



ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI, SS.CC.

Dear Friends & Benefactors,

The joy of Easter is still in the air, not surprisingly, because it is the joy of life for the Church always. We are an Easter People. But even as Easter people we must face all the difficulties that life brings to us. Especially in our hearts and minds are the people of Japan and our Sacred Hearts Community



members there who continue to struggle in the aftermath of the terrible earthquake and tsunami. Yet, their Faith is strong and, in the face of it all, they are a family of the Sacred Hearts with such strength and gratitude for all that life brings, because the love of God is in it all ... if we but try to find it.

"... there is life ,because of Jesus who gives us life forever..."

We all face difficulties no matter how deep our faith is. But, there is life, because of Jesus who gives us life forever. Fr. John Yamada, the provincial superior of the Japan-Philippines Province speaks so well as he writes, *"We are so grateful for your kind concern and prayers for us. We really feel the family spirit of the Congregation at this time. It is one of the blessings which the earthquake brought to us."*



Just as we need to continue to support our brothers and sisters in Japan in their time of devastation, we also need to support those whose lives have been broken. Because as the Body of Christ, it is especially at those times that they need to **FEEL** the hands and heart of God in their wounded humanity. It is we who must be those hands and that heart to them and to all those whose lives cross ours. Too often we think that we don't have enough of what is needed to help and that if we did give, it would be too little. But there is nothing too small in love— other than not sharing it at all. And we remember that together we can do more than any of us can do alone, and that *we do make a difference in this world.*

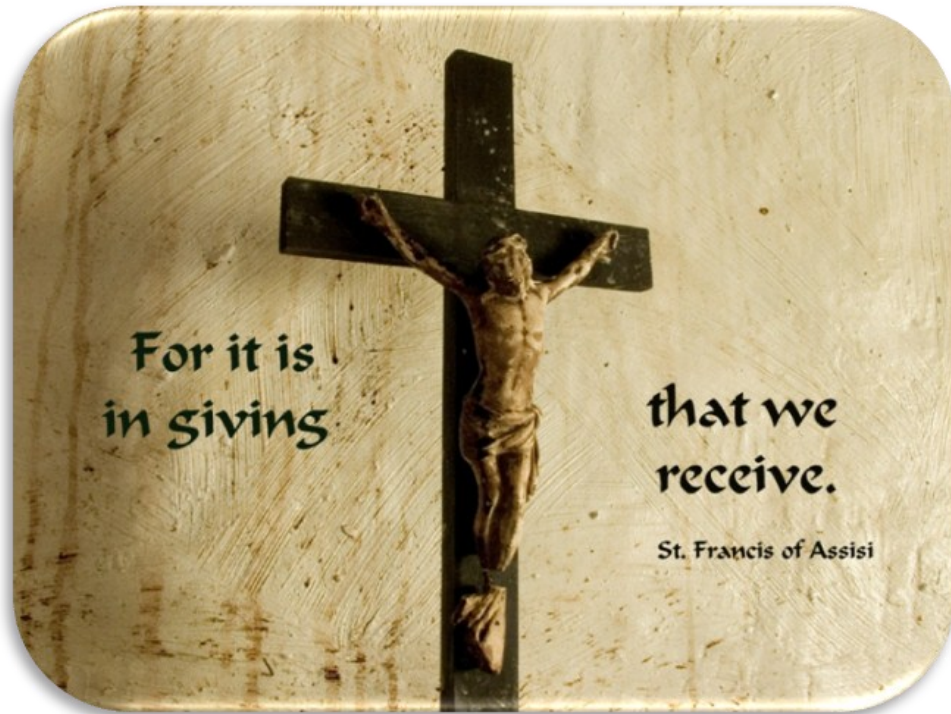


With all God's blessings and love,

Fr. Stan



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A Parish Mission Memory ...

Recently, during Lent of this year as I was finishing a preaching mission before Easter, a woman came to thank me. As she took my hand, she placed a dollar bill into it. She said, *"It isn't much, but it's what I have and now it's for your work."*

She didn't realize, I guess, that her gift strengthened my heart and that strengthens my work— and now we are doing that work together because she gave what she had.

There is an old Latin saying that translated means, *"You can't give what you don't have,"* but, when we give what we have, now matter how much, it is multiplied—just as were the loaves and the fish...
and there's even some left over!