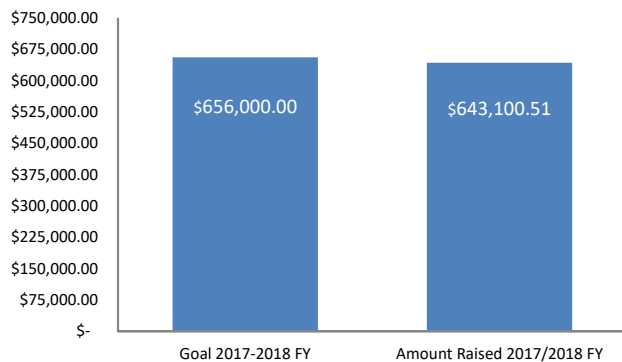


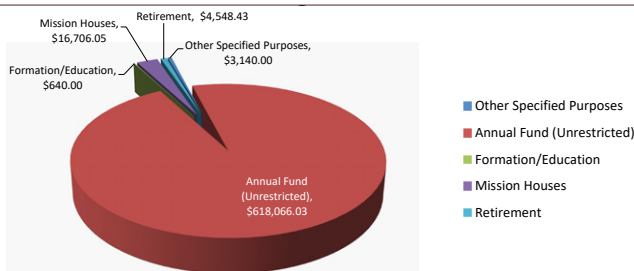
# Fundraising 2017 - 2018 FISCAL YEAR (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

## FUNDS RAISED 2017-2018 FY Goal vs Actual



While we missed our fundraising goal this year by \$13,000, we look to you, our friends, for continued support and guidance. We have retooled our approach and are excited for what the 2018-2019 year will hold!

## ANNUAL GIVING



**We rely on donations to meet over 70% of our expenses.**

Because of your generosity, we are able to serve in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, North Dakota, Washington, West Virginia, Indiana, Kansas, Texas, California, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Arizona; and also in these foreign countries: Austria, Jamaica, Romania, Slovakia, and France.

# Funding Our Way of Life

Our Lady of Sorrows is our community Motherhouse in Toronto, OH, and Father of Mercy Chapel is the heart of this home where we gather daily for prayer. The Motherhouse housed between 20-38 sisters over this past year. The sisters at the Motherhouse worked within our religious community to lead and form fellow sisters, but also served the local area in various ways: we ran a cooperative ministry with Bishop John King Mussio Junior High, where sisters took students to a local soup kitchen each week; we visited Serra Village, a nursing home and assisted care facility in Weirton, WV; a sister served on the board of the Urban Mission in Steubenville; and we assisted at the Samaritan House ministry in downtown Steubenville. Further afield, this year has seen sisters from the Motherhouse speak on various topics at parishes across the country and sisters also advised mission trips from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

The Motherhouse and Chapel are not just for the sisters, though — we always welcome the public for Mass and other prayer times, and we hosted several large events this year at the Motherhouse: a Lenten Retreat, Open House, and Masses for special occasions. Various groups, priests, and other individuals found a refuge for prayer in our hermitages and guest house as well.

Our Motherhouse is a gift to us and to the community — but it is costly to maintain. The operating and basic maintenance expenses for the Motherhouse, hermitages, and guest house were about \$225,000 for 2017-2018. This does not include living expenses for the sisters. Covering the cost of our Motherhouse is just one of the many ways we fruitfully channel the funds donated each year. We thank you so much for your support!



## FRANCISCAN SISTERS, T.O.R. *of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother*

## 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



## *Saint Elizabeth* FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

- Helped lead the Spirit Night Team, whose faith-based events drew on average 150-200 students.
- Coordinated a women's group with 85-94 women each semester, sharing about identity, relationships, and women of the Old Testament as well as on St. Edith Stein and the feminine genius.
- Hosted a Discernment Retreat for women.
- Led a Spring Break Mission Trip with 20 women to help with Hurricane Harvey clean up in the Houston area with the agency Eight Days of Hope.



## *Greccio* FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY AUSTRIA CAMPUS

- Ministered to 30-40 women a semester through Scripture Share Groups.
- Accompanied students on mission to Lourdes, Romania, and Slovakia.
- Hosted 50-60 women weekly at "Women Seeking God" events.
- Gave spiritual direction to students.

## *Santa Chiara* FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY

- Coordinated and molded a core team of 15-20 students who ran a Born of the Spirit Retreat for their peers.
- Led several teams of students who led weekly Praise and Worship and Prayer Team Ministry in which 50-250 students attended.
- Coached student leaders of the 50 faith-based "households" in the residence halls.
- Visited the imprisoned at Belmont Correctional Institution with a group of students.
  - Catechized 6 men going through RCIA.
  - Shared in the Mass with 75-100 men weekly.
  - Participated in part of the prison's Black History Month program.



## *San Damiano* HERMITAGE SETTING

- The two sisters at San Damiano committed to a hidden life of silence and solitude. They lived a more rigorous prayer schedule and interceded through their work and penitential lives. They also worked for the community and offered spiritual direction.

## *Heart of Mary* DOWNTOWN STEUBENVILLE

- Coordinated 18 events for LAMP soup kitchen on behalf of the Triumph of the Cross parish. Each event featured a hot breakfast, faith-based teachings, games, and bagged lunches to-go.
  - Collaborated with local Christian churches: Agape Church and First Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- Coordinated the Samaritan House on behalf of the Diocese's Catholic Charities. The Samaritan House shared the faith with customers by offering faith classes and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily, praying the Rosary on Thursdays, and offering praise and worship on Mondays.
  - Assisted over 1000 people with food and over 1000 people with clothing.

*At Samaritan House when we open the doors each morning to let people in off the streets to get something to eat or wear, to pray together, or just to talk...they open their hearts to us, letting us in to experience Christ. It's a beautiful exchange. I learn a great deal in encountering Christ in the poor. ~Sr. Mary Michelina*



## *Serra Village* NURSING HOME

- Hosted residents at our Motherhouse chapel for Divine Mercy Sunday Mass and Confession.
- Visited residents weekly at Serra Village Retirement Community and attended their bimonthly Masses.