



Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity

“To Serve Rather Than Be Served”
In Humility, Simplicity and Charity

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LCUSA Announces 15th National Assembly New Orleans, Louisiana

“Let us live together in great charity and friendliness.”
Saint Vincent (XI: 99)

The Cathedral-Basilica of St. Louis King of France is the oldest Catholic Cathedral in continual use in the United States.

The New Orleans Marriott is a non-smoking facility located on the edge of the French Quarter and within walking distance to many iconic landmarks and tourist



Co-chairs, Darlene Daigle, Patricia Parker and all the Ladies of Charity of New Orleans invite members and friends from throughout the United States to enjoy their warm southern hospitality at the 15th Annual National Assembly of the Ladies of Charity USA (LCUSA), *“**Vincentian Women Changing Communities with Joy and Hope**”*, to be held on Friday and Saturday Sept. 18-19, 2015, at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel. Optional tours will be offered on Thursday Sept. 17.

A Letter from Our Spiritual Advisor

Reverend Carl Francis Dianda
Served the LOC 1983-2015



Dear Ladies of Charity, Archdiocese of Washington:

Since I last saw you, I have been dealing with a medical situation and am in a physical rehabilitation program. While in general I am doing well, I have not made as much progress as I had hoped, to be able to return to my Spiritual Advisor duties with the Ladies of Charity. At this point it is clear to me that I will be unable to continue to serve as I had been doing (in this role). I owe you more than what I am able to do at this time. For all these years I have given what I have been able, but it is clear that I cannot do it.

I appreciate what the Ladies of Charity in the Archdiocese have done over all these years. The important thing is your ministry that you do so well (a ministry I love). It has been a privilege for me to serve as your Spiritual Advisor. Our relationship has meant more to me than I can express. May God continue to bless your good work. I will keep you wonderful Ladies in my prayers always.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Carl F. Dianda

Reverend Carl F. Dianda

(As dictated to Mary L. Hand, President, LOC ADW,
June 15, 2015; signed for Rev. Dianda/MLH)

Message from the President



It is understandable to feel some sadness in reading the letter published in this Newsletter, from Reverend Carl F. Dianda who has served us so faithfully as the LOC, ADW Spiritual Advisor for many years. As his letter reflects, Reverend Dianda truly thinks it is time for him to step down. He has loved his relationship with the LOC, ADW, and admires our important work. We are deeply grateful to him for his service to us. At this time Reverend Dianda is looking forward to resolving his current health challenges enough so that he can join his family on a trip to Hawaii in October. This is a major goal for him and he has asked that we pray for him so that he will be able to join his family on this trip. I assured him of our prayers.

Sister Sandra Goldsborough, Spiritual Moderator, and others on the Board will work with me to inform the Archdiocese, of Reverend Dianda's completion of his work with us and to seek their support. We will all need to pray to the Holy Spirit and to our patron saints St. Vincent and St. Louise deMarillac in particular, for guidance

on this. For now, may God bless and keep Reverend Carl Dianda!

At the June Board of Directors' meeting, the Board voted to have 10 percent of its balance donated to several Charities with whom we have worked closely and who sought donations from us at the end of last year. The charities on which the Board voted to disperse donations are: Ladies of Charity, United States of America (LCUSA); Madagascar Twinning Project (LCUSA's charity); St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families; So Others Might Eat; Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition (TASCC); Daughters of Charity, St. Louis; and the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Foundation to honor the memory of Harold ("Ben") Self.

And I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the LOC ADW Board to express my sincere condolences to Ms. Debbie Self, St. Matthias the Apostle Church, Lanham, MD, for the loss of her husband, Ben, after a valiant fight with ALS. Debbie is a past president of Prince Georges County LOC and had a lead role on the planning committee for the successful 2012 National Assembly that was hosted by the LOC ADW. Debbie generously shared with us, their family's journey with Ben, so we share in a portion of her loss. Please pray for Debbie and her family as well.

We look ahead to the National Assembly 2015, "Vincentian Women Changing Communities with Joy and Hope," that will be held in New Orleans, LA, September 17-19, 2015. The individuals from the Board of Directors who will serve as "Delegates" are: Ms. Bertha Guerra, DC President, Ms. Viola Johnson-Robinson, 1st VP, Board of Directors, Ms. Beverly Motley, Prince Georges County President, Ms. Maryann Rooney, Montgomery County President, and Ms. Gloria Rose, who represents the Junior Ladies of Charity on the Board and who I have appointed to the important position of Historian, on the Board of Directors. We hope many of you can attend if possible but we know you will be with us in spirit. We are part of a larger whole that is exciting to experience at these National Assemblies.

Finally, I encourage you to look ahead to the 400th Anniversary of the Ladies of Charity in 2017. Please discuss it in your parishes and we can anticipate communications from LCUSA on ways to commemorate and mark this major milestone of which you have been a part. One thing we need to do in a concerted way is to publicize our work and recruit new members. As Board President I want to bring to your attention that we have a vacant position on the Board of Directors called, "Public Relations Chair." The Public Relations Chair "shall be responsible for publicity in both the Catholic and secular press and all other media and for preserving the history of the Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of Washington in coordination with the Historian." (LOC ADW Bylaws, Section 6A-5). Please let your president know of your interest or presidents can contact me at mmhand@aol.com. And we also need help with organizing our archives that are overseen by Ms. Gloria Rose, our official Board Historian.

Have a safe and blessed summer and thank you for all that you do year round (even in the summer months) to serve God's people.

Mary Louise Hand
2015-2016 President
LOC ADW, Board of Directors

Reflecting on Last Year and Previous Months and Looking Forward with Optimism to Coming Months

A year into my role as President, Board of Directors, Ladies of Charity (LOC), Archdiocese of Washington (ADW), I am truly impressed at the dedication to the three Archdiocesan-wide events that bring us together each year. These events mark each year as LOC and preserve and build upon the decades-long tradition of these gatherings.

On March 14, the Annual Communion Brunch Mass in honor of our founder, St. Louise deMarillac was held at St. Mary of the Mills Parish in Laurel, Maryland. Pastor, Monsignor Michael Mellone celebrated a lovely, welcoming Mass. Prayers of the Faithful included a prayer in memory of Ms. Susan LeBoeuf, a former President of St. Mary of the Mills who died on November 2, 2014. We are grateful to the Ladies of Charity at St. Mary of the Mills for their hospitality and for providing us with a hot and hearty lunch on a chilly rainy day, including a variety of delicious desserts. Ms. Jacqueline DeMesme-Gray, Region 2 Coordinator and Member of the Executive Committee of the National Secretariat for The Cursillo Movement, and a member of St. Teresa of Avila in Washington DC, gave an inspiring presentation on, "Called to Spiritual Renewal and to Live the Vincentian Charism as Laity." We are grateful to Ms. DeMesme-Gray for sharing her gifts with us. Sister Sandra Goldsborough, Spiritual Moderator, had a lovely display of St. Louise deMarillac's statue, and concluded with a prayer and the hymn, "The Least of These."

Our next opportunity to all come together as Ladies of Charity was on Saturday, May 2, 2015 with the Annual May Day Celebration and Crowning of the Blessed Mother, at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families. We are indebted to the Very Reverend Thomas R. Frank, S.S.J., Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, for serving as the Mass Celebrant. I would also like to acknowledge Ms. Jamila Stone, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, for performing the Crowning of the Blessed Mother in the chapel at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families, Hyattsville, MD. Sister Mary Bader DC was extremely thankful for the generous donations to St. Ann's. Thank you all for your generosity to St. Ann's and to this LOC fundraiser, as well as for the delicious lunch contributions by each of the parishes/counties.

Still ahead for 2015 is our third LOC ADW event, the Fall General Assembly/Retreat. This gathering, generally held in October, affords us the time to hear a report on the (LCUSA) National Assembly, especially important for those members who could not travel to the National Assembly, and to reflect on our Vincentian Spirituality. This year the Fall General Assembly/Retreat, will be held for a full day at the Washington Retreat House on Saturday, October 31, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and will feature Retreat content with an update on the National Assembly. The day's theme is: VINCENTIAN WOMEN CHANGING COMMUNITIES WITH JOY AND HOPE!

I wish you a blessed summer and thank you for your support for our three Archdiocesan-wide gatherings, and for all you do with your parish ministries.

Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Charities (AIC), the Church's oldest social service organization.

The AIC dates back to 1617, the year in which St. Vincent de Paul gathered together a group of women at Châtillon-lesDombes, France, creating the first attempts to provide assistance to the needy families in the parish.

**REMEMBER TO GATHER ALL YOUR SPECIAL
CELEBRATIONS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THIS
2017 400 ANNIVERSARY!**

By: Mary Louise Hand

THE LADY OF CHARITY AND HER TOOLBOX



Sr. Sandra Goldsborough
Spiritual Moderator

The Sower went out to sow her seed. That is her calling—to sow the seed. She might harvest the results; someone else might harvest them. But she sows.

This Sower is you, Ladies of Charity of Washington, DC. The Seed is the good works you do for those in need. You spread your assistance far and wide. This sowing requires some planning to fit it in with the other responsibilities of your life.

Timing—The Sower gets up early to get a lot done before the sun is high in the sky. She works her schedule of doing good works so that family celebrations, vacations, appointments, still have primary place.

Toolbox—The Sower uses the tools—talents and gifts—which God has given her. Your toolbox was presented to you at birth and through the years you have discovered what God has gifted you with—family, love, organizational skills, leadership skills, prayer, financial resources, housekeeping skills, gardening know how, handcraft skills and more.

Somewhere along the way you met St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac and they inspired you to look again in your toolbox and you found compassion, humility, simplicity, charity for those in need, generosity, and a desire to serve rather than be served. Thank Him for the inspirations you have received to serve those who are poor in some way. St. Vincent's Spirit is alive in you, the Ladies of Charity of Washington, DC.

I'd like to close with a thought from the writings of Joyce Rupp:

A Creed for the Sowing of Seeds

I believe that the Word of God has many times been planted in my life, often because of another who received the seed in ready soil, brought forth a harvest, and shared that goodness with me...

I believe that great things can come forth from even the tiniest seed planted in love and cared for tenderly in the heart of another...

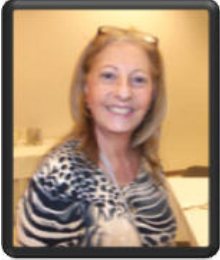
I believe that even the most insignificant aspects of life can be the seed of God's gifting, that deeper faith can root and mature in very ordinary soil...

I believe that it takes much patience to sow a seed, to freely give it away to the heart of the earth, to allow it to take root and to grow in its own good time...

And most of all, I believe in the Sower of all seeds, in the Giver of all good and growing things, my Lord and my God!

Excerpted from FRESH BREAD
BY Joyce Rupp
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Presidents of Counties and the District of Columbia



Susan Wilson - Calvert County

St. Anthony's Ladies of Charity have started a new out-reach program called **Heart F.E.L.T (Feeding Empty Little Tummy's)**. Local guidance counselors have advised us of 8 local children in an elementary school near our Church that are not able to eat over the weekends. Our ladies are packing 8 backpacks for these children to take home on Friday afternoons with enough food so they are able to eat over the weekend.



Maryann Rooney - Montgomery County

Montgomery County members have devoted time, talent and treasure to St. Jane's and the local community. The focus of their ministry over many years has been the Catholic Service held every Monday afternoon at a local nursing home and the Christmas Party every December. Members are involved at Birthright in Silver Spring, participate as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to Suburban Hospital, support St. Ann's, the Ladies' favorite organization, and members assist with the care of the church altar linens.



Beverly Motley - Prince George's County

The Prince George's County Ladies of Charity Executive Board recently voted to support two (2) new organizations. The 1st is the Elizabeth's Arms Ministry. Elizabeth's Arms seeks to spiritually encourage and consistently nurture pregnant mothers and children with immediate and practical resources. The 2nd is Shepherd's Cove. Shepherds Cove is a 100 bed Emergency Shelter for women and children in Prince George's County. Their goal is to provide a clean and safe environment for their clients with the ultimate goal of obtaining transitional or permanent housing. These additions bring our total to six agencies that we support at various times during the year.



Theresa Cullinane - Providence Hospital

Members of LOC Providence Hospital projects include: 1. Visiting the residents at Carroll Manor Nursing Facility. (I do this 6 mornings a week, bringing the residents to Mass and taking them back to their floors.) 2. Securing items for the Clothes Closet and maintaining it ensuring there are clothes for the needy that come to our ER and also for Seton House, our Psychiatric/Substance Abuse unit. 3. The Annual Children's Christmas party, held for the children of our Associates. Usually we have 300-350 in attendance. I organize this annually for the past 30 years or so. 4. Book Drive for Perry Family Center, one of our clinics in an underserved area.

*Amazing
Woman*

"You're a woman of faith and honesty, a model of deep humility, With strength of character that rises above the stress of life's surprises. You're kind and giving and ready to share, because you truly and earnestly care. There's so much love in the things you do...you're one, terrific Amazing You!"



Judy Fisher - Charles County



The Holy Ghost Ladies of Charity together with the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department (CIVFD) sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday April 25 at the Fire Department. The Ladies started the Blood Drive to support a member whose husband needed frequent blood transfusions. The drive is now co-sponsored with the CIVFD in order to reach a broader pool of donors and to encourage community spirit. 210 pints of blood have been collected since 2011. Each pint of blood can save three lives. The Holy Ghost Ladies of Charity are happy to think their drives may have benefitted 630 persons. Why not sponsor of a blood drive in your community and save a life or three?

Dinners were provided for the Charles County Safe Nights Program by members preparing their favorite recipes. Safe Nights is an overnight shelter program for homeless individuals and families held from October 1 through April 15 annually. Over forty dinners were served each night in partnership with local Protestant churches which provide the space to sleep. The Ladies are happy to serve their community through programs and partnerships that value the meaning of service to those less fortunate.

Thanks and appreciation to Judy Fisher, who has served as Ladies of Charity president for the Holy Ghost association. Everyone is pleased that Judy will continue as a faithful member of the Ladies. Co vice-presidents, Bobbi Caron and Lucy Saunders will fill Judy's term of office ending December 31, 2015.

St. Gabriel Parish

By Bertha Guerra - President District of Columbia

On Monday, January 19, 2015, Ladies of Charity and Sodality members (St. Gabriel Parish), visited with Mrs. Lessie Quander at Stoddert Baptist Home on the occasion of Mrs. Quander's 101st Birthday. Between them, the ladies visited for about an hour. They took cards and balloons. Mrs. Quander was very happy to receive the visits. She always expresses her love for St. Gabriel's. In her words, "I love my Church". She is very alert. She always expresses her happiness at the home. She loves the people and the staff and they love her. She particularly speaks of the "young men" who cook the "great food".

Mrs. Quander, when asked her age, was very quick to respond "101", I was born January 19, 1914".



Standing: Betty Smith, Sodality; **Bertha Guerra**, President, Ladies of Charity, District of Columbia; Lil McDonald, Sodality; Seated: Carolyn Hamilton, Vice President, Ladies of Charity; MRS. QUANDER (Honoree); Cora Guerra,

Volunteers of the Year

Prestigious District of Columbia Health Care Association (DCHCA) Award



Theresa Cullinane

The District of Columbia Health Care Association (DCHCA) 2014 Volunteer of the Year award was given to none other than Theresa Cullinane, who after 44½ years with Providence, retired and joined our dedicated team of volunteers. During the past year, she has volunteered at Carroll Manor six days a week

for nearly 500 hours. She helps us in so many ways, including escorting residents to and from daily Mass, coordinating the clothing closet for needy residents, and auditing resident rooms for maintenance issues. Theresa brings reverence, respect, kindness, service, and joy to our residents and staff. Theresa is an active member of the Ladies of Charity.



Jeanne Mansell

Our very own Jeanne Mansell was the winner of this year's DCHCA Ancillary Staff Award. She has served our campus for 27 years. In addition to excelling in her duties as Manager of Medical Records, she is enrolled in Catholic

University's Health Information Technology Program, serves as an officer for Providence in the Toastmasters Club, helps raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease, and uses her affiliations with outside organizations to benefit our residents and home. Jeanne was an essential part of the implementation team for our electronic records and her expertise in health information is ever-expanding. Her dedication to our mission, thirst for knowledge, and willingness to take on new challenges make her a standout associate here at our home. Jeanne is an active member of the Ladies of Charity.

Submitted By:
Sister Sandra Goldsborough

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Reentry Program

Carolyn Brown and Rita Robinson, members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ladies of Charity participate as Mentors in the Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington, **Welcome Home** Program. Welcome Home is a Reentry Program serving the imprisoned and helping them transition home, in Washington, DC, Montgomery, Prince George's and Charles Counties, Maryland. <http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/WelcomeHome>

The Welcome Home Reentry Program assists men and women returning home from incarceration to adjust and reorient their lives by providing them with the guidance of experienced mentors recruited from local religious and civic organizations. Mentors act as strong role models offering returnees moral support and encouragement as they redirect lives that were interrupted by circumstances and poor choices leading to incarceration. The Welcome Home Reentry Program works in close collaboration with many organizations to ensure that men and women are unconditionally welcomed back into the communities from which they came.

Catholic Charities host an Annual Appreciation Luncheon for Mentors and Mentees. At the luncheon, Msgr. John Enzler gave opening remarks. Rev. Michael Bryant thanked the mentors for their service and gave a blessing to mentors, mentees and staff. A panel consisting of mentors and mentees talked of their respective journeys, with one another. Rita Robinson received a Certificate of Appreciation from Reverend Michael Bryant, Founder, Welcome Home Program. Carolyn Brown was not able to attend the luncheon.



Rita Robinson & Father Bryant

Submitted By: Dr. Rita Robinson

St. Jane de Chantal



Left to Right: Mary Hand, Maryann Rooney (President, MoCo LOC), Mary Slattery, Judith Strenio, Two other volunteers (not LOC): Sue Wiant and daughter Morgan; LOC's Members: Marilyn Hayden, Carol Windsor and Deacon Chester Chen, Dr. William Morris

Members of LOC St. Jane Frances de Chantal accept certificates of appreciation from Bethesda Health & Rehabilitation for the year round Catholic Service held every Monday afternoon at the nursing home. Over the past many years the Monday Mass or Communion Service has been the focus of the member's ministry. Fortunately as some of Ladies have retired we've recruited three new members to keep the Catholic Service a tradition.

Submitted By Maryann Rooney

The Saint Matthias LOC Partners with TJ Maxx Employees

Ten employees from the TJ Maxx store at the Enterprise Shopping Center in Lanham, Maryland, wanted to give back to their community. One of these employees is a parishioner at St. Mathias the Apostle Parish and suggested that the group contribute food to the St. Matthias food pantry. The first donations were received on June 26, and the group has pledged to continue with these donations monthly. They have also indicated that they would like to help with the distribution of the food to the recipients. These donations are funded solely through the generosity of these ten employees, and St. Matthias and the Ladies of Charity who oversee the pantry, welcome their partnership and thank them for their kindness.

Saint Matthias the Apostle



The St. Matthias Apostle Parish Ladies of Charity (LOC) gratefully received \$850 from the Ladies of Charity USA (LCUSA) as part of this year's Kathleen Hager grant award. The Hager grants are competitively based on available funding to assist LOC associations with their programs. The St. Matthias Apostle Parish LOC will use this grant money to supplement food donations made by our parishioners for our food pantry to ensure that an adequate supply of balanced, non-perishable food is available for the needy in our local area. We have operated a walk-up pantry for 15 years which is open on Friday mornings throughout the year. Members perform weekly pantry-related duties which include shopping, stocking shelves, organizing, and packing and distributing bags. In 2014, we distributed 524 bags of groceries as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to those in need who come to our door. The Hager grant will help us to continue our important work, and we thank the LCUSA for their generous donation.

Submitted By: Kathy Dowell

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31,
9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.,
WASHINGTON RETREAT HOUSE
ADW GENERAL ASSEMBLY/RETREAT:
VINCENTIAN WOMEN
CHANGING COMMUNITIES WITH JOY AND HOPE.



**Prince Georges County Ladies of Charity
Proudly Welcome our Group of New Members**

During our December 2014 and March 2015 Quarterly meetings, Prince Georges County President, Beverly Motley, proudly inducted 15 new members into the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity. Witnessing these ladies accept the responsibilities and duties of the Ladies of Charity, keep us encouraged for the future of our Ladies of Charity units as we continue our Mission work.

St. Ambrose Catholic Church
Kimberly Tremble

St. Ignatius Catholic Church
Denise Payne

St. John Baptis de Salle Catholic Church
Marlene Smith

St. Matthias Catholic Church
Joycelyn Dougall, Julie Gill

St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church
Shirley Murdock

St. Hugh Catholic Church
Joan Baker, Judith Davino, Carol Drees, Monica Huber,
Linda Kelley, Patty Moore, Donna Peterson

Mount Calvary Catholic Church
Helen Sison

Prayer of Blessed Mother Teresa

“Lord open our eyes that we may see You in our brothers and sisters,
Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries of
the hungry, the cold, the frightened and the oppressed.
Lord, open our hearts that we may love each other as You love us.”

Submitted By: Regina L. Barrett, 2nd Vice-President
Prince Georges County Ladies of Charity

Latest New Inductees

The Prince George’s County LOC Quarterly meeting was held on Sunday, June 7th at Saint Matthias Parish in Lanham with 48 Ladies in attendance. Father Milton Jordan was the celebrant for the Solemn Reception of New Members and Benediction. In his brief hominy he mentioned how the LOC reach out not only to the hungry but to those rejected by society.



There were 5 new members inducted: Magdalena Edmonson (St. Ignatius), Gladys Joyner (Mount Calvary/St. Bernardine), Peggy Compton (St. Hugh), Susie Misleh (St. Ambrose), Helen Hamilton (St. Matthias)

Prince George’s LOC, Thank you very much Father Jordan for officiating.

Pope will visit Washington, DC

On September 22, 2015, Pope Francis is expected to arrive in Washington DC. The following day, the Pope will meet with President Obama, pray midday prayer with bishops at St. Matthew’s Cathedral, and canonize Blessed Junipero Serra during a Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. On Thursday, the Pontiff will deliver a speech to a joint meeting of Congress, pay a visit to St. Patrick’s Cathedral, and visit several catholic charities associated with the Archdiocese of Washington.



A Catholic Woman In American History - Eleanor Josaitis

In the 1960s Eleanor Josaitis was a busy mother. She felt called to social activism after seeing footage of people being tear-gassed and beaten with clubs during the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama. When similar violence erupted in her home city of Detroit, Eleanor

was convinced that her role in giving others equal opportunities was to educate marginalized people so they could enjoy career prospects.

Collaborating with Father William Cunningham, she co-founded Focus: HOPE in 1968. Their goal was to fund and run practical programmers. They created the Machinist Training Institute by purchasing an unused factory and outfitting it with modern metalworking machines. They provided everything from classes about doing interviews to basic literacy. If someone was not ready for training or missed primary school time, they were taken to make sure that they received adequate education. Those who immediately benefited were women and minorities.

The 1970s presented Eleanor with trials. Her offices were firebombed and she was a victim of hate mail. But this only strengthened her resolve to help others.

Years later Eleanor took enormous pride in the fact that over 11,000 men and women had graduated from the training schemes she put in place. She died in 2011.

Submitted By: Jackie Bates

May Crowning



On May 4, May Day at St. Ann’s, the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity celebrated the Crowning of the Blessed Mother in the chapel of St. Ann’s Center. Ms. Jamila Stone the youngest member of the Ladies of

Charity performed the crowning of the Blessed Mother. See more pictures and information on our web site: <http://ladiesofcharityadw.org/>.

The Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity Archives

By Viola Johnson-Robinson, 1st Vice President ADW LOC

Archives Maintenance Policy: The Ladies of Charity, Archdiocese of Washington (LOC ADW) needs your help! The archives data of the history of the Ladies of Charity dates back to 1962 and includes a list of Past Presidents. It has been maintained since 1996 by Ms. Gloria Rose with help from Dr. Rita Robinson, Ms. Lucy Saunders and Ms. Patricia Camp, among others. An Archives Maintenance Policy/Guidance, developed by Ms. Gloria Rose and Dr. Rita Robinson was approved at the August 2, 2014 LOC, ADW Board meeting. The policy specifies the standard archival information/items that should be submitted by the Board President at the end of her two-year term to continue to build upon the current archives, the hard copies of which are in storage. Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Carl Dianda has provided storage in the basement of St. Francis de Sales Church, of Washington, DC. The Purpose of the Archive is as follows:

- Serve as a resource for current work
- Preserve the history of the past
- Enrich celebrations and special occasions by referring to past events
- Provide answers to questions
- Facilitate training of new members
- Supplement projects and publications with illustrations, photographs and relevant documents
- Remind individuals of the dedicated LOC and their past work/achievements

Historian/Archive Committee: An Archive Committee chair will be filled by the Historian who will be responsible for the maintenance of the LOC ADW Archives. The position of a LOC ADW Board of Directors Historian is described in the LOC ADW Bylaws (Article V-Board of Directors, Sections 6A-3) and will be filled in the near future:

- *Historian – The Chairman will preserve the history of the Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of Washington. All outgoing officers must submit relative material to the Historian for archiving. Chair serves on the Board of Directors.*

Currently there is a need to identify members to serve on the Committee to Preserve the History of the Ladies of Charity, Archdiocese of Washington who will serve under the guidance of the Historian/Archives Chair (Ms. Gloria Rose). Representatives are needed from each area of the ADW: Calvert County, Charles County, District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, Providence Hospital; Officer(s) of the Board, and Junior Ladies of Charity. This is an important task to ensure that our history is preserved for those who follow us. Let us work together to celebrate and preserve the history of our Archdiocese and the dedicated women who followed in the footsteps of our founders, St Vincent de Paul and St Louise de Marillac.



Visit our website <http://ladiesofcharityadw.org/>
 This website is designed to keep you informed
 about events in our Archdiocese.

Upcoming Event Charles County

Sept 12, 7am—1pm

Holy Ghost Church

Ladies of Charity Annual Yard Sale

Upcoming Events District of Columbia

October 11

District of Columbia Quarterly Meeting

7:30 am Mass

St. Gabriel’s Church

Washington, DC

December 13

District of Columbia Quarterly Meeting

10:00 am Mass

St. Benedict the Moor Church

Washington, DC

Upcoming Events Prince George’s County

August 8

Prince George’s Executive Board, Meeting 10:00

AM

September 12—10AM

Prince George’s Communion Brunch

St. Mary of the Mills

Laurel MD

December 2015—2 PM

Prince George’s Quarterly Meeting

St. Hugh of Grenoble

Greenbelt, MD

Editor Note

Thank you, for your articles, please encourage others LOC units to share what they are doing to help others, good deeds will be passed on.

I also encourage you to visit our web site for current information. You can view/download the newsletters; ADW News and Servicette.

May the good works we do continue to prosper.

Jackie Bates

Saint Anthony, Calvert County Junior Ladies of Charity received Scholarship Awards.



The Ladies of Charity of St. Anthony Parish awarded scholarships to two Junior Ladies of Charity towards their continuing education, as a result of their charitable contribution to the community.



2015

CALENDAR YEAR

PERPETUAL ENROLLMENT OF DECEASED MEMBERS

<i>Ann Moriarty</i>	<i>June 13, 2015</i>	<i>St. Hugh of Grenoble</i>
<i>DeVeel Clark</i>	<i>June 8, 2015</i>	<i>Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian</i>
<i>Shelly Moore</i>	<i>May 30, 2015</i>	<i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
<i>Lillian Washington</i>	<i>February 25, 2015</i>	<i>St. Martin of Tours</i>
<i>Doris Barron</i>	<i>February 8, 2015</i>	<i>St. Mary of the Mills</i>
<i>Irene Pezzuti</i>	<i>January 30, 2015</i>	<i>St. Matthias the Apostle</i>

*Come to their aid, O Saints of God,
Come meet them angels of the Lord.
Receive their soul, O holy ones;
Present them now to God Most High.*

To all Ladies of Charity:

For the past few weeks since my husband Ben died, my days have been brightened with so many calls, cards, notes of condolence and prayers from family and friends but I received the most support from **YOU** the Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of Washington. I miss him so much and I ask for your continued prayers as I transition to being without him. I know I will be ok with time and patience as I have seen many of you Ladies go through losing your husbands. My prayers are with you too.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for your friendship and support.

Love to all,
Debbie Self
St. Matthias Parish

2015 (August—December) CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	EVENT	PLACE
August	1	ADW Board Meeting – 10:00 AM Mass (1st Floor Chapel)	Providence Hospital
September	18-19	LCUSA 15th Annual National Assembly	
October	31	ADW Ladies of Charity 1-Day Retreat 9:00am – 4:00 pm	Washington Retreat House Harewood Rd, NE, Washington, DC
December	5	ADW Board Meeting – 10:00 AM Mass (1st Floor Chapel)	Providence Hospital
	15	Deadline for January Newsletter Articles to Jackie Bates	

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	EVENT	PLACE
January	15	Dues Payment to Archdiocese for all parishes	
	15	2014 Volunteer Hours Worked Reports due date	
	15	Deadline Articles for Winter/Spring Issue of Servicette	
February	6	ADW Board Meeting – 10:00 AM Mass (1st Floor Chapel)	Providence Hospital
	15	Consolidated Annual Report due to VP Middle Atlantic Region	
March	12	Annual Communion Brunch – 10:00 AM Mass –	
May	7	May Day Celebration & Luncheon - 10:00 AM Mass	St. Ann’s Center for Children, Youth and Families
June	4	ADW Board Meeting – 10:00 AM Mass (1st Floor Chapel)	Providence Hospital
	15	Deadline for July Newsletter Articles to Jackie Bates	
August	1	ADW Board Meeting – 10:00 AM Mass (1st Floor Chapel)	Providence Hospital
September	15-17	LCUSA 15th Annual National Assembly	New York, NY
October	29	ADW Ladies of Charity 1-Day Retreat 9:00am – 4:00 pm <i>(TENTATIVE – no confirmation on date)</i>	Washington Retreat House Harewood Rd, NE, Washington, DC
December	3	ADW Board Meeting – 10:00 AM Mass (1st Floor Chapel)	Providence Hospital
	15	Deadline for January Newsletter Articles to Jackie Bates	

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**LADIES OF CHARITY ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
St. LOUISE DE MARILLAC ANNUAL COMMUNION BRUNCH
HOST ROTATION SCHEDULE**



AREA/COUNTY	PARISH	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	YEAR
CALVERT	St. Anthony of Padua	2009	2014	2019	2024
PRINCE GEORGE'S		2010	2015	2020	2025
	St. Margaret of Scotland	X			
	St. Mary of the Mills		X		
	St. Hugh of Grenoble				
	St. Matthias the Apostle				
	Mount Calvary				
CHARLES	Holy Ghost	2011			
MONTGOMERY	St. Jane Frances de Chantal	2012	2017	2022	2027
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2013	2018	2023	2028

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

St. Maria's Meals – Breakfast Distribution Program

Every Friday morning, volunteers serve a hot breakfast in the parking lot at the corner of University Boulevard and Piney Branch Road. Volunteers set up the tables and tents, serve breakfast and help with clean up. Catholic Charities is seeking committed groups of 5 to volunteer at different times throughout the year. Attached are flyers with additional information. To sign-up, please visit: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/st-marias-meals.

Every Friday – 6:00 – 8:00 AM
640 University Blvd. East
(University and Piney Branch Rd.)

Silver Springs, MD Shelter Hospitality Volunteers

The staff who run our 3 low-barrier emergency shelters in DC welcome the help of volunteers to dole out “soup, soap, and hope” to 1,100 people each night. Sign up for a once-a-week/6-month gig. You’ll be amazed what a difference you make to those with no place of their own to call home.

Get information and get started: www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/volunteer

Welcome Home Re-entry Mentor

Become a mentor to someone returning to the community from incarceration. Studies show that a mentor who provides encouragement and support makes all the difference in preventing recidivism. We will train you and provide ongoing support, but you already know what to do: be kind, be compassionate, be caring, be optimistic, be reliable. Mentors are at least 25 years old and commit for an hour a week for a year. You will make a BIG difference in someone’s life.

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