Catholic Distance University, 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.
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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Invested 1996. Mary Elizabeth participated in the 1996 and 1997 Lourdes Pilgrimages. She was a Eucharistic Minister and CCD teacher in her parish, St. Joan of Arc.

Agnes S. Walsh, DM, Fairfax, VA, died January 20.
Invested 1995. A participant in many Lourdes Pilgrimages, Agnes was the French-English translator for malades and for Federal Association leaders in international meetings of the Order. She volunteered with the elderly at Cherrydale Healthcare Center and volunteered in the Federal Association office. She was the wife of Thomas Walsh, KM, deceased.

Invested 1997. John was an early and most active Knight in the Charlotte Region. He helped to start its Prison Ministry program. He was a model of integrity and professionalism and a mentor to many. He started each day with daily Mass.

The Honorable Francis A. Gembala, KM, LaGrange, IL, died January 29.
Invested 2003. Frank attended nine Lourdes Pilgrimages, many Green Bay Pilgrimages, and volunteered regularly with the Federal Association’s soup kitchen and home rehabilitation projects in Chicago. He served on the Board of Directors for six years and on the Formation and Nominating Committees, and he had unlimited energy for anyone in need.

William M. Pruzensky, KM, Great Falls, VA, died January 31.
Invested 2002. Throughout his professional career, Bill assisted poor countries accessing food and other direct aid and development grants from Catholic and U.S. government agencies. For many years he was Assistant Director of the International Federation for Family Planning.

Noreen R. Falcone, GCM, Skaneateles, NY, died February 6.
Invested 1993. Co-Hospitaller for the Syracuse Region, Noreen was instrumental in instituting projects for the elderly there. She attended several Lourdes Pilgrimages, served on the Federal Association’s Admission Committee, and chaired the Annual Appeal. She was Hospitaller and Chancellor before becoming the first woman ever to serve as a Federal Association President. She served on the original Steering Committee and on the Board of Directors of the Holy Family Hospital Foundation.

Antonio Lopez-Ibanez, KM, Charlotte, NC, died February 19.
Invested 1997. As a refugee from Castro’s Cuba, Tony’s idea for helping the poor was to provide good-paying jobs for those in need. His textile plant was a virtual United Nations of refugees and immigrants. Tony was active in the Lourdes Pilgrimage for many years.

W. Dennis Owen, KM, Jamesville, NY, died February 24.
Invested 1989. Dennis was the first regional Hospitaller for Syracuse and assisted in bringing new members into the Federal Association. He served on the Board of Directors and on the original Steering Committee to raise funds for Holy Family Hospital. He participated in several Lourdes Pilgrimages.

Joseph A. Reyes, KM, Potomac, MD, died March 3.
Invested 1986. On the Federal Association’s International Committee, Joe worked to bring humanitarian aid to the needy in several poor countries. He served as Hospitaller for Bethesda/Potomac, Maryland, and volunteered at Malta House and in other Federal Association projects.
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Thomas W. Havey, KM, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, died March 6.
Invested 2006. Tom volunteered weekly serving meals to the poor and homeless in Chicago. He was President of Catholic Charities of Chicago for two years and was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. His life was a model for how we interact with others.

Invested 1999. Joe participated in several Lourdes Pilgrimages, regularly attended the regional monthly Masses, and worked at Haven House, the region’s service project in St. Joseph.

Mary Anne Clancy, DM, Kensington, MD, died March 7.
Invested 2003. Mary Ann participated in several Lourdes Pilgrimages. She served on the Board of Project SHARE, where she helped each month with food distribution to the poor. She was the wife of Federal Association Past-President G. Patrick Clancy, GCM. Mary Ann was known for her great kindness.

Bernard D. Dierks, KM, Prairie Village, KS, died March 15.
Invested 1994. Under Bernie’s leadership for many years, the annual Joint Diocesan Anointing Mass for the Kansas City Region doubled its attendance to 300 persons. He participated in several Lourdes Pilgrimages.

Everett Hugh Ramsey Jr., KM, New Orleans, LA, died March 23.
Invested 2010. Hugh was a regular attendee at regional Masses. He visited Lourdes many times. For many years he volunteered with Lazarus House Hospice, and he was a coordinator for EWTN Media Missionaries and a member of the Respect Life Committee in his parish.

E. Austin Carlin, KM, Chevy Chase, MD, died April 20.
Invested 1986. Austin was a man of deep faith who was a daily attendee at Mass. He was a regular supporter of the spiritual and service activities of the Federal Association.

Invested 1989. Carroll was co-chairman of the 1994 Day of Formation, was a member of the Spirituality and the Lourdes Committees, and a faithful supporter of Federal Association events. He served as a team leader for several Lourdes Pilgrimages. He was married to Rosemary Carter, DM. His deep faith and caring concern for every person inspired all.

Invested 1998. John helped organize the New Orleans Region’s medical mission, which for 20 years sent doctor specialists to Nicaragua for a month to treat the poor patients. He served on the Federal Association Board of Directors. He was married to Mary Jane Becker, DM.

Ann D. Fox, DM, Washington, DC, died June 12.
Invested 1994. Ann was Chair of the Spiritual Activities Committee and of the Mass for the Sick. As long-time regional Hospitaller for the DC area, she inspired many others to do hands-on work. Ann served on the Domestic Committee and was a dynamic regular attendee at Federal Association events.

Jane C. Corrigan, DM, Coral Gables, FL, died June 20.
Invested 2003. As a nurse, Jane was a member of the Lourdes Medical Committee for several pilgrimages. She was married to Robert Corrigan, Km, deceased.

John F. Potter, M.D., KM, Potomac, MD, died June 29.
Invested 1981. John was instrumental in bringing holistic care to cancer patients through establishment of the Lombardi Cancer Center in Washington, DC. A visionary, he saw needs and filled them. He brought breast cancer screening and treatment to poor women in parts of Washington, DC, where access to healthcare was limited, and he gave free medical care and medicines to poor neighbors near his home in remote Virginia. He was noted for his kindness and compassion.

Eleonore B. Rickover, DM, Arlington, VA, died July 5.
Invested 1988. From its early days, Eleonore was a participant in many Lourdes Pilgrimages. A nurse, she interviewed and assessed many prospective malades and helped to establish the Lourdes Medical Committee. She was a member of the Federal Association’s Long-Range Planning Committee.
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Invested 1981. John served as Vice-President of the Federal Association from 1988 to 1989 and on the Board of Directors. He was co-founder of Christmas in October, which over 30 years rehabilitated over 10,000 homes in the Kansas City Region.

John P. Miller, Esq., KM, Franklin, WI, died August 29.
Invested 2009. John was an exceptional leader in the Milwaukee Region. His active participation in numerous service projects was only exceeded by his dedication to our faith, which was inspirational to all.

Quinn J. Hebert, KM, Houston, TX, died September 6.
Invested 2018. A member in Houston, Quinn was a frequent participant in the region’s food distribution project and at the Mamie George Community Center. He never passed up an opportunity to extend a hand to someone in need. He was a member of the regional Discernment and Formation Committee. His wife, Jane, now deceased, was a malade on the 2012 Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Ralph Chiocco, KM, El Paso, TX, died September 14.
Invested 1994. Formerly Director of the Salvadoran Association, Ralph transferred to the Federal Association in 1994. He was a Eucharistic Minister, a lector and catechist, and a member of his parish council.

Invested 1998. Instrumental in establishing the Wilmington Region in 1998, Msgr. Rebman became its first Magistral Chaplain, regularly celebrating its monthly Masses and participating in its service projects for the poor and sick. He was a devoted chaplain, confessor, and spiritual guide.

Robert J. Shalhoub, M.D., KM, Vienna, VA, died October 17.

Frances H. Scott, DGD, Richmond, VA, died November 6.
Invested 2010. A nurse and midwife, Frances served on the Lourdes Medical Committee. While participating in several Lourdes Pilgrimages, she worked quietly behind the scenes ensuring that each attendee’s experience was the best it could be. Her thoughtfulness contributed greatly to the success of the pilgrimage. She worked in home-rebuilding projects after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, along with her husband, Gerald, KM.

William F. Glavin, KM, Vero Beach, FL, died November 8.

Thomas B. Cormack, KM, Potomac, MD, died December 6.
Invested 1988. Tom served on the Federal Association Board of Directors, and on the Lourdes Committee, the Spirituality Committee, and the Membership Participation Committee. He volunteered for many years at Providence Hospital and at Malta House, delighting residents with his talks on current events.

Charles A. Sullivan, KM, Overland Park, KS, died December 18.
Invested 2003. Chuck participated in the Lourdes Pilgrimage as a serving Knight and as a malade. He and his wife hosted the region’s celebration of St. John’s Day in their home many times. A champion of Catholic education, Chuck gave over 300 full scholarships to students attending Catholic schools.

James Costantino, Ph.D., KM, Raleigh, NC, died December 20.
Invested 1992. Jim served as Hospitaller for the Northern Virginia Region, was on the Development and the Retreat Committees, and was a long-time volunteer with the homeless and AIDS patients at the Gift of Peace Home in Washington, DC.

The Rev. Paul T. Lamb, Magistral Chaplain, Hyannis, MA, died December 23.
Invested 1996. As a layman in Maryland, he became a Knight in the Federal Association. Later he was ordained a priest and served many years as a pastor for the poor in the Diocese of Fall River, MA.
Daily Prayer of the Order of Malta

Lord Jesus,

Thou hast seen fit to enlist me for Thy service in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

I humbly entreat Thee, through the intercession of the most holy Virgin of Philermo, of St. John the Baptist, Blessed Gerard, and all the saints, to keep me faithful to the traditions of our Order:

Be it mine to practice and defend the Catholic, the Apostolic, the Roman faith against sacrilege;

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 Thy 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 St. John of Jerusalem.

Amen.