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# 꽃동네의

**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](http://www.kkot.or.kr)

**Internet broadcast:**

[www.kkottv.com](http://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.

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힘만 있어도  
그것은 주님의 은총입니다

**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 + 1<sup>st</sup> 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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Address	Home		
Phone	Home	Cell	
Parish			Recommender
Other	Email		

Alleluia, Alleluia! the Lord has truly risen!

## ★ 4th Anniv. of Arthur J. Bird's Passing, First Chairman of the New Jersey Corp.

On the 4th anniversary of Arthur Bird's passing (3/4/2020), who laid the foundation for the New Jersey Kkottongnae, opened the Gillette Retreat House, and bequeathed all his possessions for securing the Hackettstown property, a memorial Mass was offered, and his grave was visited to pray for his eternal happiness in heaven.



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## ★ New Jersey Kkottongnae Annual Corporate Board Meeting

The New Jersey Kkottongnae Corporation held its annual board meeting on February



20, 2024, to review the 2023 annual report and discuss the 2024 budget, continuing its yearly tradition.

## ★ Visit to the Metuchen Diocese Office

On January 18, 2024, they visited Bishop James Checchio at the Metuchen Diocese Office, overseeing the Hackettstown site. They discussed the diocese's status and elderly welfare projects.



## ★ Hackettstown Property Survey and Boundary Marking

Kkot. community celebrated a blessing mass for a new wooden Credence table made by Dr. Michael Lee. It is a holy and beautiful wooden artwork by Dr. Lee and the chapel has a perfect altar set with eastern beauty as other chapels.



## ★ New Year Black Madonna Pilgrimage

Since August 2023, while serving at the New Jersey branch and preparing to return to the main house for Ms. Maria Jung Yunhye's novitiate through the vocation discernment process, they made a pilgrimage to the Black Madonna shrine to seek the Virgin Mary's intercession.



## ★ The Diocesan Consecrated Life Day Vow Renewal Ceremony

On Consecrated Life Day 2024, they participated in the renewal Mass for religious vows, officiated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. At the event, they exchanged greetings with Sr. Patricia Womann, OP, the Newark Diocese's Delegate for the Religious, and took commemorative photos with Sr. James and Sr. Thomas.



## ★ Alexis Baby Shower Party

Through Pro-Life's arrangement, Alexis, a pregnant woman residing at Kkottongnae, had a baby shower party two weeks before her due date. The event was graciously hosted with gifts for the newborn, facilitated by volunteers from the "Mother of the Holy Eucharist" parish, particularly through a prayer group led by Judith Holtz. It was a joyful And blessed occasion, filled with gratitude.



## ★ Santa Domingo Donation Support & Franciscan Soup Kitchen Food Contribution

New Jersey Kkottongnae supports the needy and various countries by donating food wherever possible. They assist organizations such as Catholic Charity, Salesian Soup Kitchen, Franciscan, and Santa Domingo Support.



## ★ Visit to the "Servants of the Mother" Convent

On February 14, 2024, a visit was made to the Servants of the Mother convent in the Metacheon Diocese, which exclusively operates elderly care facilities. It was a meaningful time spent receiving advice on senior welfare projects from the sisters.



## ★ New York Bronx Area Meal Service and Sharing Volunteer Event

Starting in February 2024, Newark City implemented a new regulation prohibiting meal distribution near train stations, such as Newark Penn Station, to prevent the excessive concentration of South American migrants. Consequently, on March 2, 2024, a volunteer event was held at Roberto Clement Park near a poor area in the Bronx to continue the meal service and sharing activities.



## ★ New York, New Jersey Parish and 3<sup>rd</sup> order Members Lenten Lectures

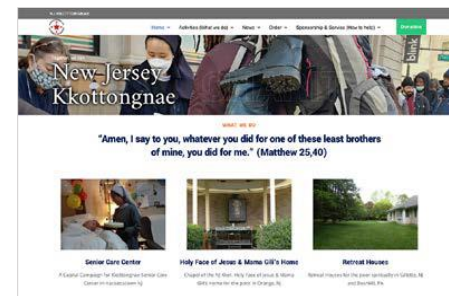
Father Jung Changyong, serving in Haiti amid escalating difficulties due to economic collapse and political turmoil, visited parishes in New Jersey and New York for Lenten lectures in 2024.

It was a grace-filled time, and he also had meaningful engagements with lay members.



## ★ NJ Kkottongnae Homepage Open

The New Jersey Kkottongnae website, initiated in May 2022 with support from the "Grace and Love Church," faced production delays due to various challenges. Thanks to the relentless efforts and significant voluntary sacrifices of Brother Kim Luka, the website was completed and launched on Christmas Day, December 24, 2023, for which we sincerely express our gratitude.



## ★ U.S. Kkottongnae of Jesus, the 3<sup>rd</sup> order annual meeting

In 2023, the 3<sup>rd</sup> order members of U.S. Kkottongnae of Jesus, inspired by the profound love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who forgave sinners and sacrificed even the last drop of blood and water for salvation, expressed their gratitude to God and concluded the year with their general assembly in December. They also planned for the new year, aiming to live more actively and autonomously in spiritual realization, including attending Lenten lectures. Those interested in living the lay spirituality within the Kkottongnae religious community are encouraged to contact the nearest address listed on the back of the newsletter. Thank you. (NJ: 201-230-5643)

