

**HOW TO SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION
OPEN TO MERCY - BLESSED MARIJA
PETKOVIĆ - ONLUS:**

➤ **By Bank transfer**

Beneficiary: *Aperti alla Misericordia - Beata Marija Petkovic Onlus*

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➤ **By certified cheque**

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WAYS TO SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION:

✚ Make a free donation in memory of a dear person in order to support a social or missionary project, or to help defray the operational costs of the Association.

Description of payment: *Free donation for charitable purposes*

✚ Leave an offering in money or other goods.

✚ Long distance support for a child in order to guarantee his/her education in one of the countries where the *Daughters of Mercy of the TOR of Saint Francis* are working.

Description of payment: *Adoption from a Distance*

✚ Or: Provide support from a distance to a student.

Description of payment: *Scholarship*

All offerings must be to the order of:

Aperti alla Misericordia - Beata Marija Petkovic Onlus.



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The Association is inspired by the work carried out in favor of the poor and needy by Blessed Marija of Jesus Crucified Petković, the foundress of the Congregation of the *Daughters of Mercy of the TOR of St. Francis*. Recognizing her as its patroness, the Association wishes to embody the same spirit of mercy and charity towards all those in need.

The logo shows a great wide open hand with a large sleeve, both of which are symbols of generosity and kindness, they become a place of welcome and giving. The hand is like a big square where children can dance and play. The dance creates a heart between two children in such a way that each one is designed by two hearts. At the same time, another child forms another heart, which is an ancient symbol of the integrity of mankind and unity with others which forms a chain of love and of universal brotherhood.

The logo expresses the dynamic interplay between the person and the community, between generosity and hospitality, between giving and the growth of communion. All this is possible because a mysterious and generous hand, protects and makes each gift become alive. This was designed by Fr. Marko Ivan Rupnik, S.J.

Presentation

In a missionary spirit authentically expressed in the constant and universal promotion of peace and well being towards a mission to the ends of the earth; in order to promote the dignity of the person, the education of children, young marginalized and abandoned people, engaging all the energies of mind and heart towards their civic and Christian education; with the aim of entering into effective action to combat poverty rooted to the limits of intolerable misery in the countries of the Southern hemisphere; confronting the new forms of poverty growing in the rich countries of the Northern hemisphere; in the luminous wake of the example of Blessed Marija of Jesus Crucified Petković, the religious foundress of the Congregation of the *Daughters of Mercy of the TOR of St. Francis*, who was able to recognize the signs of the times, developing a style of charity shown by the witnessing of the mercy and goodness of God the Father through a life of apostolic works of evangelization, education and charity, and direct interaction with others, particularly with regard to the education of children and the training of young people as a means of promoting human and spiritual values with the intent of responding to the urgency of love in its many forms, the Association called *Open to Mercy - Blessed Marija Petković - ONLUS* has been constituted.



The purposes of the Association:

- A) Improving the quality of life of disadvantaged citizens who are in conditions of physical discomfort, mental or sensory impairment;
- B) To promote a culture of solidarity, participation and social integration of individuals;
- C) To support volunteering in all its forms and in the fields where it operates;
- D) Promoting the involvement of lay volunteers in efforts to follow the growth of populations in developing countries, pursuing objectives of solidarity between peoples, towards the full realization of fundamental human rights and above all to meet the primary needs in relation to the protection of human life, to self-sufficiency regarding food and to the enhancement of human resources;
- E) Treating closely the human and moral development of the poor and marginalized in order to help them maintain their human dignity;
- F) Making disadvantaged children and adolescents protagonists of their own future, by giving them a proper education;
- G) Filling in the void of abandoned and social excluded children;
- H) To promote the strengthening of the role of women, affirming them as promoters of human development, family and social life;
- I) Leading the poor to an awareness of their rights towards a future of freedom and dignity;
- L) Walking with the poor with kindness, fostering trust, courage and hope;
- M) To confront situations of disasters, malnutrition and lack of sanitation that threaten the survival of populations, by implementing interventions that may materialize in rescue missions in the sale of goods, equipment and foodstuffs and in the granting of funds on a bilateral basis;
- N) To maintain a dialogue with all the civil realities, with all the concerned ministries, with local authorities and public bodies, to achieve the statutory purposes;
- O) To promote the study and implementation of development projects and development education;

- P) To promote peace and solidarity amongst all peoples of the Earth, while trying to reduce the gap between rich and poor;
- Q) To nourish a sense of respect towards all creation and of a balance in the management of natural resources;
- R) To promote inter-religious dialogue in the field of justice and conviviality;
- S) To promote and pursue the training, selection and use of volunteers working within the association as a "non-governmental organization", both nationally and internationally;
- T) To promote, propagate and carry out recreational and sports activities as a means for social training and education of young people with disabilities/or the disadvantaged;
- U) To exercise publishing activities towards the achievement of the above-mentioned social goals;
- V) To promote initiatives for research and experimentation in the context of the Nations, of communication systems that would apply to the hearing impaired.

For these purposes *Open to Mercy - Blessed Marija Petković - ONLUS* will operate towards promoting, supporting and managing social and/or health preventive, therapeutic and/or rehabilitative interventions, while organizing social and health care services and counseling to individuals, including co-operation with public and private organizations, at both national and international levels.

