

***“This is My Commandment,
that you love one another as I
have loved you.” (Jn. 15:12)***



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Christian Family Sponsorship
“CFS” is a program of **Santa Verena
Charity, Inc.** and operates under the
guidance of **H.G. Bishop Serapion,**
bishop of
Los Angeles.

Christian Family Sponsorship (CFS) was
established on September 1, 2002.

Goals:

1. To provide **Regular Financial Assistance** to our needy families in Egypt in order to help to alleviate some of their daily struggles to meet the most basic needs to live, such as food, shelter, clothing, etc., and to interrupt the poverty cycle in which they live in order to provide stability to their families and a better future for their children.
2. To provide financial assistance to cover the **Seasonal and Occasional Needs** of adopted families such as holidays, disasters, sickness, education etc.
3. To provide loans (**Project Self Reliance**) to the families that can start small projects so that they may be able to support themselves.
4. To provide **College Scholarships** to students to encourage them to pursue higher education.
5. To provide funds for **Marriage Expenses** to girls who are engaged and can not cover their obligations.

A call for help:

Christian Family Sponsorship calls you to sponsor one or more of needy families in Egypt. Lists of needy families in poor areas and their

case descriptions are provided by the priests of the churches responsible for these families.

Most of the needy families have lost their fathers and providers to death or disability at an early age because of the lack of good medical care. Unfortunately, the mother in most cases is not allowed or qualified to work and earn a living before or after the death or the disabling sickness of her husband. The mother and her kids find themselves without any means of support and usually turn to their small church in the village to ask for help.

A needy family on the list which we received from one of our churches in Upper Egypt consists of a fifteen year old boy in eighth grade who found himself becoming the guardian of his six sisters after both their father and mother died prematurely from disease.

Imagine what could happen to his sisters with the temptations or pressure for a better life by joining another faith voluntarily or by force.

Facts of the needs:

In order to cover the minimum and most basic financial need of the needy family in Egypt, it is estimated that the needed donation would be as follows:

Number of family members	Recommended financial help per month in US dollars ***
3-4	\$40.00/month
5-6	\$45.00/month
6-7	\$50.00/month

***These recommendations are for your information. However, any donation will bring blessing to your family.

✝ **100%** of your monthly donations will be transferred to your adopted family through **CFS** bank account to the office of our Diocese in Cairo and thereafter to the priest responsible for the needy family, who will disburse it to your adopted family.

✝ **Christian Family Sponsorship** has a separate account to serve the needy families through your donations.

✝ **Christian Family Sponsorship** will send an annual report to each donor concerning his or her adopted family.

✝ At the end of the year, you will receive a letter indicating your total donation to **Christian Family Sponsorship** from **Santa Verena Charity**.

Because we are united in faith, filled with compassion, partaking together in all things, and eager to serve one another and because the Spirit instilled in us by Christ our Lord, we cannot stand by with an indifferent attitude and allow our needy brethren in Christ to live in despair, deprived of the most basic needs to sustain their lives. *“Blessed is he who consider the poor...the Lord shall keep him alive.” (Ps. 41:2)*

Surely everyone knows that the lack of financial resources can have devastating consequences on the lives of humans. Deprivation of basic needs can affect many aspects and the quality of life of people such as health, education, development, and it may even affect their spiritual relationship with our Creator.

Let us give them hope by helping them to break the poverty cycle so that some of them may reach their potential in life and be in a position to help their own families as well as others *“Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to me.” (Mt. 25:40)*

This is an invitation and an opportunity for us to convert some of our earthly treasures into heavenly treasures.

Steps to take to share the blessing:

- 1. Decide how many families you want to adopt.**
- 2. Fill out a payment authorization form indicating your monthly donation.**
- 3. Send the completed form using the attached envelope or to the Christian Family Sponsorship address: P. O. Box 442**

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QUESTIONS??? Please call **Magdi** at: **(562) 923-2590**