

Saint Anthony's Bread Schenectady, Inc.

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Dear Brothers & Sisters-in-Christ,

It's that time of year to again say **THANK YOU!** It's been through your giving and concern that Saint Anthony's Bread Apostolate has been able to assist the People of God, without pride or prejudice.

You have answered more abundantly the call of Jesus who said: "...I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, **I was a stranger and you welcomed me,** I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me..."

The workers of Saint Anthony's Bread Apostolate have been capable to work "the streets of our community," serve those of our own parish, extend the Gospel of the Christ beyond our parish limits, and make known the character of those who comprise the Church of Saint Anthony. You have assisted in:

- Supplying families with food who were in need in emergency situations.
- Allowing for medical assistance to a young boy struck by an automobile which left the scene of the accident.
- Preparing Easter baskets for those to celebrate the Risen Christ over a family dinner.
- Purchasing Christmas presents for 47 children where you contributed to, by patronizing our first annual pasta dinner.
- Giving eleven families their turkey to celebrate a Thanksgiving in the traditional way.
- Adopting eight families for Christmas.
- Assisting the Schenectady County Department of Social Services this past weekend with food for those who were sheltered at the Union College Field House during the power outage, when outside agencies fell short because of the great demand. Along with giving gift cards for Christmas to single parents, grandparents who care for their grandchildren, and foster children in Schenectady county.

We continue to pray for the friends and benefactors of Saint Anthony's Bread by entering you in the Saturday morning mass intentions. We thank you for your help during these demanding times in our lives. We pray that through the intercession of Saint Anthony, God blesses you and yours in the new year to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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