

FRANCISCAN YOUTH MINISTRY

FYM's Project Joy : An Act of Love for Our Elderly

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Re: COVID 19

As FYM pursuing our Franciscan Values and Mission we participate in Project Joy every Christmas writing to the folks in the Nursing Home. Today with all the worry surrounding the CORONA Virus, our friends in the Nursing Homes are unable to have visits from loved ones or us. So all the more importantly, I am urging you and your families to write letters or make cards for our friends in the Nursing Homes cheering them up and letting them know our prayers are with them. It is a simple task that we can do but an act of love which will mean so much to them. I am attaching stationery, as a template. Spread the word to alumni, neighbors etc. this is an act of love.

Some simple guidelines:

- **Be positive, be cheery, write about things that make you happy.**
- **Tell them you are thinking of them, and praying for them.**
- **Tell them something wonderful about your family, friends or school.**
- **The salutation: Dear Friend will suffice, use the school return address.**
- **Sign off : Your friend, Thinking of you, etc. with your first name.**

The Homes we serve directly are listed below. Please consider writing to them who know us already or write to any Nursing Home or elderly person

St. Joseph's Home
350 Cuba Hill Road
Huntington ,NY 11743

Maria Regina Residence
1725 Brentwood Road
Brentwood, NY 11717

Queen of Peace Residence
110-30 221 Street
Queens Village, NY 11429

Please call your grandparents, elderly relatives and friends. Stay inside, read, laugh , pray and smile!

*St. Anthony's High School
275 Wolf Hill Road
Huntington, NY 11746*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.*

Dear Friend,

Keep Smiling,

Your name

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.