

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
NAZARETH FARM

THE ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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I saw before me a hugh crowd which no one could count from every nation and race, people and tongue. They stood before the throne and the Lamb, dressed in long white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation is from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb!" All the angels who were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures fell down before the throne to worship God. They said: "Amen! Praise and Glory, wisdom and thanksgiving and honor, power and might, to our God forever and ever. Amen!"

"Who are these people all dressed in white? These are the ones who have survived the great period of trial; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." (Rev. 7, 9-12, 14)

The Lord calls all of us, people of every "nation and race, people and tongue," to his kingdom. The Church gathers together and celebrates itself during this month of November and we gather with and celebrate with all the saints. At this end of the year as the world of nature around us "dies", we reflect upon the final days and the kingdom that is to come. As we prepare for that Kingdom, a Kingdom which is "present and is to come," we must be open to the Spirit in our lives and open to the Church, the people of God, that God invites us into. Then we are one with all the saints and angels who gather around the throne of God.

We are trying to update our mailing list as we move our data onto our new computer. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and send it back to us. We are going to create "active" and "inactive" files and the newsletter will go out only to active volunteers. If we do not hear from you in the next few months, we will drop you from the active list.

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Other information we should know to update:

In preparation for my departure from Nazareth Farm in 10 months, our Board of Directors has established a Long Range Planning Committee which has proposed a Mission Statement and Goals and Objectives for the future. When they are finalized, we will be sharing them with you, probably in the January Newsletter. Our proposal for Farm Director is basically two people, a program director who will administer the day-to-day operations and priest/chaplain who will work with the program director as well as expand the pastoral role. We hope also to have a construction director to oversee all the work sites and the building and repair program. All of these positions are proposed for a minimum of three years, are open to married (except the priest/chaplain) and single people and would likely carry a stipend or salary as well as expenses and room and board. If you are at all interested in any of these positions, please contact us. We will send you the Mission Statement and a Job Description.

We are preparing for our Christmas Party. At that time, we will be giving boxes of gifts to almost 200 families in need in our area. We have sent letters out to all last year's donors. If you would like to adopt a family for Christmas, contact us immediately and we will send you more information. Would you like to come to Nazareth Farm for the Christmas party to help out? The party is Sunday, December 18. Let us know as soon as possible if you want to join us.

Winter is approaching and there is much to do before the snow starts to fly. The Lipscomb house at Hope Land still needs work. Our next phase is gas and heat, then water. The electricity is in and the house is coming along well. We are also in the final stages of the new bathroom at the Demastus house. There are many requests for assistance and we will be looking more at these soon. We seem to have a full slate of volunteers during the winter months so we will have many things to keep them busy. Are you planning to join us this winter? If so, get your application in because the places are filling up fast.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we offer thanks to God for all of you and for all that you do. It is only because of you that we are able to continue to work here. During the Advent and Christmas season, you will all be in our prayers that Christ will come to you in a very special way this year and that you will come to know his peace and joy.

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