



St. Martin's Home for the Aged

Caring for Those Who Have No One

— St. George's, Grenada —



“Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent.”

PSALM 71:9



We are a Catholic ministry

that mobilizes the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Rather than create new institutions to distribute aid, we support existing ministries and churches already serving the poor. In addition to being the most cost-effective way of helping the poor, empowering these ministries allows us to support the Church's spiritual mission and its important position of leadership in poor communities.

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.

We invite you to join with us as we seek to transform the lives of the poor materially and spiritually — ways that please the Father and glorify him in Heaven and on earth.



Project Synopsis

Description

This project provides a loving home for 30 elderly residents who have no family or friends to care for them.

Purpose

To ensure the aged have food and medical care, and to let them know they have not been forgotten by God in their hour of greatest need.

Our Partners

Diocese of St. George.

Location

The Caribbean island of Grenada.

Cost

\$36,000 to provide food, wages for caregivers and other operating costs that enable the home to remain open.

Highlights

- In the name of Jesus, the local diocese wants to reach out to elderly people in the countryside who have no one to care for them.
- Even if the elderly have no means to pay, St. Martin's provides medical care and three meals and two snacks a day to 30 residents.
- Donor help is urgently needed because our Catholic brothers and sisters in Grenada do not have the resources to maintain operations in this important ministry.
- Your gift will show the elderly the compassion of God and his Church.



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Matthew 25:35



The Need

In Marion Jones' hour of greatest need, concerned Catholics in Grenada were there for her. At 87, she dislocated her shoulder in a fall and had no place to turn for help. St. Martin's Home learned of her accident, knew she was living in unsafe conditions and moved her into their home for care.

Today, she receives compassionate attention, medical care and three meals a day. She has also been blessed with the companionship she has always craved.

St. Martin's Home is a loving Catholic oasis for the aged poor who have nowhere to turn for support. In the countryside of Grenada, it is tragically common to meet elderly men and women who have no friends or relatives nearby during their most vulnerable stage of life. Others are brought to the home by impoverished family members who are no longer able to meet their elderly relative's daily needs. Others are poor, living alone and unable to care for themselves. Many are suffering from dementia.

Fortunately, the Diocese of St. George has the heart of Jesus, and as they learn of poor elderly men and women living alone and unable to care for themselves — some also suffering with dementia — there is an eagerness to provide support.

Please, join us in supporting St. Martin's Home so it can continue to welcome in elderly patients and address their urgent needs. The diocese made it a priority to renovate the building, which is under tremendous stress, and expand its reach, but its current priority is keeping the home open — and that is where your financial support can play a critical role.



Marion Jones is thriving at St. Martin's Home.

Your gift will ensure our Catholic brothers and sisters in Grenada have the resources to continue this important mission of mercy!



Ministry Description

After nearly 30 years of serving the community, the future of St. Martin's Home is in jeopardy for lack of resources.

This ministry has been a valuable outreach to the poor since its founding by Father Conlon in 1991. At that time, the American priest — a man of prayer and action — was troubled to see elderly men and women living alone in the countryside with little support and few provisions, so he got to work. Relying on God's grace, he assembled international support to fund the opening of the home and worked tirelessly to give the ministry a strong foundation.

Unfortunately, after his death, many of those original sources of funding dropped away, and the home nearly closed. Were it not for the dedication of the Catholic Diocese of St. George's in Grenada, Fr. Conlon's noble mission might have ended. Thankfully, under the leadership of late Bishop Darius and now Bishop Clyde Harvey, the managers of the home have carried on his calling and have dedicated themselves to restoring the home's physical structure and renewing its commitment to the poor. This is a godsend to the many men and women in the area who desperately needed the ministry's support.

Today, the local diocese has assembled a new team to operate the home, but financial challenges still remain and your help is needed to carry the mission forward. Your gift will empower another generation of dedicated local Catholics to keep Fr. Conlon's vision alive, and through their efforts, the area's elderly will receive the loving care they deserve — a standard of care that shows them respect and protects their dignity.



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Celebrating Life

St. Martin's Home goes well beyond caring for the physical needs of its residents. It also offers the spiritual nourishment important in all our lives.

Residents receive Holy Communion every week during Mass, and the Missionary Sisters of Charity bring the compassion of Jesus in their weekly visits. In addition, various church and school groups bring the joy of the Lord by singing and praying with residents regularly.

For diocesan leaders, these visits are critically important. The sanctity of each human life — no matter the age or the mental status of the person — must be recognized and celebrated.



St. Martin's residents relax in a common area.

Help Now!

By God's grace, elderly men and women who were once lonely and forsaken can experience fellowship and Jesus Christ's incredible love through St. Martin's Home. Our Lord's compassion shines through each of the caregivers at this wonderful ministry, and his inspiring spirit lives in the diocesan leaders, visiting nuns and caring youth groups who participate in the home's many spiritual programs.

By becoming part of this life-transforming outreach, you can share in the blessings that come with ensuring the aged receive the compassion and respect they deserve. Join us today and empower this Catholic mission with the resources it needs to pay staff, provide medicines and feed residents.

Cross Catholic Outreach is committed to filling this need, but we need your help to achieve our goal. Your generous gift will make the difference, extending the compassionate arms of Jesus to embrace these and other Catholic brothers and sisters in their hour of greatest need!

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.”

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2022, the close of our ministry's fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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