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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](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.

**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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- Kkottongnae Homepage:**  
<http://www.kkot.or.kr>

**Kkottongnae Membership Application**

			Membership No.	
<b>Name</b>	Korean		English	
Baptismal Name				
<b>Address</b>	<b>Home</b>			
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Home</b>		<b>Cell</b>	
<b>Parish</b>			<b>Recommender</b>	
<b>Other</b>	Email			

# New Jersey Kkottongnae

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## ★ 2025 Appreciation Mass & Summer Family Retreat

We invite our members and benefactors to an Appreciation Mass and Laying on of Hands on Fri afternoon, Aug 15, 2025. The "Kkottongnae NJ Summer Family Sanctification Retreat" will follow on Sat, Aug 16. This one-day retreat will be led by Fr. Philip Jong-yoon Park, who served in the Philippines mission for years.

A Mass was also offered for the Anointing of the Sick, seeking God's great mercy for our beloved "flower" of Kkottongnae NJ.



## ★ Support for Santo Domingo

We donated food and medicine for the poor in the Dominican Republic through Spanish-born Pastor Rafael, who leads a local NGO.



## ★ English Teacher Mr. Bruce Kauffmann

A devout Catholic, Mr. Bruce Kauffmann has volunteered as an English teacher for the religious of Kkottongnae NJ since 2015. For a decade, he has dedicated himself to helping them become familiar with the local language and culture for their apostolate.



## ★ Hackettstown Farm Season Begins

Many joined to start a fruitful year of farming in Hackettstown, planting seedlings of chili, perilla, pumpkin, and cucumber. As in previous years, Br. Paul Yang serves as the farm caretaker, offering his dedicated labor and sweat in service.



## ★ Orange Branch Summer Deep Cleaning

As summer approaches, we began our seasonal deep cleaning. The garden, the Shrine of the Holy Face, and the holy statues were thoroughly power-washed. By pruning overgrown branches and trimming the trees, we beautifully refreshed our Kkottongnae grounds.



## ★ CHOICE Youth Group Hackettstown Farm Service

Volunteers from "CHOICE" gathered from several states at Hackettstown Farm for their annual meeting and service. Despite the rain, they donned raincoats and gloves, completing their tasks with youthful energy and joy.



## ★ Caring for 20th Anniversary Fruit Saplings

Planted in 2022 for Kkottongnae NJ's 20th anniversary, these saplings are now six years old and beginning to bloom and bear fruit. To establish a proper orchard environment, Secular Order members worked together to install weed-control vinyl.



## ★ NY & NJ Food and Sharing Ministry

In 2025, attendance at our predominantly Hispanic Orange and Pal Park ministries decreased, as some avoid gatherings due to police enforcement. Meanwhile, the Bronx ministry remains steady, with joyful blessings shared over the provided meals and goods. Additionally, "Grace and Love Church" continuously supports this sharing ministry by donating collected clothing.



## ★ Kkottongnae of Jesus Secular Third Order (Northeast)

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Fully responding to this loving call of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fr. Woong-jin Oh founded the Congregation of Kkottongnae of Jesus. Our religious dedicate their lives to a spirituality embracing the suffering of the poor. Through the Founder's spirituality, our Secular Third Order members closely follow the Lord in their homes, parishes, and communities. If you wish to dedicate your life as a Secular Order member, please contact the nearest branch listed on the back cover. Thank you. (Kkottongnae NJ: 201-230-5643)



2025 NJ 꽃동네 회원감사미사 및 가정성화피정

“사랑을 추구하십시오”  
(1코린 14:1)

꽃동네회원 감사미사 및 안수기도:  
**2025.8.15(금)**  
2:30pm-6:00pm

2025년 하계 꽃동네 가정성화피정:  
**2025.8.16(토)**  
8:30am-6:00pm

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가정성화피정만 \$20(음식포함)

## ★ NJ Local Board of Directors Meeting

Reflecting on the first half of 2025, three local board members held a Zoom meeting (Jun 14) to discuss Kkottongnae NJ's operations. They shared insights on the current situation in the U.S. and diocesan affairs.

## ★ Novena & Anointing of the Sick for Dominica Hwang

As Grandma Dominica Hwang is in critical condition with pneumonia, our Secular Order community is offering a Novena to St. Joseph.