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President's Message

he year 2022 was filled with interesting moments. It was a historic year for the Order of Malta as a whole, primarily because the renewal of the Order was reaching the end of a five-year journey. For the Federal Association, we also saw life returning to the ways of the pre-pandemic years. It was a year to reawaken our works, especially in regions more heavily impacted by the pandemic restrictions.

The Formation Weekend was held "live," once again in Washington; and this offered the chance for candidates to meet members of the board of directors, regional hospitallers and other candidates and their sponsors. This was a prayerful time together, a social opportunity to relax among likeminded people, a helpful orientation to the expectations of the candidate, and the first opportunity to learn how the Order operates nationally and internationally.

The pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help was well attended and is truly becoming a tri-association event. Unfortunately, our Lourdes pilgrimage had to be postponed for a third year; and yet by year-end, the 2023 pilgrimage was authorized.

The year 2022 was also rocked by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the millions of refugees seeking safety in nearby countries. This created a serious need for contributions to assist in this massive humanitarian exercise.

Our Federal Association members were very generous in the emergency appeal. We were joined by a Hungarian businessman who was not a member but still made a very generous contribution for relief through the efforts of our Polish, Romanian, and Hungarian associations, totaling nearly \$2 million. It is also important to note that when needs are created by a new crisis such as this, several other war-torn areas and countries suffering natural disaster do not get the assistance needed. Words cannot describe the seriousness of our world's situation today.

The Ukrainian relief appeal did not take away from the Annual Appeal. Thanking everyone for their participation, the Grants Committee had the funding to work with and satisfy approved grant requests from our regions. Some of the projects that benefited are illustrated in this annual report.

For all of you who responded so generously, be assured that you made a significant difference in the lives of many in serious need. I cannot thank you enough for making this happen again this year.

On the international front, many things evolved during the year. We witnessed Cardinal Tomasi and his commission executing the mandate of Pope Francis that we are a religious order first and foremost, that we examine our life today as the Order of Malta, and how we are living the original 900-year old charism of caring for the sick and the poor.

Seven professed members living in various parts of the world in simple vows, for at least six years, were allowed to make solemn vows under the prior rules.





President's Message

Another interesting situation needing resolution was that there emerged two views towards the renewal. One was strengthening the religious order that we are and the responsibilities this entails. The other was from the government relations side of the Order that leans towards becoming more of an NGO. This, it was felt, would emphasize facing the needs of others, especially in the aftermath of natural disaster or another crisis. When the two sides were unable to compromise, the Holy Father considered both proposals after listening to several hours of interventions from different points of view.

I was privileged to present an intervention to Pope Francis during the second set of meetings on behalf of the cardinal and his commission. I represented the United States associations. It also made a difference that I was professed and president of the third largest association in the Order. My paper specified that no matter how impressive our works and the number of people both employed and served, we must always adhere to our Catholic faith foundation, or we simply cannot be doing those works.

The third meeting with Pope Francis on September 3 resulted in his presenting a compromised version of the Code and Constitution, as he adopted points from both sides. He also dissolved the former government and placed his choices in the positions of leadership to serve temporarily and effect the changes for the Order going forward. One of the significant points was clarification of the Order's sovereignty. As it is today, it is unique. Whatever "noise" was raised by various blog pages or the media, sovereignty was never challenged as was implied by a limited few. The legal brief explaining the Order's sovereignty is located on the Federal Association website.

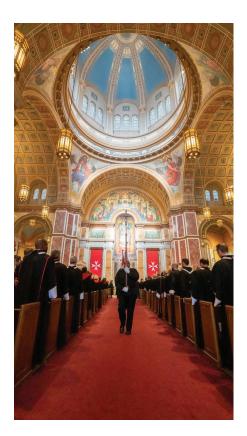
We all need to be assured that the new leadership team put into office to enact the renewal is highly competent, moving forward fairly in the day-to-day operations of the Order, all while tasked with thoroughly learning the complexities of each major department. There is every reason to be optimistic about the future of the Order. It is clearly on the right path.

The calendar ended with a special Investiture Weekend where newly entering knights and dames were invested by the Lieutenant of the Grand Master Fra' John Dunlap. During that weekend, we also had the honor of hosting other members of the Sovereign Council and the new regent of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes, Fra' Nicola Tegoni.

Looking forward, we will see a greater emphasis on formation for the new candidates as well as formation reviews for all our members. Once invested, formation should never come to an end as the journey is just beginning. There will be an emphasis on retreats and days of recollection with many offerings throughout the association from which to choose.

Fra' Thomas N. Mulligan *President*





2022 Spiritual Life

Vice President's Report on Spirituality

Wayne T. Ruth, KMOb, Vice President

his past year, many of our regions were blessed with the visitation of the Lourdes relics of St. Bernadette as they traveled throughout our country, sponsored by our Order, the Sanctuary of Lourdes, and the North American Lourdes Volunteers.

St. Bernadette's reliquary visited basilicas, cathedrals, and even small country churches, as the faithful gathered with the support of our dames, knights and the Lourdes' volunteers. The visit prompted an outpouring of prayer, supplication and piety tinged with pure joy as the reliquary, pictured below, became the focus of the prayer of thousands of pilgrims, many of whom might never be able to make the visit to Lourdes. This visit was particularly meaningful to our dames and knights, as they persisted through another year of pilgrimage suspension due to the pandemic. As one dame noted, "we could not come to her, so she came to us!".

In addition to this blessing, our regions rallied with late, post-pandemic care of our lords the poor and sick, providing outreach and care at food pantries, soup kitchens and medical facilities, as well as pilgrimage prayer at National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Wisconsin.



This past year our board of directors decided to restart the Spirituality and Defense of Faith committees, with a particular focus on the joys of Christian discipleship, and the basics of our faith. The committees have begun their meetings this year and are expected to expand both the committees and their regional efforts.

Our prison ministry continues to grow. Our partnership with Catholic Distance University puts us in about 250 different prison units serving on average 1,500 incarcerated brothers and sisters each day. Our Pen Pal Program has more than 700 matches. Our Holiday Greeting Program provided an encouraging message to 464 incarcerated folks at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. For many of our members, this ministry of encountering those inside the walls and serving their community is not yet a significant part of their spiritual journey. Our goal for 2023 is to change that. Christ has called us to visit him in prison. It is time to answer the call.





2022 Hospitaller Report

Patrick Monaghan, KMOb, Association Hospitaller

s 2022 came to a close with the pandemic behind us, plans were underway for a return to Lourdes for our annual pilgrimage as well as the August 2023 Our Lady of Champion pilgrimage.

As we completed the year we saw moderate growth in membership to almost 1,150 knights and dames and 29 regions. In addition five regions-in-development showed continual building in membership and hospitaller projects.

And while our growth has been slow and steady we are barely keeping up with natural attrition. We very much need our knights and dames to make a priority of helping our regional hospitallers in building, or in some cases rebuilding, our membership.

Spiritual Activities

The Pandemic had its impact on in-person spiritual gatherings but in its place zoom meetings, livestreamed Masses and weekly Rosaries and the daily Angelus have assumed a principal spiritual role in many regions.

Regular monthly Masses as well as Lenten and Advent reflections and local retreats have continued to be a part of most regions' spiritual activities.

Service to the Poor and the Sick

In the annual activity report submitted by each region we number 146 hospitaller projects, an average of 4.3 per region. These thriving projects range from prison ministry/ pen pal programs, food kitchens and distribution centers, support for the homeless, to health care for the poor and uninsured, mobile medical vans, pregnancy centers, and home rebuilding projects. A somewhat new project, "Coats for the Homeless," has quickly grown to be one of our more impactful efforts for the sick and poor.

An often-overlooked aspect of our volunteer activities is the significant pro-bono services provided by our medical professionals and legal professionals. The hours are uncounted but I am sure they run into the tens of thousands.

Special thanks to our talented and dedicated regional hospitallers, our 13 Federal Association committees and chairs, and of course our wonderful headquarters' staff. Lastly, the dedication, guidance and support our regions receive from their chaplains has been vital in carrying out our missions of nurturing, witnessing to and protecting our faith and serving the poor and sick.







20**22** Treasurer's Report

2022 Financial Report—Based on Audited Financial Statements

Federal Association:

Income:		Expenses:	
Dues & Passage Fees, net	\$ 1,690,185	Operations/Administration	\$ 1,049,446
Committees	71,007	Assessments to SMOM	456,654
Merchandise Sales - Net Cost of Sales	-	Committees/Other	117,572
Administrative Sub-Total	\$ 1,980,953	Administrative Sub-Total	\$ 1,623,672
Events/Spiritual Activities	-	Events/Spiritual Activities	\$ 59,693
Investiture	\$204,150	Investiture	194,291
Lourdes Pilgrimage *	(5,070)	Lourdes Pilgrimage	1,794
Domestic Programs *	40,898	Domestic Programs	-
Events/Activities Sub-Total	\$ 239,978	Events/Activities Sub-Total	\$ 255,778
		Subtotal - Net Income Before Contributions,	
		Investment Income, & Grants Committee	\$ 341,481
Charitable Giving			
Annual Appeal	\$857,207	Grants/Hospitaller Program	
Lourdes Trust	56,471	Grants Committee*	\$654,023
Split interest agreements & planned			
giving	(195,495)	_	
Charitable Giving Sub-Total	\$ 718,183	_	
Other Non-operating			
Investment Income (loss)	\$(1,238,733)		
		Association Expense	\$ 2,533,473
Association Revenue & Support	\$ 1,700,381	Association Net Income	\$ (833,092)
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Investments— Ass'n & Lourdes Endowment Trust

Operating Account	\$ -
Malta House (DC) Fund	-
Lourdes Fund	5,085,648
Blessed Gerard Fund	3,432,919
Total Investment Accounts	\$ 8,518,567

* A grant of \$150,000 was designated for the Lourdes Pilgrimage and \$9,421.77 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.

Historian's Report Dr. Henry Lane Hull, KGDOb, Historian

A New Era: Appointment of Fra' John Dunlap as the Lieutenant of the Grand Master

n June 13, 2022 Pope Francis appointed Fra' John Dunlap as the Lieutenant of the Grand Master, succeeding Fra' Marco Luzzago, the previous Lieutenant, who had been elected following the 2020 death of Grand Master Fra' Giacomo dalla Torre del Tempio di Sanguinetto, after a brief tenure in office. Fra' Marco died unexpectedly on June 7, thereby creating the vacancy.

Fra' John was sworn into office on June 14 in the Order's Church of Santa Maria del Priorato on the Aventine Hill in Rome in the presence of Pope Francis's special delegate to the Order of Malta, Cardinal Silvano Tomasi, and the Sovereign





Council of the Order. The Lieutenant of the Grand Master serves as the head of the Order in the absence of a Grand Master and exercises the full authority of the office.

Fra' John is a native of Ottawa, Ontario where he was born in 1957 and spent his early years. He matriculated at the University of Ottawa after studying French for two years at the University of Nice. Upon graduation from college, he entered the University of Western Ontario where he received his juris doctor degree in 1983.

For the next three years he held a clerkship and practiced law in Canada. He came to New York where he was admitted to the state bar in 1986. The following year he joined the law firm of Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller where his concentration was on immigration and corporate legal practices, becoming internationally known in his field.

Fra' John became active in Catholic charitable work in New York City, leading to his being received as a knight of magistral grace in the American Association of the Order of Malta in 1996. In 2004, he entered the novitiate to become a knight of justice, followed by simple vows. That same year he became the first regent of the Sub-Priory of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is composed of members of the First and Second Classes of the Order of the American and the Federal Associations. He professed solemn vows in 2008 at the Church of St. Joseph in Greenwich Village. For 10 years he served as the American Association's regional hospitaller in the New York area.

In 2009 he was elected to the Sovereign Council of the Order in Rome and re-elected in 2014 and 2019. For more than 20 years he has served as a legal advisor to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, where he also has been the treasurer of the Path to Peace Foundation, which gives financial assistance to the Holy See's Mission at the U.N.

Fra' John has been a strong proponent of members of the Order engaging in hands-on support of our lords, the poor and the sick. Over the course of many years, he has spent his weekends ministering to the residents of the Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center in Manhattan, taking them to Mass and sharing meals with them afterward.

Safeguarding the use of the Order's copyrights and insignia has been of great concern to Fra' John. In that area he has worked with the four Alliance Orders of Saint John in his role as president of the Commission on the Protection of Names and Emblems of the Order.

In selecting Fra' John as Lieutenant of the Grand Master, Pope Francis has begun a new era for the Order of Malta, recognizing a knight who has devoted his life to our two-fold charism of defending the faith and serving our lords, the poor and the sick.





2022 Chaplain Report Rev. Msgr. John J. Enzler

often feel inadequate as I write this article for the annual report each year. I look around and see many chaplains who are far more spiritual than me and do so much for the Federal Association, helping their hospitallers and many others become more involved in the Order. I have been the chaplain of the board of directors for more than 15 years. I've enjoyed it immensely and I am inspired by the spirituality of our board members and their complete commitment to the overall success of the Federal Association and its members.

Sometimes we can get caught up in the nitty-gritty details that take us away from our goal of service to our malades and the defense of the faith. It's not that we aren't committed to those two major goals. It is more that we get caught up in how we do it and even get frustrated when someone else's ideas don't match ours. I've seen real progress in our board over the last year. We've become more accepting of different approaches and more welcoming to the way each of us approaches our ministry as leaders of the Order.

We had a very good year. Now that the pandemic is behind us, we are planning a chaplain two-day retreat in the spring of 2023.

Finally, let me say a word of thanks to our chaplains for their sacrifices, leadership, and deep spirituality. All of you inspire me. To all our members, thank you, your efforts are truly appreciated. We are all on the same journey with you and are pleased to be able to assist you in your pursuit of God's blessings, grace, and love.







Our Lady of Good Help Pilgrimage 2022

Kathryn Signorelli, DMOb

n October of 1859 the Blessed Mother appeared three times in the forest of Champion, Wisconsin, to a young woman, Adele Brise, and introduced herself as the Queen of Heaven. She gave Adele specific instructions and told Adele not to be afraid to obey because she would help.

Since that time the people of Champion, Wisconsin, mostly Belgian immigrants at the time, have venerated the Blessed Mother at the apparition site and long sought the intercession of Our Lady Queen of Heaven to help them.

In 2010, Bishop David L. Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay completed the investigation into the authenticity of the apparition, and the Church declared it worthy of belief. Since then, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared the apparition site as the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

In August 2022, the Federal Association, along with the Western Association; and American Association, made its ninth annual pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. This is one of two pilgrimages that the Federal Association invites its members to attend annually. More than 300 Pilgrims – knights, dames, volunteers, and special pilgrims (as the sick are called) attended the three-day pilgrimage in August. Young and old enjoyed a peaceful time at the beautiful site of the apparition. The children brought by parents and grandparents were provided catechesis through the Youth Program directed by Ana Malnight. The journey to Our Lady of Good Help was an opportunity to deepen our faith in Our Lord through his Blessed Mother.

The pilgrimage events began on Thursday afternoon with the Opening Mass at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, knights and dames processing in robes and capes. The exquisite Malta Choir under the direction of Paul French provided music for this Mass and for all liturgies.

The liturgies, under the direction of our pilgrimage chaplain, the Very Rev. Luke Millette, also included Mass at the Apparition Church, Confessions, Anointing of the Sick at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Rosary procession, and a Eucharistic healing service.

Not only did we come away refreshed spiritually, we had the joy of seeing old friends and meeting new ones, especially members of the American and Western associations.





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e it mine to practice charity towards my neighbors, especially the poor and the sick.

In 2022, the Federal Association approved 17 grants and funding for the Lourdes pilgrimage totaling more than \$800,000 through the generous contributions of our members during the annual fund drive, But the real story is the wonderful works of our members, some of which will be described below.

Knights and dames of the Federal Association continue to practice charity toward their neighbors, whether in Pittsburgh, where members provide food and warmth for the poor through the Red Door Ministry; or in Columbus, Ohio, where they provide free medical and dental care through the Order of Malta Center for Care; on the other side of the world in Bethlehem, where precious lives are saved and miraculous works conducted at the Holy Family Hospital. The prison ministry program continues to bring the Catholic faith to the incarcerated through the Pen Pal Program, and through Rosaries, Bibles and religious training materials



Order of Malta Center of Care- Columbus, OH

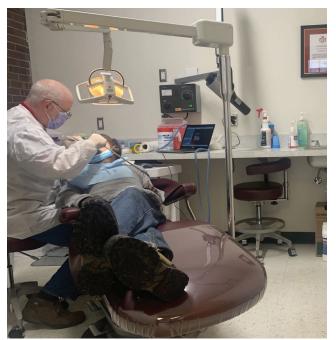
provided through technology developed with Catholic Distance University.

Our Catholic faith is demonstrated and enhanced by the annual Lourdes pilgrimage but continues at home, as members who practice and defend the faith in their daily lives. We are all blessed by their works.

I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me. Matthew 25:36

Order of Malta Center of Care provides free medical screenings and food distribution for the sick and the poor of Central Ohio. All activities are performed by members of the Order and more than 50 associated volunteers. In 2022, a grant was approved to expand their dental services and upgrade their equipment by purchasing updated X-ray equipment that provides more timely and accurate diagnosis, enabling improved treatment. This grant has also helped the center expand their efforts in their community.

The Order of Malta Center of Care-Columbus (Ohio), established by members of the Order, operates the free medical and dental clinic.



Order of Malta Center of Care- Columbus, OH

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and he will reward them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17

Members of the Order have supported the Greensboro (North Carolina) Urban Ministry (GUM) for many years by collecting supplies for the food pantry, delivering groceries to low-income communities, serving meals at shelters, and working at the medical clinic.

Debra Ritzel, DM, and leading volunteer at GUM, has described its work as "charity to the poor and the sick lived out every day. It is a beautiful example of our charism in action."

The Wellness Clinic of GUM, which provides primarycare services and referrals, needed to expand. A \$25,000 grant from the Order funded half the cost for medical equipment and outsourcing of services.

The generous will themselves be blessed for they share food with the poor. Luke 6:39

The Father McKenna Center started in the basement of St. Aloysius Church in 1983 to carry out the work of the Rev. Horace B. McKenna, S.J., who ministered to the poor and the sick in northwest Washington DC. It included a day program for the homeless, food pantry for families in





Father McKenna Center- Washington, D.C.

need, overnight winter support for the homeless, and a new McKenna Academy offering life-skills training, computer education, and job placement resources. Members of the Order have provided support and service for many years, and a grant was awarded to the center to fully fund the mobile computer lab at the academy to support skills development and job-placement opportunities.

This is my commandment, to love one another, as I have loved you. John 15:12

The Lafayette (Louisiana) Region has partnered with Catholic Charities of Acadiana since 2010 to serve the poor and the sick in a variety of programs, including monthly meal service, organizing and participating in the annual rite of Christian Burial of the poor, and supporting at-risk women and children.

The region's Disaster Rebuilding Program is a partnership with Catholic Charities of Acadiana and the Order to provide disaster assistance and relief to victims of the historic 2016 flooding in south Louisiana. A grant was approved to purchase building materials for rebuilding their flood-

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damaged houses. In addition to local members of the Order, many members from other regions travel to participate in this home-restoration project, which includes daily Mass and prayerful meetings often accompanied by local mayors and pastors.

Malteser International is a 65 year-old-relief organization founded by the Order with the mission of supporting the vulnerable and marginalized and providing the means to live a healthy life with dignity. It has served families suffering poverty, disease, conflict, and disaster with over 130 projects in 30 countries. A grant was awarded to Malteser's American affiliate for the construction of a fish-processing plant and water-supply systems that are designed to address poverty in rural communities of Columbia in South America. This multi-year project is focused on improving the sanitary water conditions and providing skill sets to men and women who have little to no access to education or employment opportunities.





Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation was awarded a 2022 grant to purchase medical equipment, instruments and supplies to support the Neonatal Intensive Care unit of the hospital, which operates in a region plagued by poverty and political unrest. Holy Family prevails as a Catholic witness to the value and dignity of human life, providing care to the poorest of the poor and their unborns. The foundation was created by the three U.S. associations in support of the hospital at the request of Pope John Paul II in 1997, and our members have responded with service on the board of directors, member physician visits, consultations, and urging local domestic parishes to support the hospital directly. Ambassador Michele Bowe, GCM, president of the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation, works tirelessly to deliver the message of how this hospital saves lives of the unborn and promotes the Catholic faith.

Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Service was founded by the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy in 1989 to serve the poor and the sick of Charleston, South Carolina. Members of both the Federal and American

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associations have supported this work, by providing needed meal service, dental services, reading programs, and developing family life skills. Their aging facilities were greatly benefited by a \$23,500 grant to replace outdated HVAC equipment that had limited service.

The Malta Study Center at the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library was founded in 1972 by Joseph Micalief, KMOb, UOM, honorary consul general of Malta, as the only international organization created to preserve the patrimony and handwritten culture of the Order of Malta. The study center cares for the largest collection of cultural material for the Order and supports the education of the members (of the Federal, American, and Western associations) through lectures and access to materials on parchment under protective glass.

The Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota was awarded a \$10,000 grant that will preserve the history of the Order's founding and its care for the poor and the sick over the ages while bringing new awareness of the role of women in the Order during the early modern era. The collection will be digitized for public access at the library.

Fra' Thomas Mulligan has commented that, "The Malta Study Center contributes to members' understanding and adds to the formation of each of us in such a way that our faith formation of why we do what we do is strengthened and distinguished from other good Catholic organizations. This is a real and practical investment in how preserving the rules, laws, and regulations along with knowledge of traditions, culture, governance, and history can deepen the acts of mercy we perform as members of this religious Order."

The Pregnancy Aid Clinic of Atlanta has provided an alternative to abortion for women in crisis pregnancies since 1984. Their programs help women gain confidence by building skills and access to resources, including emergency food and shelter, financial support, child care resources, vocational support, and relationship management. This clinic serves more than 1,500 clients annually and is strongly supported by hands-on activities of the Atlanta Region. A \$6,600 grant was approved that will address major security concerns as a result of vandalism in a high-crime area.



Holy Family Hopital of Bethlehem Foundation



Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Service Charleston, SC



Hill Museum and Manuscript Library- Collegeville, MN

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The Red Door Ministry was started by St. Mary of Mercy Catholic Church in downtown Pittsburgh during the Great Depression to serve the poor. Today, knights and dames continue their service with daily meals to the homeless, as well as providing clothing, toiletries, and the means to keep them warm during the cold winter nights. A grant was awarded to Red Door to improve aging external structures required for the distribution of food, and to install proper electrical wiring that improves safety.



Pregnancy Aid Clinic- Atlanta, GA





St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families Hyattsville, MD

Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me: and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me. Mark 10:37

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families has been serving the most vulnerable in their community for more than over 150 years, lovingly affirming the dignity of human life, in particular the unborn, and children and mothers in need by providing a safe home and essential living services. Members of the Order provide family-type services to young mothers in the care and love for their children and host several annual holiday parties that provide opportunities to spread the Gospel, and share our love. A 2022 grant was awarded to repair the façade of a 60-year-old structure that is



St. Ann'a Center for Children, Youth, and Families Hyattsville, MD

important for the safety of living spaces for the mothers and their children.

It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a mother's womb. Pope Francis

Women's Care Center-Peoria, Illinois provides free, confidential counseling, medical assistance, and education and other support throughout pregnancy. through classes and essential baby supplies. Members of the Chicago Region have been actively involved in the center through service on its board of directors, physician service, and other hands-on volunteer support. After a recent fire destroyed their facilities and supplies, the Order awarded a grant to replace car seats, strollers, cribs, and other new baby essentials.

Holy Angels in Belmont, North Carolina provides specialized round-the-clock care for children and adults with intellectual developmental disabilities and delicate medical conditions. Members of the Order have been supporting Holy Angels for decades on their board and with volunteer residential support, blessings ceremonies, and visiting-physician services. A 2022 grant was awarded for custom specialized wheelchairs that many of their residents need and that offer a higher level of comfort.



Women's Care Center- Peoria, IL



Holy Angels- Belmont, NC



Holy Angels- Belmont, NC

Grantee Highlights 2022

In this section the leaders of many of the grantee organizations express their gratitude directly and provide details of how Federal Association grants support their work.

Order of Malta Center for Care Columbus, Ohio by Jeffrey Kaman

The Federal Association's generous grant enabled our clinic to purchase digital X-ray equipment. In obtaining this modern technology, we are now more efficiently able to diagnose and treat patients, enabling us to significantly increase the number of patients we see each time the clinic is open. Dental care for the homeless is often overlooked, and strong dental hygiene is a gateway to broader health issues. This grant directly contributes to the health of countless people who would otherwise not have access to such state-of-the-art care.

The Center of Care Foundation and the Columbus Region of the Order of Malta cannot thank the Federal Association and the Grants Committee enough for their generosity and support. Thank you!

Holy Angels

Charlotte, North Carolina by Shawn Flynn, Chief Resource Development Officer

The knights and dames of the Order of Malta once again answered the call to support the delicate and specific needs of the residents of Holy Angels. The Order of Malta fully-funded a nearly \$78,000 grant to purchase 10 muchneeded clinical and therapeutic chairs.

"This project is critically important for us to provide the highest quality care for our residents who are medically fragile," said Holy Angels President and CEO Kerri Massey. "These chairs will provide optimal support and care for our residents to help prevent posturerelated discomfort and fatigue. These chairs are critically important pieces of medical equipment." Holy Angels serves 59 non-ambulatory individuals who require specialized chairs and equipment to avoid significant medical issues and pain. The grant allows Holy Angels to purchase 10 custom-made chairs by Seating Matters in Ireland through a partnership with Arjo. Significant market research was done to determine these chairs would provide the best quality care and value for the residents. Seating Matters is an industry-leading designer of this equipment with values and goals that align with the interests of Holy Angels. Arjo has collaborated with Holy Angels multiple times previously to assist us in purchasing unique medical equipment, including mechanical lifts.

A group from the Order of Malta visited Holy Angels just before the holidays to deliver the funds and see the impact the chairs make in the lives of the residents.

"Being able to see first-hand the difference these chairs have on the lives of these angels was priceless. You could see how comfortable Kinsey was in the chair. It was very special to see how the Order of Malta was able to make such an immediate impact," said Rick Menze, KM hospitaller with the Order of Malta.

Holy Angels and the Order of Malta have a special partnership that has lasted decades. Several knights and dames of the Order of Malta, including Conventional Chaplains Abbott Placed Solari and deceased Bishop William Curlin have championed the mission of Holy Angels. Three members of the Order of Malta currently serve on the Holy Angels board of directors in key leadership positions. Many of them have donated their time, talent and treasure over the years. Even more specifically, the Order of Malta has provided five grants over the past 15 years totaling more than \$200,000.





"The Order of Malta is part of the Holy Angels family. They have visited here and helped to bless and support our residents. We have a special relationship with them and hope they will remain part of our family for years, if not decades, to come," said Massey.

Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation Washington, DC by Ambassador Michele Bowe, President

Bethlehem ushered in the year 2022 still suffering from the twin humanitarian economic and health crises. The town was still empty as pilgrimages were not yet allowed to restart. Bank accounts ran empty after two years without salaries. Nerves were beginning to fray as the Bethlehemites wondered when hope would return to Bethlehem. The doctors, nurses, and midwives at Holy Family Hospital know hope because it emanates from a child born 2000 years ago in Bethlehem just 1,500 steps away. Hope never leaves the only neonate and maternity hospital in Bethlehem. Hope is embodied in a newborn baby tenderly tucked into her mother's arms. Hope is the face of a brand-new Dad admiring his tired wife after delivery. In 2022, this hope was repeated 4,627 times at Holy Family Hospital.

A newborn baby tenderly swaddled and ready to go home to meet the family against the backdrop of growing poverty and diminished hope, shows that hope is not gone but only waiting to be rediscovered. In early spring, pilgrimages began anew. A few buses made their way to the Church of the Nativity like the first swallow of spring. The weather warmed after the coldest winter in decades and Bethlehem began to reopen.

Holy Family Hospital prepared for a busier fall and winter as weddings began to be scheduled and employee

vacation days were entered on the calendar for the first time in two years. The noise of construction and delivery trucks began again as work resumed on the new wing. Waterproofing, insulation and finally the iconic Bethlehem limestone began to envelop the concrete shell.

A loyal donor, touched by the stories of increasing poverty met only by neighbors' generosity announced a large challenge grant to help families through these difficult times. A matching donor was found rather quickly and the program to introduce holistic care began. Families would no longer have to decide between medical care and groceries or medicine and electricity. Holy Family Hospital would send each baby home to their families with their dignity intact, newfound hope, and credits at local grocers and pharmacists..

Each morning at Holy Family Hospital, the resident doctors conduct rounds with their supervisor, Dr. Salameh (pictured, below). Afterwards, they convene to discuss their cases and have a presentation to further their skills. We thank a special family, who in memory of their husband and father a beloved physician, for underwriting the costs of a resident doctor for her tenure at Holy Family Hospital. This is a true blessing and an act of hope for Holy Family Hospital.

Construction progress, also a sign of hope, became more evident daily. The workers, grateful for their employment, redoubled their efforts, proud to be working on such an important touchstone of their community. They agreed to extended working hours to speed up the work.

The restart of construction spurred donors on to support the works with new grants. A generous donor made a gift to supply the beautiful Bethlehem limestone





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for the exterior. Another donor named overnight rooms in honor of his favorite priests. The new administrative department will have a beautiful conference room named in memory of a donor's parents. The opportunity to name a project after a loved one in Bethlehem is a beautiful way to remember and honor those we hold dear. There are currently a few more of these opportunities left as the project enters Phase II.

Our wonderful recurring donors allow us to ensure uninterrupted care restoring health and renewing hope without regard to need or creed. We are indeed grateful. 2022 was a challenging year, but the generous gifts arriving daily sustained our spirits and our works in Bethlehem. Thank you.

The 200 employees of the Hospital come together to deliver care and upkeep of the facility. I am grateful for them and especially for you — our thousands of donors who contribute throughout the year to keep hope alive in Bethlehem.

We received news of bequests from some of our members of the Three Kings Society. We were saddened by the loss of our friends and asked for Masses and prayers in Bethlehem for their families and their souls. They live on now in the many everyday miracles they supported during their lives, having ensured hopeful futures for our patients and staff members through their wills.

2023 will continue to challenge us in our increasingly complicated work at Holy Family Hospital and in our ability to raise the required funds to support the staff in Bethlehem to deliver life, peace and hope just 1,500 steps from the manger.

May I count on your ongoing prayers for our work, for the staff and for the families of Bethlehem in this new year?

Malta House of Care Hartford, Connecticut by Betsy Walsh, Associate Director of Advancement

The Order of Malta Federal Association has been extremely supportive of the Malta House of Care, Inc. since we began our mission in 2006. In 2021 and 2022, the Order of Malta provided grant funds for a dental program for our patients. The 2022 support also included funding for some capital equipment for our new stationary clinic (Malta has a stationary clinic and the mobile medical van.)

Good oral health helps prevent infections, heart disease, stroke, and other serious conditions. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC, over 40 percent of U.S. adults experience mouth pain each year, causing many people to miss work for emergency dental care. Connecticut is tied as the worst state when it comes to the cost for dental coverage.

The Malta House of Care is extremely grateful to the Order of Malta for their generosity in underwriting the cost of regular dental cleanings and exams for a cohort of our most at-risk patients. These patients include those aged 46 and above who are most likely to have gum disease that could threaten their overall health. Over half of Malta's patient population falls under this category. Cleanings at our partner organization, St. Francis Hospital Dental Center, are performed with funding earmarked for basic dental care and cleaning. Extensive care such as root canals and extractions can be negotiated with the patient on a sliding scale of fees based on financial eligibility offered by the Dental Center. Malta's in-house Patient Navigator assists patients in making and keeping their dental appointments. We track their progress, looking for connections between their improved dental health and their overall health (particularly important for patients with high blood pressure and high cholesterol).

The funding for capital equipment enabled us to purchase four ophthalmoscopes/otoscopes, two scales, one new exam table, and two sphygmomanometers for our new stationary clinic.

Pictured below is one of our patients, Jessica, with the hospitaller for the Hartford Region, Tracy Brennan, DM, MD. Dr. Brennan is also a member of the Malta House of Care board of directos and a volunteer provider. Jessica was in need of extensive dental care, including X-rays, fillings, cleaning, a root canal, and some extractions. She had not been able to afford to see a dentist in the past, and again, given her health history, the Malta providers felt good oral health would positively impact her overall health. The grant from the Order of Malta allowed Jessica to receive a full dental examination and cleaning which uncovered some additional issues. When asked what is it like to have medical care from the Malta House of Care and what does she think of our new offices, Jessica replied (through one of our interpreters), "Malta House of Care feels like home to me. Since the first day I came here, they have welcomed me with open arms. The new office is easier to get to and very nice and beautiful. Without Malta, life would be very difficult because I do not have access to medical care."

Also pictured is a free flu vaccine clinic we held in our new offices in conjunction with Optum Health Care in October 2022 providing free flu vaccines to over 180 patients!





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Mamie George Community Center

Richmond, Texas Article by Fort Bend Herald,

April 28,2021

The Mamie George Community Center in Richmond, operated by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, will begin distributing food one evening a week on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

"In many cases, individuals are working full-time hours but earning lower wages that won't lift a family out of poverty. Many people with a minimum wage job need help keeping their families fed," said Executive Director, Gladys Brumfield-James.

"By adding the early evening hours, Catholic Charities can help families who can't come to our usual food distributions held earlier in the day."

The ongoing schedule for drive-through food distribution also includes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am.-noon.

Families are asked to make an appointment for weekday food pick-up. In addition, food fairs open to anyone are held on a Saturday each month from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The need for food assistance in Fort Bend County continues to run high during the COVID-19 pandemic, Brumfield-James said.

"MGCC has surpassed all of its records for food distribution. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, MGCC provided 3.3 million pounds of food to families who drive through the food pick-up line."

Loading cases of food into thousands of vehicle trunks takes the help of sturdy faithful volunteers, she added.

"Especially noteworthy is regular support from the Order of Malta, a lay Catholic religious order devoted to care for the sick and poor." she said.

In addition to providing volunteers, the Order of Malta also maintains a fund used to procure proteins and meats for food fairs at MGCC.

The Mamie George Community Center is located at 1111 Collins Road in Richmond. Other services during the pandemic include financial assistance for families in need of help with rent and other essential expenses, meal delivery to seniors, and support for women veterans.





Malteser International Americas North and South America by Ravi Tripptrap, Executive Director

Supporting the Most Vulnerable in Rural Colombia

Rafael Perez Uriana is illiterate. He has never received formal schooling, as his father considered it a waste of time. Instead, he dedicated his life to raising goats and sheep, and with time and effort he learned how to write his name.

Not receiving a formal education is one of Rafael's biggest regrets. Had he had better knowledge of his rights, he could have advocated more for his reservation and his people. Rafael is also one of the leaders of the Wayuu Indigenous community who live on the Kuskat reservation, an isolated hamlet in northern Colombia. Like all the children of Kuskat, he faces many barriers in accessing the educational system and concluded that schooling could not be a top priority.

Malteser International Americas (MI Americas) has been active in the country for nearly a decade, and currently

has a series of ongoing programs in Northern Colombia, particularly the La Guajira department, to support the Wayuu Indigenous community.

One of Colombia's poorest departments, La Guajira's poverty is difficult to escape; it affects nearly 70 percent of its population. Here, the Wayuu face a myriad of vulnerabilities, and 81 percent of them lack access to basic needs like fresh water, sanitation, and hygiene, as well as basic healthcare, food security, and formal education.

At the root of these issues, however, is the Wayuu's lack of integration into national structures that could facilitate access to these basic, yet essential, services, making it all the more difficult for Rafael, and children in the Wayuu community, to get out of precarious cycles of poverty and illiteracy.

Living in a rural area makes it more difficult to access governmental or non-governmental aid programs focused on healthcare. Compounding this physical remoteness, only 2.4 percent of the population have internet access in their homes, which greatly reduces their access to information and education.

One of these programs from MI Americas is starting dialogues and workshops between local government entities, healthcare providers, and local communities precisely seeking to address this integration issue. The goal of these dialogues is to strengthen the connections that support the healthcare of indigenous people. These dialogues help indigenous community leaders deliberate on their priorities and organize themselves to better advocate for themselves when discussing partnerships with medical service providers. Within this framework, Indigenous communities have sought to establish functional infrastructure for mobile health clinics and telemedicine access.

As part of defining the roadmap for the future of the region, many successful workshops have been held with a wide range of participants to understand the existing problems and root causes in their communities to identify innovative solutions.

The development of community healthcare managers has been one of the program's greatest achievements: 50 leaders have been trained to work in their communities and pass on their new knowledge. Eventually, these community healthcare managers will be hired by healthcare service providers to improve the quality and access to healthcare in their communities.

Telemedicine is one of the most innovative parts of this program, as it is a solution that overcomes the long distance and difficulties associated with using the main roads. In this way, access to healthcare is guaranteed.

Kuskat is one of the reservations which has benefitted the most from this program as it has participated in surveys and workshops from the program's initial development to its implementation.

Thanks to foundational supporters like the Order of Malta Federal Association, MI Americas has had a presence in Kuskat and other vulnerable communities like it in northern Colombia since 2014. In turn, it has been estimated that more than 20,000 people have benefited from this program. Our programs have ranged from water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) to Covid-19 prevention, and the provision of healthcare access, particularly for pregnant women



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and their families, malnourished children, persons with disabilities, and migrant and refugee populations emanating from the crisis in Venezuela.

Recalling our joint mission to serve the sick and the poor, we are surrounded by daily reminders of what massive need there is in the world. But with the right tools, the right spirit, and the same values that have guided us through the centuries, we're in the best position to support them and make a positive change in their lives. Thank you.

Mission of Our Lady of the Angels Chicago, Illinois

Thanks to the generosity and support of so many, we are excited to share that our multi-year renovation project transforming the abandoned Our Lady of the Angels school building into a new Outreach and Retreat Center is finally completed! The following pictures highlight the features and programs of the new Outreach Center that have been most directly supported by the Order of Malta, both in terms of generous financial support and volunteer activity. We are so grateful for the Order of Malta's friendship and support, and we hope that the pictures below will help to show what a difference it has made in our ability to carry out our mission of caring for the poor and evangelization.



Weekly Food Pantry

Throughout this past year, our weekly Tuesday food pantry has experienced an explosion of growth in the number of Central American migrant/refugee families coming to us in need of food. At our peak, we served more than 520 families in one morning pantry! We have also been blessed to form a strong partnership this year with Share Our Spare, an organization that helps us provide boxes of diapers and gently used baby clothing and other supplies to moms in need. It has been a joy to watch this new part of the pantry grow and to get to know the many moms and babies in our neighborhood! Through our partnerships with Chicago Help Initiative and Northwestern Medicine, we have also introduced resource tables and health screenings to the dining room space for neighbors to visit while they wait their turn at the pantry. Our neighbors have been so grateful to receive these additional supports.

Retreats

Generous grant funding from the Order of Malta has gone a long way in helping us to complete renovations on the new industrial kitchen and dining room in our outreach/ retreat center. These spaces have been critical to enable us to begin receiving this year. We have already hosted several full-capacity (57 person) overnight weekend retreats for poor Catholic parishes and a local Catholic student ministry center. We have many more parish, young adult, and college spring break retreats on the calendar for 2023 so far. We are so grateful for all the support from the Order of Malta in helping us prepare such a beautiful space for these young people and so many others to serve the poor and encounter the Lord.

Seniors Program

In June 2022, our beloved and long-standing Seniors Program was finally able to return to in-person meetings after a long hiatus due to lingering concerns for our seniors' health and safety following the Covid-19 pandemic. During the few years' break, thanks to the help of the Order of Malta, we were able to complete renovations in the Outreach Center dining room that was planned to be the new home of the Seniors Program going forward. Our seniors' jaws dropped when they saw the big, beautiful, new space that had been prepared for them, and they have loved coming to call this room their own. Each week, our time with them includes an exercise class led by Sister Jaime, Bible study led by Sister Kate, and a delicious lunch prepared by Sister Alicia and Sister Emily. Finally seeing our seniors using and loving the Outreach Center has been a dream of ours for a long time, and what a joy it has been to see it come to fruition.

Volunteer Hospitality Room

This room was another smaller-scale project within the overall renovation project that the Order of Malta generously provided funding for. There are still a few finishing touches scheduled to be completed this spring (including a brand-new coffee bar donated by our friends at Home Depot), but the Volunteer Hospitality is officially up and running. This room serves as a safe storage space for coats, purses, and other personal belongings for volunteers during our events and as a hospitality center, complete with name tags, water, coffee, snacks, and a place to sit and rest a while if needed. So many of our volunteers have told us that they love this room, and some are even now bringing donuts or other snacks to place on the serving table and to share when they come to volunteer. We have loved seeing the way that having this beautiful space to offer has fostered an even deeper friendship and community spirit among our volunteers.

Malta Service Days

For the past several years, every third Saturday of the month, a dedicated group of volunteers associated with the Order of Malta have generously donated their time to come to the mission and help us to do the behind-the-scenes work needed to run our various apostolic outreaches to the poor. Tasks vary but typically include packing bags of food for our weekly pantry serving 500 plus families in need, organizing



donations, cleaning, and preparing to receive retreat groups. Members of the Order of Malta have also played major roles in helping us with our special events throughout the year, such as our neighborhood Thanksgiving party and Christmas gift distribution. We are so grateful for our Order of Malta volunteers.



Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services Johns Island, South Carolina by Jeannie Colson, Marketing

With the Federal Association's funding, we were able to replace our 30-year-old AC units. Because of this, our programs can continue to work in the hot summer months in Johns Island, South Carolina.

We work to address the root causes of poverty and create systemic change by providing access to free dental and prenatal care, food, clothing, financial assistance to meet emergency needs, job assistance, hot lunches five days a week at Neighborhood House and educational opportunities such as an afterschool program, financial literacy, GED, and ESL classes. Those in need work with our in-house case managers to determine the root cause of the life challenges they face, set goals, and develop an action plan for progress. Our holistic, case-management approach addresses the core aspects of a successful life and provides opportunities for generations of families to build sustainable skills and overcome barriers. It is our calling to be a part of collaborative solutions so that everyone in our community can thrive.

For many in the communities we serve, decent, affordable housing and food are scarce. These areas lack access to living wages, equitable education resources and opportunities, and nearby health-care options. Without

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a car in these places, transportation is difficult and time-consuming. Overall, the rising cost of living and gentrification make it difficult for people to achieve selfsufficiency and financial stability.

> Women's Care Center Peoria, IL by Ann Kube, President, Christine Dennis, Vice President

"YOU HELPED MY MOM CHOOSE LIFE!"

"I never want Alejandro to feel like I didn't want him. He has brought so much happiness into the house!" says mom Catalina.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE ...

You support moms who feel they don't have a lot of options. People you don't even know. And because of you, they find the encouragement, the sustained care and the real help to bring precious babies into the world. And after a choice for life, you ensure that these babies are well taken care of. You create nurturing families. This is the end result of your love!



BECAUSE OF YOU...

(Peoria, Illinois — 2021) 1,016 women 1,218 ultrasounds 3,234 visits 648 babies saved 83% chose life

YOU SAVE BABIES LIKE KIARA!

"I had five kids already," says Gabrielle. "No one who knows me would ever believe I was considering abortion. "I thought I'd come, get it taken care of and nobody would know, not even my husband.

"My counselor, she was real. She told me she had multiple children and how she made it work. And I remember she said, 'Well, you already have five. What is one more?' As I talked to her, I joked, 'Oh, I shouldn't have come here! Because you are changing all my plans.'

"Now, I have Kiara. And she has brought us such joy. So much joy, my whole family just lives for her. "We just



bought our first house. And right away, I invited the whole Women's Care Center staff to come for dinner. I wanted to give back."

YOU MAKE FAMILIES COMPLETE!

J.R. and Sarah want you to know:

"BECAUSE OF YOU, Women's Care Center was there for our son's birth mother when she needed help. Because of you, we have our beautiful son today.

She could have made the choice to abort our son. Instead, because of the existence of this Center, the path was widened for her to choose life."

"YOU MADE THIS LITTLE MIRACLE 'POP' INTO MY LIFE!"

"You made me change my mind about life...and give her a life!" says Kacey. "I was forty when I found out I was pregnant. I was so scared. A friend told me about Women's Care Center.

"When I saw her on ultrasound, I was like, 'WOW, WOW!' I'm so glad I kept her — there are no words to explain it. I can share with her all the things I did growing up, the books my mom used to read me."

AND TO THE DONORS, Kacey says,

"Thanks to you, I found a place that feels like family. The money you're giving is going to people who are really struggling. People like me."

Imagine the impact of just one baby saved!

Because of you, 2 babies are saved every day in Peoria!

YOU MAKE THIS MISSION POSSIBLE.







Investiture 2022

Elizabeth Stoner, DM, Investiture Committee Chair

During the weekend of October 13-15, 2022, the Federal Association welcomed 43 new members of the Class of 2022. This year's Investiture activities were held at The Madison Hotel and the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC.

New this year, a vespers service in honor of the feast of Blessed Fra' Gerard was held at St. Matthew's Thursday evening, with Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley as the presider and homilist.

On Friday, at The Madison Hotel, the annual members meeting focused on an update from the Federal Association officers: Charles Cornelio, KM, treasurer; Patrick Monaghan, KMOb, hospitaller; Gregory Granitto, KMOb, chancellor; and Fra' Thomas N. Mulligan, president. The president's report this year highlighted updates coming out of the reform of the Constitution of the Order of Malta.

Following the annual members meeting, Charles Cornelio, KM, introduced Mary Eberstadt, author and senior fellow at the Faith and Reason Institute, as the Defense of Faith speaker. Members and their guests heard Ms. Eberstadt's outline of key issues in our culture today as well as data rootcause analysis that had been conducted as part of her studies.

On Saturday morning at St. Matthew's, Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory celebrated the Investiture Mass and ceremony. While new member classes in years past have made their promises to the Federal Association president and presiding



cardinal or bishop, the Class of 2022 had the distinct honor of also making their promises in the presence of the Lieutenant to the Grand Master, Fra' John Dunlap.

Under the direction of Christopher F. Murphy, KM, the Investiture master of ceremonies, and Msgr. James D. Watkins, magistral chaplain and ecclesiastical master of ceremonies, the Solemn Liturgy of Investiture was an unforgettable event.

Later Saturday evening, approximately 330 guests enjoyed the weekend's culminating event, the Gala Reception and Annual Dinner at the National Building Museum.

Members and their guests welcomed the Class of 2022 and recognized accomplishments from the past year, including several awards:

The first ever awarding of the Cross with Plaque ad memoriam of the Order pro Merito Melitense to Frances Scott, DGD, for her multiple years of dedication and outstanding service as a nurse on the Lourdes pilgrimage. Frances's husband, Gerald Scott, KM, accepted this award on her behalf.

Additional awards were given to the following individuals as a sign of appreciation for their sustained and extraordinary work in the Order and the Federal Association over many years:

Dr. Peter Kelly, GCM, American Association -

President's Award

Ernest P. Bono, Sr., KMOb –

Cross of Commander of the Order pro Merito Melitensi

Robert L. Hutton, KMOb -

Cross of Commander of the Order pro Merito Melitensi

Michael McGarry III, KMOb – Cross of Grand Officer of the Order pro Merito Melitensi Collins P. Whitfield, KMOb – Cross of Grand Officer of the Order pro Merito Melitensi

Raymond R. Ruppert, Jr., KM – Cross of the Order pro Merito Melitensi

Dr. Henry Lane Hull, KGDOb – Grand Cross of the Order pro Meriot Melitensi

Dr. Margaret Melady, GCM – Grand Cross of the Order pro Meriot Melitensi Monsignor Edward J. Dillon – Conventual Chaplain ad honorem

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

A tremendous thank you to all of the volunteers, team members, and staff, including Christopher F. Murphy, KM, for the beautiful Investiture Mass and ceremony; Dr. Hugh Dempsey, GCMOb, for the beautiful gala reception and dinner; Annalice Mollica and Iren Aloyan, program coordinators, for the detailed coordination of logistics throughout the past year; Deacon Michael Stankewicz, for his continual partnership and guidance; and Fra' Thomas N. Mulligan, for his leadership and support.







Doug Sandvig, KM, Prison Ministry Chair

Prison Ministry

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eeds planted in previous years are starting to sprout. Our collaboration with Catholic Distance University (CDU) puts us inside about 250 prison units through materials posted on Edovo tablets. More than 1,250,000 free courses have been taken since and 87 percent of students complete and pass the courses satisfactorily. Today an average of 1500 of our incarcerated brothers and sisters benefit from The Federal Association's free Catholic educational partnership with CDU each day.

In Philadelphia, over the past several years, members of the Federal and American associations have been working together with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Office of Life and Family to advance Prison Ministry programs. Originally intended solely for local ministry, the videos were eventually made available to inmates throughout the USA via Catholic Distance University.

The Philadelphia-based committee embarked on a more ambitious project to explore the themes of mercy, forgiveness, and redemption. Completed in mid-2022 and entitled, "Stronger Than The Walls," this second video series was comprised of 12 episodes. With the Rev. Matthew once again hosting, these videos provided valuable insight on how we can grow in our relationship with Christ.





Gatekeepers, a re-entry program in Hagerstown, Maryland, completed the development of its *Business of Living Program*. It is as popular as it is beneficial with 1,830 successful completed engagements since its CDU launch on March 18, 2022. Gatekeepers has received letters from some of our incarcerated brothers and sisters. One woman commented, "I can honestly say doing that course changed the way I look at my re-entry. You all have given me hope for a brighter future." The Federal Association helps Gatekeepers distribute The Business of Living workbooks to those outside of Hagerstown.

One of Gatekeepers' graduates was recently elected mayor of Hagerstown.

Knights and dames from Washington DC and Montgomery County, Maryland regions regularly attend the Gatekeepers' resource club meetings and closed out the year by preparing and hosting a luncheon for more than 100 attendees to celebrate the program's successful returning citizens and honor retiring County Sheriff Doug Mullendore. The regions are also developing a partnership with a D.C.based recovery program operated by Jubilee Housing.

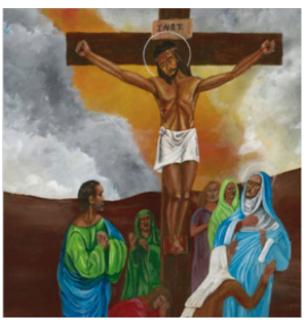


In the fall 2022, the Order of Malta awarded an MA in Theology scholarship through CDU. Gilbert Gomez at the C.T. Terrell Unit in Rosharon, Texas, is the first recipient. He has gratefully started his coursework and is busy, but delighted. He is learning and sharing his faith with others.

The Federal Association prison ministry developed a multimedia program for the Stations of the Cross prayer service "Walking with Jesus on the Way to Salvation," in English and Spanish. We hosted a Zoom session for the Stations of the Cross using the same materials that appear in prison for our devotion, using artwork from the men on death row in Tennessee.

The D.C. and Montgomery County regions also hosted a parish-based presentation of these prison ministry Stations of the Cross to help share the restorative work of our prison ministry to a wider community and we working to expand this parish outreach during Lent 2023 to more communities in our area including the home base of Gatekeepers in Hagerstown. The PowerPoint developed for parish presentations can be used by other Malta regions. It appears on the prison ministry page on the Federal Association website.

The distribution of bibles, prayer books and prayer cards faced supply chain issues in 2022. With the generous help of



Tan Books, we distributed bibles, prayer books, and Christ in Prison Blues prayer cards in English and Spanish, and more than 800 Malta Prison Rosary cards.

Our Pen Pal Program is thriving. There are 82 Federal Association members participating in this program together with 421 volunteers. These outside writers share their faith with 734 inmates. To handle the volume of mail, a third postal box was added to spread the workload. Inmates often ask for books and other materials to help them grow in their faith. An Amazon account was established in August to fulfil these requests. To date, 10 inmates in various prisons in the U.S. have received books. An expansion of this program is planned for 2023.

Our latest figures for the Holiday Greeting Program are 125 volunteers serving 464 inmates. None of those inmates are being sent cards from more than one volunteer at a time. The success of this ministry is the constancy of the volunteers. They rarely drop out of the program and recognize what an important ministry this is to our inmates.

In 2022 we started producing, "Redemption," a simple quarterly newsletter, in English and Spanish, for distribution inside the walls through pen pals, chaplains, and others able to bring materials inside the walls. We have made it available for distribution to the Western, American, and Canadian associations as well. We have about 1000 recipients.

Ukrainian Relief Campaign

Supporters



In response to the devastation due to war in Ukraine, the Federal Association raised nearly \$1,800,000 with all of the donations going towards reliefs efforts for Ukrainians through the Polish, Hungarian, and Romanian Associations. Because of the generouslity of members and non members alike the Order of Malta was able to fulfill the mission to serve those most in need.

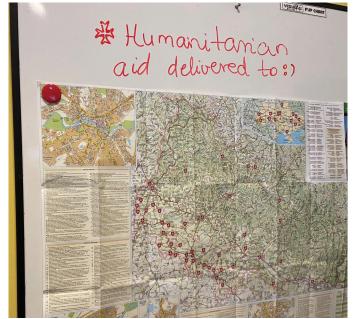
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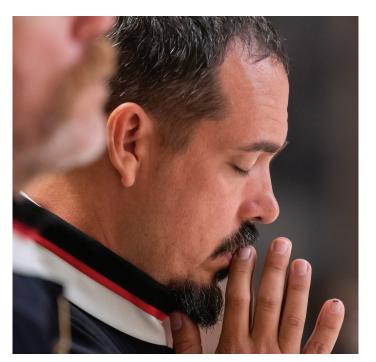
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In Memoriam, Deceased Members of the Federal Association, 2022

Jacqueline A. Wakeling, DM, of Washington, DC. Invested, 1995; died January 5.

A former COMSAT employee and executive director of The Christ Child Society, Jackie was a long-time member of the Federal Association's Spirituality Committee and volunteered at spiritual events. She attended two Lourdes pilgrimages and served as a team leader in 1997.

Thomas J. Egan, KM, of Chevy Chase, MD. Invested, 1994; died January 8.

A lawyer, Tom raised funds for scholarships for underprivileged students and for an endowment for his parish, the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. He and his wife attended the Lourdes pilgrimage and took part in SHARE food distribution.

Michael P. Kelly, KM, of Wilmington, DE. Invested, 2002; died, January 10.

Mike, a lawyer, served as an attorney and lector for his parish, St. Mary of the Assumption. He participated in the Order's visits to the Little Sisters of the Poor and in the monthly Masses of the Order in his region. He was a founding member and president of the Saint Thomas More Society and served on the boards of the YMCA and the Hill School.

Dr. Daniel Finkelstein, KM, of Baltimore, MD. Invested, 2000; died, February 25.

Physician, professor of Ophthalmology, and medical ethics specialist at the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Dan held many national and university institute-level positions, took part in many research projects, and authored numerous articles. Interested in the effects of spiritual belief on physical healing, he participated in three Lourdes pilgrimages and subsequently became a Catholic and a knight of Malta.

Mary Ann Grace, DM, of Charlotte, NC. Invested, 1998; died, February 25.

Along with her husband, Charles Grace, KM, now deceased, Mary Anne was a founding member of the Order in Charlotte. Trained as a nurse, Mary Ann volunteered with her parish hospital visitation program and with the Red Cross bloodmobile. She was a eucharistic minister in her parish. She served on the Federal Association's Admissions Committee and volunteered with the homeless and with the developmentally disabled in her region. She and her husband attended several Lourdes pilgrimages.

Rose-Marie H. Caponio, DM, of Washington, DC. Invested, 2007; died, March 27.

Rose held various senior positions with the World Bank and with the embassies of Switzerland and Korea. She was a member of The Christ Child Society, volunteered in various capacities at Holy Trinity Church, and raised funds to support orphanages, schools, and hospitals in Africa.

Dennis I. Meyer, KM, of Alexandria, VA. Invested, 1991; died, June 7.

A lawyer in Washington, Dennis was a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the American College of Tax Counsel. He supported many non-profit organizations and served on the boards of Catholic Charities of Northern Virginia, Trinity University, and the University of Dayton. He was married to Rita Meyer, DM.

Florine L. Mullins, DM, of Alexandria, VA. Invested, 2007; died, July 12.

Florine was a member of the President's Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities under the U.S. Department of Labor and raised funds for organizations which helped people with disabilities form social networks. She served on the boards of the National Capital Chapter of the March of Dimes and the development and renovation committees of Hospice of Northern Virginia. In 2007, she attended the Lourdes pilgrimage.

Charles T. Lindsay, KM, of Arlington, VA. Invested, 2006; died, July 18.

Terry was chairman of Lindsay Automotive Group and was married to Regina Lindsay, DM. The Lourdes pilgrimage was something he treasured, and he and his wife attended seven times. He served as president of Marymount University's Board of Regents, the Virginia College Fund, the American Red Cross, and the Alexandria United Way. He was on the board of St. Luke's Institute and was a member of the John Carroll Society.

James R. Lynch, KM, of Kansas City, MO. Invested 2006; died, July 21.

Along with his wife, Georgia, DM, Jim was hospitaller of the Kansas City Region from 2011 to 2016. He volunteered at a local soup kitchen and at a shelter for homeless men. After playing football for 11 years for the Kansas City Chiefs, Jim visited hospitals with the Chiefs' Players Association and volunteered with the KC Central Cities School Program. He was president of a management company in the baking industry. He and his wife attended several Lourdes pilgrimages.

Thomas C. Celli, KM, of Pittsburgh, PA. Invested, 2002; died, August 18.

Tom was a long-time hospitaller for the Pittsburgh region. He brought several new members into the Order and initiated a relationship with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Pittsburgh. He faithfully attended the Lourdes pilgrimage and the St. Vincent Archabbey retreat. An architect specializing in higher education, religious, and historical commercial architecture, Tom led a team of local architects working with homeless shelter providers and was on the board of Life's Work of Pennsylvania's Rehabilitation Center for the Disabled and of Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh.

Vincent J. Dooley, KM, of Athens, GA. Invested, 2010; died, October 28.

Vince was head football coach and director of athletics at the University of Georgia for many years. He received many awards, including induction into the Sports Hall of Fame of Georgia and Alabama and a lifetime award from the American Football Coaches Association for contributions to the sport. He participated in fundraising efforts for underprivileged children, people with developmental disabilities, and for Catholic Charities, Holy Spirit Monastery, the Salvation Army, and the United Way.

Paul J. Polking, KM, of Charlotte, NC. Invested, 2003; died, December 14.

Executive vice president and general counsel for Bank of America Corporation, Paul was longtime chair of the board of Belmont Abbey College and was an advisor to Notre Dame Law School and the University of North Carolina Law Banking Institute. He served for 30 years on the board of Holy Angels' home for the developmentally disabled and worked with the homeless in Charlotte. He volunteered in various capacities in his parish, and he and his wife attended three Lourdes pilgrimages.





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.



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