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Help a Young Family in Need: Your Support Can Make a Difference

We are reaching out to share the story of a remarkable young family in our community who could use our collective support. A young hardworking Mexican couple, along with their two young children, have been part of our Lehigh Valley community for the past seven years. They arrive annually from Mexico, where the father works diligently on a local farm, learning organic farming techniques that are essential for a sustainable future. This young family embodies the virtues of faith, hard work, perseverance, and community spirit that we all cherish.

An Urgent Need for Transportation

One of the most significant challenges this family faces is transportation. Without a reliable vehicle, they struggle to access essential services such as healthcare, grocery shopping, and attending church. A safe, working-condition automobile would grant this family the independence they need to thrive. We are reaching out to our generous community members who might have a vehicle they no longer need. Donating a car, or even selling it at a low price, would be a profound act of kindness that could transform their daily lives.

Their Annual Journey

Each year, under the current U.S. regulations for foreign workers, the entire family must travel back to Mexico before they can return to the United States. This back-and-forth journey is not only challenging but has become increasingly difficult, especially with a newborn and a young child in tow. Despite these hurdles, they have managed to establish a homestead here in Pennsylvania, integrating into our community with hopes of a more permanent life.

The Need for a Green Card

The young family aspires to remain in the United States year-round, allowing the father to continue his work without interruption and to begin the lengthy process of applying for U.S. citizenship. The first crucial step in this journey is obtaining a Green Card. Navigating the complex and often daunting immigration system requires guidance and support, ideally from a lawyer or someone well-versed in U.S. foreign worker regulations. Legal immigrants and seasonal workers face numerous challenges in securing permanent work status, including lengthy wait times and extensive paperwork. Imagine the relief and joy this family would feel, knowing they have the support of their community behind them. Your generosity can help them overcome these hurdles, allowing them to build a future here in the Lehigh Valley.



Help a Young Family

We invite you to join us in making a tangible difference. If you can assist in any way, please contact SNBS President Reuben DeMaster at

Info@SaintNicholasBeneficial.org.

Together, we can support this family in their pursuit of a stable future for their family.

Call for Participation

Since 2018, the Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society has served the Traditional Roman Catholic community with dedication and compassion. As we look to the future, we are eager to expand our leadership team to continue our mission and broaden our impact. We are seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our Board of Directors, which we are expanding to nine voting members. This includes four officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and five voting Directors.

Our Mission

For those unfamiliar with our purpose, the Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society is committed to providing charitable support to those in need within our community. We offer financial assistance, educational scholarships, and various forms of aid to help improve the lives of individuals and families. Our work is rooted in the values of compassion, service, and community spirit.

Open Positions

Treasurer

We are looking for a dedicated individual with an accounting or financial background to fill the role of Treasurer. The role will be responsible for overseeing the financial health of the Society, managing budgets, and ensuring that our resources are used effectively to further our mission.

Secretary

We seek someone with a tax or legal background to serve as Secretary. This role involves maintaining accurate records, managing correspondence, and ensuring compliance with legal requirements. The Secretary is crucial in maintaining the organizational integrity and operational efficiency of our Society.

Directors

We are expanding our Board to include five voting Directors. Currently, we have three Director slots, with one position open. We are especially interested in individuals with experience helping the homeless or with a background in social work. Many situations we encounter involve complex social needs, and having someone knowledgeable in this field would greatly enhance our ability to provide effective assistance.

Why Join Us?

By joining the Saint Nicholas Beneficial Society's Board of Directors, you will have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the Roman Catholic community by collaborating with a team of individuals committed to charitable work.

How to Apply

If you are passionate about our mission and interested in contributing your skills to our leadership team, we encourage you to apply. Please contact one of the SNBS Officers or info@SaintNicholasBeneficial.org to express your interest or to learn more about these opportunities. We look forward to welcoming new members who share our commitment to making a difference.

"And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

Et si distribuero in cibos pauperum omnes facultates meas, et si tradidero corpus meum ita ut ardeam, caritatem autem non habuero, nihil mihi prodest.



Pilgrimage for Restoration

A traditional Catholic pilgrimage to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs

Friday—Sunday, September 27—29, 2024

The pilgrimage, now in its 29th year, is an journey of the faithful to Our Lady's Shrine of the Martyrs in upstate New York, at Auriesville. Here, Jesuit Father Isaac Jogues and Companions were martyred, beginning with lay-brother René Goupil and several Native American Converts in 1642, and later layman John de LaLande and Jogues himself in 1646.

Since 1996, pilgrims walk near and along the paths the saints followed as captives of the Iroquois. Their journey was hundreds of miles over 28 days under torture. Our journey, modeled on the ancient annual Pentecost Pilgrimage to Notre-Dame de Chartres, France, is 62 miles over 3 days and, though penitential, is full of joy. Our purpose is to honor Christ Our King publicly, to pray for the restoration of His Kingship in the family and civil society, and to make reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

There are different ways to participate for walkers, non-walkers, and even from home. Each way allows pilgrims to gain a plenary indulgence.

A Walking Retreat

Most pilgrims choose this option. After an early Mass and communal breakfast in camp, pilgrims set out on foot from “The Lake of the Blessed Sacrament” at Lake George Village, NY towards their goal: The Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville.

Pilgrims cover an average of 20 miles a day in three days. Pilgrims form “brigades” of 30-45 members, accompanied by a chaplain. Along the way, they sing, pray, confess, hear meditations, receive spiritual counsel, rest intermittently, and take a ride in one of the accompanying vans when needed. At the end of each day all the brigades enjoy a communal supper and more fellowship.

Join with Prayer from Home

Those who are not able to attend the Pilgrimage but still wish to join spiritually may participate by offering up their prayers, works, and sufferings from home.

Visit Pilgrimage-for-Restoration.org to Learn More


Supporting Sacred Chant

The role of Choir Director, a position dedicated to fostering the majestic heritage of Gregorian chant through the Choralschola and Mary Immaculate Choir, is aimed at elevating sacred liturgies to honor God. At the helm of these efforts is Mr. Eric McWhirter, whose dedication and skill in leading these ensembles are unparalleled. Mr. McWhirter devotes extensive hours each week meticulously researching, organizing, and preparing music for each Missa Canata. His leadership encompasses conducting rigorous practice sessions, providing individual coaching, imparting musical education, and directing the choirs during Holy Mass to ensure the highest praise and glory to God.

Regarding remuneration for Choir Director positions, the median salary in Pennsylvania stands at \$45,000.

In recognition of Mr. McWhirter's significant voluntary contributions, the St. Nicholas Beneficial Society offers a modest stipend. This financial assistance is designed to help cover the expenses Mr. McWhirter incurs, including travel and the costs associated with researching and acquiring music, thereby supporting his invaluable work and expertise in enhancing our sacred liturgies.

The easiest way to contribute to this worthy cause is by [Donating Online](#). In the pulldown box, please select **Use this Donation for Mary Immaculate Choir Director**.

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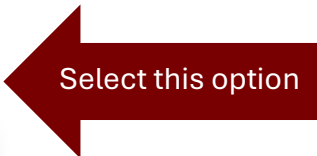
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Join Us and Help Those in Need

At the St. Nicholas Beneficial Society, we dedicate ourselves faith, hope, and charity. Through our varied initiatives — from supporting traditional worship to aiding individuals and families in need — we strive to make a real difference in the lives of hungry, homeless, injured, friendless, and hopeless.

This year, as we expand our services and outreach, we invite you to be part of our mission. Whether by volunteering your time or contributing through donations, your support is invaluable. Together, we can continue to help and uphold our commitment to charity, guided by the teachings and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ways You Can Help:

- **Volunteer:** Offer your skills and time to support our projects and initiatives.
- **Become a Friend of St. Nicholas:** Join our community to strengthen our mission and extend your support on an ongoing basis.
- **Donate:** Your financial contributions enable us to sustain and expand our efforts to assist those in need.

Every act of kindness, big or small, contributes to a greater impact. Join us in our apostolate of charity, support, and worship.

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