



Summer 2017

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Syracuse! FrancisCorps 18 has drawn to a close. Nicolette, Veronica, Kaitlyn, Veronica, and Nina have said goodbye to their year of service but leave knowing the experience will forever have an impact on how they approach their work, their families, and their lives. These young women have served the Syracuse and Alajuela communities with joy, love, understanding, and strength. For this we thank them. From all of us in the FrancisCorps family we wish these five amazing young women the very best in the years to come!

While they may be moving on, the example they have set will remain. This example will live on in their successors, as **we welcome the 11 young men and women of FrancisCorps 19!** This new group of volunteers is prepared to embrace the FrancisCorps experience. By providing vital service to those in need and sharing a deep commitment to shared prayer and building community, FC 19 will allow the FrancisCorps experience to challenge them and help them grow. As has become our yearly tradition, we will have the pleasure of commissioning these young adults at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption on Sunday, August 20th. We invite you to attend this joyous liturgical celebration and help us welcome in prayerful gratitude the volunteers of FrancisCorps 19!

For 19 years FrancisCorps has been blessed to welcome amazing young men and women into our community and for 19 years we have also been blessed with amazing support. **The FrancisCorps experience is made possible because of your support and we want to say THANK YOU for your prayers, support, donations and encouragement!**

With this in mind, our Annual Appeal is still going on! You can make a donation at www.franciscorps.org/2017-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 19 serve those in need!**

As FrancisCorps 19 prepares to begin their experience of life changing service, **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

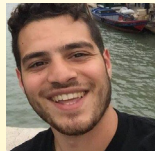
PS: You are invited to the Commissioning Mass for the new volunteers on Sunday, August 20th, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Franciscan Church of the Assumption, 812 N. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY!

Introducing the Volunteers of FrancisCorps 19!



Jennifer Cook

Home Town: Strongsville, OH
Studies: Bowling Green State University
Service Site: Bishop Foery Foundation – Syracuse, New York



Domenico Angerosa

Home Town: Glenville, NY
Studies: State University of New York at Oswego
Service Site: Rostro de María – Alajuela, Costa Rica



Beruchya Dao-Bai

Home Town: Kew Gardens, NY
Studies: University of Notre Dame
Service Site: Cathedral Emergency Services – Syracuse, New York



Jenna Breiner

Home Town: Lincoln, NE
Studies: Creighton University
Service Site: Rostro de María – Alajuela, Costa Rica



Malia Hamilton

Home Town: Kihei, HI
Studies: University of Texas at Austin
Service Site: Refugee Resettlement – Syracuse, New York



Matthew Grothaus

Home Town: Poquoson, VA
Studies: University of Notre Dame
Service Site: Manos Abiertas – Alajuela, Costa Rica



Clare Meland

Home Town: Pittsburgh, PA
Studies: University of Notre Dame
Service Site: Francis House – Syracuse, New York



Rachel Jones

Home Town: Loveland, CO
Studies: Iowa State University
Service Site: Hogar Santiago Crespo – Alajuela, Costa Rica



Daniel Pezzola

Home Town: Central Valley, NY
Studies: Catholic University of America
Service Site: Assumption Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen – Syracuse, New York



Natalia Rincon

Home Town: Freeport, NY
Studies: Catholic University of America
Service Site: Al Niño con Cariño – Alajuela, Costa Rica



Catherine Rainey

Home Town: Willoughby Hills, OH
Studies: Mercyhurst University
Service Site: L'Arche – Syracuse, New York