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

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## ADW LOC GENERAL ASSEMBLY



*St. Matthias LOC—From L/R: Debbie Self, Marion Prout, Bernadette Wilson, Jeannette Davis, Erusa Onukwubiri, seated: Arlene Taylor and Hildegard Jorgensen*

The Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity held its Annual General Assembly at the Pastoral Center. The theme was "How Do You Serve."

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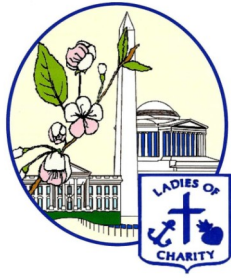
## ST. MARTIN LOC "THANKSGIVING GIVEAWAY"



*From L/R: Irene Jamison, Ethel Taylor, Deacon Mikhall, Evelyn Miles and Kim Taylor. Not pictured: Sandra Watson*

The Ladies of Charity of St. Martin of Tours in Washington, DC distributed close to 400 bags of food to the less fortunate in the community for Thanksgiving.

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# Message From The President



I am listening to Christmas music as I write this and just heard the song, ***"It's the most wonderful time of the year"*** **YES**, it is a wonderful time of the year. We celebrate the birth of Jesus and then with family and friends. As Ladies of Charity, we try to make the less fortunate feel special at this time. We volunteer to

feed, collect socks, hats, gloves etc. and give monetary donations to organizations who will make someone's Christmas special.

I am so proud to be a LOC. Our units in the ADW do so many overwhelming projects throughout the year. The General Assembly held in October showed this from the groups who attended. I learned that beside pantries, visiting nursing homes and fundraisers that a unit had a garden and gave out fresh produce, some LOC teach English to Hispanics, and some units have Bereavement committees. I hope other units took back to their group some of the ideas the ladies presented that day.

In closing, here comes 2020. Our National President, Debbie Chadwick, has a goal to increase membership. Today we have 6,900 LOC in the United States. If each member could bring one new person to a meeting, we could reach her goal of 10,000.

I wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

***"It is the most wonderful time of the year because of you."***

In Vincentian Spirit,

*Deborah Self*

Deborah "Debbie" Self  
2018-2020 President  
ADW LOC Board of Directors

## The Challenge of a New Year

We have just celebrated the Advent / Christmas Season and have begun a New Year. Many of us begin each new year with resolutions – resolutions to lose

weight, eat in a healthier manner or get our finances in order. While these are all good and may be things we need to do, I suggest that as people of faith and as followers of St. Vincent, St. Louise and Jesus we might simply resolve to be more holy. What do I mean? How can we do that? Well, its not a matter necessarily of us "doing more" – rather it might entail doing less and in all that we do of being more aware of the presence of God in our life, of being grateful each day and of seeing Christ in all whom we meet. It might mean a resolution to simply, in quiet, spent time with God each day – just being present, of listening as we would any friend – no words or the reciting of prayers but just resting in God. If we develop a habit of this practice it can lower our blood pressure, help calm us and help us realize that all is grace, all is in God's good hands and, as Scripture reminds us, our worry can't solve anything. As Ladies of Charity this practice can also assist us in the ministry of reaching out to the poor, who as Vincent reminds us, can be hard task-masters. So, let us gather the joy and the freshness of the season to make resolutions that will both please God and draw us closer to Him. Let's support one another not only in our ministry and our outreach to the poor but in our desire to draw closer to Jesus, whose desires nothing more than to be friends with us, to embrace us and to love us. Happy 2020 and blessings.



*Father Mike Barth, S.T.  
ADW LOC Spiritual Advisor*





*Sr. Claire Debes, D.C.  
ADW LOC  
Vincentian Spiritual Moderator*

**Can you believe that Advent and Christmas are already behind us.**

But the themes of the Christmas story continue in January. In his 2019 Epiphany homily, Pope Francis reminded us that the Star was the brightest of all stars. Yet, only the

Magi saw the great light. After standing directly beneath the star and allowing themselves to be bathed in the light of Jesus, the Magi altered their course. They rejected the darkness of a human King. Their encounter with Jesus led them to the road taken by Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Like the Magi, they all journeyed to a place unexpected and sacrificed their plans in order to usher forth the Light of God. They saw light that overcame darkness—but had to be open to it. We, too, are called to alter our course of “me, me , me” and “my needs” and take

the path illumined by the Magi’s example—that of compassion, justice and concern for all of God’s children.

**Over the past year, we have heard of the number of people, many of them women and children who are being retained at our border as they travel to find freedom and a better life. The Greek word “Epiphany” means manifestation of a sudden realization of the meaning of something. The Magi saw a star and they chose to follow it.**

Let us be sure we truly see, that we are truly attentive to the many injustices we see happening in our country, in our world and in our families today. Will we just shrug our shoulders or will we take at least ONE STEP to address a violation of human injustice because we see the face of Christ in the person/s who are experiencing the injustice. God manifests himself to us daily. He is at the door of our hearts and asking **“can I come in?” Will you see me in those being treated unjustly?.** Let us ask the Vincentian question: What must I do, what must be done? What action can I/we take?

**DIAPERS** **WIPES**

**SAVE THE DATE** **SAVE THE DATE**

**MAY DAY CELEBRATION  
ST. LOUISE BRUNCH**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020  
10:00 am MASS**

**ST. ANN'S CENTER FOR  
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

**DETERGENT** **SIMILAC**

# THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR PANTRY CLIENTS

*Submitted by: Peggy McKelly*



The Ladies of Charity Calvert County, Inc. set a record this time for the number of baskets distributed – 212 families received a turkey and all the trimmings. This is a 3-day weekend event for us plus all the advance planning.

“Orders” are taken from Food Pantry starting in early September to be sure we can purchase enough turkeys to satisfy the need. The Pantry Committee then orders the turkey and all the fixings to fill the “basket” – pie, cornbread mix, butter, eggs, stuffing, vegetables, potatoes. The food arrives the day before the distribution and a team stages the food in the Church Hall.



On Saturday morning, an army of volunteers descend on the church hall. The volunteers include members of the Ladies of Charity, members of the Parish and many children from the Faith Formation program. The day opens with an original prayer from our Pantry Manager meant to inspire the day’s work. The work of the volunteers includes: set up refreshments, greet the clients, put food in bags, register the clients, carry food out to the client cars, and of course, clean up.



Then on Sunday, the backup day, we serve a small group of clients who could not pick up their baskets on Saturday. Only then can the volunteers take a breather.



# PANTRY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

The Ladies of Charity at St. Anthony of Padua held two strategic planning workshops in late 2017. Ideas that came from the workshop led to some changes to the layout of the Pantry House. The changes are described below with pictures. We have gotten many compliments from clients indicating that the flow is more efficient, choices available are welcome, and wait time is shorter. Thanks to the Strategic Planning Team!

First we replaced the fading Pantry sign to make the Pantry House more welcoming to clients. A Parishioner with a sign business donated the beautiful new sign.



Then we replaced the well-worn door with a fancy, sturdy, and secure door. The door was donated by a generous parishioner, and installed by the Parish.



Next we added some benches on the porch to provide more seating in good weather. A grant from the Archdiocese paid for the benches.



Then we rearranged the waiting area to provide more seating and a new entrance to the registration desk to make the flow of clients move more efficiently.



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# LADIES OF CHARITY ARCHIVES

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Then we added a mobile cart to create a portable “meat market” to allow clients to select fresh meat.



Finally, we added more shelving to store pre-packed groceries out of the way of the client flow. A donation from Cardinal Hickey Academy provided the mobile cart and the additional shelving.



**Submitted by:**  
Peggy McKelly  
Secretary  
St. Anthony of Padua LOC

**Ms. Gloria M. Rose** - Historian, Evelyn Nichols, Beverly Motley and Toni K. Gaines as members of the ADW Archives Committee meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month to work in the archives. Thanks to Fr. Damian Shadwell, Pastor, at St. Margaret of Scotland Church located at 410 Addison Road South, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 for allowing the ADWLOC files to be housed in its own secure designated space. All are welcome to visit.



Photo Courtesy of Evelyn Nichols

*Gloria Rose - ADW LOC Historian  
Working in the archives office*





# ANNUAL CRAB BASKET RAFFLE

*Submitted by: Peggy McKelly*

The Ladies of Charity Calvert County held their annual Crab Raffle which culminated in announcing the winner, Frankie Washington of North Beach. Here is how it works. A bushel of crabs is donated by Tyler's Tackle each year, and the Ladies sell 2,000+ raffle tickets during the month of August. The winner receives a gift certificate for a bushel of steamed crabs and a basket of fixin's to go with the crabs.



This is an event that takes many hands and lots of hours especially by our resident “Crab Basket Lady”, Teresa Griffin, who dons her crab costume and goes to many public places such as the North Beach Farmers Market on many Friday evenings and to local businesses where she and the team set up to sell tickets. We also sell tickets in St. Anthony’s parking lot after all Masses on the last weekend of August. This year the event was very successful in raising the needed funds to help our chapter of the LOC continue to provide assistance to the Food Pantry clients in our community.





# THANKSGIVING GIVEAWAY

The Ladies of Charity at St. Martin of Tours Church in Washington, DC provided a “Thanksgiving Giveaway” for the less fortunate in the community. The Ladies were available to hand out bags of food on Monday, November 25, 2020 from 9:00 am—11:00 am and from 3:00 pm—7:00 pm to accommodate working families.

Approximately, three hundred and eighty-five (385) Thanksgiving Day baskets containing a full meal inclusive of turkey and all the fixings to feed a family of four were distributed. Kudos to the Ladies at St. Martin’s for all their kind deeds.

**Submitted by** Kim Taylor





# VINCENTIAN FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION



*Members of ADW Ladies of Charity*

**A** Vincentian Family Day Celebration was held at Elizabeth Ann Seton High School in Bladensburg, MD on September 7, 2019 from 12:20 pm – 5:30 pm. Sr. Mary Frances Hildenberger, D.C. was the facilitator for the gathering and she introduced the Principal of Elizabeth Ann Seton High School, Sr. Ellen Hagar, D.C. who welcomed the attendees and gave opening remarks. A member from each Vincentian group was in attendance and gave a synopsis of their respective organizations. Debbie Self, President of the Archdiocese of Washington Ladies of Charity started, followed by Fr. John Freund, C.M. for the Congregation of the Mission; Sr. Ellen LaCapria for the Daughters of Charity; Ms. Tommye Grant, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Washington, DC; and, Ms. Ellie Rogers for the Executive Board of the Vincentian Service Club at Seton High School. Unfortunately, Sr. Becker for the Sisters of Charity was unable to attend. Each Vincentian group was set-up



*Members of ADW Ladies of Charity*

in a classroom to display hand-outs and/or answer any questions the attendees may have regarding the services they provide to the community.

Fr. Freund was the keynote speaker and he spoke on his personal genealogy as well as that of the Vincentians. During his presentation, he shared many meaningful quotes as it pertained to St. Vincent himself as well as FAMVIN's mission to help the poor. Here are just a few:

- Matthew 25:40, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."
- As Vincentians, the question we need to ask ourselves, is - "WHAT, needs to be done? See – Judge – Act
- "the charism is caught not taught"
- St. Francis de Sales called St. Vincent "a walking gospel"
- FAMVIN - Story of the Poor, "we don't bring Christ to people, we discover Christ in people."



*Members of ADW PG County Ladies of Charity*

Also, Fr. Freund mentioned collaboration is possible which is what the "Super Women" (Louise, Elizabeth and Catherine Harkins founder of the Ladies of Charity in the United States) did. It was mentioned that the Vincentian Family Homeless Society is starting a project "13 Houses" some time in 2020/2021, more to come in the future.

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In conclusion, Ms. Promise Wood, a member of the Vincentian Service Club at Seton High School, started a project at the school and presented it to the attendees.



Ms. Tommye Grant  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

She asked everyone in attendance to fill a bag for the homeless to contain a pair of socks, a snack, toothpaste and toothbrush, travel sized soap, lotion, shampoo and a note with our favorite scripture or an encouraging phrase such as "Have a Nice Day."

Once the bags were filled, she asked us to take the filled bags with us to hand-out to the homeless on the street or anyone we saw in need. All the items in the bags were donated by the students. KUDOS, to the young ladies for a job well done.



Sr. Louise Busby, D.C.  
St. Agnes Hospital

The ADW Ladies of Charity were elated to see Sr. Sandra Goldsborough, D.C. former Spiritual Moderator for the ADW LOC. Sister came down from Emmitsburg, PA for the celebration.

The day ended with Fr. Freund celebrating the Sunday Liturgy.

**Submitted by:** Toni K. Gaines

## PRAYERS TO OUR FOUNDERS

O God Eternal and all powerful,  
who filled St. Vincent, St. Louise and  
St. Elizabeth Ann with charity,  
listen to our prayer and  
give us your Love.

Following their example,  
make us discover and serve  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
in the poor and unfortunate.

At their school, teach us to love,  
in the sweat of our brow  
and the strength of our arms with  
humility, simplicity and charity.

By their prayer, deliver our hearts from  
self-sufficiency and selfishness.  
Make us remember that we all, one day,  
will be judged on our Love.  
Amen



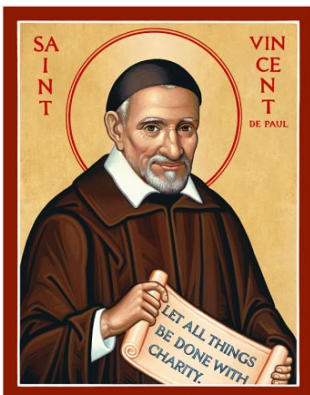
## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"When we are dreaming alone,  
it is only a dream.*

*When we are dreaming with others,  
it is the beginning of reality."*

Don Camera

## CELEBRATING ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul is September 27<sup>th</sup>, and the Immaculate Conception and St. Cecilia Catholic Churches in Baltimore celebrate his day with a very joyous Mass in his honor. I was invited

by the LOC President, Joan Scott, to attend the Mass.

Before Mass started, the altar was incensed by Liturgical dancers. Father Eugene Sheridan C.M. was the celebrant and homilist. He spoke of the poor life of Vincent and how the LOC and the Congregation of the Mission were founded. He quoted St. Vincent “if you go to the poor, you will find God.”

The St. Cecilia Mass Choir rocked the church. Groups in attendance were the LOC, Daughters of Charity, and members from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They certainly know how to celebrate the Vincentian Charism and renew the commitment guided by God’s love and the Holy Spirit. The morning ended with refreshments and fellowship.



**Submitted by:** Deborah Self  
2018-2020 President ADW LOC Board

## ADW GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Submitted by: Jamila Stone*



*St. Margaret of Scotland LOC  
(pictured foreground)*

The 2019 General Assembly took place Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Pastoral Center. There were 62 Ladies of Charity in attendance. Fr. Mike Barth, S.T. was the Mass celebrant.

The day started with a moving mass at 10:00am then lead to coffee and an ice-breaker “If I was Queen of the world”. The ladies were fully engaged with one another and gave some great new laws they would implement if they were Queen of the world. One could feel the spirit of giving through many of the answers. Some would: provide free education to all and end homelessness. We have a group of strong women who fully live the mission of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac.

Instead of a keynote speaker each unit was asked “How Do You Serve” and they presented what they do at their units to serve the needy. Each unit was inspirational in the hard work that they do year-round. Some works expressed were: food pantries, thrift stores, visiting nursing homes, volunteering at schools, Christmas projects giving 110 dinner baskets and gifts, supporting pregnant mothers, and much more.

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Feedback during the assembly was very positive and many seemed to enjoy the new structure. The day was another positive gathering that uplifts and inspire for more great works to be done.



*St. Benedict the Moor LOC  
with Carolyn Brown, OLPH (far right)*



*St. Hugh of Grenoble LOC*



*St. Hugh of Grenoble, LOC*



*St. Martin of Tours LOC*



*(on left): St. Hugh of Grenoble and  
(on right): St. Jane Frances de Chantal LOC*



*St. Gabriel's LOC*



# 39TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SALT LAKE CITY, UT

Submitted by: *Viola Johnson-Robinson*



*Archdiocese of Washington LOC Delegation*

The 2019 National Assembly was held at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center Hotel which was located in the downtown area of Salt Lake City in walking distance from the historical landmarks, shops and restaurants.



*Regina Barrett and Viola Johnson-Robinson  
with Guest Speaker—Joseph 'Joe' Lucero*

Salt Lake City was ideal in showing how the Mormons who settled in the city of Salt Lake instilled in their people to work together to provide for others. Prior to the assembly a number of us who attended took advantage of the interesting tours to have a better understanding of the city.

The breakout sessions focused on the social programs in the Salt Lake City area. Homelessness is an issue facing Salt Lake City as is present in most cities. There is a program, **The Inn Between** a hospice program to care for those who are homeless without insurance and the ability to be cared for until they die. As Ladies of Charity we vow to serve the poor and care for the needy, this assembly showed ways of coming together to care for others and provided how a small group of people can grow to provide for others. It's impossible to share all of the experiences but I hope more Ladies join us in Knoxville, TN 2020.



*Irene Jamison with  
Guest Speaker—Joseph 'Joe' Lucero*

The title of the assembly was **Begin to Weave and God Will Provide the Thread: Ladies of Charity in Action**. In our assembly bags we had three ribbon (threads) which represented you, your family and friends, and the Ladies of Charity. Our assembly start on the International Day of Prayer for Peace. Our assembly was small in comparison of our assembly last year in Pittsburgh, but it provided those of us who attended the opportunity to get and know others from throughout the United States. The Ladies from the Western Region came together sharing their gifts and talents to make the assembly a success.



*Far right: Viola Johnson-Robinson  
with other attendees*



## Ladies of Charity Annual Hoe Down



Sunday, April 19, 2020  
4:00 to 8:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church  
"Panorama Room"  
1600 Morris Road, SE Washington, DC 20020



Music by: DJ "J-Blade"  
Mr. John Dorsey

Wear your western outfits, enjoy  
country stepping and line dancing!



Donation \$25.00

Refreshments will be served!

Toni Gaines, Ticket Chairperson 301-222-7285 or  
Contact ANY member of the Ladies of Charity for tickets.

**NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.**

All proceeds fund the **FEED THE HUNGRY** Projects

# UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church  
Ladies of Charity  
Present

## GOSPEL COMEDY SHOW



Sunday, May 24, 2020  
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

1908 North Capitol Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20002

**DONATION  
\$20.00**



Light Refreshments and Wine

Door Prizes



For ticket information, please contact:  
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# COMMUNITY HARVEST DINNER

The Ladies of Charity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Church in collaboration with the OLPH Sodality, Women's Ministry, Martha's Table, Children of Mine Youth Center, Inc. and Kicks 4 The City served over 2,500 Thanksgiving Day meals to the community.

New and like new shoes for men, women and children were distributed to all in attendance for the meal. Thanks to Kicks 4 The City and all the donations received to sponsor this annual event.

Thanks to Ms. Donna Hawkins for coordinating all of the sponsors and ministries to come out and support this event. There were over 100 volunteers who lent their time over a span of 3 days to cook, wash and peel potatoes, serve meals and provide desserts. It was a well attended event.

**COMMUNITY HARVEST DINNER**

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**Saturday, November 23rd**  
**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic  
Church, Panorama Room  
1600 Morris Rd. SE Washington, DC 20032

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**Like New or New Shoe Distribution**  
**(Must receive ticket at Dinner)**  
Martha's Table at The Commons  
2375 Elvans Rd. SE

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**FUN FOR ALL AGES: Kicks 4 The City shoe  
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**CHILDREN OF MINE  
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"THE COST OF REAL LOVE IS NO CHARGE"

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Church



# LADIES WALK FOR THE POOR



*L to R: Maureen Hudson, Dolores Shaut, Peggy McCaig, Theresa Griffin, Cheryl Gilmer and Ann Klein*

Several members from the Ladies of Charity Calvert County, Inc participated in the 5K Friends of the Poor Walk/Run on Saturday, October 5, 2019. This was a fund raising event for St. Vincent de Paul St. Katherine Drexel Conference.

Day after day, many people in the Calvert County community struggle to make ends meet. As a result, the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) in Huntingtown, St. Katherine Drexel Conference's goal is to help individuals and families in the community. SVdP volunteers work with individuals and families to provide emergency food, electricity assistance, avoid eviction, transportation, help with medical bills, etc. SVdP volunteers continuously work to provide individuals and families with assistance regardless of religion, race, or national origin.

SVdP partners with the Ladies of Charity Calvert County, Inc. to provide certain types of emergency financial assistance to our Food Pantry clients, so we do whatever we can to help them achieve their mission.

**Submitted by:** Peggy McKelly

## Welcome our Vincentian Lay Moderator in the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW)!



*Arlene Taylor*

I am honored to announce that we officially have a Vincentian Lay Moderator here in the ADW. She is the President of St. Matthias the Apostle Parish Ladies of Charity (LOC).

Her name is Arlene Taylor. She was born and raised in the Washington DC area. Arlene married Carl Taylor 53 years ago and raised two wonderful children in Lanham. She was an educator in the PG County schools for 30 years, and is now retired. Arlene keeps busy with her four active grandchildren in between volunteering within her community and traveling. When I asked Arlene why she joined the LOC she replied, "I felt the need to serve especially the poor and disadvantaged."

When Arlene learned about the possibility of becoming a Vincentian Lay Moderator (VLM), "she felt a calling to improve her spiritual self." Her training began after the 2018 LCUSA assembly in Pittsburgh and with the mentoring of Sister Claire, Arlene completed the required course work through-out the year. During the 2019 assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah the 2018 class were honored with a celebration service to return home as a Certified VLM.

The training for VLM starts after the LCUSA assembly. It consists of two days of class work and then six months of mentoring by a team member. Arlene urges other LOC to pray on taking the course. If interested, contact Arlene at [atay1459@comcast.net](mailto:atay1459@comcast.net) Congratulations Arlene, we are very proud of you!

**Submitted by:** Debbie Self

# 40th LCUSA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY KNOXVILLE, TN



*A View of Knoxville, TN*

The 40th Annual LCUSA National Assembly will be held in Knoxville, TN from August 28-29, 2020. You are encouraged to attend to gain insight on the happenings among the Ladies of Charity associations from all over the country.

The Association of Ladies of Charity in Knoxville is diligently planning for the Assembly so that your stay will be a pleasant and memorable experience. The theme for the Assembly is **“2020 Vision: Seeing Christ in the People We Serve.”** Accommodations will be at the Crowne Plaza Knoxville Hotel located at 401 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902. You can visit the website at [www.crowneplaza.com/knoxville](http://www.crowneplaza.com/knoxville) or call 865-522-2600. At the time of this publication, the cost of hotel accommodations, registration fee and deadline dates for special hotel rates have yet to be determined.

In addition, you will be able to purchase program ads to help defray the cost of the assembly as well. Visit the LCUSA website <https://aic.ladiesofcharity.us/national-assembly-2020/> for additional information.





## Venerable Mother Henriette Delille (1812 – 1862)

**H**enriette Delille was born in 1812 in New Orleans, Louisiana, a free woman of color. At 24 years of age, Henriette experienced a religious conversion, and proclaimed: ***“I believe in God. I hope in God. I love. I want to live and die for God.”***

In 1836, Henriette drew up the rules and regulations for devout Christian women, which would eventually become the Society of the Holy Family. The group was founded for the purpose of nursing the sick, caring for the poor and instructing the ignorant. 1842 is the date for the founding of the Sisters of the Holy Family for the same purposes. They expressed their apostolic intentions through caring for the sick, helping the poor and instructing the ignorant of their people, free and enslaved, children and adults, in the name of Jesus Christ and the church.

Henriette received tribute for her life’s work in these words from her obituary, “. . . (Henriette) devoted herself untiringly for many years, without reserve, to the religious instruction of the people of New Orleans, principally of slaves. . .” The last line of her obituary reads, “. . . for the love of Jesus Christ she had become the humble and devout ***servant of the slaves.***”

Mother Delille was the first U.S. born Black American formally postulated for canonization.

**Venerable Mother Henriette Delille lived a Spirit-filled life. Let us pray:**

### **Prayer for the Canonization of Mother Henriette Delille**

O good and gracious God, You called Henriette Delille to give herself in service and in love to the slaves and the sick, to the orphan and the aged, to the forgotten and the despised.

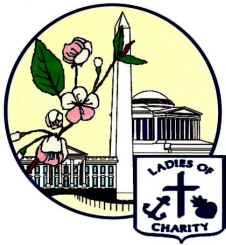
Grant that inspired by her life, we might be renewed in heart and in mind. If it be Your will may she one day be raised to the honor of sainthood. By her prayers, may we live in harmony and peace, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Please report any spiritual or physical favors granted as a result of prayers through the intercession of Venerable Mother Henriette Delille to:

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**UPCOMING  
 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
February 1	ADW LOC Board Meeting Reflection 10:00 am in Carroll Room	ADW Pastoral Center 5001 Eastern Avenue Hyattsville, MD
March 8	DC Parish Units Quarterly meeting following 8:00 am Mass	Holy Comforter/ St. Cyprian Church 1357 East Capitol St., SE
March 8	Prince George's County Quarterly Meeting 2:00 pm	St. Margaret of Scotland 410 Addison Road South Seat Pleasant, MD
April 19	<b>FUNDRAISER</b> Western Hoe-Down Dance 4:00 pm—8:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church 1600 Morris Road, SE
May 2	May Day Crowning of the Blessed Mother & Feast of St. Louise Brunch 10:00 am Mass in Chapel	St. Ann's Center for Youth Children & Families 4901 Eastern Avenue Hyattsville, MD
May 24	<b>FUNDRAISER</b> Gospel Comedy Show 2:00 pm—5:00 pm	St. Martin of Tours 1908 N. Capitol St., NW Washington, DC
June 6	ADW LOC Board Meeting Mass 9:30 am Chapel meeting Carroll Room	ADW Pastoral Center 5001 Eastern Avenue Hyattsville, MD
June 14	DC Parish Units Quarterly meeting following 8:00 am Mass in church hall (Panorama Room)	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church 1600 Morris Road, SE Washington, DC
June 14	Prince George's County Quarterly Meeting 2:00 pm	St. Ignatius of Loyola 2315 Brinkley Road Ft. Washington, MD

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 LOC NEWSLETTER:**

**News Deadline:**

The deadline to submit articles and photos for the July 2020 issue of the ADW LOC Newsletter:

- ◆ Deadline is **June 15, 2020** at the latest. Earlier submissions are encouraged and appreciated.

Newsletters are issued twice a year (January and July). Please share information about your LOC unit projects, fundraisers and other activities with fellow LOC members. We would like to hear from you.

Articles and photos can be sent via email to: [tkgaines@msn.com](mailto:tkgaines@msn.com) indicating as the subject, "**Newsletter Submission.**"