



September 2024

Dear Friends of St. Joseph By the Sea:

As we begin our 2025 appeal, our greatest motivation for cheerful and generous giving should be that it pleases our Lord. Scripture tells us in the "Parable of the Cheerful Giver;" whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor. 9:6-8).

As always, we pause and reflect with much gratitude and joy on how God has blessed us in so many ways in the midst of conflict in our world and even now given the current state of our inflationary economy.

We continue to have breathless, fearsome and tragic moments during our present time. The Master continues to invite us to make our whole life a pilgrimage of loving transformation, faith, hope and peace.

Today, especially during these serious, difficult times, our doors continue to be open for hundreds of pilgrims who are seeking God, spiritual growth, guidance, healing and reassurance in their faith.

Whether giving financially, giving time or blessing us with your prayers, talents, and loving friendship, we the Religious Teachers Filippini, are always blessed by your desire to help. The cost to maintain and repair our retreat house and property grounds, as the needs arise, continues to be significant. Our repairs, replacements and renovations have allowed us to be more accommodating for those who attend our retreats. We receive each person as Christ did, especially those with special needs.

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, which throughout the years has helped us in restoring our *Holy Ground*. Perhaps you would like to make a donation in memory 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.

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