

The field of activity of the Brotherhood of "The Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple" is extremely broad. It is very important that those brothers who feel an inner preparedness for a particular kind of ministry take it up and not simply try to follow "the will of the superior". Of course, there is the element of obedience here, but to do something freely is preferable. Nevertheless, members of the Seminary Brotherhood have every possibility for creative self-determination. Anyone can offer their views on solving various problems, present his own plan for the development of the Brotherhood's activities, point out openings for missionary work in places he considers appropriate. The leadership of this community in any case does not hamper brothers in their charitable initiatives and always helps turn their plans into reality.

The charity work, and the prayerful missionary activity of the Brotherhood of "The Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple" has a good impact not only on those people who have the opportunity to associate with its members, but also helps future priests who are Brotherhood members enter into a world where there is the most need for Christ, to understand their own role and to have the opportunity to cooperate with our Savior. However, it remains for us only to pray for all of them, to help both morally and financially so that the plans of these to these bright apostles of today are realized.

### **The Charitable Activities of the Brotherhood:**

These activities consist basically in visiting various institutions, talking to the people there, sharing prayer with them and catechesis. Particularly helpful is the work with children, who from early childhood had been deprived of parental warmth and love. To this end, the brothers visit on a weekly basis Special schools. What will become of these young hearts in the future - it is in God's hands and it is He who speaks to them through the mouth of a brother from the Seminary. Each year, members of the Brotherhood organize a St. Nicholas evening for these children, so that they are able to experience for themselves a kind look from a good father, his love, generosity, peace and warmth.

Brothers visit the boarding school for children with visual impairments in the village of Nahuievychi, as well as "Oranta" a Children's Home in Drohobych, the Children's Home "Oriana" and "Caritas" in Borislav. They also visit "Caritas" Drohobych, the orphanage "Liubystok" in Sambir and homes for the elderly in the village of Pidbuzh and the city of Sambir. Part of their activities also includes visits to the "Faith and Light" Communities in Truskavets and Sambir, the Rehabilitation Center of Alcoholics Anonymous AA, "Nazareth", in the village of Rytychi, and the Sanatorium "Dzherelo" in Truskavets.

The Brotherhood plans to expand its charitable activities and visit the № 40 Prison in Drohobych.

Documentary about charitable ministry of the Brotherhood  
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### **Missionary Activity of the Brotherhood.**

The missionary activity of the Brotherhood of "The Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple" is also important. From the stories of our missionaries we learn how much the faithful in these areas need spiritual nourishment, support, and strengthening of faith. There are times

when it is necessary to testify to Christ in circumstances of pressure from the different structures and the organs of local government. However, the words of the Savior "They persecuted me, and they will persecute you" (Jn 15:20) in those moments are like a call to more persistent service. The youthful ardor of the Brotherhood members, who in the Holy Spirit interacted with many young people, helps others to understand that faith in Christ and devotion to the Church is not a matter of past times but is really for today.

The Brotherhood helps with missions in the following places: Lugansk, Donetsk, Krasnoarmeysk in the villages of Petrovka, Barvinkove; the cities of Zugres, Dimitrov (Donetsk region); the cities of Odessa, Illichivsk, Yuzhne (Odessa region); the city of Evpatoriya, the villages of Skadovsk, Sonyachne, Antonivka, Ptahivka and Tarasivka (Kherson region). In the Kiev region - the city of Fastiv and the villages of Vradievka, Zhovtneve, Kotlareve. They also help in the city of Yuzhnoukrainsk (Mykolaiv region) and in the city of Znamenka (Kirovohrad region). They also visit Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovohrad and Velyki Korovyntsi in the Zhytomyr region, as well as Nizhnyevartovsk and Surgut in Russia, and Karaganda and Astana in Kazakhstan.

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