

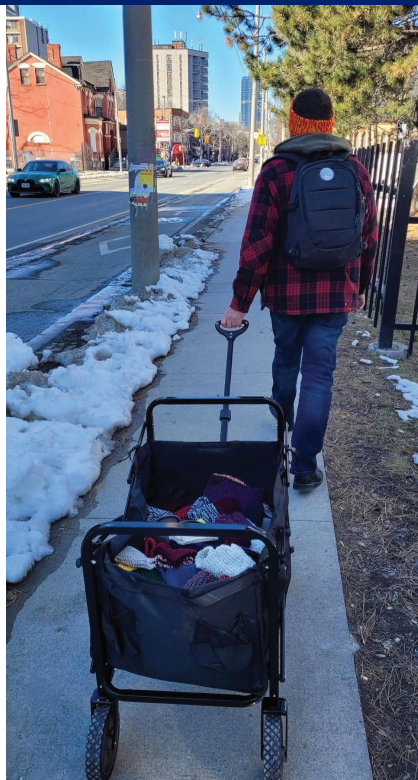


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In conjunction with the Feast of St. John of God on March 8, the Week of Hospitality was celebrated by Brothers, co-workers, friends, volunteers, and clients throughout the Province of the Good Shepherd. The week was an opportunity to show Hospitality inspired by the life and work of St. John of God.

Ministries participated in a variety of events and activities to show Hospitality to our neighbors, co-workers and clients. Some of the week's happenings included celebrations of the Feast of St. John of God; delivering socks, mittens, scarves, and snacks on the streets; baking treats to share with clients; hosting ice cream socials, pizza parties, cookie receptions, lunch gatherings, and dinners for clients, co-workers, and community members; sharing in potluck luncheons; participating in art projects; building planters to beautify ministry grounds; and providing

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Hospitality





“Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia”

Just as the Resurrection of Jesus marks a new beginning, this Easter season also marks a new beginning for several of our Hospitaller Brothers. As Brothers become elderly and disabled, they transition from serving daily in our ministry locations to a less physically demanding prayer ministry in a quieter and more peaceful setting. In this way, our Brothers who have spent their lives in the service of others are now able to continue to live their life of mission and service through prayer, while aging with dignity and respect. This past year, several of our Hospitaller Brothers have made this important and difficult transition.

These Brothers are rooted in the Hospitaller Mission and nourished by their daily prayer and Catholic Faith, just as all of our Brothers are. They have faithfully lived their life according to our founder, St. John of God, who reminds us to...“Do good for yourself by doing good for others.” They have changed countless lives with an act of service, a smile, a listening ear, or a simple kindness.

Providing a kinder, gentler space for these men is costly. Therefore, I am humbly asking if you can support our Brothers with a prayerful gift this Easter Season? I also invite you to share your prayer requests so we can continue to pray for you and your needs.

In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope Easter brings.

Your Brother in Hospitality,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Br. David Lynch OH".

Br. David Lynch, OH
Provincial Superior

P.S. You do make a difference, and you are appreciated. Thank you for your continued friendship and generous support.

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treat bags with messages of Hospitality. Br. David, Provincial Superior, remarked about the event “It was an international week of celebration. We not only celebrated the life and work of St. John of God, but we celebrated our co-workers today.”

The Week of Hospitality provides all of us a chance to live by the words of St. John of God, “Do good for yourself by doing good for others.”

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Br. David, Provincial Superior

Non-Profit Organization of the Year

On February 20, Br. Tom, Br. Sean, and members of the staff of St. John of God Community Services attended the 19th Annual Community Services Awards hosted by the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce. The annual event is an opportunity to honor and celebrate individuals and businesses in the community. This year, St. John of God Community Services received the Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award recognizing their dedication to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. St. John of God Community Services is a ministry of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God located in Westville Grove, New Jersey. This ministry provides multi-dimensional services to individuals and families throughout each stage of life offering a space where individuals are treated with dignity and respect.



Br. Tom and co-workers accept the Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award.

Heartfelt Thanks

Br. Terence recently met with the students at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School to thank them for collecting and donating food for Good Shepherd Centres. The donations are used at the Venture Centre which provides groceries for individuals and families in need.



Br. Terence thanks the students of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School for their generosity and helps load food donations.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Good Shepherd Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a ministry of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, celebrated its 72nd annual Br. Mathias St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 17, 2023. Over 550 guests joined the Brothers and countless volunteers at St. Pius X High School to enjoy a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner honoring St. Patrick and Br. Mathias. The evening included music, entertainment, games for children, and raffles for prizes. Staff



More than 550 guests gathered at St. Pius X High School.

and volunteers also delivered a delicious meal to Good Shepherd Center's overnight emergency shelter so clients could participate in the celebration as well.



Br. Mateo, Br. Raphael, and Br. Charles celebrate at the Br. Mathias St. Patrick's Day Dinner.



Did You Know?

On February 11, Br. Richard hosted the first-ever episode of *The Fold*, a podcast of Good Shepherd Centres in Hamilton, Ontario. The goal of the podcast is to share conversations with community leaders, co-workers, and partners who inspire and influence transformation for marginalized people in the community. Topics covered in the first episodes included mental health status in the community and barriers that lead to youth homelessness. New episodes are released the third Wednesday of each month on Apple, Spotify or Google podcasts by searching for **The Fold**. Good Shepherd Centres is a ministry of the Hospitaller Order which provides person-centered health, housing, and human services in the greater Hamilton and Toronto areas to all people in need.



Br. Richard hosts the first episode of *The Fold*.



Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God
Province of the Good Shepherd in North America

2022
Annual Report

OUR MISSION

Encouraged by the gift we have received, we consecrate ourselves to God and dedicate ourselves to serving the Church in the assistance for the sick and those in need, with a preference for the poorest.

Our **25** Religious Members come from **5** nationalities. In the Hospitaller Order, we are one of the largest provinces geographically with **52** apostolic centers in North America.



 **869,617** Clients served
(Residential & Day Services)

 **767,888** Meals served
(Residential & Day Services)

 **1,137** Volunteers

 **832** Co-workers

Religious Members & Their Ministries

Province Administration



Developmental Disability Services



Retired/Prayer Ministry



Acts of Mercy (Homeless, Meals, etc.)

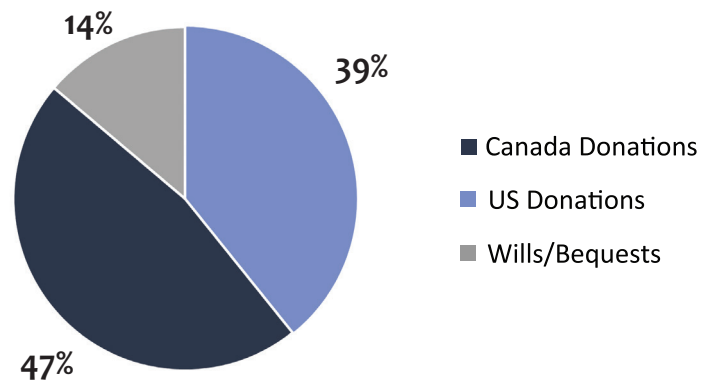


“Do good for yourself by doing good for others.” -St. John of God

The Hospitaller Order consists of **981** Religious Members serving in **18** Provinces located across **51** countries on **5** continents.



Mission & Development Revenue



Anniversary Celebrations

This spring, 3 Hospitaller Brothers celebrate anniversaries of religious profession.

Br. Yvon professed simple vows in 1968 and solemn vows in 1975 in Quebec. He has served in Montreal, Quebec, and Hamilton, Ontario. He currently resides in Toronto, Ontario, and ministers at Good Shepherd Ministries.

Br. Richard professed simple vows in 1983 at Good Shepherd Manor in Momence, Illinois, and solemn vows in 1990 in Hamilton, Ontario. He currently ministers at Good Shepherd Centres in Hamilton, Ontario.

Br. Jean-Yves professed simple vows in 1958 and solemn vows in 1964 in Quebec. He has served in ministry and leadership positions in Montreal, Quebec, where he currently resides.

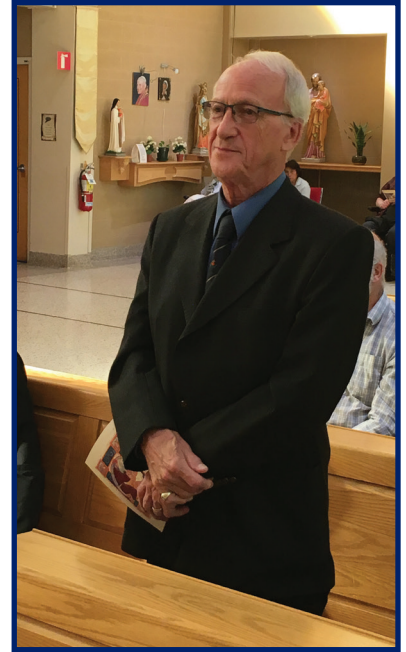
Thank you, Brothers, for your service over the years to your brothers and sisters.



This May marks 55 years of ministry for Br. Yvon.



Br. Richard celebrates his 40th Anniversary with the staff at Good Shepherd Centres.



Br. Jean-Yves celebrated his 60th Anniversary in February.



Br. Tom speaks to conference attendees about the work of St. John of God Community Services.

International Conference

Br. Tom, along with co-workers, Zach and Jason, recently attended an international conference hosted by the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God St. Thomas Province in India. The mission of the conference was to support children and young adults with learning or intellectual disabilities. During the trip, Br. Tom, Zach, and Jason were able to build relationships with other Brothers and co-workers united in mission. They also had the opportunity to share with the conference's 150 attendees the work of St. John of God Community Services, a ministry of the Hospitaller Order in Westville Grove, New Jersey.

Br. Tom participates in a discussion panel.



Mission Integration

In March, Br. Gary was appointed Senior VP-Mission Integration for the Province of the Good Shepherd. Br. Gary's role helps to further enhance the Hospitaller Order's mission and identity within each of its ministry settings. It ensures accountability in policy-making decisions, planning, and development assuring the Hospitaller Order's values of Hospitality, Quality, Respect, Responsibility, and Spirituality are visible to all of those we serve. Congratulations to Br. Gary on this important new role.



Br. Gary speaks to co-workers at Camillus House.

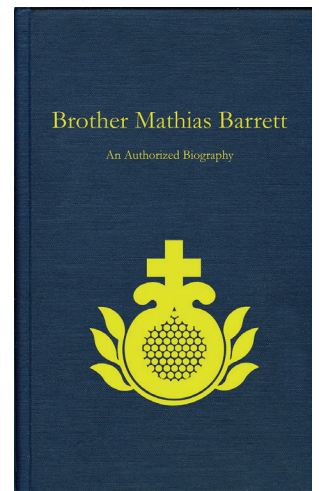
In Memory



A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated February 10, 2023 at Villa Mathias for Br. Malachy (Joseph Patrick) Corbett. He died peacefully at the Villa February 6 at the age of 79. Br. Malachy professed solemn vows November 21, 1974. RIP Br. Malachy.

Sneak Peak

The authorized biography of Br. Mathias Barrett is currently underway. Kevin McNulty, Sr., an author and historian who specializes in writing and publishing books for organizations seeking an in-depth story of their history, is writing the biography which is set to be completed in 2024. Kevin's research includes using the archives of the Hospitaller Order in Rome and France to tell the story of Br. Mathias' early life, visiting the archives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to tell of Br. Mathias' life in the United States, interviewing Brothers who worked with and took care of Br. Mathias as he aged, and meeting with community members in Albuquerque who are familiar with Br. Mathias and his work.



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Meet the Provincial Definitory



Br. David, Provincial Superior



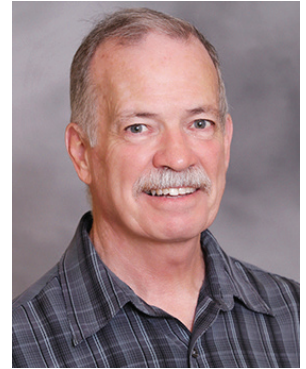
Br. Tom, Councillor



Br. Richard, Councillor



Br. Nick, Councillor



Br. Gary, Councillor

Br. David Lynch, Provincial Superior

Br. David is in Toronto, Ontario. He professed solemn vows in 1985. He has served in numerous leadership positions since that time, including 10 years as Superior General and 27 years as Executive Director for Good Shepherd Ministries, Toronto, Ontario. As Provincial Superior, Br. David is responsible for the overall governing of the Province with the aid of his Councillors and for guaranteeing respect and promotion of the values and principles of the Order.

Br. Thomas Osorio

Br. Tom was appointed Executive Director at St. John of God Community Services, Westville Grove, New Jersey in 2017 and continues to serve in this capacity. He professed solemn vows in 2002. Previously he was stationed in Dublin, Ireland. Prior to joining the Order, Br. Tom worked with the Little Sisters of the Poor in New York. Currently, he chairs the Pastoral Care and Bioethics/Ethics Committees for the Province.

Br. Richard MacPhee

Br. Richard serves as Chief Executive Officer for Good Shepherd Centres and Good Shepherd Non-Profit Homes, Hamilton, Ontario. He has led those ministries for 35 years. He professed solemn vows in 1990. Previously, he served the developmentally disabled in Momence, Illinois. Br. Richard has served on the leadership team for many years and currently serves as Provincial Bursar.

Br. Nicholas Foran

Br. Nick serves as Executive Director of Good Shepherd Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He professed solemn vows in 2012. Previously he served in ministry at Miami, Florida, Hamilton and Toronto, Ontario. He currently serves as Vocation Promoter on the Formation Team. Br. Nick is the initial contact for those interested in pursuing religious brotherhood.

Br. Gary Hill

Br. Gary is in Miami, Florida. He professed solemn vows in 1985. Br. Gary was recently appointed Senior VP - Mission Integration for the Province. Previously he served ministries in Miami, Florida; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Montreal, Quebec; Westville Grove, New Jersey; and in leadership positions in sponsored healthcare ministries in California. Br. Gary is the guide for co-workers participating in an annual pilgrimage to Granada, Spain to study the life of St. John of God.