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Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, September 29, 2018 2pm-4:30pm

Check website for detailed schedule of the event.

Dear Friend of New Skete,

All people and the animals they love are welcome at the **2018 Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, September 29th**. Whether you are able to attend or will be here in spirit, we invite you to be a part of this very special annual event!

Join us in celebration of the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** as you have your pets blessed in the spirit of this patron saint of animals and environment. It's a wonderful day to enjoy the beautiful fall foliage, delicious refreshments of the season, rejoice with fellow animal lovers and more. It's a day not to be missed. Both the Monks' and Nuns' gift shops will also be open for shopping. Go to newskete.org for the schedule of the day.

During this time of celebration, we ask you to consider a gift in honor of, or in memory of, your pet or other loved one. Your tax deductible donation of \$25 or more received by September 25th will be recognized in the 2018 Animal Blessing Program. See enclosed form for details.

Your gift today will assist New Skete Monasteries in the areas of most urgent need. This may include costs associated with repairs or renovations for buildings, grounds, equipment or other necessary projects to the Monk's or Nun's monasteries the grounds or churches. It may also assist with unexpected costs related to health care for the monastics. We are thankful for your continued support and friendship.

Remember to bring, send or email photos of pets that have passed or who are not able to attend. We will display and include them in the blessing too! Or complete the bottom of the enclosed form to include prayer intentions for loved ones.

Whether you are a new friend or have known New Skete for years, here is something you may or may not know: **New Skete Monasteries** (The Monks and Nuns of New Skete) is an Eastern Orthodox Monastery, a **not for profit organization**. As monastics, in accordance with the simplicity that characterizes monastic life, we earn our daily bread by the work of our own hands. We find in work a time-honored means of self-discipline and growth. Along with the compensation from our work, the monastics also rely on gifts and donations from those who support our mission.

We welcome you to visit us for this special occasion and whenever your schedule allows. May God's blessings be on all of you and we hope to see you at New Skete soon!

If you would like further information or if you have any questions please feel free to call or email Karen Gladstone, Director of Advancement and Stewardship karengladstone@newskete.org (518)677-3928 ext. 214

Yours in Christ's love,

Brother Christopher

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bro. Chris Apple".

Prior, Monks of New Skete

Sister Cecelia

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sr. Cecelia".

Prioress, Nuns of New Skete