

FY 2018 Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust Member Initiatives

The Congregation Grant Committee of the Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust approved \$513,350 for the following 24 Member Initiatives for the fiscal year 2018. These projects reflect the Mission and Vision of the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Angela House Houston, Texas

Maureen O'Connell, OP, Executive Director

With the Ministry Trust grant, the staff at Angela House will continue to assist formerly incarcerated women as they re-enter society. Each participant in the program will join in weekly groups coordinated by a licensed therapist to focus on issues such as shame and to assist in their re-entry into society. Each woman will develop a service plan with her substance abuse case manager, who will assess her progress through participation in a 12-step program, interviews, and daily personal interactions with residents.

Capuchin Soup Kitchen Detroit, Michigan

Nancyann Turner, OP, Staff Member

Situated in a poverty-stricken area of Detroit, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen offers meals to people in need. The Rosa Parks Children's Peace Garden is in its courtyard. The Ministry Trust grant will give children the opportunity to plant and tend the vegetable and flower gardens and to cook simple dishes for their families. The young adults will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills such as accountability, respect for co-workers, and teamwork.

Catholic Committee of the South Avondale Estates, Georgia

Mary Priniski, OP, Staff and Board Member

Gathering for Mission, a program of the Catholic Committee of the South, seeks to empower church leadership, clerics, and lay leaders; to embrace dialogue with voices often unheard; and to address social justice issues that often cannot be resolved at the local level. The organization's purpose is to

stand in solidarity with those who are struggling to claim respect and human dignity. Gathering for Mission is patterned after Pope Francis' urging the faithful to be a church of the peripheries, a church listening to the voices of those who are marginalized and searching out perspectives beyond those of people who gather for Sunday worship.

Centro Latino of Shelbyville, Inc. Shelbyville, Kentucky

Patricia Reno, OP, Executive Director

The Ministry Trust grant awarded to Centro Latino of Shelbyville, Inc., will fund expanded programs and services for the transient Latino community in the Shelbyville area. Primarily, residents will learn basic English and various life skills. A monthly women's meeting, which provides childcare and a hot lunch, enables participants to expand their capabilities through lively interaction with their peers. A reading and math camp for children helps to maintain basic skills during the summer months.

Con/Vida: Popular Arts of the Americas Detroit, Michigan

Barbara Cervenka, OP, Co-Director

Con/Vida works primarily with Brazilian and Peruvian artists who live in limited financial circumstances. The goal of Con/Vida is to give voice to the artists and to validate and popularize their work within our culture. The Ministry Trust grant provides rent for space to house the artists' works in a central Detroit location. Con/Vida promotes traveling arts exhibits to educate and inform North American audiences about the history and culture of common people of Peru and Brazil.

Covenant Community Care Detroit, Michigan

Mary Jane Lubinski, OP, Board Member

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Community Care will provide health care services to people in Detroit who are homeless. Its outreach team travels to various neighborhoods to provide medical care to men and women who live in abandoned buildings or under highway overpasses. Transportation to the clinic also is available through the program.

**Dominican Center for Religious Development
Farmington Hills, Michigan
Anneliese Sinnott, OP, Board Member**

For many years, the Dominican Center for Religious Development has trained spiritual directors and offered programs for enrichment to the wider faith communities. With the Ministry Trust grant, the Board members will establish a strong online program for spiritual development and resume the Spiritual Direction Internship Program. Both the online program and the internships are designed to provide opportunities for religious formation and adult faith development.

**Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference
San Rafael, California
Mary Soher, OP, Director**

At the Dominican High Schools Preaching Conference, students receive ongoing formation in the Dominican charism. The Ministry Trust grant will fund travel expenses and materials for the presenters. This allows the Conference to offer additional scholarships to students eager to participate.

**Gianna House
Eastpointe, Michigan
Theresa Mayrand, OP, Co-Director**

Gianna House provides a sanctuary for pregnant adolescents and their newborns and serves as a center of comfort and support for all pregnant women. Most women seeking services at Gianna House do not experience freedom, equality, and full personhood because they were denied a nurturing environment and adequate education as

adolescents and now lack support from the fathers of their newborns. At Gianna House, they receive support, baby items, referrals, and classes in prenatal care, personal growth, and nutrition.

**Grace House
Chicago, Illinois
Eunice Drazba, OP, Board Member**

Grace House, a component of St. Leonard's Ministries, provides a residence where formerly incarcerated women receive housing, food, and clothing. The Ministry Trust grant ensures that women receive case management services and opportunities for job search and placement. Reuniting the women with their families in a stable environment is the hope for the program.

**Housing Help of Lenawee, Homeless Prevention
Adrian, Michigan
Angela Susalla, OP, Board Member**

Homeless Prevention in Lenawee County provides support to families and individuals in housing crisis who need assistance to overcome barriers to housing and self-sufficiency. Through the Housing First and Transitional Housing Projects, Ministry Trust funds will provide housing counseling, referrals, and financial assistance to help families maintain their current housing or to provide families with minor children with safe, secure, and clean transitional housing units in Adrian, Michigan.

**Lenawee County Community Action Agency
Adrian, Michigan
Joella Miller, OP, Board Member**

Lenawee County Community Action Agency offers "Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World," a program to help individuals in poverty to build their resources in a productive manner. The workshop, through funding from the Ministry Trust grant, will be available to assist individuals as they deepen their understanding of the causes of poverty and the impact of poverty

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on individuals and communities. By investigating their own experiences, individuals will have the opportunity to design plans for their own economic improvement.

**Mercy Housing Northwest
Seattle, Washington
Judy Byron, OP, Board Member**

Mercy Housing Northwest enables low-income immigrant and refugee families to gain stable housing, to find employment, and to remain healthy. The Ministry Trust grant will support educational programs and workshops, as well as provide health and wellness resources, enabling the staff to accomplish the goals of providing access to good housing, steady employment, and good health.

**Northwest Detroit Youth Coalition
Detroit, Michigan
Ellen Schmitz, OP, Board Member**

The Northwest Detroit Youth Coalition sponsors two month-long summer camps for children and youth, ages 3 to 16. The Ministry Trust grant will provide the funds for athletics and for training in money management and healthy eating. Motivational speakers and field trips for young people living in neighborhoods suffering from blight, drugs, and violence will offer Detroit's participants the opportunity to learn skills and experience the value of reverencing life and respecting one another.

**Peace Education Foundation
Miami Shores, Florida
Anne Liam Lees, OP, Board Member**

The Peace Education Initiative with Dominican Family in Latin America works in collaboration with the Confederation of Dominican Sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to teach peace-making skills and violence prevention strategies to 200 Dominican teachers and pastoral leaders in Argentina and the Dominican Republic. The skills include community-building, anger management,

communication, and peer mediation.

**PREPARES, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Yakima
Yakima, Washington
Sharon Park, OP, Executive Director**

PREPARES, the Pregnancy and Parenting Support Initiative, enables parishes in Washington State to reverence life by entering into relationships with women and their families struggling to meet their children's needs. PREPARES helps marginalized households become more resilient through direct service, vital support, and the opportunity to become more accomplished parents. The Ministry Trust grant funds "PREPARES en Español" in a diocese that has a very large Hispanic community, disadvantaged by lack of education, unemployment, and migrancy.

**Resurrection Home, Inc.
Beattyville, Kentucky
Mary Katherine Drouin, OP, Board Member**

Through the "Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers" program offered by Resurrection Home, Inc., grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren receive support and encouragement from each other. The grant funds activities for the grandmothers, who meet monthly. These activities include field trips for their grandchildren and opportunities for bonding among the grandparent caregivers and among their young charges. The program also provides a time and place to celebrate special occasions for the grandchildren.

**River Raisin Institute
Monroe, Michigan
Patricia Benson, OP, Board Member**

Today's youth will be greatly affected by climate change and are the future caretakers of Earth. A goal of the Climate Literacy Program is to educate young people regarding care of Earth. Support from the Ministry Trust grant ensures that youth living in the Great Lakes region will have educational resources to teach them to protect

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bird habitats, remove invasive species, preserve wildflowers and prairie grasses, and maintain a healthy watershed region. Youth in Southern Michigan counties will learn positive responses to the challenges and needs of creation in crisis.

St. Ann Place
West Palm Beach, Florida
Patricia Leonard, OP, Associate Director

Staff members at St. Ann Place provide access to better health care for men and women who are homeless in West Palm Beach and preparing for or recovering from surgical procedures. The Ministry Trust grant helps provide safe and clean accommodations and prescription medications.

St. Dominic Community Outreach Ministry,
Parish Council of Nurses
San Francisco, California
Judith Benkert, OP, Volunteer

The Ministry Trust has provided funding for a new project under the umbrella of St. Dominic Community Outreach. The Mind the Gap Parish Council of Nurses project will recruit nurses as companions to assist people who are homeless and needy seniors who experience significant gaps in their ability to attain essential medical services. The program will train volunteer registered nurses in foot care and initiate a program to provide professional foot care for seniors.

St. Kateri Center of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
JoAnn Fleischaker, OP, Leadership Circle Member

St. Kateri Center serves as a meeting place for a Native American youth leadership group that comes together with a good mind, *kahiwiyoy*, to make a positive contribution to their urban Native American community and to work for the betterment of all urban Native Americans. Community members with expertise in beadwork and traditional dance assist the youth in preparing for pow wows and other cultural presentations.

Youth also are trained to educate non-Native students and teachers about current Native topics.

St. Margaret Mary Parish
Winter Park, Florida
Rosemary Finnegan, OP, Staff Member

Sustainable Initiatives for Haiti is a project of St. Margaret Mary Parish. With the Ministry Trust grant, the parish offers two initiatives. One pairs 100 Haitian youth with 10 St. Margaret Mary Parish youth in a twice-yearly peace program promoting team-building, cooperation, and conflict resolution. The other initiative provides opportunities for the purchase of livestock to sustain and supplement the food supply of families and the parish community into the future.

Southwest Chicago Public Assistance to Deliver Shelter (PADS)
Chicago, Illinois
Norine Burns, OP, Volunteer

PADS is committed to helping people who are homeless and housing-insecure, curbing homelessness in Southwest Chicago, and advocating on behalf of those who are homeless. The Ministry Trust funding provides security deposits or first month's rent assistance to those seeking permanent housing. A certain portion of the grant is allocated to female-headed households.

Voices for Earth Justice, Sustainable Transformations Anchored in Northwest Detroit (STAND)
Detroit, Michigan
Janet Stankowski, OP, Development Director

The Ministry Trust funding will enable Voices for Earth Justice to continue its STAND summer camp program, whereby participants will learn to grow and cultivate their own food; prepare garden-fresh meals; and enjoy nature exploration, art, and team-building projects. Participants in each of the four camps will learn about the flora and fauna of their own ecosystem and will become aware of the climate-change threats to a healthy ecosystem in their community.

FY 2018 Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust Chapter Initiative

A grant of \$9,800 was approved for the following Chapter Initiative for the fiscal year 2018.

Dominican Midwest Mission Chapter

Chicagoland is home to more than 1.5 million undocumented immigrants. Members of the Dominican Midwest Mission Chapter retain their commitment to walk with immigrants through

court watching and peaceful prayer outside Broadview Detention Center. Through Court Watch, Sisters are present and maintain records in court for approximately 1,400 detainees each year. The Ministry Trust grant makes one month's rent available to houses of hospitality where immigrant people are welcomed and where Chapter members often volunteer.