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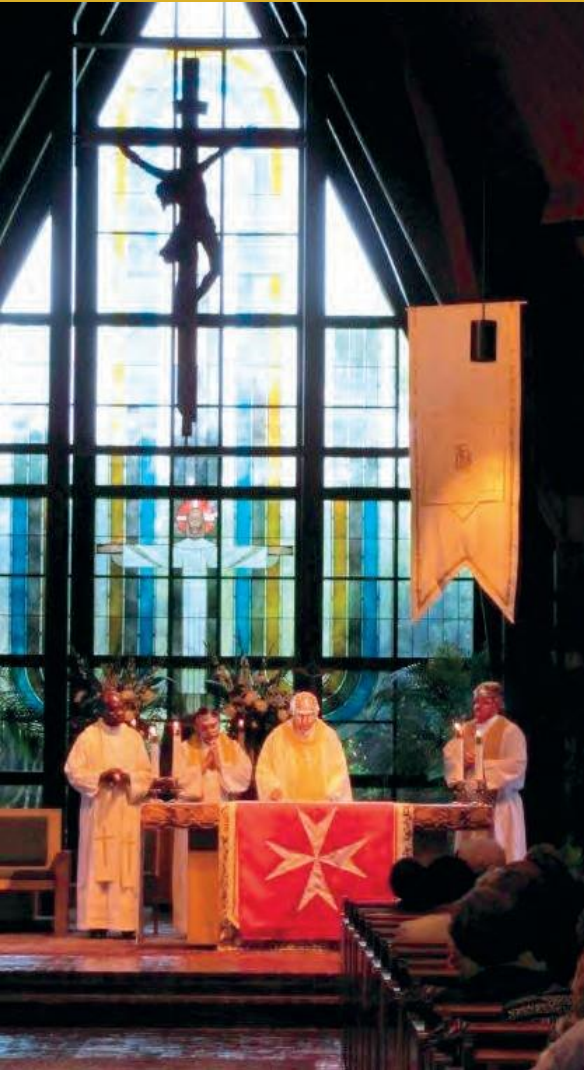


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**Front cover:** Lourdes Procession, 2011

**Back cover:** New Orleans Home Rebuilding Program worksite, the “domestic pilgrimage”, 2010

*“Pilgrimage” is one of the foundations of the Order of Malta. The original Hospitallers cared for pilgrims to the Holy Land and, today, members from the Order from around the world care for “malades” at an international pilgrimage to Lourdes France. For members in North America there is a “domestic pilgrimage” four weeks each year where volunteers work together as a community of knights and dames to repair houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Each year the Federal Association sends over 250 pilgrims to Lourdes and, since 2006, 35 teams of volunteers have worked on over 50 homes in a program founded and managed by the Federal Association.*

## From the Chaplain

**N**ow that we are well into 2012 I'm reminded of our journey as members of the Order and I am encouraged to ask myself how I'm doing on my own spiritual journey.

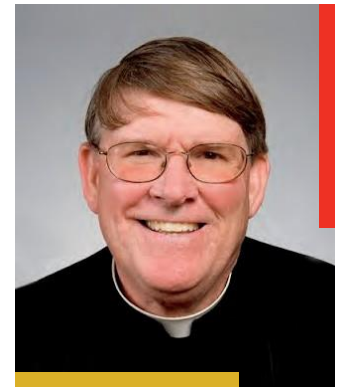
I hope that you will join me in doing the same. If you look at our participation in the Order and reflect on why it is we've become a knight or dame of Malta we might revisit what it is that first drew us to the Order. Was it the service so willingly shared? Was it the chance to be part of a community that prayed daily, individually and collectively for the needs of our Church? Was it the chance to really serve those less fortunate, particularly the malades? Was it an opportunity to stand in defense of the Faith and to

witness to our belief in the Lord Jesus and the gift of His Church? Or, were we motivated by a desire for recognition and an opportunity to put another notch on our resume? I prefer to believe our intentions were pure and that we have anxiously desired to serve the Lord and His people with greater commitment to those less fortunate than ourselves.

There are many different reasons why we are members of the Order. Maybe in some cases, all of the above might apply. The reality is that this commitment (and it truly is a commitment) requires a higher level of living and loving as Catholics, as followers of the Lord, and as willing participants in the journey of Faith. Through the annual retreats, the pilgrimage to Lourdes, and various smaller gatherings in our local communities;

through our direct service in our numerous apostolates; and through the opportunity to walk this journey side by side with others, we have a chance to truly live the faith the way the Church would want us to live it.

As we think about our own participation, think about the Order in your own community. Think about the Federal Association. Think about the Order on an international level. We all need to ask ourselves what difference being a member of the Order makes in our lives and maybe more importantly, what difference we are making in the lives of others. Are we having any kind of impact on fellow parishioners, family members and friends? Do we truly believe that we've been called to a particular vocation to live our Faith fully every day?



The Annual Report reminds us not only of where we've been but calls us to think about what we can do in the future. May the pages that follow allow you to think about where you might become more involved in the Order this coming year. Give your time, talent and treasure to make sure that all that we do we do in His name for the greater glory of God. May the blessings of the Lord be showered on you and your families as you continue the work of serving the less fortunate in our midst and defending the Faith. The gift of serving our Faith is truly one of God's gifts to us.

Sincerely,

**Msgr. John J. Enzler**

**Magistral Chaplain and  
Chaplain to the Board of  
DireCtors**



# President's Message

**D**ear Fellow Members of the Federal Association:

I am pleased to present to you the 2010–2011 Annual Report for the Federal Association of the Order of Malta. During the past year, much has been done and this report is intended to give you an overview of the various good works of the Association, of our regions and of our members in service to poor and sick and in defense of the Catholic Church. So much of what we do as members of the Order of Malta is done in community with other knights and dames, candidates, chaplains, auxiliary, spouses and friends.

Throughout the year many events call us together as knights and dames of the Order: the Day of Formation, the Lourdes Pilgrimage, the feast of St. John the Baptist, the Investiture weekend, Masses for deceased members, our Defense of the Faith forums, regional meetings. Much of the work we do in our communities is done in a very quiet way, with

generous hearts and great concern for the infirm and poor that we serve. For every story and photo which appears in these pages there are hundreds of other servant leaders in the Order whose names are not mentioned. Each of us contributes to the work of our Order, but each of us needs to go beyond what we have done thus far because there is so much more to do.

Each year, our Annual Appeal supports many charitable projects throughout the regions which are important to our mission. Not only are we assisting service projects, but Appeal funds are used to support grants for our Defense of the Faith efforts. All of these projects and contributions are made by the recommendations of the Grants and the Defense of the Faith Committees. The requests for the vast majority of these grants are initiated by applications members submit with their testimony about the essential services these programs provide to the poor in their regions. It is important that every member participate in the Annual Appeal, the Order's life blood for the Grants programs.

As you know, several of our members have made the promise of Obedience and are members in the Second Class. This distinction is granted to those knights and dames who dedicate themselves to a deeper spiritual commitment. Presently we have 25 members in the Second Class and encourage other members to consider this calling. We are also pleased to announce that this past year Fra' John Harvey made his initial vows to become a Knight of Justice. We are particularly happy about this event since our professed knights are our connection to the ancestral roots as an Order of the Church.

This year we made several organizational changes within the Association to improve communication and to enhance our member's ability to serve others. A By-laws Task Force and a reorganization task force for the Regions completed their work and 2012 is the year for implementation of the changes. We hope that the changes will help you in your service to the Order and to the poor and sick.



The true story of our Order and the Federal Association is that the work mentioned here is multiplied exponentially by our members, and the impact we make in our communities is significant beyond these pages. And so, perhaps in a simple way, we individually—and joyfully—take part in the work of the Order by offering the words of our Daily Prayer: to promote God's glory, the World's peace and all that may benefit the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. With warmest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,  
A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "J. Paul McNamara". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

**J. Paul McNamara**  
President

# Treasurer's Report



Lafayette, LA members deliver a Federal Association Grant to the Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

**D**espite continued weakness in both the U.S. economy and financial markets, the Federal Association ended 2011 in sound financial condition. A record number of our members supported our grants program by contributing \$836,627 to the Annual Appeal, an increase of nearly 7% over the 2010 total. This year's average gift of over \$1,300 is in line with the levels of previous years. Thus, we are making progress toward but are still well short of achieving 100% participation. The Annual Appeal is the primary funding mechanism for the Grants Program which focuses our support of the many worthy projects around the Federal Association's geographic footprint. Please continue to make this a priority in your charitable giving.

In another area of emphasis, we added seventeen new members to the Blessed Gerard Society, bringing the total to sixty. This group of dedicated Knights and Dames who have included the Order of Malta in their

estate plans represents the key driving force in building our resources to allow for the ongoing long-term support of our programs, including Defense of the Faith and the annual Lourdes pilgrimage.

The accompanying table provides the detail of our financial status for the year ended December 31, 2011. Because this report is published earlier in the calendar year, we are just beginning this year's audit cycle. As such, we currently have only unaudited data available. When the audit is complete, the entire report will be available on the Federal Association web site.

Thomas E. Weiford  
Federal Association Treasurer

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Lord, Jesus, thou hast  
seen fit to enlist me for  
thy service in the Order  
of St. John of Jerusalem.

# Financial Highlights—2011 UNAUDITED

## OPERATIONAL REVENUE 2011

Dues	\$946,811
New Orleans Rebuilding Program	\$92,566
Lourdes Pilgrimage	\$920,364
Investiture	\$116,255
Passage Fees	\$116,500
Spiritual Activities	\$67,298
Other Income	\$46,376
<b>Total Operational Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,308,181</b>

## OPERATIONAL EXPENSE 2011

Operations/Administration	\$803,040
New Orleans Rebuilding Program	\$97,431
Spiritual Activities	\$81,100
Hospitaller Activities	\$14,928
Lourdes Pilgrimage	\$748,318
Investiture	\$132,347
Assessments to Order of Malta—Note 1	\$310,400
Publications/Communications/Distribution	\$20,070
Funds Due to Regions	\$37,250
<b>Total Operational Expense</b>	<b>\$2,244,884</b>
<b>Net (Operational Revenue Over Expense)</b>	<b>\$63,297</b>

## GRANTS PROGRAM REVENUE & SOURCE OF FUNDS 2011

Annual Appeal Funds	\$836,627
International Projects	\$70,304
Transfer from Blessed Gerard Fund	\$98,296
<b>Total Grants Program Revenue &amp; Source of Funds</b>	<b>\$1,005,227</b>

## GRANTS PROGRAM EXPENSES 2011

Grants—Note 2	\$985,602
<b>Net (Grants Program Revenue over Expense)</b>	<b>\$19,625</b>

## INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS 2011

Operating Account	\$13,780
Lourdes Fund	\$931,276
Blessed Gerard Fund	\$2,405,465
Malta House Fund	\$116,968
<b>Total Investment Accounts</b>	<b>\$3,467,489</b>

Note 1—Includes Member Assessment, Passage Fees and Malteser International.

Note 2—Includes Clinic programs, Cuba Task Force and Haiti earthquake relief.



(Top) Jacksonville members at St. Francis Soup Kitchen

(Middle) Robert Easby-Smith, Association Treasurer 2005–2011, at the 2011 Day of Formation

(Bottom) Chicago members present the truck purchased with a Grant from the Federal Association



# Federal Association Grants Fund Projects in the US and Abroad



Pittsburgh Hospitaller Dan McGrogan delivers a Grant to UPMC Mercy Hospital

**H**ow do the knights and dames of the Federal Association live out their solemn promise made at Investiture to serve the sick and the poor? As individuals they do so in countless ways every day. As members of the Order, their contributions to the Annual Appeal provide direct services to the needy in our hospitaller regions, as well as in several

locations in Central and South America and the Caribbean Basin. By pooling their generous donations, members have significant impact on programs the Federal Association supports. Members of the Grants Committee serve as stewards of these donations. Twice a year, twelve members from different hospitaller regions meet to recommend to the Board the applications for charitable programs that have been submitted by members of the Federal Association. Prior to that meeting, each grant has been assigned to a committee member to determine whether each grant meets the grant guidelines. The entire committee then convenes to vote on their recommendations to the Board approve or deny the grant applications.

In 2011, the Federal Association supported a wide variety of programs, focusing especially on those in which knights and dames are actively involved. It is an overriding principle of the Grants Committee that we should have “our treasure follow our time and talent.” There are just a few examples noted here. Please review the entire list (printed on the next page) of grants made possible by knights’ and dames’ donations.

## 2011 Domestic Grants

Our grant of \$25,000 will enable Holy Angels Foundation in Charlotte, NC, to purchase five more lifts and 30 slings to accommodate their bed-bound patients who cannot turn themselves. Holy Angels enjoys the support of many local members. \$25,000 given to Christmas in October in Kansas City, MO, paid for about 170 ramps for wheelchair-bound poor, so elderly persons can have easier access to their homes. This program has involved virtually every knight and dame in the regions. Several of our members bring meals and offer companionship to the “Core members” (the severely mentally disabled) of L’Arche of Washington

and Virginia, so this year we offered a matching grant of \$17,500 to make a bathroom handicapped-accessible in a L’Arche home which provides life-long care. We were pleased to make a \$25,000 commitment to a new home being created by the Brothers of Charity in Washington, DC, for homeless veterans. Members’ support enabled us to purchase a van for St. Vincent de Paul in southern Maryland, and to contribute toward the cost of another van needed to transport the elderly and disabled of Malta House and other nursing homes of the Washington Archdiocese.

## 2011 International Grants

Honoring the request of the Grant Master, we have focused our International grants on the Caribbean Basin and Central America. Eight



Baltimore members deliver support to the Mission Helpers



# Grants Program JANUARY 2011–DECEMBER 2011

grants totaling over \$132,000 benefited that area; among them, a \$25,000 contribution to the annual medical mission to Nicaragua undertaken by knights and dames of New Orleans, LA. Contributions of \$25,000 each went to Medicines for Humanity and Catholic Medical Mission Board, both of which have excellent records of maximizing the purchasing power of every dollar they receive. CRUDEM in Haiti received \$25,000 to provide care for the poor in L'Hopital Sacre Coeur, where several of our doctors practice for a few weeks every year. A grant of \$5,000 allowed Sisters of Mercy in Panama to purchase sewing machines and computers to teach poor single mothers how to become more self-sufficient.

## The 2011 Clinics Program

The Diabetes Initiative spent \$27,500, providing about \$60,000 worth of testing strips and meters to encourage poor diabetes patients to monitor and control their disease more effectively. The balance of the funds was primarily used to fund grant requests for medical assistance. At the end of the year, the clinics program was consolidated into the Grant Program.

Knights and Dames may never know just how many persons have been touched by the generosity demonstrated in gifts to the Annual Appeal, but it is a certainty that what we have given will indeed make a difference in countless lives. Thank you for your continued support.

Baltimore, MD	Shepherd's Clinic	Clinic supplies and computer system upgrades
Baltimore, MD	Little Sisters of the Poor	Therapeutic bathing spa for St. Martin's Home
Baltimore, MD	Mission Helpers of Sacred Heart	Push-button doors and safety upgrades at Motherhouse for elderly nuns
Charlotte, NC	Holy Angels Foundation	Mechanical lifts and accompanying slings for disabled patients
Charlotte, NC	NC MedAssist	Generic medications and vitamins for free health clinic
Chicago, IL	Rebuilding Together	Access ramps for handicapped-accessible homes
Chicago, IL	Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach	Purchase laptops and monitors for warehouse management
Hartford, CT	Malta House of Care	Phase 2 of diabetes initiative care to the uninsured
Jacksonville, FL	Saint Francis Soup Kitchen	New True Food Service refrigerator
Kansas City, MO	Christmas in October	House Sponsor—home repairs
Lafayette, LA	Our Lady Queen of Peace Church	Critical repairs for poor church parish that burned
Kansas City, KS	Caritas Clinics, Inc.	Medical equipment for patient care
Pittsburgh, PA	Rebuilding Together	House Sponsor—home repairs
Pittsburgh, PA	UPMC Mercy Hospital	Support needy patients served by the burn unit
Potomac, MD	Potomac Community Resources	Support for Respite Care Program 1 and 2
Southern Maryland	Charles County Community Organization	Fresh-water well for families without running water
Southern Maryland	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Truck to transport food and other donations
Suburban Maryland	Mercy Health Clinic	Funds to underwrite initiative for 200 new patients
Suburban Maryland	SHARE Food Network	Funds to improve sustainability of food initiative for low-income families
Suburban Maryland	St. Luke Institute	Provide mental health care for priests and religious.
Suburban Maryland	St. Camillus Food pantry	Provide nutrition for infants
Washington, DC	Brothers of Charity	Conversion of a school into transitional housing for homeless veterans
Washington, DC	Gift of Peace Home	Boiler alarm, new valves, electrical upgrades and plumbing improvements
Washington, DC	L'Arche Greater Washington	Renovation to make bathroom handicapped-accessible
Washington, DC	Samaritan Inns, Inc.	Technology resource center for clients in Recovery Program
Washington, DC	Malta House	Handicapped-Accessible van for Victory House (including Malta House)
Bolivia	The Carmen Pampa Fund	Purchase public health clinic equipment
El Salvador	Maryknoll Lay Missioners	Soy and Health Program
Haiti	Cite Soleil Center (Port au Prince)	Support for day care and women and children's center
Haiti	Hopital Sacre Coeur (Milot)	Medicines for hospitals' on-site and off-site services
Haiti, D. Rep, Honduras	Medicines for Humanity	Medicines, vitamins and clean water program
Haiti, Guatemala	Catholic Medical Mission Board	Pharmaceuticals
Nicaragua	Order of Malta Medical Mission	Medicine and supplies for mission run by Fed.Ass'n. members in New Orleans
Panama	Sisters of Mercy	Computers and sewing machines for women's program
Alabama	Diocese of Birmingham	Tornado relief
Jacksonville, FL	St. Francis Soup Kitchen	Soup Kitchen
Jacksonville, FL	All Saints Nursing Home	Assisted Living
Minnesota	Malta Study Center	SMOM Archives
Missouri	Diocese of Springfield	Tornado relief
Palestine	Holy Family Hospital	Maternity Hospital
Peru	Lima Malteser Project	School and feeding program
Ten U.S. cities	Malta Diabetes Initiative	Providing test strips for indigent patients

# Committing to Serving Our Lords the Sick and the Poor

**E**ach week members of the Order in the Federal Association bring to life our Daily Prayer of the Order by dedicating themselves to regular hands-on service to the sick and the poor. Much like our founder, Blessed Fra' Gerard, and the knights in the hospital in Jerusalem, members across the 23 regions offer medical services, meals and perhaps most importantly, friendship. As members of the Order, at Investiture Mass, we commit to this enlistment for service to others in a hands-on way.

If you are not already working at one of the Federal Association's projects in community on a regular basis, please consider increasing your commitment each month with the goal of serving on a weekly basis. While there are many weekly opportunities to participate in the life of the Order including attending regional Masses, retreats and gatherings, there is no substitute for weekly hands-

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...Be it mine to practice  
charity towards my  
neighbors, especially the  
poor and the sick.



Members rebuild and renew New Orleans



Charlotte members at the Holy Angels Foundation

on service to the poor. Each region has a need for members to serve on committees, help organize local events, participate in work projects and to seek opportunities for members to work in community serving the sick and the poor. Contact your regional hospitaller and offer to help!

Our Grants Committee awards monies from our Annual Appeal to our regional projects where our members serve regularly in a hands-on way. Investing in the projects where our members volunteer encourages greater participation and allows our treasure to follow our time and talent. Members of the Federal Association have been exemplary in the commitment to serve. Here are a few examples of members in regular service to our lords the sick and the poor:

In Syracuse, Pat Fallon is a willing volunteer. Kathleen Mezzalingua says that no matter what project the group embarks on Pat involves herself. The Syracuse region divides the year into months rotating responsibility for assigning tasks to volunteers, coordinating the works and attending to the

details of the projects for those months. Pat volunteers in nearly every service role and project in the region from monthly pancake breakfasts to the defense of the faith projects. She steps in to fill the increased need when several of the Syracuse members are away for an extended time during the winter. Pat takes her commitment to the Order seriously. She sets a wonderful example as the mother of seven and grandmother of 40 grandchildren in her exemplary works as a Dame in the Order.

In Hartford, Jean-Pierre van Rooy says that undoubtedly Dr. Pauline Olsen is the one of our members who represents to the utmost the weekly service to the poor and the sick. Except when she is on an out of town trip, she is always busy helping the poor and the sick either as a medical doctor at the Malta House of Care since its beginning on weekly duty or more when an additional doctor is needed, or helping in case of need at the St. Gerard Center for Life. Pauline is now creating from scratch with the help of other members, the Malta Food Pantry at the St. Justin Church of Hartford that will most probably open in April.



Hartford's "Day One" with the new medical van

Dallas members serve lunch weekly

Lancaster members at NoLA home rebuilding site

In Montgomery County, MD, Anthony Falcone and Shep Abell have volunteered at the Gift of Peace each Thursday afternoon for years. They gather in community with the male residents to pray the Rosary, share prayer intentions, have a meal and enjoy the gifts of friendship. Shep also ensures that each winter, a television is set up for the men for a few hours to allow them to watch the Super Bowl as a change of pace from saints biographies. The Grants Committee recently funded boiler repairs and general maintenance to the facility.

At Malta House, an assisted living facility near Washington, DC, Joan Desmond and Joan Glasgow gather each Wednesday with the residents for spiritual enrichment in the form of a chapel service and Rosary. Seminarians participate weekly from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary to work on their homiletic skills as part of their priestly formation. The residents look forward to

these visits as it provides them a prayer community and a link with young seminarians and members of the Order. Last May, a resident joined us on our pilgrimage to Lourdes as a malade and Malta House volunteer Valencia Camp volunteered to be her companion. The Grants Committee helped to fund a van for outings for the residents.

In Chicago, Ted Milos works regularly and diligently at the Mission Outreach project sorting and packaging medical supplies for clinics in developing countries. The Chicago region adopted this project to serve the sick and the poor and to prevent tons of wasted supplies from ending up in landfills. The sorting room has bins for each type of supply. Each item has to be carefully checked for expiration dates, proper packaging and general usefulness. As the bins fill up, the items are catalogued, dated and boxed to await orders from clinics in South America and the Caribbean Basin. Last year the Grants Committee helped to fund a large truck to collect supplies from

Chicago area hospitals and clinics. Ted also volunteers at the St. Thomas soup kitchen ministry of the region. As Sam Cicarelli says, Ted is always present quietly working in service to the poor often with his wife and two children who are members of the Chicago Auxiliary.

We are reminded, as members of the Order, in the recently released Regulations and Commentary Article IV no 4 under the heading Participating Concretely in the Works of the Order "to devote oneself to the charitable activities of the Order" is an essential part of a member's duties ... The generosity of the members of the Order should manifest itself, preferably in the charitable activities of the Order itself. Of course, the fullness of participation is achieved when one has direct contact with our lords the sick and the poor.

## Regional Development Phases—Standards

	GROUP	DEVELOPING	REGION
<b>Description:</b>	Members living in proximity and more than 90 miles from an existing Federal Association Region (or similar designation in the American or Western Associations)	Members living in proximity and more than 90 miles from an existing Federal Association Region (or similar designation in the American or Western Associations), <b>and</b> having an interest and potential to attract at least 15 Members	An official Region of the Federal Association, as designated by the Federal Association Board
<b>Minimum Size:</b>	2 or more Knights and Dames	Up to 15 Knights and Dames	More than 15 Members. See “Large Regions” for additional information if over 40 members
<b>Governance:</b>	Maintain association with an existing Region, as determined by the Association Hospitaller	A Region in Development should continue its growth with the mentoring of an existing Regional Hospitaller. A developing Region Leader shall be appointed by the mentoring Regional Hospitaller in consultation with Association Hospitaller to coordinate efforts with the mentoring Region	Regional Hospitaller nominated by the Hospitaller of the Federal Association in consultation with the regional members and confirmed by the Federal Association Board of Directors
<b>Minimum Required Works:</b>	A group is not required to sponsor a particular work. If no locally sponsored Works exist, individual members are to engage in Works of the Order known as Blessed Fra’ Gerard works and private acts of Charity towards the sick and the poor	Regions in Development should work toward developing two regular hands-on activities, sponsored by the Order or in association with a reputable charitable organization	Two regular hands-on works
<b>Spirituality Requirements:</b>	Attend St. John’s Day Mass in a Region, Daily prayer including Prayer of the Order, regular spiritual reading, regular reception of the sacraments, participate yearly in a retreat of the Order	All items included in Group Requirements and attend monthly Order Mass, join in Mass of Anointing and for Mass for Deceased Members with mentoring Region	All of the proceeding requirements
<b>Organizational Requirements:</b>	Work directly with a Regional Hospitaller	Develop a Regional Leader, projects, and membership	Regional Charter & Organizational Structure

	LARGE REGION	REGIONAL SPINOFF	AUGMENTUM
<b>Description:</b>	An approved Region of the Federal Association	An approved Region of the Federal Association formed from an existing Large Region and organized around a distinct geographic center	A previously approved Region, but currently not meeting one or more minimum requirements for a Regional
<b>Minimum Size:</b>	40 or more Knights and Dames	25 or more Knights and Dames	Less than 15 Knights or Dames
<b>Governance:</b>	Regional Hospitaller (same as other Regions), however due to larger size, the Region can set up smaller Parish groups of 15 or more to promote greater confraternity	Regional Hospitaller nominated by the Hospitaller of the Federal Association in consultation with the regional members and confirmed by the Federal Association Board of Directors	A Regional Hospitaller, but perhaps not enough members to staff other organizational requirements
<b>Minimum Required Works:</b>	More than two regular hands-on works	Two regular hands-on works	Currently may not be able to maintain two regular hands-on works
<b>Spirituality Requirements:</b>	Monthly Order Mass, Annual St. John’s Day Mass and Regional Masses of Anointing and for Deceased Members. Daily prayer including Prayer of the Order, regular spiritual reading, regular reception of the sacraments, participate yearly in a retreat of the Order	Monthly Order Mass, Annual St. John’s Day Mass and Regional Masses of Anointing and for Deceased Members. Daily prayer including Prayer of the Order, regular spiritual reading, regular reception of the sacraments, participate yearly in a retreat of the Order	Currently may not be able to maintain all Spirituality requirements
<b>Organizational Requirements:</b>	Regional Charter & Organizational Structure	Regional Charter & Organizational Structure	Regional Charter & Organizational Structure. Enhanced dialog with Association Hospitaller and Membership Development Committee to develop and implement a plan to satisfy the minimum standards for a Region

In 2011, the Board continued to review the organization of the Federal Association and its Regions. In particular, the Board considered and approved recommendations to formalize the process for the development of Regions—both for established Regions and new, developing areas.

As shown in the charts, the standards approved by the Board are intended to help guide the evolution of Regions from the beginning of their life cycle. The standards also strive to make clear the minimum requirements necessary to become an official Region. In particular, the Board thought it important to have a certain critical mass in a geographic location before it can become a Region. Also there must be a visible dedication to hands-on service work in the location as well as a plan to find additional candidates for the Order so that the Region can sustain itself.

visited the picturesque town of

**T**he past year's Lourdes Pilgrimage, April 27–May 4, 2011, was a spirit and grace filled week. This year we escorted 36 malades and companions, supported by 138 knights and dames, with candidates, volunteers, auxiliary and chaplains—a grand total of 278 from throughout the Federal Association. Due to the generosity of members, the 2011 Lourdes pilgrimage was fiscally sound.

The non-stop charter flight departed from Baltimore Washington International Airport for a seven hour trip to Lourdes. While the pilgrimage planning began a year before, the pre-boarding hours spent at BWI, filled with introductions and team meetings, coupled with the heightened sense of anticipation, were what set the positive tone for the week in Lourdes.

Divided into six teams, the 2011 pilgrims were ably led by a group of experienced and devoted team leaders. Together as pilgrims on the journey, we prayed, shared, dined, laughed, cried, and comforted one another. We attended daily Mass, participated in the evening Rosary procession, sought healing in the baths, visited the Grotto, prayed the Stations of the Cross, received the anointing of the sick, and walked the steps of St. Bernadette. We enjoyed great fellowship throughout the week and the beautiful sunny weather contributed to our elevated spirits.

One of the many highlights of the 2011 pilgrimage included an afternoon tour of the French countryside. We



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Luz Saint Sauveur, located just one hour outside of Lourdes. There was plenty of time to shop, to sample the cheeses of the region, or to lounge at an outdoor café. Our bus ride into the Basque country gave us breathtaking views of the beautiful snow-capped Pyrenees, and took us through many quaint villages. We concluded our excursion at a local restaurant, and then headed back to Lourdes for a quiet evening.

The 2011 Lourdes pilgrimage, like so many that preceded it, enriched the spiritual journey for us all. Through the hands-on caring of our beloved malades and supported by the prayers of many, we witnessed countless Lourdes blessings during the course of the week. Lourdes is a holy place, truly a place of great grace and healing.



# Defense of the Faith



2011 Defense of the Faith Forum

## Committee Provides Programs and Funds Activities

While Defense of the Faith, *Tuitio Fidei*, has been one of the two charisms of the Order of Malta from its beginning 900 years ago when members of the Order wielded swords to defend the faith, today knights and dames are called to employ more modern means.

In 2011 the Defense of the Faith Committee tried to provide those means by educating knights and dames about their Catholic faith and about contemporary challenges to it and by supporting member-sponsored Catholic organizations which promote and defend the Catholic faith in the world today.

In this way the Defense of the Faith Committee assists knights and dames to fulfill the promise they make in the Daily Prayer of the Order: Be it mine to practice and defend the Catholic, the Apostolic, the Roman faith against the enemies of religion.

## Education

The committee produces two educational programs each year for the entire membership. The spring program of general faith education is designed to inform and strengthen the faith of members in the many regions where they reside. The fall program during Investiture Weekend when all members come together in Washington, DC, aims to educate members about a contemporary issue which is challenging Catholic beliefs and practices.

In 2011 the committee's two programs were: *Living Your Faith: Living Out the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church Through Education, Defense of the Faith, and Ministering to the Sick and the Poor*; and *Passing the Faith to a Younger Generation*.

The spring program, Living Your Faith, in the form of a DVD video series and a printed companion guide, was sent to regional hospitallers for use in regional small groups of knights

and dames. Produced by the American Association, the DVD consisted of four 30-minute film segments. Each segment portrayed a particular work of the Order of Malta and a discussion by theologians from The Catholic University of America of the key Catechetical themes which the work illustrates. The companion guide, produced by the Federal Defense of the Faith Committee, attempted to stimulate reflection on Scripture and on membership in the Order and to give references for further reading.

Sixty-six DVD's and guides were mailed to the 23 regional hospitallers. Also, the companion guide was posted for download on the Defense of the Faith page of the association's website.

The fall program, a panel discussion of "Passing the Faith to a Younger Generation", took place on Friday, October 21, in Washington, DC. Two hundred and seventy knights and dames attended. Panelists compared the beliefs and practices of older Catholics with those of current young adults, talked about the personal faith journeys of particular young adult Catholics, and discussed what the Church is doing to attract young adults to Mass and the Sacraments. Panelists were: Rev. Thomas Gaunt, S.J., Executive Director of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate; Helen Osman, Secretary of Communications for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; Rev. Gregory Shaffer, Catholic chaplain at The George Washington University;

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# Catholicism On the Air

“It gives me faith to see God is at work in the world on such a big scale.”

This comment came from a listener who learned about the Order of Malta from radio broadcasts of The Catholic Café, a signature project of the Memphis, TN, hospitaller region.

The Federal Association through the Defense of the Faith Committee provided funding for The Catholic Café to go “on location” to the 2011 Lourdes Pilgrimage to produce shows on the work of the Order and other Catholic topics. Eleven 30-minute segments were produced in which the Grand Master, the Grand Hospitaller, two Ambassadors of the Order, and representatives of Malteser International talk about the Order, its works, and its pilgrimages. Other Federal members discussed Catholic bioethics, Catholic higher education, and Catholic Charities. These

shows aired on radio and can now be accessed at [www.thecatholiccafe.com](http://www.thecatholiccafe.com).

The mission of the Catholic Café is to faithfully present Catholic teaching in an accessible, talk format for non-Catholics, former Catholics, and the poorly catechized. The other mission is to broadcast accurate information about what Catholics believe in order to combat misinformation common on the airwaves. Including both doctrinal and devotional topics, recent programs have included Personal Devotion to Jesus, the New Evangelization, Discerning the Priesthood, the Erosion of Religious Freedom, The Church and Science, the Problem of Evil, and Suffering and Healing.

The show airs weekly on four radio stations in the Diocese of Memphis and one station in Hartford, CT. It is syndicated on 37 stations throughout the U.S. by Relevant Radio. Shows are available free of charge on the internet



Memphis' Hospitaller Robert Hutton and Deacon Jeff interview the Grand Master

for listening and downloading, and links are offered for those wishing to delve into a topic more deeply.

The Catholic Café receives letters from fans around the globe, including:

*“I recently discovered the Catholic Café and have listened to several hours of programming via the iTunes Store. I was baptized, but sadly I was not raised in the Church. Happily now I believe God has drawn me back to himself, and I joined RCIA and was confirmed at the age of 35. I am very committed to learning about and practicing the Catholic faith, and I can see that your program will be invaluable to help me.”*

*“Just last week I came across your website and your program. I am listening to two a night, and they are very enriching. I will miss them when I have listened to them all. Thank you for your ministry!”*

*“I have spent the last couple of days engrossed in the Catholic Café. My wife and I belong to the Presbyterian Church. About three years ago, I became very interested in the Catholic faith. I have personally written to the local bishop requesting that a Catholic Church be established in our town...I was wondering if you or any of your guests would consider coming to our church to share with us what the Lord is doing and how we can help you in sharing the message.”*

## A Complete List of Defense of the Faith Grants Made in 2010–2011 Includes:

Jacksonville, FL	Fraternus	Faith Mentoring resources for 400 young at risk boys
Lancaster, PA	Hospitaller Region	Public Lecture by Catholic writer, George Weigel
Memphis, TN	The Catholic Café	Radio interviews with leaders of the Order of Malta in Lourdes for broadcast in America
National	Archdiocese of Military Services	Two discernment retreats for 35 military personnel considering priestly vocations
National	U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops	Partial funding for Ad Hoc Committee of the USCCB to protect religious liberty in the U.S.
Northern Virginia	Diocese of Arlington	TV broadcast of Eucharistic Adoration during Rosary Pilgrimage
Northern Virginia	The Catholic Distance University	Scholarships to train prisoners as Chaplain's assistants and faith education for 150 prisoners
Washington, DC	The Catholic Information Center	Education in Catholic philosophy for 125 young adult professionals
Washington, DC	Holy Trinity Order of Malta Group	Public Lecture on Faith and Service: “The Unbreakable Bond” by Diarmuid Martin, the Archbishop of Dublin
Washington, DC	Newman Center, The George Washington University	Retreats for 200 college students studying the Catholic faith
Washington, DC	Walter Reed Military Hospital	Stipends for priests to say Mass and speakers programs for wounded soldiers

# A Message from the Regent of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes

## A Deeper Commitment to the Order of Malta Through the Promise of Obedience

**T**he Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes was established by H.M.E.H., the Prince and Grand Master, with the approval by the Sovereign Council in 2006. Hence, we have celebrated our fifth anniversary year. There are two subpriories in the United States, the first being the Subpriory of Our Lady of Philermo, founded in 2002 and whose territory is that of the Western Association of the Order of Malta. The territory of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes encompasses that of both the American and Federal Associations.

We in the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes, following our Confreres and Consoeurs in the Subpriory of Our Lady of Philermo, wish to assist our Members, Knights of Justice and Knights and Dames in Obedience, in fulfilling their spiritual obligations and in being a strong, shining light to members of the Third Class in the development and practice of their charism and spirituality.

## Recent Membership Activity in the Federal Association

In both 2010 and again in 2011 a member of the Federal Association made the Promise of Obedience. Two members of the Federal Association are currently in the year of preparation to make their “Promise.” There are currently two Knights of Justice from the Federal and the American Associations, and in 2011 a member of the Federal Association, Fra’ John Harvey, made his first Temporary Vows as a Knight of Justice, and a second member of the Federal Association has been approved by the Sovereign Council to enter the Aspirancy to the Novitiate for the First Class.

## What is Obedience?

Members of the Subpriory in the Second Class make the “Promise of Obedience.” It is between the vows of the Professed Knights of the First Class and the commitment of the Knights and Dames of the Third Class. Knights and Dames of Obedience “promise:”

*To live a life leading to Christian perfection in the spirit of the works of the Order;*

*To attend Mass frequently and to recite certain daily prayers;*

*To take part in annual spiritual exercises, including a 3-day retreat each Year.*

As Fra’ John Dunlap, a member of the Sovereign Council wrote when he was the first Regent of the Subpriory, “Being admitted to the Second Class (Obedience) is not a promotion nor is it an honor. It is a commitment to a deeper personal spirituality within the Order and availability to perform further duties for the Order.” I would add that the Subpriory is a “spiritual family” within a larger family which is the Order of Malta, a statement found in the 2011 *Regulations and Commentary on the Order of Malta*.

I would also ask us to remember to serve all our fellow members in the Associations and to work behind them in serving the sick and poor. We can take no precedence as servants of our Lords, the sick and poor.

## What is the Nature of the Promise?

The Promise we make (to be Obedient) is close to the vow made in a religious order. It is greater than a commitment in a pious community of prayer. It is an innovation within the norms of the Church; it is close to the obliging nature of vows of a religious order. (Regulations and Commentary).

The Promise entails an obligation to hear and act upon the Word in every hour and every day! It is, indeed, joyful and is intended to bring happiness of the soul. I would like to add that we



Witnesses for Robert Signorelli's promise



Fra' John Harvey makes his temporary vows to Fra' John Dunlap

make the “Promise” to God, and only indirectly to our Superiors in the Order, whether it be to the Prince and Grand Master, the Grand Commander, or to the Regent or his delegate. While they, indeed, are our religious superiors within the Order, they are only instruments of the Lord Himself.

The Promise can also be described (as it is in the Regulations and Commentary) as a bilateral obligation between the candidate and the Church, with the superiors of the Order representing the Church; thus the obligation is with God.

Membership in the Subpriory, then, is membership in a religious community, and those who enter make an open profession to follow the path to perfection in the community of a Subpriory. Within this community, we seek what is useful to others, to love each other unselfishly, and to be brothers and sisters in the same family.

### Membership

The Subpriory currently has 51 Knights and Dames in Obedience, 28 from the American Association and 23 from the Federal Association; 17 Knights and Dames are now in a year of preparation before they make their Promise. The Subpriory is also the spiritual community of our four members who have made their perpetual vows as Knights of Justice, a member who has made his first Temporary Vows, and a member whose petition to enter the Aspirancy to the Novitiate for the First Class has been approved by the Sovereign Council. (It is the special mission and duty of the Subpriory to encourage vocations to the First Class).

### Chaplains

The Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes has two Chaplains. The Principal Chaplain is the Very Reverend John McGuire, O.P., Conventual Chaplain of the Order. The Assistant Chaplain is Monsignor James Watkins, Magistral Chaplain. Father McGuire is Pastor of St. Joseph’s Church, New York City, and Msgr. Watkins is Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, D. C.

### Process for Admission to Membership in the Second Class

A Member interested in pursuing Obedience begins by writing to the President of his or her Association requesting permission to go forward. If approved, the President forwards the candidate’s application papers to the Regent. Thereafter the application is reviewed by the Council of the Subpriory and, if approved, the Regent writes a letter of support to the Grand Commander asking His Excellency to approve the candidacy and to put the Petition before H.M.E.H., the Prince and Grand Master, and their Excellencies, the Members of the Sovereign Council. It is the Grand Master, with the consent of the Sovereign Council, and a “Nihil Obstat” from the Prelate of the Order who admits a member to the preparation period and who will after the end of the year of preparation who will, in the same manner, welcome a new Knight or Dame in Obedience into the Second Class of the Order.

It is the Regent’s role to help the candidate prepare for a year of prepa-



ration which begins with a five-day retreat at a retreat house approved by the Regent. A spiritual director for each candidate is appointed to assist the candidate in the year of preparation.

### Governance of the Subpriory

Pursuant to its Bylaws, the Subpriory is governed by a Regent, who is assisted by a Council, consisting of a Vice-Regent, Chancellor, four elected Councilors, and two ex-officio Councilors, the Presidents of the American and Federal Associations. The Regent and the Councilors serve six year terms and are elected by the Members of the Subpriory. The line of authority to the Subpriory within the Order of Malta comes from His Most Eminent Highness, the Prince and Grand Master, through His Excellency, the Grand Commander to the Regent of the Subpriory.

### Interdependence of ‘Obedience’ and ‘Community’

We in the Subpriory are a community of prayer, but we are also very much a part of the larger community of the Order with whom we are called upon to serve. We are a reminder that we are a lay religious order and that we are all called upon to make a deeper commitment to serve the sick and poor and witness the Faith.

**Joseph G. Metz, Ph.D.**

Regent, SubPriory of Our Lady of Lourdes

# New Members Invested in 2010 and 2011

**P**rincipal Chaplain of the Order His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl invested new chaplains and Dames and Knights of Magistral Grace at the annual Investiture Masses at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington DC. New members of the Association were recognized at the Annual Luncheon following each Mass and at a white tie reception and dinner at the Mayflower Hotel.

## CLASS OF 2010

### Magistral Chaplain

Rev. Richard Mullins  
St. Louis Church, Arlington, VA

### Associate Chaplain

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson  
Rector, St. Matthew Cathedral,  
Washington, DC

### Knights of Magistral Grace

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Leawood, KS  
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Magistral Chaplain**

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the Archdiocese of Chicago

**Associate Chaplain**

Very Rev. Douglas L. Mosey, CSB  
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College and Seminary,  
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# Recognizing Those Who Have Received Special Awards as Members of the Order of Malta

Three members of the Federal Association were elevated to Grand Cross of the Order and eleven members of the Federal Association received the Order's *Pro Merito Melitensi* awards during the year 2010 and 2011. This Knightly Order of Merit or Order *Pro Merito Melitensi*, established in 1920, recognizes those whose activities have conferred honor and prestige on the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. The Order's Sovereign Council confers these awards to members and non-members of the Order of Malta. Our Federal Association establishes a Committee on Awards and Decorations to identify and recommend to the

Association's President those persons deemed most worthy of special recognition by the Order. The Grand Master can also grant these awards *motu proprio*.

During the pilgrimage to Lourdes, His Most Eminent Highness the Prince and Grand Master, Fra' Matthew Festing promoted a member of the Federal Association, and of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes, Fra' James-Michael von Stroebel, to Knight Grand Cross of Justice. His Highness recognized Fra' James-Michael's years of service to the Order, including the promotion and development of vocations to the First Class and the establishment of the Subpriory joining members

of the American and Federal Associations. There are nine Knights Grand Cross of Justice who hold this second highest honor in the Order. Fra' James-Michael is the only Knight Grand Cross of Justice outside of Europe.

At the 2011 Investiture weekend, members of the Federal Association and members of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes, W. Shepherdson Abell, KMOB received the Grand Cross of Magistral Grace in Obedience with Sash and Kathryn S. Abell, DMOB received the Grand Cross of Magistral Grace in Obedience.

Our current President of the Federal Association, J. Paul McNamara, KM was awarded

the Grand Cross in December, 2011. Ten other members of the Federal Association received these awards during the last two years. In 2010, the Order's Sovereign Council awarded non-member Michael J. Falcone, spouse of former Federal Association president Noreen Falcone, DM, the Cross of Merit for his tireless efforts to support the work of the Order.

The Federal Association also confers special recognition on those members who provided outstanding service to projects of the Order during the year. This President's Award was bestowed on Christine W.O. Diffenderffer, DM, Christine Noel Page, DM, and Kathryn Ruscitto, DM.



Shep Abell with Gian Luca Chiavari, the Receiver of the Common Treasure



2010 Award Recipients: (l-r) Rocco Martino, Michael McGarry, Dr. Richard Perry, Agnes Williams, Dr. Donald Joyce, Dr. Gael Delany, President J. Paul McNamara. Front: Hon. Tim Murphy



# Special Awards 2010–2011

## The Grand Cross of the Order

Fra' James-Michael von Stroebel — Grand Cross of Justice

W. Shepherdson Abell — Grand Cross of Magistral Grace in Obedience, with Sash

Kathryn S. Abell — Grand Cross of Magistral Grace in Obedience

## The Order of Merit *Pro Merito Melitensi*

J. Paul McNamara, KM — Grand Cross of Merit

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, KM — Grand Officer of Merit

Most Rev. Raymond J. Boland — Cross of Merit *Pro Piis Meritis*

Gael M. Delany, D.D.S., KM — Cross of Merit

Michael J. Falcone — Cross of Merit

Frank J. Guyol, Jr., KM — Cross of Merit

Donald G. Joyce, M.D., KM — Cross of Merit

Rocco L. Martino, Ph.D., KMOB — Cross of Merit

J. Michael McGarry, Esq., KM — Cross of Merit

Hon. Tim Murphy, K.M. — Cross of Merit

Richard B. Perry, M.D., KM — Cross of Merit

Agnes N. Williams, DM — Cross of Merit

## President's Award

Christine W.O. Diffenderffer, DM

Christine Noel Page, DM

Kathryn Ruscitto, DM

Dr. Dick Perry is  
congratulated by  
Vice President Ed Festa



President J. Paul McNamara with Vice President Ed Festa



Christine Diffenderffer receives the President's Award



Dr. Edmund Pellegrino receives the Grand Cross of Merit



Michael and Noreen Falcone



Bishop Boland receives the Cross of Merit



The Grand Master presents the Cross of Justice to Fra' James-Michael von Stroebel



Christine Noel Page receives the President's Award



2011 Award Recipients: (l-r) President J. Paul McNamara, Dr. Pellegrino, Shep Abell, Kathryn Abell, Gian Luca Chiavari, the Receiver of the Common Treasurer

# Lourdes Pilgrimage Contributions

The following members, candidates, and friends donated to the 2011 Lourdes Pilgrimage

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and Joseph and Kathleen Cupo, a young couple who completed the Landings Program for returning Catholics.

A podcast of the program is available on the Defense of the Faith page of the Federal website, along with the committee's 2010 fall program, "The Erosion of Religious Liberty in America."

## Email Alerts

Defense of the Faith email alerts inform members about particular challenges to Catholic beliefs and practices, so that they as individuals can give effective personal witness to their faith in whatever way they deem appropriate.

In September, 2011, at the request of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Association informed members about the endangerment of freedom of conscience for health workers in federal regulations proposed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Members were referred to background information provided by the USCCB and to the bishops' request that all Catholics nationwide contact HHS and their elected representatives.

## Grants

The Defense of the Faith Committee welcomes grant requests from member-sponsored organizations which promote and defend the Catholic faith in the world today. Grants have been made to regional hospitallers for Defense of the Faith programs in their regions. Other grants have helped Catholics in vulnerable faith situations, such as those considering vocations to the priesthood and religious life, young adult Catholics studying their faith, Catholic military personnel practicing their faith in war zones, and prison chaplains ministering to the incarcerated. Grant guidelines and an application form can be downloaded from the Federal website.

Between October 2010 and December, 2011, the committee received and considered sixteen grant applications. Eleven grants were recommended for approval by the Association's board of directors.

While the committee ordinarily limits grants to \$10,000 or less, in 2011 an urgent request by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to all three U.S. associations of the Order



Lancaster, PA Defense of the Faith Forum with speaker George Weigel

prompted the committee to recommend that the association grant \$50,000 in Defense of the Faith funds to the USCCB for the bishops' new Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty. This committee will advise church leaders as they strive to defend the constitutional right to religious liberty presently under attack in federal and state governments. Comprised of several bishops and distinguished expert consultants, the committee includes two members of the Federal Association. It will consider government actions in light of constitutionally-protected rights, will conduct campaigns to inform the public, and will advocate in legislatures for the restoration of religious liberties.

# The Blessed Gerard Society

**T**he Blessed Gerard Society was established in 1998 as a way of recognizing the members of the Order who have included the Order of Malta Federal Association, USA in their will or other estate planning. In this manner, our members ensure that the Federal Association will continue to perform the work of the Order.

Knights and Dames of Malta have been sustaining the Order and its works in this manner for centuries, and it remains an important way of perpetuating the tradition, and more importantly, the noble work of the Order.



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