



## ST. ANTHONY ANGELS

OF THE COMPANIONS OF ST. ANTHONY

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Dear Friend,

You are truly a blessing to the ***Companions of St. Anthony!*** Through the generosity and faithfulness of your donations, you are significantly assisting us to care for the poor and needy and to carry on the charitable works of St. Anthony of Padua.

Through your financial support we assist the suffering, comfort the sick, and attend to the needs of the elderly and forgotten. Your offerings also provide the resources to educate and train young Franciscan Friars, fund the health-care costs of our infirm Friars, and offer spiritual, emotional and financial aid to our least sisters and brothers. You are with us when we celebrate the Sacraments, spread the Faith in mission countries and share God's healing compassion with those in need.

In order to stretch the value of your offerings even more, to accomplish more and do more good, we are beginning a new Monthly Giving Club called **ST. ANTHONY ANGELS**. It's an efficient, convenient and simple way to continue your much needed support of the mission of the ***Companions of St. Anthony***.

Becoming a member of the **ST. ANTHONY ANGELS** will have practical advantages for you and immense benefits for the work of the Companions and the Franciscan Friars you assist.

Instead of receiving our regular appeals in the mail and sending back your response, your donations would be automatically transferred directly to the Companions. Monthly gifts, electronically processed from your credit/debit card, are a safe and secure way for you to offer your sustained support for our Gospel work without the burden of remembering to mail in your gift. And be assured, you can cancel your participation in our **ST. ANTHONY ANGELS** Monthly Giving Club at any time, for any reason. No questions asked.

Besides greater convenience for you and helping us reduce our mailing and administrative costs, insuring a steady, reliable source of funding will help us budget more accurately for our ministries. With the ups and downs of mail delivery, it's difficult to know when and how much funding we will receive from donors. Having reliable, monthly contributions from caring Companions like you will be a blessing to us and to all the people we serve in your name. **Truly, you will be a St. Anthony Angel!**

There are also special spiritual benefits for you as a member of the **ST. ANTHONY ANGELS**. When you join this electronic funds transfer Monthly Giving Program, a monthly Mass will be celebrated for your intentions at the tomb of St. Anthony, in his Basilica, in Padua, Italy. In addition, a votive candle will be lighted for your intentions on St. Anthony's

Feast Day (*June 13*) and on his birthday (*August 15*). You will also receive, as a special gift, a framed “St. Anthony and the Child Jesus surrounded by the Angels” devotional image as seen at the top of this letter.

It’s easy to participate in the **ST. ANTHONY ANGELS**. Simply visit our website at [www.companionsofstanthony.org](http://www.companionsofstanthony.org) and click on the “Give” or “Donate” button. Next, on the newly opened page, designate a monthly gift amount that truly fits your budget. Remember that no matter what gift level you decide, your monthly offerings will add up to significant support of the work of the Companions and the Franciscan Friars Conventual.

I realize this is a serious commitment to ask of you, but your devotion to St. Anthony of Padua, and dedication to assisting us, faithfully and generously, will carry forward his heritage of loving service to the poor and needy.

**I sincerely hope you will choose to become one of our ST. ANTHONY ANGELS.** If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Companions office, toll-free, at 1-844-ST-ANTHONY (1-844-782-6846) or by sending an email to [info@companionsofstanthony.org](mailto:info@companionsofstanthony.org).

For all you do to improve the lives of those in need, and to make this world a better place for all God’s children, I express to you my deep and lasting gratitude. Thank you for considering participating in our ST. ANTHONY ANGELS electronic funds transfer Monthly Giving Program. Your kindness, generosity and goodness mean more to me and to all the Friars than I can ever adequately express. May God bless you always, and may St. Anthony be your special heavenly patron and intercessor.



Your Companion in St. Anthony,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Richard-Jacob Forcier". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Father Richard-Jacob Forcier, OFM Conv.  
Spiritual Guardian

P.S. Please consider the benefits and advantages of joining the **ST. ANTHONY ANGELS** Monthly Giving Club. With less mailing and lower administrative costs, your monthly credit/debit card donations will increase the effectiveness of every dollar you contribute.