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A Church for
God's glory,
Thanksgiving
and the benefit
of the poor.

Dear friend(s),

In this time of Thanksgiving, the charity of Christ prompts us to action to console the poor and the afflicted, the elderly, and derelict children.

Words, lengthy speeches are useless if they are not coupled with action to soothe the revolt of the hungry around us.

This is what we have tried to do each day at our church, which we renovated to the sweat of our brows, together with our volunteer friends.

Thus, each day, and even several times a day, our humble prayers ascend towards God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her Shrine, for our benefactors; for our dear poor people; to request the strength we need to serve them all with no distinctions, love them without expecting anything



A Church for God's glory, Thanksgiving

in return, continue the work of charity He entrusted to us, surrender to the good heart of our benefactors who certainly will have pity on us: may they be quite convinced they are participating in the Divine plan, in which God reserved a special role for them, to assist in this Work of Fraternite Notre Dame, founded by the Most Reverend Bishop Jean Marie Roger Kozik.

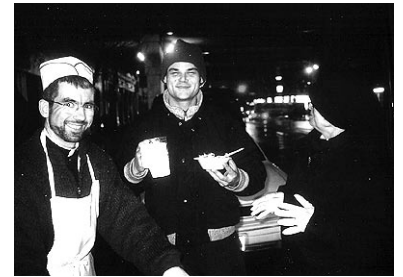
When leaving this Shrine of light and worship, we, the Religious of Fraternite Notre Dame, discover in another area of the Church, the faces of these starving, needy persons: starving for bread and love, filled with loneliness and hopelessness, whether coming at the soup kitchen, the afterschool program or the welcome hall at the church; and then, gently, hope is restored, smiles start to brighten these faces again, scarred by hardship.

This Thanksgiving, let us confide to you our immense concern: a concern that grows ever greater with each month elapsing, the monthly payments for our church, that amount to \$3,366.85.

The strong stream of human misery can be purified, thanks to this building where mercy and prayer prevail; but we have to pay for it a dozen times a year.

You can be God's instruments by letting your heart compassionate with our distress, and you can lay a stone every month to the Divine Edifice, by helping us to honor our payments, either faithfully each month, or for 6 months in advance, or at your convenience.

Some generous hearts have already participated greatly, notably to replace the entire heating system in the premises; others took action to make a brand new parking lot for the church; it was so sad to look at it before! What a relief it



and the benefit of the poor.

“What you do
to the least of mine,
you do it unto Me”



is for us, as we earn no salaries, but work relentlessly.

How could we continue such charitable works, if it were for your faithful support; how could we pursue these long-term tasks of reuniting broken up families, feeding children, visiting and assisting the sick, supporting elderly persons, educating the youth, dedicating ourselves to finding jobs for these fathers and mothers of families without a home.

Help us to pay our church, it is the church of God; do so for the relief of the poor, and to ensure God’s blessings over all your enterprises and over yourself.

A big thank you in advance. Happy Thanksgiving and God bless you!

Sister Marie Virginie & Sister Marie Valerie + snd.

Help us to help others! God shall repay you in his own way, which is always best. Remember that the Religious Priests, Friars and Nuns pray each day for you their benefactors at the Divine Office, at Mass and during the Rosary.

“He who helps the Apostle shall receive an Apostle’s reward”. Do not remain indifferent to this our urging appeal! *Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving*

I am glad to contribute the works of Fraternite Notre Dame, and therefore I make a donation of \$_____.

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You may help us by bringing or sending toys and gifts for children from 0 to 14 years of age.

Addresses for this purpose are written on the front page. Help us to bring some joy to these children, whose parents cannot afford anything special for them in this the time of year for celebrations.

God shall bless you for sharing with the least of these.

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A Simple Prayer from St Francis of Assisi

“O Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace!
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light, and

Where there is sorrow, joy.
Oh Divine Master, grant that I may not
so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved
as to love; for it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.”