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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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★ 10th Memorial for Msgr. Augustine Chang-deuk Park

Marking the 10th anniversary of the passing of Monsignor Augustine Chang-deuk Park, who laid the foundation and served as the first director of Kkottongnae NJ, we attended his memorial event at the Catholic Center in America. It was a meaningful time to honor his memory and give thanks for his immense love.



★ Superior General's Visit & 30th Anniversary of Vows

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of their perpetual vows, five sisters from the Kkottongnae of Jesus Sisters, including the Superior General, visited our New Jersey community. They shared a deeply meaningful and grace-filled time with our local branch and Secular Order members.



★ Funeral of Grandma Dominica Hwang

After struggling with memory loss and mental difficulties, Grandma Dominica Hwang entered Kkottongnae NJ in 2022. Following a battle with pneumonia, she passed away on July 26, 2025, surrounded



by the prayers of our religious, benefactors, and the Secular Order community. Her funeral was held on August 1. May she rest in eternal peace!

★ 2025 Appreciation Mass & Family Sanctification Retreat

Led and presided over by Fr. Philip Jong-yoon Park, the Appreciation Mass (Aug 15) and Family Sanctification Retreat (Aug 16) for members and benefactors were held over two days. Deep gratitude was extended to our benefactors,

and the practice of love as God's children to build a Holy Family was emphasized. Over 150 retreatants shared a grace-filled time together. Thank you.



★ Special Talk by Br. Sang-hyun Shin

Visiting the U.S. to serve at the Mid-Atlantic Charismatic Conference, Br. Sang-hyun Shin from the Brazil Kkottongnae mission visited our NJ community, Secular Order members, and Queens Parish. He generously shared a grace-filled message of God's love.



★ Haiti Relief Supplies: Packing and Shipping

As the situation in Haiti worsens, making it impossible to secure staples like rice and beans, we have partnered with a new NGO, Global Humanitarian Mission, to ship food and essentials by container. Our religious, Secular Order members, and volunteers collaborated to receive, pack, and ship these donations. Special thanks to A-1 Elite for supporting the pallet preparation and shipping. Thank you.



★ Queens Parish Bazaar & 1st Prize Donation

Attending the Queens Parish Bazaar, we greeted the community and sold handmade soaps, perilla leaves, rosaries, and air fresheners to raise funds. We were deeply moved when Anselmo Bang and his family donated their \$2,000 first-place prize to the Haiti relief fund. Our heartfelt thanks to the clergy and the entire Queens

Parish congregation.



★ Advent Kimchi-Making Service



During the season of Advent, as we await the Baby Jesus, we held a Kimchi-making service to share the joy of His birth with our benefactors. We deeply appreciate your heartfelt dedication and love.

★ Bronx & Orange Food Ministry

Our monthly food ministry and sharing market in the Bronx continue. Recently, alongside the homeless and those struggling with addiction, we are seeing an increasing number of vulnerable immigrants. We hope to be a small beacon of hope in these difficult times. Meanwhile, at our Orange ministry, some individuals are sadly unable to attend due to concerns over current immigration policies.



★ A Warm 2025 Thanksgiving Gathering

Reflecting on an exceptionally busy and eventful 2025, we hosted an intimate Thanksgiving gathering for our Kkottongnae Secular Order members and volunteers. Together, we shared heartfelt conversations and a warm meal in fellowship.



★ Priestly Ordination at the Trappist Monastery

We attended the glorious and grace-filled priestly ordination of Br. John Kim at the Trappist Monastery in Boston. It was a truly blessed occasion to witness his holy commitment to the priesthood.



★ Farewell to Michael Taeseong Lee



We bid a fond farewell to Mr. Michael Taeseong Lee, a devoted benefactor and volunteer since our founding, as he temporarily returns to Korea (Sept 2025). We deeply appreciate his service.

★ Visit to the Young Adults' Healing Community

To prevent leaks from the aging roof at our Pocono Retreat Center, Bachman's Roofing successfully installed a new roof, gutters, and skylights.



★ Kkottongnae 3rd Order in the Americas

2025 is a truly meaningful year for the Kkottongnae Secular Order in the Americas. Our long-awaited postulancy program began on August 17th. Furthermore, an additional postulancy ceremony was held on September 27th in the presence of the Superior General. We once again extend our warmest congratulations and encouragement to the 7 new members who joined this August and to all 20 postulants.

To practice the love of Jesus, who said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40), Fr. Woong-jin Oh, the founder of Kkottongnae, lived a life completely entrusting everything into God's hands to save a single poor soul, guided by the motto: "Even having the strength to beg for food is the grace of the Lord." "Those who wish to dedicate their lives as members of the Kkottongnae Secular Order, following the founder's spirituality, please contact the nearest branch listed on the back cover of this newsletter. Thank you.(NJ Kkottongnae: 201-230-5643)

