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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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★ New Year Board of Directors Meeting

Welcoming 2026, a virtual board of directors meeting (Feb 10, 2026) was held to discuss the operation and development of Kkottongnae NJ. The meeting was hosted by our founder and current Chairman of the Board, Fr. Woong-jin Oh.

★ 6th Anniversary: Arthur Bird, First Chairman of Kkottongnae NJ

On March 4, 2026, we commemorated the 6th anniversary of the passing of Arthur Bird, the founding chairman who laid our foundation by dedicating his entire life and devotion. Though

snow still covered the cemetery, clear, heavenly sunlight filled the air. We remember his sacrifice with deep gratitude.



★ Reassignment of Sisters

Following the February reassignment of the Kkottongnae of Jesus Sisters, Sr. Thomas Kyung-sook Lee and Sr. Peter Jaeun Kim have returned to the Motherhouse. We joyfully welcome our newly assigned sisters, Sr. Simon Geumsoon Kim and Sr. James Eunju Lee. We deeply appreciate the departing Sisters' dedicated service and warmly welcome our new Sisters!



★ Lenten Special Lecture & Veneration of the Holy Relic of the "Thorn of Jesus"

During the Lenten season, following a special Zoom lecture by Fr. Dong-gyun Son from Uganda Kkottongnae, we shared a grace-filled time at the Secular Order's monthly retreat.

Together, we prayed for special intentions and venerated the "Thorn of Jesus," a holy relic from the Crown of Thorns and one of the precious belongings left by Mama Gili.



★ NY Bronx Food Ministry

When Kkottongnae NJ first began the Bronx food ministry in 2017, our beginnings were humble. Over the years, however, with the participation of students, young adults, and diverse volunteers, we now provide much more abundant meals. We are especially grateful to Hyeran Hwang and her family, who lovingly prepare chicken soup or seafood dishes every month. Thanks to their dedication, our ministry is increasingly loved for offering high-quality meals. Thank you.



★ Preparatory Prayer for the 25th Anniversary & Practice of Kkottongnae Spirituality

As the Motherhouse celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2026, this year marks a time of preparation for the NJ branch's 25th anniversary in October 2027. To offer spiritual fruits for this milestone, Kkottongnae religious and Secular Order members are uniting in prayer. Through special Charismatic prayer meetings and dedicated service, we strive for spiritual awakening, practice our founder's spirituality of encountering Jesus in the poor, and work to lead souls in darkness to the Lord.



★ Hackettstown Fruit Tree Pruning

The approximately 70 fruit trees planted in Hackettstown to commemorate our 20th anniversary are now over seven years old. Despite the freezing February weather, Kkottongnae volunteers and Secular Order members braved the snowfields to diligently prune the trees.



★ Funeral of Peter Eun-gye Lee

Kkottongnae religious and Secular Order members attended the funeral of Peter Eun-gye Lee (Queens Parish).

He and his entire family were dedicated members who practiced the love of Jesus through their constant support and volunteer pick-up service for Haiti donations.



★ Kkottongnae 3rd Order in the Americas

The unfailing love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the salvation of all people tells us: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Called as an instrument for this profound love, Kkottongnae founder Fr. Woong-jin Oh lived a life completely entrusting everything into God's hands to save a single poor soul, without worrying about material resources, volunteers, or special skills. He was guided by the spiritual awakening: "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 of living the true happiness found among the poor, please contact the nearest branch listed on the back cover. Thank you.(NJ Kkottongnae: 201-230-5643)

