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KKOTTONGNAE: "Flower Village" in English is a community of love and salvation for the neediest.

Even if you have only some strength to beg for food, it is a gift of God's grace.

Homepage:

www.kkot.or.kr

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www.kkottv.com

Choi, Gui-Dong Peter

He was born as a son of a rich family in Eumseong-Gun, Chungbuk, Korea in 1909. During the Japanese occupation, he was a conscript and forced to work in Bukhaedo Mine as a laborer, and became mentally ill due to the harsh conditions and torture.

He became homeless after returning home. Since then he had taken care of the poor in worse situations by distributing the food that he had collected from his begging to them for about 40 years.

On Sept 12, 1976, Fr. Oh, Woong-jin had a providential encounter with Gui-Dong and witnessed his life. He realized "Even if you have only the strength to beg for food, it is the blessing of the Lord.", and started Kkottongnae for helpless poor people who even have no strength to ask for food.

To Kkottongnae members

- Membership number is on your membership card.
- Please add your membership number to your check when you send your membership fee.
- If you send your membership card together, we'll stamp a receipt on it and return it to you.
- You can receive an IRS tax deduction.

Join Kkottongnae Membership

1. Anyone can join the membership.
2. Membership fee is a minimum of \$1 every month.
3. Please send your membership application form together with the first month's membership fee.
 - **By mail:** Application + 1st Month fee
 - **Other methods:** Text or email your application and then send your membership fee by **Zelle**
 - You can call us or visit Kkottongnae to apply
4. Please refer a new member to Kkottongnae. Thank you.

Eligibility for the Elderly Admission

- Priority is given to elders who have no one to depend on and who do not have the strength to even beg for food.
- Elders that have no family members or relatives, or the ones who have no place to live

- We give the priority to the ones in the most difficult situation among the applications in difficult situations. (Please contact us if there is anyone in that category around you)

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Kkottongnae Membership Application

				Membership No.
Name	Korean		English	
Baptismal Name				
Address	Home			
Phone	Home		Cell	
Parish			Recommender	
Other	Email			

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

1 In 2022, Thanksgiving mass of the NJ Kkottongnae 20th Anniversary of the Establishment and Charity Bazaar for the construction of the Hackettstown Kkot.

On Dec. 3, 2022, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of its establishment, the NJ Kkottongnae community held a Thanksgiving Mass concelebrated by Fr. Jung and Fr. Shon and prayer dedication, the entrance ceremony of the 3rd Order's 6 members and banquet, a performance of the play about the life of Grandfather Choi, Gwi-dong, as well as music and dance performances, and a charity bazaar to raise funds for the Hackettstown building project. About 230 patrons were participated in the day of celebration. Thank you very much.



2 NJ Kkot. 2022 Fall Charismatic Renewal Retreat (9/3~4)

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the 3rd Order members of the Kkot. community and parishioners, led by Father Hyun Jin-seop Bartholomew, IKBJ, who is studying abroad in Rome, had a blessed retreat filled with grace under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Over the 2 days the retreat, more than 150 attendees had a blessed time in the aftermath of the pandemic. During the retreat, the 3rd Order members performed a moving and spiritually awakening play titled "You were there" that left a deep impression on the audience.



3 Visit by Sister Patricia at the Newark Archdiocese, in charge of delegate of the Religious (10/27/22)

Sister Patricia, in charge of delegate of the religious for the Newark Archdiocese overseeing NJ Kkottongnae, visited and provided insightful words for the preparation of the 20th anniversary event, as well as guidance for the Kkottongnae religious community. (On the Picture, right 2nd White habit Sr. Patricia, right 1st Sr. James, left 1st Sr. Matthias, left 2nd Sr. Thomas)



4 50th Anniversary of St. Andrew Kim Maplewood Church (9/24/22)

Sisters met and greeted Archbishop Joseph Tobin who visited to attend the 50th anniversary of St. Andrew Kim Maplewood Church, along with NJ Kkot. in commemoration of their 20-year history.



5 Environmental Beautification Project for the Outdoor Chapel of the Holy Face of Jesus

Thanks to Mr. Paul Kim and his son John for donating materials and volunteering their efforts to refurbish the Outdoor Chapel of the Holy Face of Jesus, which was built during Mama Gili' lifetime and has been aging in several places for a long time. It has been newly renovated. Thank you.



6 Prayer Meeting for Mama Gili's Intercession (11/9/23)

Campaign for Mama Gili's holy cause had been dormant for a while, but people have been resumed with Carla's renewed efforts. They had a prayer gathering for infant John Paul Shafer. Sr. James and Sr. Matthias participated in the prayer meeting and took a picture.



7 Kkot. Welcoming A New Resident

In the spirit of Kkot.'s practice of creating a world where 'no one is left behind,' they are sharing the joy of the Lord by welcoming a new member - an elderly woman named Dominica who had been living alone and lonely for a long time - on August 13th.



8 Sharing Thanksgiving Meal

To celebrate the American traditional holiday of Thanksgiving, the Kkot community, 3rd Order members, and volunteers shared a grateful meal together.



9 Holy Family Program at the NJ Kkot. Spiritual Center in Pocono

A couple who attended the '2022 Kkot. Holy Family Seminar' had a happy Summer in August, staying in the



Kkot. spiritual retreat center with their four children and two other kids, immersing themselves in joy and love within the community of families, which is the source of love.

10 NJ Kkot. Initiation of wearing of Haiti campaign volunteer vest (8/25/22)

The NJ Kkot. Haiti Donation Project, an ongoing project among our members, encountered a setback, and to increase awareness and participation, we have started producing and wearing volunteer vests. We express our gratitude to those who have donated them.



11 Homeless Feeding Services at the Penn Station and Orange Town

Daily temporary workers in Orange town become friendly neighbors with Kkot. Sisters by volunteering to serve meals, exchanging greetings on the streets. Homeless people living near Newark Penn Station eagerly await and welcome the Sisters every month who prepare with care clothing, shoes, warm and delicious food, beverages, and other necessities.



Last November, Princeton Church Fr. Shon, Daehuk joined the parishioners to volunteer for the feeding service.

12 Making kimchi, soy paste and hot paper for the 20th anniversary charity Bazaar



In preparation for the 20th-anniversary charity bazaar event, Monica An and 3rd Order members volunteered to make soybean paste and hot pepper paste.

Sisters, parishioners, and volunteers worked together to make 350 cabbages of kimchi with gratitude.

13 Felt handicraft volunteer service and fundraising for the 20th-anniversary ceremony

Many volunteers including members of the Legion of Mary from Saint Andrew Kim Korean Catholic Church in Maplewood, NJ helped make many quilts and felt handicrafts as part of the fundraising project led by Rufina Park.



14 Cutting Field at the Hackettstown property



In September 2022, Sam, a small-scale farmer in the area, cut the field of the Hackettstown property for free wild grass and reeds growing on about 10 acres of land.

15 Fr. Matthew Shon from Uganda Kkot. celebrated the Holy mass for the 3rd Order (12/2/22)

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16 US Kkottongnae 3rd Order (Eastern and Northern part)



US Kkot. 3rd Order members practice the Kkottongnae spirituality of charity, service, sacrifice, and penance for the salvation of the souls of the poor and suffering, according to the words of Jesus, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did

for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). A retreat for new members was held on November 19th, and six brothers and sisters had their entrance ceremony with a 20th anniversary Thanksgiving Mass full of grace and joy. If anyone is interested in 3rd Order, please, contact and email at njkkot@hotmail.com, or call 201 230-5643. Please, refer to the backlist page.