



Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor

— Montego Bay, Jamaica —

Jamaica may be known for sandy beaches and blue waters, but just beyond the walls of its resorts, more than 17% of the population lives in poverty, and more than 12% of its people are unemployed — roughly four times the U.S. unemployment rate.

Under these circumstances, desperately poor families struggle to obtain basic necessities, and over time, these harsh living conditions begin to take a toll on their health. Jamaica has fewer than two available hospital beds and fewer than two trained physicians for every 1,000 people — not nearly enough to serve the scores of adults and children who are in urgent need of medical attention.

But where there is great darkness, God sends his brightest lights!

Founded in 1996, the Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor (CFSOP) have devoted their lives to serving Jamaica's most vulnerable families, and their Hope Teaching Health Clinic has become one of the order's most effective projects. The clinic welcomes those who cannot afford lifesaving health care, and their hospice care clinic guarantees the elderly and destitute are able to spend their final days in dignity.

Today, you have an opportunity to stand with these heroines of the faith! In addition to providing important necessities, your assistance will secure much-needed medicines and ministry tools, empowering the CFSOP's mission of mercy to grow, thrive and bring bright hope to the poor!





Project Synopsis

Description

This project will provide living essentials and ministry support for the Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor (CFSOP), who selflessly serve Jamaica's sick, needy and marginalized.

Purpose

“That the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere” (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

Location

Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Cost

\$18,000 will provide the sisters with food, transportation and travel fees, toiletries, basic utilities and ministry materials, as well as necessary medications for the CFSOP's Hope Teaching Health Clinic.

Highlights

- Founded in 1996, the CFSOP operate medical, dental and hospice care clinics for the neglected poor in Montego Bay. These facilities provide free and low-cost care for those in deepest need, treating an average of 120-150 patients each day.
- Through food and wheelchair distributions, sisters minister to the homebound, reaching sick and lonely people with the relentless love of Christ.
- Only about 2% of Jamaica's population is Catholic. By supporting the CFSOP, we will equip them to provide pastoral care for local families, conduct catechism classes for adults and children, celebrate Communion with the sick and homebound, and organize service activities for the youth.
- The sisters have been praying that more young women would heed the call to sisterhood, and twelve aspirants are now studying at the convent in Jamaica. Cross Catholic Outreach is committed to providing the CFSOP with the campaign materials they need to promote their vocation and invite others into a lifestyle of Christ-honoring service.



Please help these faithful servants of God to grow in strength and number, sharing Christ's love and bringing blessed relief to the needy!

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2023, 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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