



Summer 2018

Dear Friends,

We've arrived at our 20th Anniversary Year! With any milestone, we look back fondly as we prepare to move forward. As you may have heard this year we will see some changes here at FrancisCorps. While it is sad to say goodbye to Costa Rica and the program there, we are excited for all the new changes we will be implementing here in Syracuse as we recommit ourselves to this amazing community!

We have been blessed with 5 amazing young adults who will join us on this very special year and provide amazing service to the Syracuse community while they experience the life changing prayer and community FrancisCorps has to offer. Jenny Rose, Jillian, Isabel, Elizabeth and Rachel will embark on the FrancisCorps journey, following in the footsteps of the 167 young men and women who have come before them! We are excited to welcome them at their Commissioning Mass which will be held at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption on Sunday, August 19th at 10:00 AM. We invite you to help us send forth in prayerful gratitude these eager and dedicated young women as the volunteers of FrancisCorps 20! **We've made it to FrancisCorps 20 because of your support and for that we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts!**

We now turn our attention to the future. Our hope is that through this renewed fervor in conjunction with changes that enrich the experience, we will be able to attract on a yearly basis even more young people to the call to serve with FrancisCorps here in Syracuse. Our volunteer house here in Syracuse can house 8 individuals. We hope in the years to come we will see the house full to capacity with volunteers eager to "preach the Gospel, and if necessary use words!"

In order to see this dream realized we need your help. The 2018 Annual Appeal is still going on! We are a third of the way to our \$15,000 goal and we need your help to get us the rest of the way! You can make a donation at www.franciscorps.org/2018-annual-appeal. You can also make a donation to the Annual Appeal using the enclosed remittance envelope. We rely heavily on the individual donations of supporters just like you. Each and every donation, no matter how large or small, is such a blessing! **We encourage you to donate to the Annual Appeal and help FrancisCorps serve those in need this year and beyond!**

I would also humbly ask you to keep the new volunteers in your prayers in a special way. We have included a brief profile of each volunteer as well as a prayer card we hope you will use throughout the year as a way of providing prayerful support in a special way.

Peace and All Good,

Alexander J. LaPoint
Director

PS: You are invited to the Commissioning Mass for the new volunteers on Sunday, August 19th, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption, 812 N. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY!



FrancisCorps
Young Adult Franciscan Volunteer Service Experience

Introducing the Volunteers of FrancisCorps 20!



Jenny Rose Anacan

Home Town: Makakilo, HI
Studies: Chaminade University of Honolulu
Service Site: Vincent House



Jillian Foster

Home Town: Loveland, OH
Studies: University of Dayton
Service Site: L'Arche



Isabel McCormack

Home Town: Naperville, IL
Studies: University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
Service Site: Francis House



Elizabeth McNulty

Home Town: Herndon, VA
Studies: Franciscan University
Service Site: Bishop Foery Foundation



Rachel Zanfardino

Home Town: Cranford, NJ
Studies: Fairfield University
Service Site: Assumption Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen