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⁵Is this the manner of fasting I wish, of keeping a day of penance: That a man bow his head like a reed, and lie in sackcloth and ashes? Do you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; Setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; ⁷Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; Your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; ¹⁰If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday; ¹¹Then the LORD will guide you always and give you plenty even on the parched land. He will renew your strength, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails. (*Is 58:5-11*)

Isaiah's word about the type of fasting we should employ is apropos for this season of Lent in which we are called to fasting, abstinence, and prayer.

It is common to abstain from carnal pleasures during this time of year, imitating our Lord's journey in the desert, yet a more profound way of imitation would be to share our bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, and set the oppressed free because in doing this we are showing our love for our brothers and sisters as Jesus commanded us. **I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)**

As we imitate Jesus, we grow in love of God and holiness. As we wash each other's feet on Holy Thursday, we can contemplate this profound commandment that Jesus gives us to love one another. Just imagine the transformation that would occur in our world if we truly lived out these words of Christ to love one another as He has loved us. And what a transformation would occur in ourselves as well. The words of the psalmist, **"A clean heart create for me, God; renew in me a steadfast spirit. (Ps 51:12)"** that we pray during Lent would be answered prayers indeed!

May you experience a Lent full of Christ's love in your heart and a transformation that will be a resurrection with Him on Easter morning! Easter Blessings to each and everyone of you!

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Requesting Your Assistance

\$25,000 is needed to begin groundbreaking for a full size medical clinic for [*Our Lady of Fatima Rehab Center*](#) in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. This clinic will have rehab rooms, maternity rooms, a laboratory, and pharmacy to provide for the medical and rehab needs of the nearly 1,000 disabled and abandoned children at the rehab center and the medical and maternity needs of the many families in the surrounding refugee camps in this war-torn country. To date we have collected \$15,732.44.

We still need to collect \$9,267.56. Will you help us reach this goal?

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Gently used clothing, shoes, blankets, vitamins, powdered milk, Tylenol, bandages, and other first aid items are needed for children ages 5 to 14 in Andhra Pradesh, India.

***Helping Hands Welfare Society* is urgently asking for our assistance in collecting these items. They are currently in their winter season and are in desperate need of these items for these destitute and homeless children.**

To donate any of these items, please contact Margie Sweeney at 502-419-5732 to arrange for pick up of your donation.

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We are in need of \$7,929 to make repairs to various buildings of **Tawa Primary School** in Tawa, in the diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania, a mountainous community serving 300 indigent children. These buildings are currently unsafe for use and are in desperate need of repair so that these children can continue their educations.

We have already collected \$2,000 toward this goal. Please help us to help these families become self-sufficient through education.

Thanking you for your generosity!

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And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. (Matthew 18:5)



President's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the first newsletter of our fourth year in ministry. There is much good news to report! Due to time constraints this newsletter is short but it is to the point and highlights the current projects that we are working on (see page 2 of this newsletter). More details about these projects will be posted at <http://hhhm.net> soon. Just click on "[Current Needs](#)" to get more information. It's exciting to report that we are working on three projects simultaneously!

I am pleased to report that the healing service held in February at Paroquet Springs Conference Centre in Shepherdsville, KY was a great success despite the severe winter storm that we experienced that weekend. Fr. DiOrio was able to be present in spite of the many obstacles with cancelled and delayed flights and air turbulence due to this winter storm that he endured. We were initially expecting a crowd of over 1,300 but due to the weather the crowd was about 1,100 in attendance. Still, this event was a great blessing to all who persevered! Even more good news—Fr. DiOrio will be returning next year for a crusade. The date for this event has not yet been determined but will probably be in the spring. Please pray for good weather, safe travel, and God's grace on all who will be planning and volunteering for this event as well as many blessings for all who attend.

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Let us continue to pray for one another. May God bless you abundantly!

Yours in Christ,

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