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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.*

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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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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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★ Memorial Mass for Arthur J. Bird's 97th Birthday, Founding Chairman of Kkottongnae NJ

On Arthur Bird's 97th birthday (7/22/2024), the founding pillar of Kkottongnae NJ on earth and a constant intercessor in heaven, Kkottongnae religious members offered a memorial Mass at his birthplace, the Gillette Retreat House, praying for his eternal rest in gratitude.



overseeing the Hackettstown site. They discussed the diocese's status and elderly welfare projects.



★ NJ Orange Prayer Room St. Joseph Statue Dedication Mass

Kkottongnae founder Fr. Oh Woong-jin taught that "a loving heart leads to meeting those who love." He exemplified deep reverence for St. Joseph. Through the devotion of a generous benefactor, a blessed and grace-filled St. Joseph statue was enshrined in Orange, with a blessing Mass celebrated on June 16, 2024. Thank you.



★ Fatema, a refugee sister, relocates to California

A year after seeking refuge from Afghanistan, Ms. Fatema, who stayed at Kkottongnae NJ through the support of "One World and One Love," received legal status for protection in the U.S. She has now relocated to California to begin a new life.

★ Hackettstown Farm: Pepper Cultivation, Vegetable Farming, and Orchard

As another farming season begins, volunteers worked hard planting seedlings. Now, the farm is already abundant with green peppers, cucumbers, and squash. Though still growing, the orchard bears grapes, peaches, cherries, and apples. Deep gratitude to Mr. Paul Yang and all visiting volunteers for their dedication to the farm and orchard.



★ Kkottongnae NJ donated food to Philadelphia GRACE Project INC's "Kensington Outreach Program."

Kkottongnae NJ donated a large amount of food to support Philadelphia GRACE Project Inc., which provides food, essentials, communication assistance, street cleaning, and treatment guidance for those struggling with addiction and homelessness.



★ Meal Service and Sharing Volunteer Work in Orange Town and Bronx, NY

Weekly meal services are provided for day laborers and the homeless in Orange Town. With the dedication of New York and New Jersey lay members, volunteers, and youth, the Bronx meal service and sharing efforts continue to grow alongside a mobile bookstore. Thank you.



★ Gillette Retreat House Cooling System and Facility Maintenance Service

As summer retreats approached, INNO Mechanical provided a free inspection and repair of the Gillette Retreat House cooling system. Additionally, Mr. Thomas Lee volunteered to replace the leaking and broken kitchen plumbing. Thank you.



supplies, Mr. Francis provided volunteer service to inspect and upgrade the security system and install additional alarms. Thank you.

★ Kkottongnae NJ - US President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Kkottongnae NJ recognizes youth and young adults through the prestigious US Presidential Volunteer Award Program.

In 2024, over five student volunteers are actively participating. Those interested are encouraged to inquire.



★ Kkottongnae Third Order (Northeast USA)

The boundless love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for sinners led Him to take on our human form, bearing our suffering, wounds, trials, and death. The Kkottongnae Third Order follows Christ more closely through the charism of our founder, Fr. Oh Woong-jin, who received the grace of founding this community as an expression of Jesus' love. On July 21, members gathered for a Kkottongnae Spirituality Retreat, joined by Mr. Shin Sang-hyun and two other religious members visiting from Korea. This blessed occasion also celebrated the induction of five new Third Order members (8th cohort) and the launch of regional small community volunteers, marking a step toward greater autonomy in 2024. As our founder teaches, "A small spark can set a whole mountain ablaze, and a single stream can become a river and ocean." May God's abundant grace and blessings be upon our humble efforts to grow this community. Those interested in living the Kkottongnae religious spirituality as 3rd order members may contact the nearest listed address on the back of this newsletter. Thank you. (NJ: 201-230-5643)

★ New Religious Members Assigned to Kkottongnae NJ

Sr. Thomas Lee (Lee Kyung-sook) safely arrived at the Orange branch to begin her new mission at the Kkottongnae NJ community, bringing



hope and joy as the third member of the religious community.

★ Kkottongnae Religious Community Holy Spirit Prayer Team (Main House): Queens Parish Retreat Service

The Kkottongnae Religious Community Holy Spirit Prayer Team from Korea (Br. Shin Sang-hyun, Sr. Kim Myung-shim, and Fr. Kim Joon-soo) led the "Family Sanctification Retreat" at Queens Parish on July 19-20. Over 200 Kkottongnae members and parishioners participated, uniting in joy and the abundant grace of the Holy Spirit.



★ Dedication of Handcrafted Wooden Altar for Gillette Retreat House Mass

On January 18, 2024, they visited Bishop James Checchio at the Metuchen Diocese Office,

