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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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★ 5th Anniversary of Arthur Bird's Passing

Marking the 5th anniversary of the passing (Mar 4, 2020) of Arthur Bird, founding Chairman of Kkottongnae NJ, the religious offered prayers and Masses. We honored his gracious legacy and shared our remembrance. These photos recall his kind presence.



★ 2025 Corporate Board Meeting

To welcome the New Year, the Board met on Feb 20 with Founder and Chairman Fr. Woong-jin Oh. We reflected on Kkottongnae NJ's past and present, engaging in a passionate dialogue about a new mission for future generations. Concrete goals were established to prepare for the evolving needs of the immigrant community.



★ Kkottongnae Gillette Retreat House

Bequeathed by Arthur Bird, this retreat house in a peaceful NJ town is beloved by retreatants. It serves as a cozy, humble place of grace for Parish Pastoral Councils, the Legion of Mary, youth programs, and small-group Bible studies.



★ Pocono Spirituality Center Water Pipe Repair

When an aging water pipe in the center's exterior wall burst from the winter cold, Peter Kang, Thomas Lee, and Tobias Kim generously volunteered their time and skills to perform

emergency repairs. We are deeply grateful for their hard work.

★ Visit by the Korean Consulate General in NY

On Jan 17, 2025, the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in NY visited Kkottongnae NJ. Our Orange branch has sheltered undocumented Korean nationals in need who had no relatives. Some of them have since passed to eternal life and are resting with the Lord.

★ Archdiocese of Newark's Jubilee of Consecrated Life

For Pope Francis's "Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope," we had a time of grace attending the Archdiocese of Newark's Jubilee of Consecrated Life. We joined the gathering and the Mass for the Renewal of Vows, celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.



★ Religious Appointments and Transfers

Following the Feb 2025 announcements, Sr. Eugene Domina Shin returned to the



Motherhouse (Feb 27) after four years. Sr. Jaeeun Peter Kim arrived on Mar 18 to begin her religious life with Kkottongnae NJ.

★ Queens Parish Memorial Prayers & Gratitude

The Queens Parish community, a steadfast supporter of Kkottongnae NJ, offered a Memorial Mass and prayers for the deceased family members of our religious. They also generously donated funds for Haiti.



★ NY (Bronx, Queens) & NJ (Pal Park, Orange) Food Ministry

Marking 15 years of food ministry in Orange, and with the Secular Order's growth, we now offer weekly and monthly meal services at four locations across NY and NJ.

We also distribute holy cards of Our Lady of Guadalupe with prayers in English and Spanish.



★ Kkottongnae Spirituality Zoom Lecture

To better learn and live out Kkottongnae spirituality, Secular Order members held a grace-filled Zoom lecture. We were joined by Fr. Philip Jong-yoon Park, chaplain for the Secular Order, and Fr. Simon Ju-hyoung Ahn,



who pioneered the mission in Venezuela. It was a time of great blessing.

★ Blessing of the Tabernacle Stand & Mary's Pedestal

Crafted with the devotion of placing a precious gem in a flawless box, Michael Lee poured his soul into creating a new Tabernacle stand and a pedestal for the Blessed Mother to enshrine the Blessed Sacrament. On Feb 8, a blessing Mass was offered with Secular Order members in the Gillette prayer room. This grace-filled stand profoundly reflects God's holiness and the Church's sanctity.



★ Visit to St. Michael's Cafe for the Marginalized



Located in Paterson, NJ, St. Michael's Cafe is a renovated house run by the newly founded Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

The friars offer a free space for low-income residents to gather, enjoy coffee, and share fellowship. Though most visitors are not Catholic, the spiritual atmosphere provides a safe haven, offering peace and small joys.

★ Sewing Ministry for Easter Crafts

In the Lenten spirit of sacrifice, volunteers gathered to hand-sew Easter crafts. Joined by Rufina Park and the Demarest Parish Legion of Mary, this loving service allowed everyone to share the heavenly joy of the Resurrection in advance.



★ Gas Pipe Repair at the Orange Branch



After a gas leak was detected in the boiler room of our Orange branch, the pipes were safely inspected and repaired. We deeply thank God for His providential care and the dedicated volunteers who stepped up to help.

★ Kkottongnae of Jesus Secular Third Order (Northeast)

God, who created us out of pure love, became man to save us from sin. Transforming the Cross of suffering into the Cross of Salvation, He showed us the way back to Him. Our Secular Third Order members follow the Lord through the spirituality of our Founder, Fr. Woong-jin Oh, guided by the overflowing grace of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, refuge of sinners.

If you wish to live this religious spirituality as a Secular Order member, please contact the nearest branch listed on the back cover. Thank you. (NJ: 201-230-5643)

