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

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Greetings From the President



Happy New Years! The Ladies of Charity celebrated all of last year celebrating the 400 years of the Ladies of Charity. In the Archdiocese of Washington, we started with our celebration in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2016. I remember the proud faces of our Ladies as they sat in the front section of the shrine and how proud I felt being a part of this organization. As a delegate of the Ladies of Charity USA I attended the AIC Conference in France and as President of the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity I attended the National Conference in Kansas City. My goal as president was to help the organization grow both spiritually and in membership and learn more about the function of the AIC in the world. The Archdiocese of Washington Board decided as part of our celebration to have a leadership workshop. Everyone who attended the conference acknowledge how meaningful this workshop was to their understanding the mission. My two previous predecessors, Rita Robinson and Mary Hand were instrumental in taking my vision and developing a plan that met the needs of those in attendance. We also decided from the beginning of 2016 prior to my becoming President to discuss having a joint meeting with the Mid-Atlantic Region in celebration of the 400 Anniversary. Lucy Saunders was appointed chair of the 400 Year celebration (she is also our newly installed Lay Spiritual Moderator). She took the lead in organizing the gathering in Emmitsburg at the Seton Shrine. This was another lovely day filled with the Vincentian Spirit. The year ended with our celebration, on December 8, 2017 at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, but this time we sat under the newly renovation Trinity Dome. This mass was joined by most of the organizations The Ladies of Charity wore their banners as a reminder of our organization focus on charity and humility for all.

This is my last year as president of the Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of Washington Board. I look forward to exploring other aspects of the Ladies of Charity, especially building the organization. Please step forward to serve in one of the positions open or on your boards so we can continue to grow and meet the needs of others. This has been a learning experience and I have enjoyed working with you Ladies. I look forward to continuing to work as a "Lady of Charity", serving in the Spirit of our founders.

In the Spirit of Saint Vincent, Saint Louise and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Viola Johnson-Robinson, President
Archdiocese of Washington Board Ladies of Charity

GRATEFUL FOR YOU -- LADY OF CHARITY



As we bid farewell to 2017, I would like to thank all the Ladies of Charity in the Archdiocese of Washington for their participation in the various 400th Anniversary celebrations that took place during the year. Your presence was vital as we celebrated the opening and closing Mass of this anniversary year at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception with other members of the Vincentian Family. Our pilgrimage to Emmitsburg brought together Ladies of Charity from the Middle Atlantic Region. Women of faith, hope and love sharing in the Vincentian charism on the sacred grounds of Mother Seton's home. In all of these gatherings, liturgies were celebrated in thanksgiving for the legacy of St. Vincent de Paul that engages all of us as Ladies of Charity. Today, people express to service members of the Armed Forces their thanks for serving our country. Today, I want to thank each of you for your service to those less fortunate where you show the love of Christ to each person you meet.

Let us begin this year realizing that we have a special calling from St. Vincent and St. Louise to continue serving all those in need while advocating for justice in our society so individuals and families find self-worth and dignity as children of God. How exciting it is to be part of a ministry that started over 400 years ago! I would ask each of you to realize that being a member of the Archdiocese of Washington affords you the cohesiveness, the power of working together, to be strong in your mission as a Lady of Charity. Your efforts and dedication exemplify the characteristics of what it means to be a Lady of Charity. A quote from St. Louise de Marillac expresses much better what I have been trying to express, **"How obvious it is that God loves you since He gives you so many opportunities of serving Him."**

Lucy Saunders
LOC ADW Vincentian Spiritual Moderator



Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg

Basilica of the Immaculate Conception December 8, 2017

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ladies of Charity
Celebrate 400th Anniversary**



On October 22, 2017, the Ladies of Charity (LOC) of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church (OLPH) celebrated the 400th Anniversary of its ministry of serving the less fortunate in the community. OLPH established its LOC association in 1958 under the then Archdiocese of Baltimore. Currently, there are 45 active members with 21 associate members of the OLPH unit serving the community through direct Christian service, prayer, witness and/or financial support. Its oldest founding member, Ms. Laretta B.

Sullivan, is 101 years young. She served as the first OLPH LOC President as well as on the District of Columbia, Archdiocese of Washington and National LCUSA Boards. Currently, the youngest member of the OLPH association, Ms. Jamila Stone at 24 years old serves as the sitting OLPH President. The members gathered to pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings it has received to enable them to continue to perform the good works of the Ladies of Charity as established 400 years ago by St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac

Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines





Ramon Lomosbog

Saint Matthias the Apostle Ladies of Charity Food Pantry Garden

AKA Ramon's Garden

St. Matthias Church LOC has a vegetable garden! It was started last spring by Ramon and Esperanza Lomosbog. Esperanza is a valued member of our LOC. Her husband, Ramon, is an active member in several other church organizations, as well. After clearing out an enclosed area, Ramon prepared the soil and planted a variety of vegetable seeds. It was a visual miracle! Within a few weeks (and a lot of hard work) we had our first sprouts of lettuces, cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots, peppers and more. Later corn and pumpkins appeared!

All of this marvelous produce was cared for and collected by other LOC members to add to the weekly Food Pantry distributions. Those who came for groceries had to walk through the garden area. Many of the recipients were amazed at the wealth and variety of fresh vegetables. They were invited to pick some for themselves as well.

This year, our LOC has formed a Garden Group who will assist more directly with the preparation, maintenance and harvesting of the vegetable garden. Also, several of the ladies have asked their husbands to give of their "time and talent" to help with the planting and picking. All of the ladies who issue food bags will also hand out bags of fresh produce along with the regular groceries. We are all grateful for and excited about this healthy addition to our Food Pantry services!



Jean Gaskins (LOC)



Father Milt & Ramon



Erusa Onukwubiri (LOC)

Saint Hugh of Grenoble

St. Hugh Ladies of Charity Coordinate New Share Food Network Program in Greenbelt

The St. Hugh Ladies of Charity were approached by their Pastor, Fr. Walter Tappe, to consider starting the Catholic Charities sponsored Share Food Network at St. Hugh Parish. A parishioner and volunteer at the Share Food Network Warehouse, Joe Lomax, was willing to assist the ladies in starting the effort and in delivering the food to the parish each month. St. Hugh LOC thought it would be a good opportunity to provide fresh meats, vegetables and fruits to their food pantry recipients through donations by parishioners for Share food packages.

Share Food Network allows anyone to buy \$40-\$45 worth of healthy groceries once a month, every month, for just \$22. This allows families to stretch their food budget with these savings. They also provide monthly specials (beef brisket, breakfast sandwiches, boneless chicken wings, etc.) at a very affordable price. By buying in bulk, Share Food Network is able to provide great quality food at a reduced cost.

St. Hugh LOC takes food orders monthly after all the weekend Masses and collects cash/checks (made out to St. Hugh LOC) at the time of the order. Orders are called into the Share Office and food is picked up two weeks later. Parishioners/pantry recipients pick up food on Saturday at 10am in the St. Hugh School gym. LOC volunteers organize the food packages when delivered and hand them out to those picking up their orders. The program was started in October, 2017 and has run very smoothly thus far. St. Hugh LOC was able to double the number of food pantry families who received turkeys/hams during November and December due to parishioners donating through the Share Food Network Program. Food pantry families are grateful to be able to receive this healthy fresh food.

Submitted By: Mary Ann Tretler



Saint Hugh of Grenoble

St. Hugh Ladies of Charity Host Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Workshop

On Saturday, October 28th, Catholic Charities sponsored a workshop on Domestic Violence at St. Hugh Church. About twenty-five people attended the workshop including members of St. Hugh LOC, Beverly Motley, President of PG LOC, Viola Robinson Johnson, president of Archdiocese of Washington LOC, and members of the Greenbelt community. Deacon Trinidad, Parish Regional Coordinator for Catholic Charities, opened the workshop with a prayer. Laura Yeomans, Parish Partners Program Manager for Catholic Charities, spoke on the various potential support systems that a victim of domestic violence may initially have, ie. friends, parish priest, family members, work associates, financial/job etc. Ms. Yeoman's handed out signs to the audience with these support systems on them and had them stand holding the signs. Ms. Yeomans explained that as domestic violence worsens, these support systems may disappear due to the victim withdrawing from friends/family, loss of job due to pressure from the abuser and threats by the abuser to hurt children/ family/friends, etc. She had each person holding a sign sit down as the support system was withdrawn and leaving the domestic violence victim alone. She further explained that many times the domestic violence victim is at their greatest risk when they make the decision to leave. Many times, as we read in the newspapers or see in TV news reports, the victims are killed or terribly injured by the abuser when the victim decides to leave.

A counselor from Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Violence (JCADA) was also on the panel and talked about resources available to victims of domestic violence and the warning signs to look for when you suspect domestic violence may be occurring. Some warning signs include: apologizes and makes excuses for his/her partner's behavior, cancels or changes plans often, avoids friends, has unexplained injuries, calls and/or texts with his/her partner constantly, or has dramatic changes in weight, appearance or grades. JCADA provides counseling, support and education (prevention and dating abuse) in the community. JCADA is even willing to schedule counseling sessions at a local church to make it easier for victims to get help.

Ms. Yeomans explained that the hope is that there will eventually be training sessions for interested local parish volunteers who will take calls that may come to the church to assist domestic violence victims get the resources and counseling that they need. Ms. Yeoman said that she has spoken to groups of local pastors in the Archdiocese regarding domestic violence and how they can assist victims within their parish. The 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE.

Submitted By: Mary Ann Tretler



St. Jane de Chantal Ladies of Charity Bid Fond Farewell to Father John McKay



Though they are smiling, the Ladies of Charity, St. Jane de Chantal, were sad to have to say goodbye to Father John F. McKay, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Bethesda, Maryland, this past November when Father McKay retired. Father McKay has overseen the Hospital Ministry work for St. Jane's for the last eight years. One of Father's roles was to say a Mass twice a month for residents at Grosvenor Health and Rehabilitation Center, on Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, where the St. Jane de Chantal Ladies of Charity have supported the Mass said

by Father McKay (and on alternate weeks, a communion service with the parish Deacon). Father McKay also served three other nursing homes in the area, was the main Chaplain at Suburban Hospital, and performed Masses and Sacraments at St. Jane's. Father was always consistently cheerful and faithful in performing his service to the nursing home residents and hospital patients. His retirement leaves a big hole in the hearts of those who benefited from his ministry and the Ladies of Charity who will miss having him at Bethesda Health and Rehabilitation Center. Father was sincerely thanked and wished well with a beautiful cake, provided by Mr. Edward Tennant, also of St. Jane de Chantal, who serves as a volunteer organist at the Nursing Home.

Pictured: Top: Father John McKay and Edward Tennant enjoy a delicious cake and conversation following Father McKay's last Mass at the Bethesda Health and Rehabilitation Center in November 2017. Below: Left to right: Edward Tennant; Maryann Rooney (Montgomery County President); Judith Strenio; Father McKay; Merlyn Rodrigues; Carol Windsor; Nan Venit; and Eva Cannon. Pictures by Mary Hand

Submitted By: Mary Hand





RELIVING YESTERDAY'S STORY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On February 8, the Church commemorates the life of **St Josephine Bakhita**, a Canossian Sister who was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Sudan.

Josephine Bakhita was born in 1869, in a small village in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was kidnapped while working in the fields with her family and subsequently sold into slavery. Her captors asked for her name, but she was too terrified to remember so they named her "Bakhita," which means "fortunate" in Arabic.

Retrospectively, Bakhita was very fortunate, but the first years of her life do not necessarily attest to it. She was tortured by her various owners who branded her, beat and cut her. In her biography she notes one particularly terrifying moment when one of her masters cut her 114 times

and poured salt in her wounds to ensure that the scars remained. She wrote, "I felt I was going to die any moment especially when they rubbed me in with the salt".

She bore her suffering valiantly though she did not know Christ or the redemptive nature of suffering. She also had a certain awe for the world and its creator. "Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself: 'Who could be the Master of these beautiful things?' And I felt a great desire to see Him, to know Him and to pay Him homage."

After being sold a total of five times, Bakhita was purchased by Callisto Legnani, the Italian consul in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan. Two years later, he took Bakhita to Italy to work as a nanny for his colleague, Augusto Michieli. He, in turn, sent Bakhita to accompany his daughter to a school in Venice run by the Canossian Sisters.

Bakhita felt called to learn more about the Church and was baptized with the name "Josephine Margaret". In the meantime, Michieli wanted to take Josephine and his daughter back to Sudan, but Josephine refused to return. The disagreement escalated and was taken to the Italian courts where it was ruled that Josephine could stay in Italy because she was a free woman. Slavery was not recognized in Italy and it had also been illegal in Sudan since before Josephine had been born.

Josephine remained in Italy and decided to enter Canossians (Daughters of Charity in Italy) in 1893. She made her profession in 1896 and was sent to Northern Italy where she dedicated her life to assisting her community and teaching others to love God.

She was known for her smile, gentleness and holiness. She even went on record saying, "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today".

St. Josephine was beatified in 1992 and canonized shortly after on October 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Blessed John Paul II called the first saint from Sudan "a shining advocate of genuine emancipation" for women victimized in today's world. She is the first person to be canonized from Sudan and is the patron saint of the country. Cardinal Wuerl refers to St. Josephine as a "Witness of Hope for Victims of Human Trafficking".

This information published by: Catholic News Agency which estimates that five million of trafficked and enslaved people are children.

Submitted By:
Lucy Saunders
Vincentian Spiritual Moderator

Donations for Charities, LOC ADW Board of Directors

You might be interested to know that the LOC ADW Board of Directors annually disperses about 10 percent of its funds to support key charities. This year the charities included the Ladies of Charity, United States of America's (LCUSA's) Annual Appeal and its Madagascar project (<http://aic.ladiesofcharity.us/>); St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families, Hyattsville, MD (<http://www.stanns.org/>); the Retired Daughters of Charity, care of the Province of St. Louise, in St. Louis, MO (<https://daughtersofcharity.org/>), with a request that funds be directed to support the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg, MD; So Others Might Eat (<http://some.org/about/>); Catholic Charities, ADW (<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/>); Daughters of Charity International Project Services, which was established to help the Sisters in developing countries to carry out their mission of service to those who are poor (<http://www.daughtersips.org/>); and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (https://www.stjude.org/content/sites/www/en_US/home/contact-us.html), in memory of Father Carl Dianda, the LOC ADW's long-time Spiritual Adviser who died September 1, 2016. St. Jude was one of Father Dianda's favorite charities. In December 2016, the Board designated a contribution to St. Jude in Father Dianda's memory. This year the Board elected to continue this memorial.

In December 2017, a total of \$2,000 was dispersed to these charities. The LOC ADW are part of this yearly donation process through their annual dues.*

*Of the \$20.00 dues paid by members of the Ladies of Charity (LOC), Archdiocese of Washington (ADW), \$7.00 goes to the LOC ADW. Thirteen dollars goes to LCUSA, of which \$4.00 is shared with the International Association of Charities. The \$7.00 that goes to the LOC ADW entitles you to receive our ADW newsletter, covers operating expenses (such as the newsletter's mailing and printing), and provides funds to support Archdiocesan-wide events such as the fall Retreat/General Assembly, among other things.

Mary Hand
Acting Treasurer
Immediate Past President
LOC ADW

Saint Anthony's of Padua

Program / Service Enhancements:

- St. Anthony's has begun using a database customized to our specifications and needs to record client profile information and Pantry visits. Use of the database will enhance our ability to analyze distribution trends. The database also has the capability to record donations as well as volunteer hours which are frequently needed in grant applications.
- Fresh, locally grown produce was offered to clients with the most Pantry openings: Volunteers picked up product each Tuesday beginning in June from Farming4Hunger in Benedict which was then distributed to clients as a menu item of choice. These pick-ups continued thru Thanksgiving.
- Calvert Health's Community Mobile Health Center (van) began making monthly visits to the Pantry in October. Response is light thus far, but some clients are making repeat visits. The twin beach area (North Beach / Chesapeake Beach) had been identified as a target area by Calvert Health, so this initiative is mutually beneficially to Calvert Health's goals as well as ours.
- Two meetings were held over the summer gathering key Pantry personnel together to brainstorm and develop a Strategic Plan for the Pantry and its operations. These meetings were moderated by our own Penny Moran and yielded a proposal for changes in both procedure and infrastructure with an eye for future growth. Two completed action items from this initiative are described on next page. ➡

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1. A doorway was cut into the east interior wall of the lobby / seating area. Client traffic was revised and now moves in a circular pattern inside the Pantry. With this new flow there is additional interaction between clients and volunteers, and client selection for some menu items can now be more easily accommodated. Positive feedback has been received from both clients and volunteers.
2. The practice of distributing "Federal Food" as a part of regular client offerings was abandoned after a review of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) which includes distinct storage requirements and intake paperwork procedures.

Submitted By: Jean Sebold

One Lady who has made a difference

As we began our 400 years of the Ladies of Charity, I think it is important to acknowledge the contributions of Ladies of Charity who have made a difference in the Archdiocese of Washington. In this article I



would like to feature one Lady who has made a difference. She is truly a Lady of Charity who has served rather than being served. Gloria Rose has served the Ladies of Charity in Humility, Simplicity and Charity. In spite of her challenges in life she continues to be inspired to help others in her caring manner. If, you spend time talking with Gloria, you will find out that she is a retired certified Nurse Practitioner by profession. She has served on the National Council of Catholic Women. Realizing the need to help inspire young ladies, she was head of the Junior Ladies of Charity, Archdiocese of Washington for over twelve years. Gloria has been instrumental in growing the Ladies of Charity Archdiocese of Wash-

ington Archives most recently, overseeing the Archives' move from St. Francis de Sales to St. Margaret of Scotland. She has assembled a team to assist her in organizing and updating the Archives. She has served on the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity as president from 1994-1996, and she served as the Middle Atlantic Vice President under Doris Hoag as National President of the Ladies of Charity. Ladies of Charity in the Pittsburgh Diocese, as well as our current National President Suzanne Johnson, speak of the grace and kindness she expresses to others. She is an inspiration to us all.

Gloria recently loss the love of her life, McKeever Rose, after over 60 years of marriage and challenging illnesses. Last year Gloria also had surgery but that has not prevented her determination to serve. She is now able to drive again and resume her activities. I asked Gloria what inspired her and she said, to being involved in caring for others. Gloria has displayed this desire and example to all who meet her. As a Lady of Charity, she uses her knowledge and education regarding health care to help others and educate them. As a Lady of Charity, she has further helped others in the Archdiocese of Washington to advocate for the needs of the poor as a representative of the Ladies of Charity United States of America (when Doris Hoag was President), to Catholic Charities USA. As an administrator she has set the example for others to follow by mentoring to them. She is adored by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who support her in her endeavors. She is a classy lady who wears beautiful hats to adorned her. In everything she constantly gives praise and glory to God from whom all blessings flow (and to whom she had always turned throughout her full life). The Ladies of Charity has been and continues to be a better organization because of Gloria Rose!

Viola Johnson-Robinson, President
Archdiocese of Washington Board Ladies of Charity

LADIES OF CHARITY “400 Years of ‘YES’ to the call of Saint Vincent de Paul”



Happy 400th Birthday! The 2017 LCUSA Assembly was truly a learning, inspirational, and delightful event. Thirteen ladies from the Archdiocese of Washington attended this celebration and all agree that this Assembly was special.

Debbie Self, from St. Matthias, led us in the Rosary on Friday and Saturday morning. Lucy Saunders along with eight other ladies met the rigorous requirement for Vincentian Spiritual Moderator. They were each presented with a Certificate of Recognition at the Assembly.

On Thursday afternoon, Sr. Joyce Rupp gave the Keynote address. Her topic, “Women of Compassion” spoke directly to us when she admonished us to have compassion for others and ourselves. Sr. Rupp is as well known for her work as a writer, spiritual “midwife,” and retreat

and conference speaker. Following her address, we were invited to watch “Ladies of Charity” videos: “Serving with a Vincentian Heart,” “Stories of Hope,” “Serving with Vincentian Creativity” and, “Next Generations.” These videos, produced by Joan and Martin Ball, are available on the LCUSA website. Ladies from the Archdiocese of Washington are featured in some of the videos.

As customary, on Friday morning, the Assembly was opened with Mass, celebrated by Rev. Richard Gielow. On Friday and Saturday we were privileged to hear from a number of exemplarily Plenary Speakers; among them were Bishop Howard Hubbard, D.D., Sr. Kathleen Appler, DC, Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC, and Sr. Paule Freeburg, DC.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn about a number of Special Projects at the Assembly. Featured projects included LCUSA Caregiving Project, LCUSA Mission Market, Getting Ahead Program (Albany), iPods for Nursing Homes (Kansas City), and Family Promise (Pittsburg).

Another feature of the Assembly was a Panel Discussion that gave an in-depth review of the Beginning of Ladies of Charity, highlighting the role of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Catherine Harkins.

During the business meeting, a resolution for LCUSA to support the DACA (DREAMers) bill still in the Senate and House of Representatives was adopted by the majority of those in attendance.

The Closing Mass was held at the beautiful Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

In conclusion, we were reminded “to see Christ in the face of the poor...ten times a day you go to the poor...then times a day you find God there.”

Remember: the next Assembly will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from September 21-22, 2018

Submitted By: Dr. Rita Robinson



Prince George's LOC Quarterly Meeting

Thirteen New Ladies of Charity Inducted

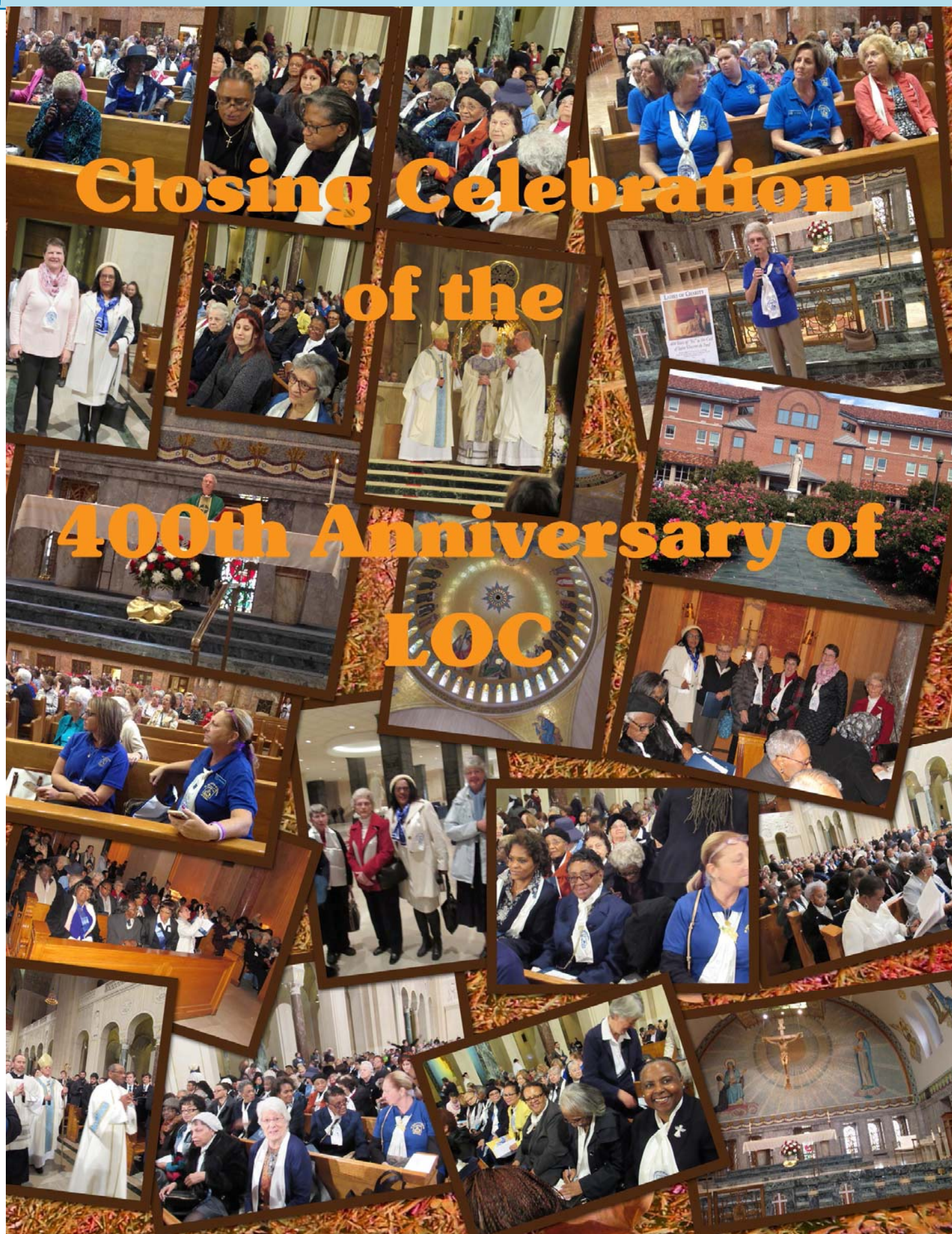
Prince George's County School Interfaith Efforts Discussed

On Sunday, December 10th, thirteen new members of the PG Ladies of Charity were inducted by Deacon Desi Vikor at St. Hugh Catholic Church where the PG Quarterly meeting was held. Over one hundred ladies attended the meeting/luncheon hosted by St. Hugh Ladies of Charity. All of the Prince George's Units brought donated Christmas gifts for Spring Grove Hospital patients, Sacred Heart Nursing Home residents and Carroll Manor Nursing Home residents. There were also two speakers from Prince George's County who addressed the group. Dwight Benjamin, the Faith Based Organizations Coordinator from the Prince George's Board of Education and Barbara Holt Streeter, board member of the Department of Family and Community Engagement, spoke on Involving faith based organizations, like the Ladies of Charity, in supporting Prince George's County Schools.

St. Hugh Ladies of Charity had gotten involved with the Faith Based School Program through the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Organization (GILA). St. Hugh LOC member, Barbara Chotiner, contacted the Spring Hill Lake Elementary School in Greenbelt to determine what their needs were. The school was having a new summer reading program and needed books that all the children could take home to keep. Research has shown that children that have reading books of their own at home have much higher reading scores. So St. Hugh LOC did a book collection through the parish and also went to the Maryland Book Bank in Baltimore to get enough books for all the children in the reading program. The Maryland Book Bank provides free books (all grade levels) to organizations/individual members. St. Hugh LOC also did a school supply collection through the parish as well. Mr. Benjamin and Ms. Streeter spoke about many ways that the Ladies of Charity could support Prince George's County School children. Ms. Streeter said sometimes it is just about "listening" to a child or reading to a child to support their learning. All the ladies and guests went home with a keychain with an attached cross as an appreciation gift.

Submitted By: Mary Ann Tretler





2018 Calendar of Events

February 3

Archdiocesan LOC Board Meeting
10:00 am Mass
Providence Hospital
1150 Varnum Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017
(1st Floor Chapel)

May 5

May Day Celebration & Luncheon
10:00 am Mass
St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth
& Families
4901 Eastern Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20782

June 2

Archdiocesan LOC Board Meeting
10:00 am Mass
Providence Hospital
1150 Varnum Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017
(1st Floor Chapel)

August 4

Archdiocesan LOC Board Meeting
10:00 am Mass
Providence Hospital
1150 Varnum Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017
(1st Floor Chapel)

September 21-22

Annual LCUSA National Assembly
Pittsburgh, PA

December 1

Archdiocesan LOC Board Meeting
10:00 am Mass
Providence Hospital
1150 Varnum Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017
(1st Floor Chapel)

March 11

District of Columbia LOC
Quarterly Meeting
9:00 am Mass
Holy Comforter/St. Cyprian
Church
1357 East Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC

June 10

District of Columbia LOC
Quarterly Meeting
8:00 am Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Church
1600 Morris Road, SE
Washington, DC 20020

October 14

District of Columbia LOC
Quarterly Meeting
7:30 am Mass
St. Gabriel Church
26 Grant Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20011

December 9

District of Columbia LOC
Quarterly Meeting
10:00 am Mass
St. Benedict the Moor
Church
320 – 21st Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Saturday February 10, 2018

PG County Executive Board Meeting
10 AM
Rosemary Collier

Sunday March 11, 2018

Prince George Quarterly Meeting
2 PM
St. Margaret of Scotland
408 Addison Rd South
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

PG County Executive Board Meeting
10 AM
Rosemary Collier

Sunday June 3, 2018

Prince George's Quarterly Meeting
2 PM
St. John Baptist de la Salle
5706 Sargent Road
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Saturday August 11, 2018
TBD

Charles County

On Feb 10 we will install officers for
2018-19 and 2 new members.

The Officers are:

Peggy Campbell, President.

Judy Cabos, Vice President

Joan Bowling, Secretary

Nancy Roach, Treasurer

New members:

Christine Kovach and Agnes Chase.



**LADIES OF CHARITY
ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON**

PERPETUAL ENROLLMENT OF DECEASED MEMBERS 2017

Name	Date	Church
1. Mary Barraco	June 10	Holy Ghost
2. Betty Ciccone	March 30	Holy Ghost
3. Margaret Dougherty	March 17	Mount Calvary
4. Claire Dryer	February 19	Mount Calvary
5. June Gramsky	January 20	St. Ignatius of Loyola
6. Luvenia Height	December 23	St. Martin of Tours
7. Thelma Ivy	September 14	St. Ignatius of Loyola
8. Frances Jackson Hawkins	March 30	Mount Calvary
9. Diana Johnson	June 6	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10. Mary Kenihan	April 24	St. Mary of the Mills
11. Bridget McDermott	September 1	St. Hugh of Grenoble
12. Elizabeth "Betty" Pollins	March 21	Mark the Evangelist
13. Terri Stark	December 16,	St. Mark the Evangelist
14. Juanita Stewart	April 4	St. Francis de Sales
15. Vernice Warrick	March 6	Mount Calvary

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines

**Prayer for Wake Service of a Deceased Lady of Charity
(based on the Act of Consecration)**

Lord Jesus, we recall your words: "I was sick and you visited me, hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was naked and you clothed me, imprisoned and you visited me."

In response to Your invitation, _____ consecrated herself to You in the service of those who are the victims of poverty in its many forms.

In the Spirit of St. Vincent De Paul and St. Louise De Marillac, she reached out in loving service to those who suffer many injustices.

Grant her now the reward You promised to those who follow you in the way of love for suffering humanity. May _____ be greeted by the many people she helped on earth who have preceded her to heaven and may they together enjoy Your presence for all eternity.

Send, Lord Jesus, others to care for Your poor the way _____ did. May her virtuous life inspire many to be Your compassion in our world and may we who call ourselves Ladies of Charity be ever faithful to the promises we have made to see and serve You in the poor.

Amen



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Heaven in Faith

"Love leads us by ways and paths known to Him alone; and He leads us with no turning back, for we will not retrace our steps."

**Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity
(Elisabeth Catez)**



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