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Looking Toward Our Future!!



The young women of Parcelles Assainies, an ethnically diverse suburb of Dakar in Senegal have begun an important journey. These local women are benefitting from the instruction received at the ***Frances Schervier Formation Center***, a wonderful program started twenty two years ago by the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, in an effort to provide them a better future.

The Center's program develops activities for social, cultural and religious formation. Each year the Center serves about 100 students aged 15-25 and most come from families with no resources. Participants receive instruction in cutting, sewing, dyeing, cooking, painting, embroidery and crocheting. Additionally, there are programs in literacy (English and French) and health. They learn about AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, precocious pregnancies, abuse of women and other dangers to which they are all too often exposed. Young women regardless of race or religion are welcome. A well-rounded education is received and they leave with a sense of dignity and self-worth. Formation lasts four years and a government accepted diploma is issued upon course completion.

The Sisters have asked the Foundation for \$5,000 to purchase 30 new sewing machines for the school. We are asking **YOU**, our generous benefactors, to contribute toward this worthy goal.

For less than \$200 per machine, we can help young women work their way out of poverty and on the path to a brighter future!!



Please consider a donation to help the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor in Parcelles Assainies in Senegal to purchase 30 new sewing machines for the ***Frances Schervier Formation Center***

100% of your gift will be directed to this project!

Providing a Future to Those in Poverty

Franciscan Sisters of the Poor Shelter of Hope

Celebrating 5 years of Service in the Philippines



A message from our Sisters in Dumaguete City:

“Thank You for your support and your help!

We never tire of telling you that—without you—this mission would not exist. We assure you of our daily prayers and our efforts to remain faithful to what God asks of us in this ministry to the poorest and abandoned.”



Forging a Future in the United States...

A few of the Ministries of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor thriving in Cincinnati, Ohio!

Centennial Barn – A welcoming space for enrichment, celebration & growth

Community Gardens – Gardening opportunities for members of the community

Our Lady of the Woods-Independent living for seniors

Franciscans for the Poor-Volunteer service in a community environment

Haircuts from the Heart-Providing self-esteem and dignity to poor and disabled

Tamar's Place-Safe haven and hope for women in prostitution

Art for All People-Touching lives through art therapy

St. Clare Convent Magnificat Unit-Compassionate and loving care for retired Sisters

Franciscan Peddler-Thrift Shop Ministry of the Associates of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor



The Future Belongs to Those Who Believe in the Beauty of Their Dreams—Eleanor Roosevelt

Our Kindergarten in Senegal is nearing completion!! This fall, 2015, our Sisters and their staff will welcome 100 bright new faces to the halls of St. Elizabeth's in Senegal. In recognition of the wonderful people who gave so selflessly to make this dream a reality, the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor Foundation purchased 200 children's story books. On the inside cover of each book is a cheerful bookplate with the name and hometown of each donor.

Thanks to You We Built Our Dream!

The Vision Continues...

The Future of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor

We congratulate the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor as they celebrate their 170th Anniversary in 2015.

We ask your prayers for our next generation of Sisters as they begin their journey.



In the footsteps of our Founder Mother Frances Schervier, we welcome the vocation of young women who are called to heal the wounds of Christ by caring for poor, suffering humanity.

In 2014-2015, we rejoice in the temporary vows of Sr. Lecia, Sr. Cinzia, Sr. Maria Chiara, Sr. Domitilde, Sr. Thérèse and Sr. Jacqueline; and we delight in the vocations of novices Pelagie, Geneviève, Jacqueline Flavienne, Roberta and pre-novices, Veronique and Carmen.

“We must be most grateful to the Lord for calling us to his service.
Let us, therefore, strive to serve Him whole-heartedly, eagerly and faithfully.”

Blessed Frances Schervier, 1875

THANK YOU! In 2014, your newsletter donations helped us to successfully restore and renovate a daycare playground in **Pires do Rio, Goiás, Brazil**



**The St. Francis Angel
Monthly Giving Society**

is a special group of benefactors who send donations on a monthly/quarterly basis. These faithful givers have dedicated themselves to the future of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor Foundation.



If you would like to join this special group of individuals, please add **"St. Francis Angels"** to your envelope and we will contact you with details.



Mass Cards are available through the Foundation Office. At your request, a mass will be offered at the beautiful St. Clare Chapel in Cincinnati in memory of a loved one, in gratitude for an act of kindness or a request for prayers of healing. For more information or to request a supply of cards, call the Foundation Office, 212.818.1987

***100% of Your Donation to this Newsletter Will Support the
Purchase of Sewing Machines for the
Frances Schervier Formation Center in Senegal!***

For More Information or TO MAKE A DONATION ONLINE,
Please visit our website at www.franciscanfoundation.org

*Thank you
Your support helps secure the future of
Our Sisters and Those They Serve.*

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