

ASSOCIATION OF THE LADIES OF CHARITY,
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
May, 2024

Dear Presidents: **PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL YOUR MEMBERS**

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ and our patrons, Saints Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, and Elizabeth Ann Seton, continuing in this Easter season we reflect, celebrate and renew. As the spring season ushers in new life, Easter offers a moment to contemplate the meanings of faith, hope and love. Easter is love. Easter is the love of Christ and God our Father. Easter is the time to show love to all those who mean the most. Appropriately, in this month of May, we celebrate mothers.

“Every good gift comes from above, but moms do a lot of the delivery work.” I found that on-line and I loved it. It was anonymous.

“Moms have the kindness of angels and the patience of saints. All the more reason to thank God for them.” (Matt Gowen)

“God can be everywhere because He lives in the hearts of moms. “ (Bill Gray)

President’s Meeting – Our bi-annual President’s meeting is scheduled for this Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 10 AM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, St. Teresa of Avila Church Campus (1000 Avila Court, Pittsburgh PA 15237). Please RSVP to Ann Hayes (ahhayesae@comcast.net) if you haven’t already. All officers of the local groups are invited to attend.

Investiture – This year did not disappoint as we assembled at St. Paul Cathedral to welcome our new members. There is something so special that happens when we gather and worship together as a group. I had a great vantage point this year as I was on the altar. I was so proud to be representing all of you and my view of the congregation was humbling.

Diocesan Board & Local parish organization openings – Thank you to those who have said ‘yes’ to serving as an officer in their local group or the diocesan board. I thank you for prayerfully considering taking on an ‘officer’ role. Perhaps at this time it is not meant to be, but there’s always next year.

Twinning Project – This project is being started to help other LOC organizations in our Diocese. Please contact our office if you think your group can benefit from financial help for any project. We have several LOC groups who are willing and able to offer financial assistance. All requests will be kept confidential.

Social Media – Don’t forget to check out our Facebook page. Sherrie Dunlap Gallagher, social media chair, updates the page regularly. Please let her know of any activities you are currently doing that she can highlight on our FB page. She can be contacted at sherrie.e.dunlap@gmail.com.

Junior Ladies of Charity (JLOC) –The junior ladies are the future of our organization and we need to focus efforts on building up this ministry. For more information on JLOC, please contact Mary Diaddigo Rex or Hailey Innocenzo Dube’ or call the LOC office at 412-456-6924.

The Spiritual Society of the Unclaimed Dead – As Catholics, when we lose a loved one, friend, or acquaintance, we make it a practice to pray for their soul after their death. Imagine having no one to pray

for you, or, even worse, having no one to claim your remains at the time of your death. Janet Stahlman is the committee chair for the Spiritual Society of the Unclaimed Dead. Janet is now reaching out to every county within our Diocese to obtain the names of those decedents whose remains have never been claimed. Sadly, this often includes the remains of babies. When requested, a decedent's name is assigned to the requestor and a stipend of \$10 is paid by the requestor to the Seraphic Mass Association. A beautiful memorial card is sent from the Seraphic Mass Association to the requestor containing the name of the decedent. The requestor then remembers the decedent in their daily prayers. To date there are 292 unclaimed souls. If you are interested in receiving a decedent's name, please contact Janet Stahlman via our office, 412-456-6924.

501(C)(3) – Below is the updated distribution information for the quarterly submission of Treasurer Reports and Bank Statements:

Barb Czzowitz 306 West Boyd Ave Butler, PA 16001 Lewbab@zoominternet.net 724 283-6219	Kathy McCartney 1231 Circle Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15221 macsews@aol.com 412 731-6916	Barbara Donehue 48 Pocono Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15220 Bbdred48@gmail.com 412 398-0775
Mary Mother of God	Archangel Gabriel	St. Matthew
St. Teresa of Kolkata	Sts. Joachim and Anne	Most Holy Name
St. Isidore the Farmer	St. Joseph the Worker	Christ the Divine Shepherd
St. Mark the Evangelist	St. Paul Cathedral	St. Michael the Archangel
Guardian Angel	Triumph of the Holy Cross	Blessed Trinity
All Saints	Sts. Martha and Mary	St. Catherine Laboure
St. Oscar Romero	St. John XXIII	Mary Queen of Peace
Divine Grace	Our Lady of Hope	Resurrection
St. Aidan	Our Lady of the Lake	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
ALCDP	St. Jude	St. Paul of the Cross
St. James	Emergency Fund for Elderly	Holy Family
St. Thomas the Apostle	St. Raphael the Archangel	

****NOTE:** If there are any new Treasurers who need assistance in what and how to report the quarterly submission to Barb C., Kathy or Barb D., please contact our office at 412-456-6924. The March, April, May 2024 information is due by 6/15/2024. Updated sales tax exemption forms are available by contacting Judy Weismann at weismann2@comcast.net.

DeMarillac Newsletter – Please remember to send your articles for publication in the Newsletter. Please email them to Peggy Keene, pkeene9@outlook.com or mail them to our office at the address at the top of this letter.

Bylaws – Please remember, once you have drafted and approved the bylaws for your group under the new Parish name to send a copy of the bylaws to the Diocesan office. If sending a hard (paper) copy use the address at the top of this letter. If sending an electronic copy send it to klauda@ccpgh.org. If you have questions or would like to have a sample, please contact Linda Farmerie either by email, lindafarmr@aol.com or via phone at 412-400-3732.

Nursing Home Network – Please remember that if you have someone that is going to a nursing home outside of your area to contact Cindy Smith so that she can reach out to the local Ladies of Charity to visit. Please call the office at 412-456-6924.

Transition Team – The Transition Team is available to discuss the various aspects that should be considered during the period leading up to your parish grouping merger, including but not limited to, officer elections and by-laws, establishment of your new bank account. We are also available to assist, however, we can post merger as well. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Transition Team if there is **anything** we can do for you at this time. Please contact the Diocesan Office at 412-456-6924 to schedule time.

The Transition Team Members:

Karen Radu, Extension Chair

Barbara Drenzo, ALCDP Past President

Peggy Keene, LCUSA Past President

Judy Weismann, Treasurer

Linda Farmerie, Parliamentarian

Karen Tomaszewski, ALCDP President

Laura Smagala, Vicariate North Rep

Cindy Smith & Fran Smith, Vicariate South Reps

May 2024 Rosary Intention

We pray through the example of the Virgin Mary, may we respond to others with a loving embrace, saying “Yes” to them as she gave her “Yes” to God.

Prayer to the Vincentian Family

Lord Jesus, you who willed to become poor, gives us eyes and a heart directed to the poor. Help us to recognize you in them in their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness, their misfortune. Enkindle within our Vincentian Family unity, simplicity, humility, and the fire of love that burned in St. Vincent DePaul. Strengthen us so that faithful to the practice of these virtues, we may contemplate you and serve you in the person of the poor and may one day be united with you and them in your kingdom. Amen.

Mark your Calendars: May 4, 2024, President’s Meeting, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (St. Teresa of Avila)
August 10, 2024, Annual Meeting, Resurrection Parish
September 5-8, 2024, LCUSA -Annual Assembly In St, Louis, MO

Pittsburgh Website: locpittsburgh.org

LCUSA Website: aic.ladiesofcharity.us

Vincentian Family: <http://famvin.org>

FACEBOOK: Ladies of Charity USA, Association of Ladies of Charity Diocese of Pittsburgh

If you have questions or suggestions, please call and leave a message with the LOC office at 412-456-6924.

In the Vincentian Spirit,

Karen Tomaszewski, President

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