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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members of the Federal Association:

We each have heard it said to us, either at our parishes or when meeting acquaintances. Somehow, during the conversation some asks, "I hear you're in the Order of Malta. What does the Order do?"

Each of us has had that conversation, and explained the history of the Order; the spiritual and service work of the Order or the annual Lourdes pilgrimage. You may have explained the work that we do in your own community: the work of the Order in medical clinics, in prisons, in hospital ministry, in nursing homes and the work of our international relief organization Malteser International. And you have talked about the defense of the Catholic faith—work which the Order has done for over 900 years.

This report to our members and friends is a snapshot of our past year; it is by no means a report on all of the activities our Federal Association members have touched, and it provides a brief overview of the work of our members. We focus on the works which are supported by our Annual Appeal through funds which are distributed by our member-led Grants Program. Every dollar we contribute to our Malta-funded projects goes beyond the

financial gift we make. Not only do we purchase pharmaceuticals at cost to extend the contributions we make, but we members work in the clinics and volunteer hours of service in these same organizations. These contributions serve the sick and the poor and provide support in many places where they would be none.

Another activity which touches hundreds in our Association each year is the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes; we also include our special efforts in response to the Haitian earthquake. Much of the work we do in our communities is done in a very quiet, unassuming way, with great concern for the infirmed and poor whom we serve. We do it with great generosity and with great humility, calling upon the human model of our patron St. John the Baptist and the way in which he served our Lord. For every story and photo which appears in these pages there are hundreds of other servant leaders in the Order whose names are not mentioned and whose photos are not included. Each of us contributes to the work of our Order. Each of us needs to go beyond what we have done thus far, always with the mantle of humility in service, because there is so much more to do.

The true story of our Order and



the Federal Association is that the work mentioned here is multiplied exponentially by our members and the impact we make in our communities is significant beyond these pages. And so, perhaps a simple way we can explain our work to those who ask us about the work of the Order is by offering the words of our Daily Prayer: to promote God's glory, the World's peace and all that may benefit the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

With warmest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "J. Paul McNamara". The signature is fluid and cursive.

J. Paul McNamara, KM

Treasurer's Report

The Federal Association finished 2009 in a good financial position. With the economic headwinds still blowing from 2008, our Annual Appeal raised over \$679,000. The Appeal was supported by 490 of our members which represented 57% of our membership and the average gift was \$1,500. Our goal is to have 100% participation of our membership in the Annual Appeal; everyone's gift is needed. We also welcome planned giving gifts and our new Development Director Gretchen Koch can assist members in this area.

The Annual Appeal remains the vehicle by which we support our Grants program—the Federal Association's primary program to financially support our mission of helping the sick and the poor and defending our Catholic faith. Fortunately, contributions to our Grants program went farther than ever before because of the leverage of our purchasing programs. This combination of at-cost and in-kind contributions of medicines and supplies is how we make our dollars work harder for the Order. In 2009, our medical purchases had a market value of almost \$1,800,000, yet it cost us only a quarter of that amount. This program permits us to serve more in need.

In 2009, the Federal Association received a testamentary gift of \$250,000 from a deceased member's estate—a gift which was designated

Operational Revenue		2009
Dues	\$	732,333
Hurricane Katrina/New Orleans Home Rebuilding Program	\$	49,862
Lourdes Pilgrimage	\$	735,180
Investiture	\$	148,020
Investment Revenue	\$	85,837
Merchandise/Other Sales	\$	11,718
Spiritual Activities	\$	72,197
Total Operational Income	\$	1,835,147
Operational Expense		2009
Operations / Administration	\$	655,012
Spiritual Activities	\$	103,754
Hospitaller Committee	\$	2,764
Lourdes Pilgrimage	\$	718,949
Investiture	\$	159,646
Admissions/Formation	\$	23,293
Assessment to Rome	\$	116,988
Publications/Communications/Distribution	\$	87,510
Auxiliary	\$	1,693
Total Operational Expense	\$	1,869,609
Net (operational revenue over expenses)	\$	(34,462)
Grants Program Revenue & Source of Funds		2009
Annual Fund	\$	679,064
International Projects	\$	39,095
Transfer from the Blessed Gerard Fund	\$	481,185
In-kind Contributions	\$	1,782,530
Total Grants Program Revenue & Source of Funds	\$	2,981,874
Grants Program Expenses		2009
Grants	\$	2,933,590
Total Grants Program Expenses	\$	2,933,590
Net (grants program revenue & source of funds over expenses)	\$	48,284
Other Revenue		2009
Testamentary/Memorial	\$	255,000
Change in Value (Charitable Trust)	\$	9,674
Total Other Revenue	\$	264,674
Total Revenue & Source of Funds in Excess of Expenses	\$	278,496
Investment Accounts		12/31/2009
Merrill Lynch-operating	\$	11,605
Lourdes Fund	\$	858,595
Blessed Gerard Fund	\$	2,303,300
Malta House Fund	\$	94,498
Total	\$	\$3,267,998



The Order's International Relief agency Malteser International set up emergency clinics in urban areas near the Haiti earthquake's epicenter.

to be used to support the Lourdes pilgrimage. We are very grateful to all of our members who have included the Order of Malta – Federal Association as part of their planned giving.

The Association improved its financial position over 2008 because of the correction in the stock market from the previous year's decline. The Federal Association's investment portfolio posted a market value of \$3,267,998 at year end, which represents a gain of 17.4% for 2009. Our investment funds are earmarked to help support our signature programs such as the Lourdes Pilgrimage and our Grants program. Our strategy is to have the investment funds work much like an endowment so that the corpus continues to grow

year over year. Listed on page 4 are the revenues and expenses for the Operations and Grants programs of the Association. Also listed are the balances of our investment accounts as of December 31, 2009.

Councilor, Buchanan, & Mitchell conducted the audit of the Federal Association's statement of financial position and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2009 and rendered an unqualified opinion of those financial statements. Copies of the complete audited financial statements and supplementary information are available on the Federal Association's web site or at the Federal Association's office.



Haiti Task Force Responds to 2010 Earthquake Relief

Federal Association President J. Paul McNamara appointed the Haiti Task Force of members within weeks of the January 12th earthquake that leveled the country's capital, Port-au-Prince, killing hundreds of thousands, injuring many more, and displacing an estimated 1.5 million residents. For almost six months, the Task Force chaired by Kathryn Ruscitto, now President and CEO of St. Josephs Hospital Health System in Syracuse, NY, conducted a series of bi-weekly "virtual meetings" that developed a strategy for raising \$258,525 from Federal Association members—during the Annual Appeal—while coordinating the distribution of emergency supplies and distribution of funds to CRUDEM/Hopital Sacre Coeur in Milot, the Daughters of Charity, who work with mothers and children in Cite Soleil, Homes from the Heart, a non-profit that builds new homes for the displaced, and other Haiti projects. The committee also worked to coordinate medical professionals for Malteser International, the Order's International Relief Agency.

The Order of Malta has a history of service to the Haitian people, and the Task Force made use of members' expertise to establish its mission and assess the evolving situation on the ground. The committee conferred with trusted contacts to develop a response, refine grant recommendations, identify generous corporations and non-profit groups prepared to donate supplies for free or at-cost, and coordinate delivery

of food, medicine, tents, and other equipment.

Hopital Sacre Coeur in Milot—a small northern town that was physically unaffected by the earthquake—has been a well-traveled destination for the many physicians and nurses who had participated in medical missions over the years, and quickly responded to the calls for help after the disaster. The hospital was founded in 1986 by a Canadian religious order with ties to St. Louis, MO, and has been described as "Haiti's Mayo Clinic." It is funded by the CRUDEM Foundation, of Massachusetts, and is a signature project of the American Association. There is participation from each US Association of the Order; three members of the Federal Association serve on its Board.

In the chaotic aftermath of the earthquake, the hospital's patient population exploded from 74 beds to over 400, with the overflow cared for in tented facilities. Experienced volunteers and newcomers poured into Milot, laboring for 20-hour days. Volunteers closely collaborated with patients' families--most of them homeless, and a hospitable local community to advance the survivors' recovery. As visiting medical teams from the Federal Association rotated in and out of the hospital, they brought additional supplies and provided on-going assessments that clarified the focus and impact of the Task Force.

In the early days, Drs. Richard Perry,

Michael Fitzgerald and Margaret Fitzgerald did the heavy lifting. Knights and Dames from throughout the country helped connect us to supplies, raise funds, and stay agile as the situation continued to shift. Dr. William Battle jumped in to organize the flow of medicines. Michele Bowe, an ex officio member of the Task Force contacted Jesuit Refugee Services for help with emergency food supplies, which allowed the hospital to use more of its resources for direct patient care.

Dr. Fitzgerald was no stranger to Hopital Sacre Coeur. Over the years, he provided on-site advanced training for Haitian physicians and sponsored additional medical education for hospital staff in the United States. But when Fitzgerald arrived to serve critically injured patients, he had to adapt quickly. "Normally, I give lectures on gastroenterology, my area of specialization. But when we arrived after the earthquake, I worked as a general practitioner. My wife, Margaret a trained RN, served as the out-patient pharmacist," recalled the physician. His daughter, Megan Fitzgerald, a pediatric nurse practitioner, arrived in Haiti three days after the earthquake and was among the first group of medical volunteers to treat the flow of patients that began arriving by car and military airlifts from the shattered capital. Once the medical teams began to treat an increasing number of patients with crush injuries that required amputation, plans were quickly developed to establish a prosthetic clinic to advance patient rehabilitation.

“While the Federal Association is not a disaster relief agency, the proximity of the Haiti disaster to our own shores and our charism of charity led us to ask: What’s the best use of our talent and resources? The need was and is great. We sought to reduce the current suffering, but also to make a sustained, positive impact on the lives of the poor and sick into the future.”

– Kathryn Ruscitto

“From the beginning, the Task Force agreed that it would only spend funds for supplies that were sold at cost, discounted, or provided in kind. We learned that there were many different ways to procure supplies and equipment, and we didn’t spend money on anything we could get for free. The Task Force distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars, but it also was responsible for delivering a huge amount of goods for free to people in need,” said Bowe.

Donors to the Haiti Relief Earthquake Fund are listed on page 20

Haiti Task Force Grants

In all, over \$258,000 was donated to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund; so far \$226,000 has been contributed to the following organizations:

CRUDEM Foundation / *Hopital Sacre Coeur* – emergency medicines and supplies - \$50,000
 CRUDEM Foundation / *Hopital Sacre Coeur* – funds to establish prosthetics clinic - \$60,000
 CRUDEM Foundation / *Hopital Sacre Coeur* – grant for 2 cardiology technologists - \$2,220
 Emergency medical supplies to purchase vaccines - \$6,000
 Daughters of Charity, Cite Soleil – grant to reconstruct Nutrition Center - \$67,780
 Homes from the Heart – truck to transport building materials - \$30,000
 Matthew 25 House - Port-au-Prince - supplies for children’s center - \$5,000
 Sisters of St. Paul *Chartres* – Port au Prince – funds for schools in Port au Prince - \$5,000

Haiti Task Force members:

Dr. William Battle; Michele Bowe; Frank Butler; Carmen Egge; R. Admiral David Frost; Karen Hoy; Martha Kendrick; Patrick Kennedy; Hon. Robert Livingston; Col. Susan Malone; Jim Mead; Dr. Richard Perry; Charlotte Ponticelli; Robert Simmons; Tom Wessels; Pat Whalen. Joe Dempsey, Executive Director and Kathryn Ruscitto, Chair.



Chicago Area members packed medical equipment and sent it to Haiti



Syracuse nurse Margaret Fitzgerald helps a little boy at Hospital Sacre Coeur



Drs. James Cirincione, Michael Fitzgerald and Richard Perry assist at HSC in Haiti

Lourdes Pilgrimage – A Year in Retrospective

While each year's pilgrimage to Lourdes is a signature work of the Order of Malta, this year's 52nd annual pilgrimage by the members, auxiliary, volunteers, staff companions and, of course our blessed malades was different for a few reasons: Never before had there been an Icelandic volcanic ash cloud which threatened the transatlantic trip. Never before had there been as many Masses of Anointing or new fundraising efforts such as the Lourdes Concert. Yet, as always, there were many miracles of the heart during the week.

The Federal Association pilgrimage joined with members of the worldwide Order in the pilgrimage led by Grand Master Fra' Matthew Festing, from 32 countries. Together, we joined in prayer, assistance to the sick and visits to the places where Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette. The weather was colder and wetter than usual – including some snow flurries – but nothing could dampen the spirits of those on the Pilgrimage.

Preparations began nearly as soon as the wheels touched down at BWI following the 2009 pilgrimage, under Pilgrimage Committee chair J. Michael McGarry, Mary Noel Page, Malade Coordinator and Dr. Jacek Mostwin, Medical Director. Masses of Anointing and orientation sessions were held around the country,

including Houston, Washington, Kansas City and Northern Virginia.

On March 13, 2010, 120 guests attended the first ever Lourdes Benefit Concert at The Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington DC, featuring Arnaud Penet, Music Director and Choir Master of the Shrine of Lourdes. Maestro Penet was the featured performer and volunteered his services to coordinate the Concert for the Federal Association. Also performing were the Suspicious Cheese Lords, an a capella choral group and soprano Kara Morgan. The evening's highlight was the premier of Jacob Bancks' *Angelus* commissioned by the Benefit Concert Committee. The Concert Committee was chaired by Hugh Dempsey, Noreen Falcone, Suzanne DuFour; Peter and Kathie Schaumber; and the Concert contributed \$28,000 to help fund the costs of 2010 malades and companions. Attending were Knights and Dames of the Federal Association, Joseph Metz, Regent of the Subpriory and his wife Elissa, from New York and pilgrims from many past years.

One of the last official acts of the 2010 Pilgrimage year for the Federal Association was the Annual Reunion. Nearly 100 pilgrims from the 2010 and earlier Lourdes Pilgrimages joined at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD on Jul 22-23, to pray together and remember

their time in Lourdes. Even the 100 degree weather didn't deter the faithful from attending Mass, nor trips to the National Shrine Grotto at the top of the hill to light candles and have private prayer time. Msgr. John Enzler, Chaplain to the Federal Association, celebrated Mass at the Glass Chapel, and participants remembered the intentions of pilgrims from current and previous years, as well as chaplains and friends of the Order.

Mike McGarry, Lourdes Committee Chair, and Mary Noel Page, Malade Coordinator completed their Pilgrimage leadership terms in 2010. The Association is grateful for their service. Lindsay Gallagher will chair the 2011 Pilgrimage Committee and Joan Cincotta is the new Malade Coordinator.



Rob Rogers confers with Pilgrimage Leader and Lourdes Committee Chairman Mike McGarry



Ad Multos Annos!

Fra' Thomas Mulligan Professes Final Vows

This past December 19th, surrounded by Knights and Dames from every corner of the Association and from many places around the world, I made my solemn vows as a professed member of the Order. As a Knight of Justice, I gave the rest of my life to the service of the sick and the poor and to the needs of the Order.

I am the sixth person in the Western Hemisphere to become a Knight of Justice and the first ever from Chicago. It is my hope that many more members will follow my pilgrimage. Pronouncing the evangelical counsels, the vows of obedience, chastity and poverty are the outward sign of a deepened commitment to live as a religious in the world.

In some ways, the profession will change little in my life. I will continue to support myself – the brothers do not live in community as they did centuries ago. The stola that I wear serves as an outward sign of my religious vows, and I'm called Fra'. The KJ – indicating that I was a junior professed knight still in temporary vows – has been dropped. The professed knights are present in the sanctuary during liturgies as their privilege and duty. These are the visible signs of a deepened commitment that will shape my life as I face many of the same challenges as before.

Today, many shy away from "commitment." That term suggests permanence, while "change is good" seems to be very much in vogue. I ask everyone to reconsider the importance of religious commitment lived in the world.

All of us have witnessed many happily married couples who through their commitment, – "for better or for worse" – have become "one". Likewise, many priests and religious, through their vows, have grown deeper into their love for God and others. These are all signs that we witness in our daily lives that a life long commitment is a process that is both very possible and truly rewarding.

A vocation is a calling. Some receive a vision or hear a message directed uniquely to that person. My own response to that call has been shaped by my experience in the Order. I have been given signs by witnessing the example of individual members, and what I have experienced in my own service to others. My pilgrimage has been paved by the continuous giving of self witnessed during local "hands on" service, as well as the Rebuilding Together work in New Orleans, the Lourdes Pilgrimage, the spiritual formation of new members, the response to our Annual Appeal, the Haiti earthquake, and the Tsunami and Katrina outreach efforts. Come to think of it, every opportunity for service that brings us together in "Malta" has deepened my religious calling.

There is often a misconception that a Knight of Justice or the Promise of Obedience is a "promotion" that lead to a higher status within the Order. This is not the case. While practical obligations come with a stronger commitment to the Order, the primary purpose of these vows or to the Promise of Obedience is to deepen one's own faith – an obligation every member of the Order, in fact every good Catholic, incurs at Baptism and

then Confirmation. And when you are called into a deeper dimension in the Order, the Subpriory fosters mutual encouragement that leads to a richer understanding and encounter with the customs, traditions, spirituality, laws and the history of our Order.

It is with this deep gratitude to all of the members of the Federal Association that I ask you for your continued support, through your prayers and the on-going example of your dedicated service. I also ask you to invite those whom you feel may have an availability and a possible calling to religious life as a Professed Knight or have an interest in the Promise of Obedience to consider deepening their faith and broadening their commitment to the Order by contacting someone in the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes.

God bless you and thank you!

– Fra' Thomas Mulligan



Federal Association Grants in Action

The Association's Clinics and Medicine Programs Improve the Health and Welfare of Thousands Across the US

Members of the Federal Association carry out our mission to serve the poor and the sick through hands on, in kind and monetary support for at least 15 health care clinics located throughout our hospitaller regions. These clinics serve thousands of uninsured patients providing access to primary, preventative and specialized health care.

In addition to a medical appointment, patients who seek services at our participating clinics receive free pharmaceuticals through the Federal Association Pharmacy program. Through a program initiated in 2000, the Federal Association sends shipments of a wide variety of free medicines annually to selected health clinics located in the Association's Hospitaller regions.

We leverage the dollars we receive from our members through the Annual Appeal and make those dollars work harder for the Order. Last year, the Pharmacy Program spent \$200,000 to strategically purchase medicines at cost or well below market price to distribute to the participating clinics at a market value at four times that amount. One clinic reports that the Malta stock of ibuprofen and naproxen are the only pain medicines it has for its patients. "It's like Christmas when we receive the medications from the Order of Malta," says one clinic administrator.

These health clinics serve patients, without regard to immigration status, who are uninsured and fall below the federal poverty level. Most would use hospital emergency rooms as a last resort, but through Malta supported clinics, they receive immediate care as well as appropriate preventive medical advice and follow-up.

As one of our doctor-members describes, "We are the catalyst for these clinics." In some cases, local Malta members were instrumental in establishing these clinics. Across the regions, our members volunteer to provide both medical/dental and non-medical assistance at these local clinics. And all of us help by financially supporting the purchase of medicines worth millions of dollars over these ten years.

In addition to receiving pharmaceuticals from the Pharmacy Program, four clinics received grants from the Federal Association from the member donations to the 2009 Annual Appeal. These are Shepherd's Clinic in Baltimore; Malta House of Care in Hartford, CT; San Jose Dental Clinic in Houston and the Spanish Catholic Center in Washington, DC.

These four clinics for the uninsured provide an opportunity for members of the Order to serve the sick and the poor in a hands-on way. Doctors, dentists and nurses work directly with the patients while

non medical volunteers serve by answering phones, writing grant proposals, sorting medicines and greeting patients. Additionally, members of the Order serve as members of the boards of these clinics.

The Spanish Catholic Center, a provider of medical, dental, legal and social services was founded in the Archdiocese of Washington in 1967. It has provided volunteer opportunities for members of the Order for over 20 years. Under the sharp eye of Dennis DuFour, the Order has painted the entire interior of the three-story building in a series of weekend work days at the Center. Dr. Joe Giere paints in old scrubs and sees patients in clean lab coats. Dr. Gael Delany reports for dental duty with a box of donuts to share with the staff and other volunteers. He and his wife, Pat, chaired the Gala for the Center in 2009. In 2003, the Order of Malta was the recipient of the Cardinal Hickey Award for its dedication to the sick and the poor as demonstrated through the members who volunteer at the Center.

Jack VandenHengel, director of Shepherd's Clinic in Baltimore says, "Our clinic helps meet the health care needs of Baltimore's growing uninsured through a small, dedicated staff and the valuable donated services of hundreds of volunteer physicians, nurses, counselors, wellness specialists,

and others. When combined with the ongoing financial support from friends like the Order of Malta such as the \$24,000 grant we just received, the building blocks of a creative, cost-effective, and comprehensive nonprofit medical practice for the underserved are in place. The Order of Malta's specific grant enabled us to improve patient care by providing basic medical supplies, upgraded hemoglobin, nebulizer, and blood draw equipment, much-needed practice management, medical diagnosis, and pharmacy assistance software licenses, and a year's worth of glucose test strips. What a marvelous gift!"

Malta House of Care in Hartford, Connecticut celebrated its fourth year of service by replacing its

loaned clinic on wheels with a brand new clinic on wheels. The new clinic has two examination rooms, on line medical records and a beautiful red cross of the Order emblazoning the white van. Seventeen members of the Order volunteer on a regular basis in a number of different capacities. In fact, the clinic provides over 4,000 patient visits a year with a part time paid Medical director physician and two paid medical assistants. These staff members are complemented by 50 volunteer medical professionals who volunteer at the clinic regularly. The program has been so successful; a second clinic is being launched to provide service to Waterbury, Connecticut.

One of the oldest not for profit clinics in the United States, San

José Clinic has provided healthcare to the uninsured since 1922. It is the only full-time clinic in the Greater Houston area dedicated exclusively to serving the uninsured. This clinic provides both medical and dental services to an estimated 5,000 clients each year. Bob Signorelli, the hospitaller for the Houston area says, "Our members, families, candidates and those considering an application, work there the first Wednesday of each month, in the pharmacy, organizing medicine received and what goes out. We inventory, and take all outdated medicine off the shelves and keep the computer records up to date. The Pharmacy is actually larger than a Walgreens or CVS. Cardinal DiNardo, our chaplain, is also on the board and provides diocesan funding as needed."



Two nurse volunteers help patients in the Malta House van



Board Member Dr. Pauline Olsen at Malta House of Care



Roxana Alfara with her daughter Gabriela at Centro Teypeyac
 Photo by Bob Roller, CNS (Used with permission)



Grants to Natural Family Planning Organizations Assist with Pro Life Decisions

Pope Benedict XVI recently confirmed that “even in the most difficult circumstances human freedom is capable of extraordinary acts of sacrifice and solidarity to welcome the life of a new human being.” The Federal Association’s 2009 grants to the Natural Family Planning Center in Dallas, and two Washington, D.C.-based institutions – Centro Tepeyac, a crisis pregnancy counseling center, and W.A.K.E.U.P., a pro-life youth ministry—signaled members’ on-going commitment to the defense of unborn human life and Catholic sexual ethics.

The Natural Family Planning Center of Dallas received \$10,000 for educational materials that advance its outreach to Catholic couples and others that seek help with spacing births or achieving pregnancy. Natural Family Planning helps couples learn systems of fertility awareness that rely on observation of changes in the woman’s menstrual cycle.

Over the past forty decades, on-going research has made NFP a more predictable system for Catholic couples looking to practice “responsible parenthood” according to Catholic teaching and their own family’s needs. But many Catholics know little about NFP—a problem the Dallas center has worked to remedy, with the Order’s assistance. The center provides NFP training, and offers Catholic couples the opportunity to learn more about the church’s vision of marriage and human sexuality. “Thanks to the Order of Malta, we’ve been able to develop and distribute materials on matrimony and sexuality—including the fundamentals of NFP and *Humanae Vitae*,” said Bette Hoag, DM. Three members of the Order assist with the center’s administration, and many more

help with an annual fundraiser held in the same courthouse where Roe v Wade was decided. The former Dallas Hospitalier who first proposed a diocesan-wide NFP program, Hoag now directs the center. “We’re in more than half of the parishes here, educating couples who do not know their faith,” said Hoag. Conventual Chaplains of the Federal Association Cardinal DiNardo of Houston and Bishop Kevin Farrell of Dallas are strong supporters, along with James Abney, Dan Hennessy, Susan “Batina” Hennessy, Dr. Jim Patrick and Pringle Patrick, Judy Mead and Nancy Cheney and American Association members Joe Boyd and Nancy Neuhoff.

Centro Tepeyac offers “bi-lingual pregnancy counseling and crisis intervention for the 2,000 women who visited our center last year,” confirmed Mariana Vera, executive director of Centro Tepeyac in Silver Spring, MD. There are a number of “crisis pregnancy centers,” in the Washington-Metro area, but Centro Tepeyac’s three-fold mission remains unique: “Save the life of the unborn child, address the social problems that bring about unplanned pregnancies, and, when possible, bring the woman back into the sacramental life of the church. We also teach NFP to those in stable relationships,” explained Mary Hamm, the center’s former director. The \$10,000 grant proposal submitted to the Federal Association asked for help with salaries for counselors, who address immediate practical needs, but also help clients reconnect with a local parish community and return to the sacraments.

The Center offers a broad spectrum of services from free pregnancy tests to “post-

abortion recovery.” Women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy are offered the facts on the risks and effects of abortion. The center’s prenatal and parenting classes, support groups, and relationship counseling draw both the poor and the affluent, including Hispanic women who work with bi-lingual counselors. “We plant the seed and show them the way,” said Hamm. “Our counselors have a strong spiritual life; otherwise, they couldn’t do this work.”

W.A.K.E.U.P. (Women Against the Killing and Exploitation of Unprotected Persons) received \$10,000 for a series of chastity education events held at the John Paul II Cultural Center in the Nation’s capital. While “abstinence-only” sex education primarily focuses on strategies for avoiding risky sexual contact and unplanned pregnancies, chastity education is presented as a holistic approach centered on the dignity of the human person. It’s designed to build human and Christian virtues that create a life-affirming ethos of service to others. “Our Chastity Teaching Training Seminar featured nationally known speakers that helped prospective chastity teachers to reach out to young people.” reported Marjorie “Missy” Reilly Smith, the director and founder of WAKEUP, which seeks to defend the rights of pre-born children, the mentally and physically impaired, and the elderly. Founded in 1999, as a response to media reports on the trafficking of fetal body parts, the organization moved into chastity education, which Smith describes as “the key to transforming the current culture of death to a culture of life. Without a return to chastity, unborn children will still be killed.”

From the Chaplain

Dear Knights, Dames and Chaplains,

I am enjoying my first year as Chaplain to the Board for the Order of Malta, and I am looking forward to working with the Order, the Executive Committee, the Board and many of you as individuals in the years to come. Together, we strive to grow in our relationship with the Lord. What I already knew has been reinforced! The Order of Malta is made up of a very special group of Catholic people. All of us have been blessed with the gift of successful careers in our chosen field, and it seems all of us have been drawn to the Order as a way of sharing our blessings with others, particularly with those who are sick and need the Lord's healing hand. As a

group, I believe we sense an inner need for greater spirituality in our daily lives, and we try to live out the fullness of our commitment to grow closer to Jesus through daily prayer and our own personal spirituality that flows from our association with the Order.

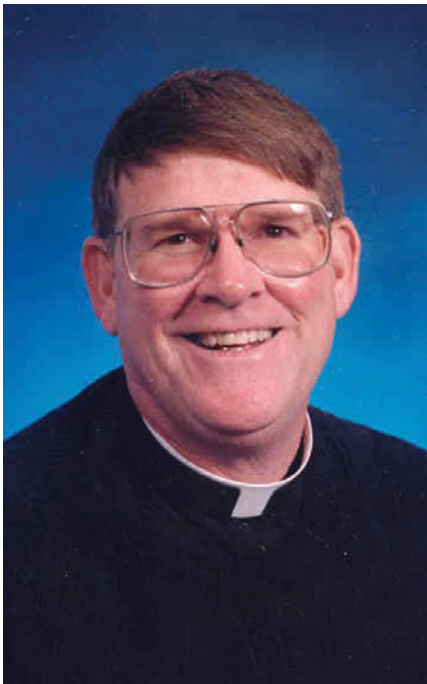
One weekend in July was a good example of what the Order of Malta means to me. On Saturday, I was blessed to participate in the Lourdes reunion at my alma mater, Mount St. Mary's, for the visit to the Grotto and the Mass. For those who have been to Lourdes, either this past May or in previous years, being together reminds us we are all malades, we all truly need the Lord. Honoring Mary on her mountain in her special grotto was a truly spiritual experience for all of us.

The next day, I joined the Order to celebrate with our "Wounded Warriors" at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I watched as our members and their children and friends, cooked, served, greeted, welcomed and provided hospitality to so many who have served our country in Afghanistan and Iraq and are now back in the States with wounds that are being treated at Walter Reed. It was a truly a unique experience to see these "Wounded Warriors", both men and women, with their families, and to see how much they appreciated the care and concern of the Order. Many asked about the Maltese Cross on our flags, and many asked about the

Order of Malta. I had three lengthy discussions with young soldiers who have recently returned from country in Afghanistan and Iraq. They are now struggling with spiritual issues that affect their spouses and families.

On Monday morning, I saw a number from the Order at Nick Antonelli's funeral, one of our members who went home to God. Thank you to those who provided the honor guard for Nick at St. Matthew Cathedral. It made me realize how Knights and Dames honor each and every member and make the Order a priority in all we do throughout the year. This past year, members of the Order spent a week in New Orleans doing the work of the Lord. Others went to Haiti and spent a week caring for people with terrible wounds caused by the devastating earthquake. These opportunities allow me to see the Order at work, and frankly, it heightens my own desire to become a better priest as, in this case, the laity lead the way. All of us are reminded that the work of the Church is not only for priests and sisters, but also for each and every one of us responding to the call of our Baptism.

As I write this, I ask myself these questions: am I any different as a priest since I became a Chaplain of the Order? Do people sense a different spirituality from me? Do my parishioners sense a greater commitment to the sick and less fortunate in our midst? Are acquaintances able to tell that I am



a spiritual man without the need to talk about it? To be honest, I doubt people notice what the Order means to me, and what it should mean in my daily actions and my own daily spirituality. As I try to do a better job with my spirituality, is it evident to the members of the Order and to my parishioners? Do they sense something different about me since I have taken on this responsibility?

I ask the same questions of you, our members. Do people sense something different about you because of your participation in the Order? Are they able to tell that you have a spirituality that is different from others in your parish? If you didn't wear the robe, the cross, or a pin that identifies your participation, would they know that you are different, or at least striving

to be different because of your commitment to the Order of Malta?

Can each of us renew our commitment, not just to helping others, but to ensuring our own spiritual journey is somehow different, more focused and more evident for all to see? Does our effort to reach out to those less fortunate translate into a closer relationship for each of us with Jesus?

I can't conclude this brief letter without a reference to my mentor, my friend and my inspiration: Monsignor Louis Quinn. What a great priest he was for the Archdiocese of Washington for over 65 years, and what a great gift he was to the Order for the last two decades. I miss his guidance, his

wisdom, his sense of humor and his love for the Lord. Please offer a special prayer to him on a regular basis. Monsignor loved the Order, and I am sure he watches over it from a special place in heaven. We were blessed to have such a godly man guide and lead the Order for so many years. His are big shoes to fill, but I will continue to try to live up to his confidence in me and his desire that I do my best to support each of you with commitment, dedication and love for the Order of Malta.

May God bless you!

- Msgr. John J. Enzler

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Nineteen Federal Association Members Receive the Order's *Pro Merito Melitensi* Awards

This Knightly Order of Merit or Order Pro Merito Melitensi, established in 1920, recognizes those whose activities have conferred honor and prestige on the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. The Order's Sovereign Council confers these awards to members and non members of the Order of Malta on three established annual dates: February 2 Candlemas Day (Presentation of the Lord and Purification of the Blessed Mother), June 24, Saint John the Baptist;

October 13 the feast of Blessed Fra' Gerard, the Order's founder. The Grand Master can also grant these awards *motu proprio*. The honor is awarded in three classes: Collar, Cross and Medal. The Collar is reserved for Heads of State. The Cross is awarded to laymen, laywomen, and military, each containing six grades. The Cross is specified for ecclesiastics containing two grades. There is also a Medal given to laymen, laywomen and military, each containing three grades.

In 2008 the Federal Association established a Committee on Awards and Decorations, chaired by Hon. James A. Belson, to identify and recommend to the Association's President those persons deemed most worthy of special recognition by the Order. Accepting the Committee's first recommendations in 2009, the President sent petitions to the Grand Chancellor of the Order for consideration by the Sovereign Council. "Prior to 2009, our Association had no systematic way of presenting candidates for the Pro Merito honors," says Judge Belson. "Our committee looked into the past as well as the present to make sure that we recognized those who rendered extraordinary service over and above what is expected of every Knight and Dame." The first to be granted an award through this Committee's recommendations was Monsignor Quinn who received the Grand Cross of Merit Pro Piis Meritis on his 90th birthday.

The Committee on Awards and Decorations also facilitates the awarding of medals to those who assisted in specific relief efforts, such as the Hurricane Katrina disaster in New Orleans and the earthquake in Haiti. These medals are given through the Sovereign Order of Malta's worldwide relief agency, Malteser International.

2009 Recipients of The Order of Merit *Pro Merito Melitensi*

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Awards and Decorations Committee Chairman Hon James Belson with Bette Hoag

(Left to Right) Awards Committee Chairman Jim Belson; 2009 President Noreen Falcone; award recipient Mary Noel Page; 2009 Vice President J. Paul McNamara



Rowland Morrow receives his award



Dr. Joseph Swift with President Noreen Falcone



John T. Miller receives the Cross of the Order *Pro Merito Militensi*

Six Chaplains, 65 New Members Invested in 2009

On October 24, 2009 the Federal Association invested six new chaplains, 21 Dames and 44 Knights of Magistral Grace at its annual Investiture Mass and Ceremony at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C. The Most Reverend Donald Wuerl, the Archbishop of Washington and

the Principal Chaplain of the Federal Association, was the principal Celebrant and homilist. The newest members of the Association were recognized at the Annual Luncheon following the Mass and at a white tie reception and dinner at the Mayflower Hotel.

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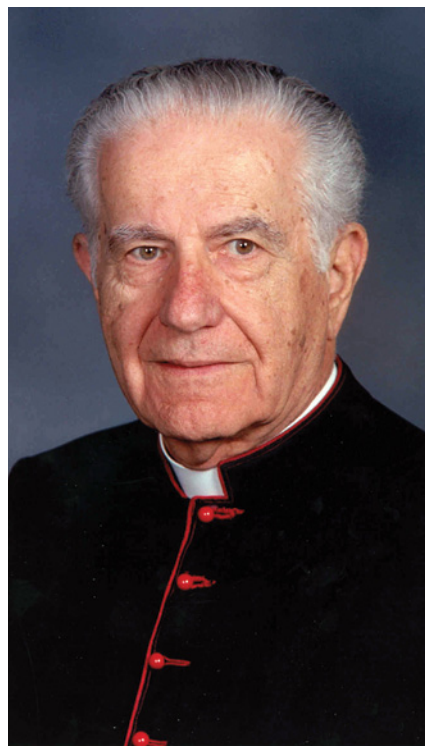
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Requiescat in Pace Monsignor W. Louis Quinn

Federal Association members gathered to celebrate the life and say a final goodbye to their beloved chaplain, Monsignor W. Louis Quinn at his funeral Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral, March 24, 2010. A conventional chaplain of the Order for nearly 30 years, Monsignor Quinn also served as Principal Chaplain for several years until the appointment of Archbishop Donald Wuerl of Washington as Principal Chaplain in 2007. Monsignor Quinn then served as Assistant Principal Chaplain until the end of 2009. Many remember him from his participation for many years in the Lourdes pilgrimage. Monsignor Quinn served as a parish pastor, rector of St Matthew's Cathedral, and as a spiritual director of many Catholic groups, but the

Order was a central part of his life. In May 2009 on the occasion of his 90th birthday, the Grand Master awarded him the Grand Cross Pro Piis Meritus. In an interview for the (Washington) Catholic Standard just prior to his 90th birthday, Monsignor Quinn reflected, "What really is the highlight of a priest's life is the way families let you enter their lives." Monsignor Quinn entered our lives and became a much loved member of our Federal Association family. He died Thursday, March 18, a day after the 65th anniversary of his ordination. Monsignor Quinn had remained active until only a few months before he died, following the advice of his seminary director who told him, "You'll have plenty of time to rest in heaven." May he rest in peace.



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