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

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## Archdiocese of Washington Install New Board Members

The Archdiocese of Washington Association elected a new board of directors to serve for the next two-year term 2014-2016. On June 7, 2014, installation of the board members took place in the chapel at Providence Hospital which was officiated by their Spiritual Advisor - Rev. Carl F. Dianda. Our prayers and congratulations are extended to the ladies as they embark on continuing to serve the needy throughout the Archdiocese with humility, simplicity, and charity.



photo dated: December 5, 2014

(Pictured from left to right: *Mary Louise Hand (President); Viola Johnson-Robinson (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President); Toni K. Gaines (Treasurer); Fr. Carl Dianda (Spiritual Advisor); Sr. Sandra Goldsborough (Spiritual Moderator); Gloria A. Lessington (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President); and Mary Ann Tretler (Secretary).*

**March 14, 2015**  
Annual St. Louise de Marillac  
Communion Brunch  
10:00 am Mass  
St. Mary of the Mills Church  
Laurel, MD

## *Message from the President*



It is hard to believe we are well into our New Year! I eagerly await the promise of spring in the weeks ahead. I pray that the New Year will be a year full of many blessings for you and your loved ones. I am hopeful that 2015 will bring more opportunities to work together and to carry out the Ladies of Charity's Mission and goals. We continue to draw inspiration from those who have gone before us as well as from one another. With the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ladies of Charity on the horizon in 2017, we are challenged to continue to renew and live our Mission: "To serve Jesus Christ in the person of the poor, the disadvantaged, the sick and the infirmed in the compassionate spirit of the Gospel through the practice of spiritual works of mercy."

In the last six months I was fortunate to attend the 2014 National Assembly in Milwaukee, September 11-13, 2014. The Assembly theme, "Just Care! Vincentian Women in Action," highlighted how we as Ladies of Charity can support family caregivers. The caregiving theme is one that is universal and many of our Ladies are involved in caregiving to family and loved ones. In an effort to bring a bit of the Milwaukee National Assembly to those unable to attend, I summarized some of the meeting's highlights in an email that Toni Gaines kindly forwarded to you on October 4, 2014. Also, if you have not seen the video, "Acting Against Poverty with a Vincentian Heart," shown for the first time at the 2014 National Assembly, please click on the link that follows. You will likely recognize some of the Ladies of Charity from our Archdiocesan Board: <http://aic.ladiesofcharity.us/2014/09/21/video-acting-poverty-vincentian-heart/>.

I was pleased that many of you were able to attend the "One-Day Retreat: Vincentian Spirituality," on November 15, 2014. (Please see the separate article on the Retreat.) I wish to thank the Planning Committee for their dedicated efforts in preparing an excellent Retreat: Ms. Toni Gaines, Sr. Sandra Goldsborough, Dr. Rita Robinson, and Ms. Lucy Saunders. The Retreat "Feedback Form" that was completed by 74 attendees showed that almost everyone felt that the Retreat helped renew their Vincentian Spirituality and that the Retreat should be held again, as often as every year. The 2014 Retreat took the place of the usual Archdiocese of Washington General Assembly held to share information from the 2014 LCUSA National Assembly among other items. The Retreat Planning Committee decided that the 2015 Retreat should be planned with a dual focus: on renewing our Vincentian Spirituality (Retreat focus), and on communicating the 2015 National Assembly information and issues. Looking ahead then, the Archdiocesan Fall Retreat/General Assembly Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 31 at the Washington Retreat House. I want to acknowledge Mary Ann Tretler, Secretary, Board of Directors, for reserving the Retreat House for this event.

In closing, there is much to reflect on since my last President's message and much to look forward to in 2015. My goals stated here are (1) to continue to increase the depth of my understanding of the Ladies of Charity organization, its work, and its members, and, (2) to serve the Board and the Ladies of Charity Archdiocese of Washington members by honoring the Board's Bylaws and professionally planning and executing the scheduled Board meetings and annual events in collaboration with the excellent Board of Directors' members.

As I finish my message to you, I was reminded of the Ladies of Charity in hearing the Lenten Gospel reading from March 4, 2015 (notably the final four lines): "*Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave. Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" (Excerpt from Mt 20:17-28)

As we are well into the New Year, I wish you a blessed 2015 Lenten Season and a Happy Easter.

Mary Louise Hand

## Lent 2015

### St. Louise de Marillac and the Cross

During lent St. Louise prayed to Christ in His night of agony. She prayed to be delivered from Pilate's self-interest and never to be separated from justice. The Good Thief moved her to pray, "My Jesus, how easy it is to win You." Jesus' thirst on the cross reminded her that Jesus wanted to always be a thirst for our deliverance. She noted that Mary on Calvary said "Yes" to the crucifixion just as she did to the Incarnation.

To Jesus crucified she prayed, "I no longer desire anything but to be the subject of this despised king. O Cross, how much you are to be loved. I take refuge in you as in my cloister." Her love for the retired and hidden life was joined to the Blood of Redemption.

Louise once wrote that all of us should "choose the life of Jesus crucified as a model for our lives." For the motto for the Daughters of Charity Louise borrowed from St. Paul, "the Charity of Jesus urges us." However, she added the word "crucified"..."The Charity of Jesus *Crucified* urges us." And these were placed around an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus enflamed and with a crucifix mounted on it. Louise once wrote, "I am sending you the cross you requested; through it you will learn to accept willingly those which it pleases Our Lord to send you."

When Louise died, at the urging of the parish pastor she was buried in the parish church of Saint-Laurent, on the spot which had been her favorite place of devotion. The Sisters who had died since their move to the new motherhouse were buried in that yard. Her wish that her funeral cost no more than theirs was scrupulously respected, as was her other request that a cross with the words *Spes Unica [Only Hope]* mark her grave. A similar cross was placed on the outside wall of the chapel, facing her daughters' graves as a sign of their union.

Let us pray: O Divine Lord, as we celebrate Louise's love of the Cross, may we imitate her union with You in Your suffering and death. May we bear our daily crosses with a like acceptance and love and offer them for those whom we have the privilege to serve. Amen

Submitted by: Sr. Sandra Goldsborough, D.C.  
ADW Spiritual Moderator

### St. Ann's May Day Celebration and Crowning of the Blessed Mother:

This annual event and traditional major LOC fundraiser event of the year will be held at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families, Hyattsville, on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sr. Mary Bader, DC will host us again. Plans for the May Day celebration were discussed at the February 2015 Board Meeting. We are pleased that Ms. Betty Combs, who played last year for the May Day Celebration, has offered to play the organ again. Ms. Combs was raised and adopted from St. Ann's Home.

Please watch for my letter about the event that will include a due date of **April 18, 2015** for the Patron's List. In addition, Ms. Gloria Lessington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Ladies of Charity, ADW Board of Directors, has obtained an "early bird" list of items for donation, from Sister Mary Bader, for your advanced planning. The items include:

- o Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6
- o Pull-ups sizes 3, 4
- o Baby wipes
- o Golf/polo shirts in any solid colors for uniforms, Sizes: Ladies L, XL, XXL, Women's 2X
- o Khaki Pants for uniforms: Sizes: Ladies L, XL, XXL, Women's Sizes
- o Kleenex
- o Paper towels
- o Double AA batteries
- o Laundry detergent
- o Reusable shopping bags



**A full and final list will be included in my letter formally announcing this annual event.**

Submitted by:  
Mary Louise Hand

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help LOC Replenish Pantry

The OLPH Ladies of Charity (LOC) actively replenished food for its pantry and making 100 bags of non-perishable food for distribution to its clients. Many hands were available to restock the pantry shelves with an assortment of food products. The pantry is open to all Ward 8 residents within the Southeast section of Washington, DC every Thursday from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Due to the high volume of people within the community served each week and continuing to grow, the pantry was completely depleted of supplies. On an average, the pantry serves between 85 to 90 families each week. The families not only receive non-perishable food items but meat, fresh produce and bread/baked goods, when available.

Special thanks go out to Mr. James Jackson and Mr. Jerry Gant for all their “man-power”. The LOC is sincerely grateful for their dedication to the pantry not only this particular day, but every week. In addition, many thanks and great appreciation to all the students who provided community service hours to the pantry, especially Ms. Taylor Gaines and Mr. Edward Neverdon; and, the Ladies of Charity at OLPH for their support in helping to fulfill the mission of this program by serving those less fortunate.

Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help LOC



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This website is designed to keep you informed about events in our Archdiocese.



### STOCKING THE SHELVES

Jessica King, James Jackson, Lorraine Parker-Miller,  
Nicky Wilkinson and Audrey Robinson



### STUDENT VOLUNTEER

Taylor Gaines



### ASSEMBLING BAGS OF NON-PERISHABLES

Jessica King

## A Day Filled With Vincentian Spirituality



The first annual Ladies of Charity Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) retreat encapsulated words spoken by St. Vincent long ago. To quote Vincent, “Prayer is a ‘fountain of youth’ by which we are invigorated (SV IX 217). “It is refreshment in the midst of daily work in the service of the poor (SV IX 416)”. “It is gentle dew that refreshes the soul every morning (SV IX 402).”

All of his words were realized when 91 ladies greeted Vincentian family members who led us in this special day of prayer and reflection at St. Joseph’s Seminary. Sister Frances Ryan, Daughter of Charity and LCUSA Spiritual Moderator, began our historical journey as Ladies of Charity with a power point presentation on the lives of St. Vincent and St. Louise. After Sr. Frances’ presentation, group discussion

followed on “mission moments” that we experience as Ladies of Charity. Private prayer and meditation allowed everyone the opportunity to reflect on the great history and tradition that we as Vincentian family members have the privilege of being a part of in this the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

After a delicious lunch served in the Seminary Dining Hall provided by the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, Sister Sandra Goldsborough, Spiritual Moderator for the Archdiocese Ladies of Charity, conducted a prayer service followed by a panel discussion on what we as Ladies of Charity find rewarding as well as challenging in the ministry of serving others. Panelist Bertha Guerra, St. Gabriel, and Rosemary Collier, St. Ignatius, led the panel discussion.

Dr. Rita L. Robinson, LCUSA Middle Atlantic Region VP and Archdiocese Past President, and Mary Louise Hand, Archdiocese President, introduced the guest speakers to all present. ADW Board members were acknowledged for their contribution to the overall leadership of their individual associations and county units.

Eucharistic liturgy concluded the day’s journey of Vincentian spirituality that identifies all of us as Ladies of Charity. The Reverend Michael Shea, Congregation of the Mission, and Father Carl Dianda, Archdiocese Spiritual Advisor, celebrated the Mass filled with music and thanksgiving for this day of recollection and shared friendship among women who serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity and charity. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the ladies returned to their families and community refreshed as the ‘gentle dew’, the latter a description of how prayer affects us, spoken by Vincent.



With the successful outcome of this first annual retreat, the Ladies of Charity Archdiocese of Washington will have another opportunity to attend a day retreat on **October 31 at the Washington Retreat House, Washington D.C.** It is not too early to mark your calendars for this combination retreat and assembly so that each of us can refresh ourselves in the midst of our daily volunteer work of serving those less fortunate. Experience the rewards of Vincentian Spirituality by joining us in October!

Submitted by: Lucy Saunders  
LCUSA Past President

## St. Jerome Ladies of Charity and Friends “Feed the Turtle”

The St. Jerome (Hyattsville, MD) chapter of the Ladies of Charity organized a dinner on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> for the University of Maryland’s Catholic student center (CSC). Every Wednesday during the school year, the CSC holds 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by dinner, which provided by a local parish. This is the third academic year St. Jerome LOC has signed up for a couple of Wednesdays, with our Junior LOC chapter providing many of the servers. The university athletic teams’ slogan is Fear the Turtle (the mascot is a Maryland terrapin) so the St. Jerome LOC, in a play on words, have dubbed their effort Feed the Turtle.

We usually plan to feed about 150 or so, but this time the CSC was having an interfaith event, so we probably fed at least 250, about 100 people more than usual! Our servers included five members of our JLOC chapter, our director of religious education and her husband, one of our Knights, and a friar drafted at the last minute. We only learned about the special event a day ahead of time, but a last-minute SOS sent out to the Ladies and our brother Knights of Columbus enabled us to feed everyone generously and still have plenty of leftovers to leave in the CSC kitchen. God still multiplies loaves & fishes!

Fr. Rob Walsh, the chaplain, and Ann Gradowski, director of development and administration, have a thriving parish going at the CSC – go to <http://www.catholicterps.org/> and see just how many opportunities they offer both Catholics and those curious about Catholicism.



Waiting to set up



Feeding the hungry



When things are slow to thaw...



St. Jerome Junior Ladies of Charity

## St. Ignatius of Loyola Fort Washington, MD



The Ladies of Charity at St. Ignatius have actively continued to recruit new members thru 2014. At the December PGCLOC meeting, Denise Payne, became our newest inductee, bringing our total of new members to 5 for the year.

Our first drive for the second half of 2014 was a school drive in August. One of our “new” inductees for 2014, Jackie Chancio, worked every possible angle with our local Office Depot to get the most for our money. We also had an overwhelming amount of supplies donate by our parishioners. Our parish sewing group provided many scarves and hats that they had made. The supplies were delivered to J. Frank Dent Elementary School in Temple Hills. Also, in August we sponsored the Sacred Heart Birthday Party. Another of our “new” inductees, Bertha Turner -arrange to have a band perform for the residents. 50 gift bags were handed out with playing cards, a teddy bear, a book and candy. The residents were thrilled.

In October we did a coat drive. We received over 30 coats, hats, and scarves. The items were delivered to American Rescue Workers and Missionaries of Charity. In addition the Oxon Hill Food Pantry received scarves, hats, and gloves that were donated.

In November we held our annual Thanksgiving food drive that helps Assumption Outreach’s food pantry stock their shelves for the long winter months.

In December we participated in the Christmas “wish lists” for the people at Sacred Heart and Carroll Manor Nursing Homes and Spring Grove Hospital Center. We purchased much needed items for these residents.

As we close 2014 and begin 2015 we feel extremely blessed to have been able to make a small difference in supporting the large problem in our Archdiocese of people in need.

Submitted by: Diana Gritz

## Holy Ghost LOC Honored For Its Service To Veterans

The Ladies of Charity Holy Ghost who visit the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home monthly were honored at a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Hall. The theme was ‘Volunteers Create Magical Moments’. The luncheon honored organizations and individual volunteers for their outstanding service and contributions to veterans in 2013. It recognized all groups and individual who contributed a minimum of 24 volunteer service hours or a monetary donation of \$500 or more to Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

In addition to those who visit the veterans’ home, Holy Ghost also recognizes and thanks Nancy Roach, Sally Mack, Louise Frere and recently deceased Doris Smith for their ministry of mailing monthly cards to each birthday veteran. This ministry has proven to be very rewarding and has gained recognition from veterans who have written personal thank you notes to the Ladies. On May 30, several ladies traveled to Charlotte Hall and served lunch to the veterans in celebration of Memorial Day. Magical moments have definitely been provided for all those involved in this ministry.

Submitted by Lucy Saunders  
Holy Ghost LOC  
Issue, MD



## “Cup of Joe” Breakfast for Homeless Shelters



On Monday, August 11, 2014, the **District of Columbia Ladies of Charity Parish Units** volunteered at the SHARE warehouse for the “Cup of Joe” Project. Mr. Kevin O’Brien – Project Coordinator and Ebony Bowers of Catholic Charities were the hosts for this project. The Ladies really had lots of fun putting the breakfast bags together for the homeless shelters. It gave them not only an opportunity to serve those less fortunate within the community, but an opportunity to come together and fellowship in sisterhood with each other. They had a ball!

There were 35 members who participated in the “Ladies of Charity Day – Cup of Joe” representing five (5) parish units, namely: Holy Comforter/St. Cyprian; Our Lady of Perpetual Help; St. Benedict the Moor; St. Gabriel’s; and, St. Martin of Tours. The members packed approximately 1,000 breakfast bags for the homeless shelter in approximately 1 hour. There was even a decorating team of about seven (7) members lead by a 97 years young associate member, Ms. Laretta Sullivan from Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. This group of ladies put their artistic abilities to use by affixing uplifting phrases; drawings; and, spiritual verses on the breakfast bags. They did a great job.

The ladies are looking forward to coming back to volunteer for the Catholic Charities Cup of Joe Project real soon.



Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines  
District of Columbia Parish Units

## Evelyn Quander Rattley Celebrates 90 Years of Life, Faith and Love

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*By: Mark Zimmermann*



Evelyn Quander Rattley jokes that her mailman refers to her neighborhood in Northeast Washington as “the Holy Land,” due to its proximity to the Franciscan Monastery, and also other Catholic landmarks like the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where Rattley, who is 90, typically drives her 31-year-old, brownish-red Volvo for daily Mass.

She herself calls her home, “the museum,” for it is filled with family photos, like one of her father in his World War I Army uniform, and her collection of teapots and African artifacts. Fifty years ago, she and her husband Thaddeus, a longtime employee of the U.S. Postal Service, moved into that house, and in

that home she cared for him in his last years, until he died of congestive heart failure and diabetes in 1991.

Now she starts each day the same way. “I take each day as it comes,” she said. “I begin every day, as I open my eyes, I say, ‘Thank you, Lord for another day,’ and I ask the Lord to order my steps.” Then she prays the rosary in bed, before checking her calendar for that day’s activities, which might include getting together with the Sweet Magnolias – a group of older ladies who play poker for pennies. **Evelyn is a member of St. Benedict the Moor Ladies of Charity whose activities include bagging nutritious breakfasts for homeless women in Catholic Charities’ Cup of Joe program.** She is also a longtime member of the Archdiocese of Washington’s Council of Catholic Women and its Sodality Union.

In recognition of her service to the Catholic Church, the past two cardinal archbishops of Washington have presented Rattley with special honors. Cardinal McCarrick, now the archbishop emeritus of Washington, presented her with the Order of Merit medal, and earlier this year, she received the Manifesting the Kingdom Award from Cardinal Wuerl. But to Rattley, her greatest honor comes in serving the Church in quiet ways. “I like to be behind the scenes and help others,” she said.

Three times each month, she serves as a weekend sacristan at St. Benedict the Moor Parish in Washington, where she has been a member since the parish began in 1946. She unlocks the side gate and the doors of the church, and then prepares the altar for Mass. “I feel the presence of the Lord there,” she said. “When I open up the church and walk in there, the most awesome feeling comes over me. There’s no one there but the Lord and me. I feel quiet and peaceful. I feel at home.”

Fittingly, St. Benedict the Moor Parish recently hosted Rattley’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party, a few days after her Oct. 8 birthday.



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## 2015 National Assembly—New Orleans, LA

We hope you have heard, the 2015 National Assembly will be held in New Orleans, LA. 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 September 17.

## A Note From Debbie Self:

First, I want to wish all the Ladies of Charity a Happy New Year and I miss being involved with local, county and Archdiocesan events. I will be back in full force someday.

I also want to update you on my husband's illness with ALS. He has been doing well since coming home from the hospital in December. He is getting weaker in his extremities which keeps him in bed to watch TV or sleep. I thank all who supported "The Walk to Defeat ALS" last November in which we raised almost \$17,000 for the ALS Association in our local area.

You can go [www.facebook.com/bensbuddies.als](http://www.facebook.com/bensbuddies.als) to see pictures from the walk or updates on Ben. (You do not have to have a Facebook page to view the site.) Please continue to include Ben in your weekly prayers.

Lastly, I want to apologize to the St. Hugh's LOC and Quarterly meeting attendees for the interruption I caused in December when I came to pick up the donations for Sacred Heart Nursing Home. I was planning to attend the meeting but Ben was admitted to the hospital and that made attending impossible. I do thank you all for your generosity as did the Nursing Home Director for all the wonderful items which allowed many residents to receive an extra special gift.

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.

Amen.

## Middle Atlantic Regional Advocacy Liaison:

Congratulations to Mary Ann Tretler, St. Hugh of Grenoble LOC and Secretary, and LOC ADW Board Secretary, who was elected as the Middle Atlantic Regional Advocacy Liaison position on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the Ladies of Charity United States of America (LCUSA) National Assembly held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Regional Liaison is a new position developed by the LCUSA Board that is still in development. (Mary Ann Dantuono who took over as LCUSA President in 2015 was the Advocacy Committee Chairperson for LCUSA and will be appointing a new chairperson to move forward with the Advocacy Liaison position development.) Nevertheless, the position's focus will be an active one, involved in advocacy issues in the region and encouraging Associations to engage in advocacy. While the term "advocacy" is one that means different things to different people, it will be further explained and explored within LCUSA in the future. The regional liaisons will participate in conference calls with other regional advocacy liaisons and LCUSA Board members to discuss issues and ways to coordinate with other social justice organizations. LCUSA will be supporting registration for Mary Ann to attend the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, D.C. starting Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> thru Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> as an advocacy representative for LCUSA.

Submitted by:  
Mary Louise Hand

Important Note of Appreciation from the Board President would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Ms. Jacqueline Bates, our Ladies of Charity, Archdiocese of Washington Newsletter Editor, for her dedication and extraordinary effort to produce the current edition of this Newsletter, during a time when she was dealing with a major health concern. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of the Ladies of Charity of the Washington DC Archdiocese, we are deeply grateful to you, Jackie. May God bless and heal you.

Mary Louise Hand, President

## A Catholic Woman In American History



Flannery O'Connor is one of the best female novelists and short story writers ever to have lived.

She was the first novelist born in the 20th century to have her works published by the Library of America. And her Completed Stories won the 1972 National Book

Award for Fiction and was hailed as the "Best of the National Book Awards" in 2009.

But her life was one of contradiction. She was born in 1925 to "an old Catholic family" in the Bible Belt. Her family were conspicuously Catholic, but O'Connor was an adept chronicler of southern Protestant life. O'Connor was convinced by the power of Catholic sacraments to change the human condition by divine grace.

Her novels, however, are dominated by fundamentalist Protestant characters who undergo their personal transformations after much suffering. Key to the success of her short stories and novels such as *Wise Blood* is that she had enormous respect for her Protestant subjects, admiring their search for truth and their discipline.

O'Connor was inspired by St Thomas Aquinas's concept that the created world is charged with God, and the fervor with which she wrote about wild or serenely beautiful nature scenes testifies to her love of God's creation.

O'Connor was a victim of lupus and died at 39.

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## 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February 7

Archdiocesan LOC Board Meeting  
10:00 am Mass  
Providence Hospital  
(1st Floor Chapel)

### March 8

District of Columbia LOC Qtrly Meeting  
8:00 am Mass  
Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church  
Washington, DC

### March 14

Annual St. Louise de Marillac Brunch  
10:00 am Mass  
St. Mary of the Mills Church  
Laurel, MD

### May 2

May Day Crowning of Blessed Virgin Mary  
10:00 am Mass  
St. Ann's Center for Children,  
Youth & Families  
Hyattsville, MD

### June 6

Archdiocesan LOC Board Meeting  
10:00 am Mass  
Providence Hospital  
(1st Floor Chapel)

### June 14

District of Columbia LOC Qtrly Meeting  
8:00 am Mass  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
Washington, DC

### August 1

Archdiocesan LOC Board Meeting  
10:00 am Mass  
Providence Hospital  
(1st Floor Chapel)

### September 17-20

LCUSA 15th Annual National Assembly  
New Orleans, Louisiana

### October 11

District of Columbia LOC Qtrly Meeting  
7:30 am Mass  
St. Gabriel's Church  
Washington, DC

### October 31

Archdiocesan LOC 1-Day Retreat  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Washington Retreat House  
Washington, DC

### December 5

Archdiocesan LOC Board Meeting  
10:00 am Mass  
Providence Hospital  
(1st Floor Chapel)

### December 13

District of Columbia LOC Qtrly Meeting  
10:00 am Mass  
St. Benedict the Moor Church  
Washington, DC