



# FRANCISCAN BROTHERS OF PEACE

"TO RECONCILE EVERYTHING IN JESUS...  
MAKING PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS."

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*"This rather is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; ...  
Sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked  
when you see them, and not turning your back on your own." – Isaiah 58:6,7*

Dear Friends,

So begins another Lent. What a beautiful opportunity each liturgical year to recommit our hearts and our lives in imitation of Jesus Christ. Such is our chance to grow closer to Jesus via our fasting, prayer, and alms giving especially on behalf of his Body, our poor and oppressed brothers and sisters among us.

This is the mission of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Via our relations with our Karen Catholic brothers and sisters, we are privileged to welcome them to the community, assist them in establishing homes, and soothe them through the offering of Christ in the sacraments, thus freeing them of past oppression inflicted by the Myanmar junta. Via our friendship with those who come to our door seeking foodstuffs, hygiene supplies, and/or occasional rental assistance, the brothers witness Christ in providing for their urgent needs. Yet, too, we are privileged to see Christ in the relieved faces of such persons as Sara, a mother of 14, who is so grateful for the gift of baby wipes and diapers to swaddle her precious infants; and Melvina, a loving grandmother housing seven of her grandchildren who recently had her social security cut. Her face radiates gratitude when we are able to pay her past due rent or otherwise face eviction.

Such is our vocation as Franciscan Brothers; to such love does Jesus Christ call each of us. In your offerings of prayers and alms for our ministries, both large and small, you partner with us as God's instruments of compassion. Thank you! Your generosity enables us to sustain our outreach to immigrant refugees, those poor ones who come to our door, the medically vulnerable, shut-ins, those in crisis pregnancies, and others.

Kindly please help us via your almsgiving this Lent in continuing our life and mission. And remain assured that, via a primary mission of the Brothers, you and your intentions are being remembered daily in our Masses and prayers before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

God's Peace and All Good this Lent and Always!

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