



October, 2019

Dear Friends of St. Joseph By the Sea,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus. (1Cor.1:3-4)

As always, we pause and reflect with much gratitude and joy on how God has blessed us in so many ways, especially with hundreds of people yearly who enter our doors seeking God and spiritual growth. The Master invites us to make our whole life a pilgrimage of loving transformation.

As we begin our new year, we pause to praise God with much gratitude for all of your past gifts to us. Your donations are our actions and have helped us to continue to offer a prayerful space for all who come inside to rest awhile in order to return home with needed energy to bring God's love, peace and forgiveness to those with whom they live and minister to.

Whether financial, your time and talents, your prayers or your loving friendship, we the Religious Teachers Filippini, are always blessed by your desire to help. This year we begin our 2020 Appeal. The cost to maintain and repair our retreat house and property grounds has been significant and we want to continue updating and improving. Last year we were able to install a new kitchen floor, build a platform on the dune overlooking the beach, purchase new outdoor furniture, and install two new computers in the retreat house. In addition, for the first time, we had the retreat house and convent powerwashed and had the windows professionally cleaned inside and out. This year our goal is to purchase a new airconditioning system for the retreat house, which will cost approximately \$10,000. We receive each person as Christ, especially those with special needs, and our repairs, replacements and updating has allowed us to be more accommodating for those who come.

For these and more reasons, we ask you, if possible, to help us in our efforts to continue our ministry here at St. Joseph By the Sea. We are most grateful for your generosity and kindness throughout the years which has helped us in restoring our Holy Ground. Perhaps you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one. For donations of \$500 or more, the names will be inscribed on our Recognition Plaque located in the foyer. Regardless of the amount, we sincerely appreciate the spirit of the gift.

Please consider a donation and make checks payable to St. Joseph By the Sea. A donation of \$250 or more is tax deductible and the proper form will be sent to you upon receipt of your gift.

Be assured that we will continue to remember you and your loved ones in our prayers and in return ask for yours. Thank you for your friendship, support and generosity. May God's blessings be yours in abundance today and always.

With much gratitude, blessings and peace,

Sister Brunilda Ramos, M.P.F.

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Director

Detach and mail to: St. Joseph By the Sea Retreat House
400 Route 35 North
South Mantoloking, NJ 08738

Name: _____ **Enclosed is my donation:**
Address: _____ **\$250** ___ **\$150** ___ **\$100** ___ **\$50** ___ **Other** ___
Phone: _____

On the reverse side, please list the names of your loved ones, living and deceased, whom you wish us to pray for at our retreat house liturgies.