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Humility, Simplicity, Charity***

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ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON INSTALLS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the midst of planning the 12th Annual LCUSA National Assembly, the Archdiocese of Washington Association elected a new board of directors to serve for the next two-year term. On August 4, 2012, installation of the board members took place in the chapel at Providence Hospital which was officiated by their Spiritual Moderator, Sr. Catherine Fitzgerald, D.C. Our prayers and congratulations are extended to the ladies as they embark on continuing to serve the needy throughout their Archdiocese with humility, simplicity, and charity.



Front left to right:

Mary Ann Tretler, Secretary; Rita Robinson, President; Peggy Campbell, 2nd Vice President;

Behind left to right:

Toni Gaines, Treasurer; Sr. Catherine Fitzgerald, Sister Moderator; Kendra Jochum, 1st Vice President.

LAUNCHING OF NEW WEBSITE

On August 15, 2012, the Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of Washington launched a new website. Thanks to Beth Nicol, web designer, for her expertise, patience, and dedication in developing this site. Please visit the website <http://www.ladiesofcharityadw.org/> and see how the Ladies in Washington are working to improve the services to the marginalized within their community.

Articles by: Toni K. Gaines

A Message from the President

“Look up confidently; He will not abandon you
Who have left all for Him, nor leave you in
Weakness while losing yourself for His sake.”
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

I want to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year! A new year gives us the opportunity to take a breath and reflect on the past year. For many of us, this is the time to make resolutions for improvement in our daily lives. It is also an opportunity to reflect back on our spiritual lives. Have we been fully committed to our stated mission and goals? What do we want to continue to do or to do differently to promote a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? How can we continue to serve in a spirit of humility, simplicity, and charity?

As Ladies of Charity, we are in a unique position to evangelize and be evangelized by those who live in poverty. We have the opportunity to reflect on today's world and to adapt our actions according to the challenges of our present time. Taking time to pray and to reflect together on Vincentian spiritually will lead us to holiness as it did St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

As the president of the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity, I pledge to work tirelessly with the membership to enhance our association and to make it one in which we can all say with pride, “I belong, I am a Lady of Charity!”

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardship from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most;
And by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope, and joy to you for the year ahead.

Dr. Rita L. Robinson

Spiritual Advisor Father Carl F. Dianda

Dear Ladies of Charity:

It's December 11th as I write this, and only 14 days till the celebration of the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. You remember last March 25th when we celebrated Mary's accepting the earthly body of the Son of God. Now, it's almost time! You mothers know what we celebrated on March 25th. You know what happened on December 25th. I know what makes us all so happy. But you are among the people who are concerned and care, not just at Christmas time, but all year long. Your lives are so close to God, so close to Jesus, so close to Mary.

Ladies of Charity of Washington, of America, and of the World, know that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit lead you, guide you, and bless your ministry now and forever.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Rev. Carl F. Dianda

Spiritual Moderator Sister Catherine Fitzgerald, D.C.

The Heart of Our Advent Prayer
 O come, O come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel
 That mourns in lovely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear

This year when you sing, “O come, O come Emmanuel” identify the different title of Jesus, like Key of David, Dayspring and Wisdom, and try to ponder what each one means. The dominant theme of the O Antiphons is one of hoping and waiting for Jesus to come. So as we read and meditate on them, let’s focus our hearts on Jesus. Let’s trust that by contemplating these verses, our own anticipation will grow and be rewarded as we invite Jesus to come and be born in our hearts on Christmas.

Know that I will be praying for each Lady of Charity and their loved ones as we prepare for the coming of Him who is our all. I can’t close without saying thank you for the wonderful witness you are of our Infant King.

Sister Catherine

TWO YEAR TERM AS LCUSA PRESIDENT COMES TO A CLOSE

Lucy Ann Saunders



On January 1, 2013, the newly elected LCUSA officers and board members will begin their two year term as leaders of our national organization. For the Middle Atlantic Region, Rita Robinson will be LCUSA’s Vice President. As Vice President, Rita will be the main contact for Ladies of Charity members in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, and Maryland. Serving with Rita will be two other directors, both living in the Pittsburgh area. How lucky the Archdiocese of Washington is to have Rita as the Archdiocesan President and representative of our national organization, LCUSA.

As LCUSA president for the past two years, time has passed ever so quickly. I enjoyed being there to serve membership, as well as the opportunities I have had to meet many ladies that are doing so much to reach out to those less fortunate. In my two years, I have visited over half of LCUSA’s 67 associations. I have been amazed at seeing and hearing about the various ministries each group is doing in their local community as they serve and reach out to others with the Vincentian spirit. I am very thankful for the time I have served as president and look forward to being on LCUSA’s board as past president for the next two years.

The Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity put forth their best efforts and skills in hosting the 2012 National Assembly. For this I am ever thankful, especially to those who made such an event so successful. Other Ladies of Charity I have met and heard from have nothing but praise for the Washington Archdiocese Ladies. As we continue to work together and plan for the future, everyone’s continued support and faith-filled heart are needed to demonstrate the true spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac in the Washington metropolitan area.

Thank you for being you. Thank you for your support and unending dedication to serve those less fortunate. Together we will answer the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ no matter what role we are asked to fill. As St. Louise said, “How obvious it is that God loves you since He has given YOU so many opportunities to serve Him.”

Sister Catherine Celebrates 60
 years of Service– See page 9

**Annual St. Louise de Marillac
 Communion Brunch, 10 am
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
 Washington, DC
 MARCH 16, 2013**

**Prince George’s County Ladies of Charity Quarterly
 Meeting. The LOC of St. Matthias the Apostle Church
 will host the quarterly meeting on Sunday the 8th of June,
 at 2:00 PM**

Holy Ghost Church Issue, MD

The LOC of Holy Ghost would like to thank Lucy Saunders for all of the hard work and the many hours she put in during her term as President of LCUSA. During that time, Lucy visited 34 of the 67 LOC associations. She crisscrossed the country traveling from New York to California, from Kansas City to New Orleans, from Maryland to Florida, putting a face to the title of President. Lucy said that there are so many ladies who never see the President, and she wanted to bring the local associations closer to National, letting everyone know that we are one family. Thank you Lucy and welcome home.

The Holy Ghost ladies held a successful yard sale this September. The sale is the unit's only fund-raiser. As the picture shows, there are many items, and the surrounding community looks forward to this event every year.



October brought our annual Day of Recollection at the Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland. The Ladies are always refreshed and rejuvenated after spending the day in prayer.

November was a busy month. We collected enough food to feed 56 families for Thanksgiving. A few days after delivering the Thanksgiving baskets, we decorated the Christmas Giving Tree. There were 126 tags on the tree; each tag representing a child who received a Christmas gift.

Submitted by: Judy Cabos, Secretary

St. Hugh of Grenoble Greenbelt, MD

On Sunday, December 9, 2012 Deacon Desi Vikor of St. Hugh's Church in Greenbelt inducted 31 Ladies and Junior Ladies of Charity at a Benediction Service at the Prince Georges County Ladies of Charity Quarterly Meeting. Over one hundred Ladies of Charity members attended the service/meeting and brought Christmas gifts for Spring Grove Hospital patients, Carroll Manor Nursing Home, Sacred Heart Nursing Home, and St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home.

Sandy Block, Director of Volunteers at Spring Grove Hospital, was the speaker for the meeting/luncheon. Ms. Block spoke of the great needs of the mental health patients at the hospital and her appreciation for all the assistance she receives from the Ladies of Charity in gifts as well as volunteer time given. Ms. Block described patients coming to the hospital with only the clothes on their backs and holes in their shoes. She described how appreciative patients are to receive a new pair of shoes and socks. Ms. Block stated she looks forward to continued collaboration with the Ladies of Charity in assisting Spring Grove Hospital.

The 31 new inductees came from St. Jerome's, St. Margaret's, St. Hugh's, St. Mary's of the Mills and St. Ambrose.

Submitted By: Mary Ann Tretler



Welcome to the Junior LOC Page

St. Jerome Catholic Church Hyattsville, MD



When the group first formed in the early summer of 2012, the **Junior Ladies of Charity of St. Jerome's Parish** was only a handful of girls. Now that number has tripled. They have done six service projects since they started last July for both their community and parish: organizing and helping to run two parish feast day celebrations, a personal care items drive for abused women and children, made Montessori supplies for the parish atrium, supporting a winter coat drive, and assisted with a dinner for the Catholic students of the University of Maryland. The Juniors also had fun filming and producing a short video of themselves in action (which can be viewed on You Tube at "TheActingQueen102" channel), which has been viewed worldwide. The Juniors also recently won the LCUSA T-Shirt Design Contest; in addition to their winning design being incorporated with Juniors across the country, they will receive \$100 towards future projects and service work.

With continued focus, the Juniors are planning additional projects for the near future to include assisting at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families, taking care of an elderly handicapped woman at their parish, and helping with the Gabriel Network. Nine of the Junior Ladies of Charity members will be inducted in December 2012, and the entire group will continue "to serve rather than be served".

Submitted by Bernadette Tirador, JLOC President
Anya Trudeau, Secretary
Katie Riordon, Member

St. Margaret of Scotland Seat Pleasant, MD

Hello to the Washington Archdiocese of the Ladies of Charity. Good news, the Junior Ladies have produced another successful year of giving and serving the poor, fulfilling our mission! We are 7 years old!

We have received thank you notes from the United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. (UCAP) for gifts, toiletries for the men's homeless shelter, and as usual, St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home. An award was presented from the LCUSA National Assembly, September 14-15, 2012, recognizing St. Margaret of Scotland as well as St. Anthony's at North Beach, MD. The certificate presented was a proclamation of appreciation for our dedication and services. A Thanksgiving box for a family of five was also presented to a family.

New members were inducted at the quarterly meeting held at St. Hugh's in Greenbelt on December 9, 2012. The new Junior Ladies are Uzoma Aneke, Ifeoma Aneke, and Fatima Kamara. Awah Tchitakwe will be inducted at St. Margaret's.

The calendar for 2013 has been established. Presidents, please encourage your Ladies of Charity to organize Junior associations or join established groups at St. Margaret, St. Anthony, or St. Jerome. It is vital that we do all we can to lead and teach our young women to see Christ in the eyes of the poor, and how to care and love them. Let us recruit, help, and teach they are our future. "However, if you fulfill the royal law according to scripture, You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well." James 2:8
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:31
"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 2 Cor 9:9

I find these scriptures comforting. Happy New Year to each of you.

Submitted By: Gloria Rose
Co-Moderator Junior Ladies of Charity
Archdiocese of Washington

St. Anthony of Padua JLOC North Beach, MD

"Cookies for the Cruisers"

The Junior Ladies of Charity of St. Anthony, gather on Christmas Eve to make Christmas cookies pack and deliver them to the sheriff office, local police and firefighters. This is their way of showing their appreciation to those who have to work doing the Christmas Season.

Bunny Tate
Co-Moderator Junior Ladies of Charity
Archdiocese of Washington

St. Matthias Apostle Parish Lanham, MD

Inspired by the theme, “Giving in Faith and Love,” from the September LCUSA National Assembly in Washington, D.C., the St. Matthias Ladies of Charity enthusiastically continue their work with the needy and disadvantaged in our community. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, school organizations, and fundraisers, we are able to provide nonperishable food items from our Pantry on a weekly basis to those who come to our doors.

Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets containing a complete holiday meal were given to many families in the area by the LOC, and we again sponsored the Parish Christmas “Giving Tree.” This year’s tree supplied gifts for our wounded Veterans at Walter Reed Bethesda Hospital, as well as to the Gift of Peace, Bowie-Crofton Pregnancy Center, and Prince Georges Medical Center Pediatrics and Emergency Units.

Special dietary needs of several children from one of our school families had severely strained their budget, and because of this, the LOC adopted the family and provides them with a gift card each month to a local grocery store to help defray the costs of these special items. We have also donated coats to the Catholic Charities coat drive, made monetary gifts to several charities that have requested our help, and assisted the Parish in their work at the Community Café by providing lunches for those who visit the facility.

We are truly blessed to be a part of such a generous Parish who makes our work possible, and look forward to continuing in the New Year.

Submitted by: Kathy Dowell



A Catholic Woman In American History

What heroic deeds cause us to remember Kateri Tekakwitha, who died at the age of 24, only seven years after she was baptized? Kateri was born in upstate New York in 1656. Her mother, a Christian Algonquin, and her father, a Mohawk warrior, died of smallpox when Kateri was four. Kateri survived the epidemic but was left disfigured and partially blind. She grew up in the care of her uncle. When Kateri was eleven, a group of Jesuit missionaries (called “Blackrobes” by the native peoples) visited Kateri’s village. Their stories touched her deeply. At the age of 17, she took the courageous step of being baptized.

Her decision to be baptized angered her relatives. They knew of so-called Christians who had burned villages and brought deadly diseases to the Native American peoples. Kateri also chose not to marry, which was unthinkable for a young girl in her culture.

The opposition of her relatives to her choices led Kateri to flee to a Christian settlement near Montreal. There she taught young children and cared for the sick and aged. She quickly became known for her remarkable acts of penance and prayer, but soon her health began to fail. She died in 1680 at the age of 24.

Because she followed the traditional Christian virtues of prayer, fasting, and works of mercy to such an extraordinary degree, it was not long before word of her life spread far and wide. Kateri was beatified, a preliminary step for sainthood, in 1980. She is the first Native American and the first American lay person to receive this honor. We honor the “Lily of the Mohawks” each year on July 14.

Fifty years after Kateri's death, the first convent for Indian nuns was established in Mexico, and they pray daily for Sainthood for Blessed Kateri. Their prayers were answered on October 21, 2012, when Kateri was canonized as the first Native American woman to be honored with sainthood.

**Submitted By: Jackie Bates
St. Matthias Apostle Parish**

Shoes 4 Kids Fund

The Ladies of Charity of the District of Columbia Parish Group reactivated the Shoes for Kids Fund as its group service project.

The Shoes for Kids Fund will enable needy school aged children to receive shoes. The DC Ladies of Charity purchased 120 Payless Shoe Gift Cards to be distributed among the six participating parishes. Each parish received 20 gifts cards worth \$20.00 each to distribute to the neediest school aged kids within their respective parish communities.

Fundraisers will be planned in the future to replenish and keep the supply of Shoes for Kids gift cards available for distribution by the participating parishes.

**Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines
President, DC Parish Group**

St Jerome Catholic Church
Hyattsville, MD
Celebrating 80 Years of Service



Founded in 1932, the St Jerome's Ladies of Charity was one of the initial associations in the area and we are proud to celebrate 80 years of service this year! 2012 has proved an even more important year for our association beyond this milestone. Within the past few years our Ladies of Charity had fallen nearly inactive and membership dwindled to only a few women.

Earlier this year Kendra Jochum joined the St Jerome Parish, previously from St Mary of the Mills Ladies of Charity in Laurel, Md. With her interest in continuing to actively serve, she connected with Therese Mukoko, a long time parishioner and member of the Ladies of Charity at St Jerome Parish. With the full support of St Jerome's Pastor James Stack and Ladies in leadership Beverly Motley and Gloria Rose, Kendra Jochum (President) and Therese Mukoko (Vice President) worked to revive the St Jerome's Ladies of Charity and establish a new Junior Ladies of Charity.

Beginning in May 2012 with a 'Taste and See Information Meeting', monthly meetings have been continued through the summer to revitalize the Ladies of Charity in the St Jerome Parish Community. With an initial focus on publicity and membership, a presentation board was permanently set up in our vestibule to provide background and current information on the Ladies of Charity, descriptive and inviting flyers were included as weekly bulletin inserts, a Facebook page and specific email address were established, and a business card was created with mission and contact information to distribute to those we could serve. Interested women heard the call of Vincentian Spirit, and the Ladies began regular meetings and service work. This momentum brought further blessings with the foundation of our Junior Ladies of Charity in July 2012.

This past December six new adult Ladies and nine new Junior Ladies were formally inducted! We will continue to focus on increasing our membership within the Ladies and Junior Ladies groups.

Our growth in membership has ultimately provided St Jerome's Ladies of Charity greater opportunities to extend service work and supports both within the parish and the local community. The *St Jerome's Boutique* group of women knitting and seaming goods and the *St Jerome's Café* providing weekly meals for the areas homeless and poor are established parish ministries that the Ladies of Charity will continue to support. We've established numerous other service committees to include monthly material donation drives; helping the sick, elderly and needy with chores, errands, transportation, and companionship; sending greeting cards of encouragement and support to those in spiritual need; planning clothing exchanges and a clothes closet; hosting all parish feast day celebrations, coordinating parish social events with the Knights of Columbus; providing prayers and organized spiritual support for parishioners; supporting the Family Crisis Center of PG County the victims of domestic violence they serve; providing meals of support to individuals and families in the throws of life transitions; supporting St Ann's, The Gabriel Network and a local pregnancy center; supporting Sacred Heart and other local nursing homes; providing literacy support and academic tutoring to children and adults; supporting the Catholic Student Center of UMD; supporting the Prison Outreach Ministry's Welcome Home Program mentoring citizens returning from incarceration, and connecting with the Nigerian Catholic Community at St Jerome's to enjoy cross cultural relationships and establish a sister parish community to support. Committee Chairs and members have been identified for a number of these planned service committees, and we are collectively in the beginning stages of putting all of these services in motion. Both current members and members pending induction are actively engaged as the new foundation of the St Jerome's Ladies of Charity.

In celebrating our 80th year, this significant milestone reminds us of decades of good work in the Vincentian Spirit, and in turn a higher responsibility for the St Jerome's Ladies of Charity to continue this standard as we revive our group and grow forward. We are energized about the opportunity we have to be a part of and support St Jerome's Ladies of Charity in making it a future pillar of the parish and local community. We truly appreciate the blessings the Holy Spirit is bringing us through shared Catholic values, individual gifts to contribute in service, and commitments 'to serve rather be served' in Humility, Simplicity, and Charity.

Please 'Like' our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StJeromesLadiesofCharity, contact us at StJeromesLOC@gmail.com, and visit St Jerome's Parish online at www.stjeromes.org and LOC Archdiocese of Washington at www.ladiesofcharityadw.org

**Submitted by Kendra Jochum, President
St Jerome Ladies of Charity**

**12th Annual LCUSA National Assembly
Washington, DC
September 12-16, 2012
Hyatt Regency Bethesda**

**AS REPORTED BY: Toni K. Gaines, Delegate for
Archdiocese of Washington LOC**

Keynote Speaker – Fr. G. Gregory Gay III, C.M.

Fr. Gay spoke about the triple A's of the Vincentian family: Accompaniment, Advocacy and Action. The Ladies of Charity (LOC) organization is in 25 states; 67 associations; in 5 regions [Northeastern, Middle Atlantic, North Central, Southern and Western] with a global presence of over 8,000 members.

Speaker – Monsignor Raymond East

Msg. East spoke about the marriage of the LOC between service and evangelization (*announcing the kingdom*). He stated 50% of the USA is Spanish-speaking. The LOC should represent parity within the Latino community. He asked for a show of hands of those present who spoke Spanish. Very few hands went up. Then, he started to address the assembly in Spanish. Msgr. East encouraged us to go outside our comfort zone to evangelize. He said, "Catholics are known for giving charity, not for giving Jesus." We need to ignite enthusiasm in our faith by sharing it with others. When we do that, we invite them to church and to hear the message. He made us verbally pledge to recruit at least one person age 30 or younger into the LOC before the next assembly. Then, Msgr. East started the whole assembly singing *Walk Together Sisters and Don't Get Weary, Work for Justice in this Great Land*. His final words to us were to: **IGNITE, INVITE, AND EXCITE!** I must tell you, the Assembly was totally spirit-filled at the conclusion of Msgr. East's presentation. He was given a standing ovation by the members.

Speaker – Sister Carol Keehan, D.C.

Sr. Keehan provided a presentation on the effects of our health-care system; and its pros and cons as it affects the marginalized in our society. After the presentation, Sr. took questions. Maureen McMillan, who works at the LCUSA Service Center in St. Louis, gave testimony regarding her personal situation with health insurance. She stated that she had not seen a doctor in 15 years.

Her husband lost his job and is self-employed. She works for a non-profit and does not have health coverage. As a family the only coverage they could afford was catastrophic insurance, and the co-pay was \$5,000. Her children had to get immunization shots before entering school. One shot costs \$750 for the first child and \$500 for each additional child. When the health-care bill presented by this administration passed in Congress, it enabled her family to receive the health-care coverage they needed at no cost. Her testimony was very emotional and really took all those present by surprise. Another member spoke up and said that LCUSA needed to do something about Maureen's situation. The board would look into it.

WORKSHOPS

There were seven (7) workshops covering the topics of: systemic change; human trafficking; poverty and homelessness; lay moderators; legislative advocacy; health and harmony; and service and advocacy for children/pregnant & parenting teenagers.

TOURS

There was a night tour of the different monuments in Washington with dinner at the Ebbitt Grill; a luncheon tour to Emmitsburg, MD; and a dinner cruise on the Spirit of Washington.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Children's Choir of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School sang at the luncheon on Friday afternoon. The Voices of Praise of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church provided the music for the Mass on Friday night. On Saturday afternoon, Mass was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, and Archbishop Cardinal Donald Wuerl was the principal celebrant. The co-chairpersons for the assembly, Rita Robinson and Deborah Self, presented Cardinal Wuerl with a check representing the monetary value of the volunteer hours the Ladies of Charity for the Archdiocese of Washington worked during 2011. The Gospel Choir of Our Lady of Perpetual Help provided music during the Saturday night banquet dinner.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

During the Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting, the nominees for the three regional directors (Francine Hovanec, Peggy Keene and Rita Robinson) were introduced to the members. The members voted on the three nominees to represent the Middle Atlantic as directors; and then, of the three directors, they voted for one to serve as the VP of the region. Rita Robinson was voted as the Vice President for the Middle Atlantic Region to sit on the National Board. The current LCUSA president, Lucy Saunders of Holy Ghost parish from right here in the Archdiocese of Washington, will be finishing her term at the end of the calendar year. Installation of the new Board Members took place at

the Saturday Mass. Fr. Richard Gielow presided over the installation

KATHLEEN HAGER AWARDS

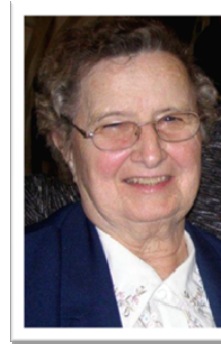
During the business meeting on Saturday, seven (7) associations received Kathleen Hager Grant awards totaling \$8,650 and two (2) associations were awarded Reading Grants totaling \$600, as follows.

\$ 700 - Uniontown \$ 300 - St. Peter (*reading*) *
 \$1,000 - Illinois \$ 300 - St. Damien *
 \$1,000 - Elmira \$ 300 - St. Paul *
 \$ 600 - Schenectady \$1,000 - St. Patrick *
 \$1,000 - St. Gertrude's \$1,000 - Corpus Christi *
 \$1,000 - Billingham \$ 500 - Holy Redeemer *
 \$ 300 - Saratoga (*reading*) \$ 250 - All Saints *
 (*belong to Pittsburgh Diocese)

The deadline for submission of the application for the Kathleen Hager Grant is March 15, 2013. Applications are made available on the LCUSA website or the Archdiocese of Washington website at <http://ladiesofcharityadw.org/resources>

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Gloria Rose provided a visual tribute to Sister Letitia Frank, D.C., past Spiritual Moderator for the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity. A beautiful poster board display was erected in the reception area to the main ballroom.
- The Junior LOC t-shirt contest had a display table. Only two entries were received. An announcement of the winner will appear in the next Serviettes. JLOC literature was available as hand-outs.
- The silent auction was very successful. It took in approximately \$5,000.
- Selling of the gold t-shirts with the LOC logo on the front and the theme and date of the assembly on the back was successful. LCUSA set-up a table selling LOC logo items as well (pins, cards, crucifixes, etc).
- The Hospitality room had plenty of delicious goodies to eat and drink. In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity, a cake was provided for all to enjoy.



Sister Catherine Fitzgerald, D.C.
"60 Years Vocation"

Sister Catherine joined the Daughters of Charity on December 22, 1952, her missions: Teacher, Principal, Seton Shrine Director, Parish Minister, and Volunteer GED Math Teacher. Sister Catherine serves in Community Support. She lives in Baltimore, MD."

She was recently featured in the Faith of Fire, Vol. 1 Issue 2, 2012, for her 60 years of service. Sister Catherine is the spiritual moderator, for the Archdiocese of Washington, Ladies of Charity; she was born and raised in Washington, DC.

Her comments about herself are as follows:

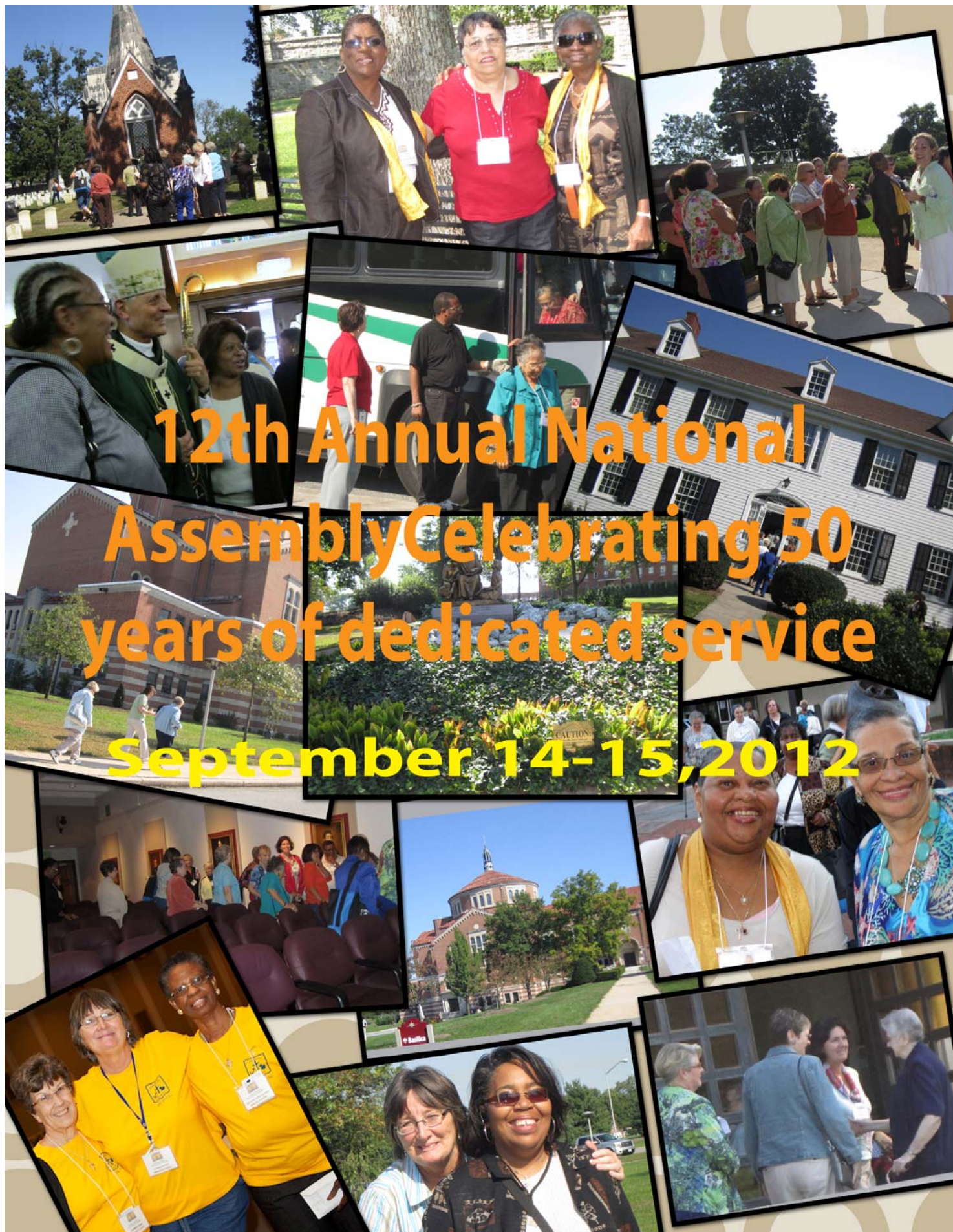
I had a marriage proposal but just couldn't say "yes" yet. I made a novena to the Holy Spirit and in the middle of it and much to my surprise God let me know he wanted me to serve Him as a religious. So, in the fall, I returned to Emmitsburg, not as a college junior, but to become a postulant!

Dare I add that my friends were shocked! But, God will have her way and here I am some 50 plus years later with no regrets!!!

One of the joys of my life is the joy of becoming the spiritual moderator of the Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of Washington. For, they are truly faithful to the motto of the Ladies of Charity, "to serve rather than be served". They truly serve as models in their tireless efforts to help the needy. I am never in their presence that I don't experience His presence in their midst.

On a personal note, this opportunity has only increased my desire to be faithful to my vow of service of the poor which every Daughter of Charity pledges along with poverty, chastity and obedience.

DC Parish Group Quarterly Meeting
March 10, 2013
8:00 A.M. Mass
Holy Comforter/St. Cyprian Church





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Please mark your calendars for the annual parish gatherings with Msgr. John Enzler, CEO of Catholic Charities. This forum will provide an opportunity to both learn from parishes that are working with Catholic Charities and to dialogue with Msgr. Enzler about his vision for the future. A more formal invitation will be forthcoming, but for now please save one of the dates below.

Tuesday, January 15th, 3:00-4:30 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Solomon's

Wednesday, January 23rd, 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Hugh's in Greenbelt.

Tuesday, January 29th, 3:00-4:30 pm at St. Luke's in Washington, DC.

Thursday, February 7th, 3:00-4:00 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians in Waldorf.

Monday, February 11th. 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Patrick's in Rockville

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Calendar of Events 2013

Date	Time and Place
Saturday, February 2, 2013	Executive Board Meeting Providence Hospital
Saturday, March 16, 2013	Annual St. Louise de Marillac Communion Brunch Our Lady of Perpetual Help, DC
April 2013	Ladies of Charity Month
Saturday, May 4, 2013	Annual May Day St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD
Saturday, June 1, 2013	Executive Board Meeting Providence Hospital
Saturday, August 3, 2013	Executive Board Meeting Providence Hospital
September 18-22, 2013	LCUSA Annual National Assembly San Jose, CA
Saturday, October 19, 2013	General Assembly Archdiocese of Washington Mass, Lunch, Speaker Carroll Manor
Saturday, December 7, 2013	Executive Board Meeting Providence Hospital