

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON LADIES OF CHARITY NEWSLETTER

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

VOLUME 4, ISSUE 2

JULY 2023

LCUSA MEMBERS ATTEND AIC CONFERENCE IN ROME



*Suzanne Johnson, AIC Representative and
Viola Johnson-Robinson, Atlantic
Middle Region Representative*

(story on page 5)

OLPH LOC SUPPORT YOUTH CENTER



*Pictured L to R: Rose Thurston (Friend of LOC),
Celeste Richmond, Kim Ponder (Daughter of Founder,
Hannah Hawkins), Helene Matthews & Louis Lloyd
volunteer at Children of Mine Youth Center.*

(story on page 13)

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

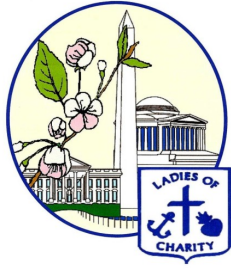


*Pictured L to R: Linda Kelly, Jeanne Jacobs
and Joanne Tomikel*

(story on page 15)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE!

- Ladies of Charity Calvert County Celebrate 55 Years of Service
- OLPH LOC Support Pregnant Moms
- 2023 May Day Patron Donors
- St. Matthias' Messages from the Heart in "The Cordial Communicator"
- Volunteering at the Franciscan Monastery
- Ladies of Charity Calvert County Welcome Newly Invested Junior LOC Members
- LCUSA National Assembly, Sept 7-9, 2023, Hyatt Regency Hotel



ADW LADIES OF CHARITY 2022 - 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



RELIGIOUS LEADER

Spiritual Advisor

Rev. Michael Barth, S.T.
gencust@trinitymissions.org



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Jamila Stone
jamilastone@aol.com

Vice President

Sharon Graham
Sgrahamie@aol.com

Recording Secretary

Donna Fisher
Starr7564@verizon.net

Treasurer

Toni K. Gaines
tkgaines@msn.com

Correspondent Secretary

Robin Hutchinson-Cole
robinphc2@gmail.com

Immediate ADW LOC

Past President

Deborah "Debbie" Self
yourselfs@aol.com

Junior LOC Moderator

Beverly Motley
cbm460@aol.com

Archivist

Evelyn Nichols
Nicholsenichols@comcast.net

LCUSA Mid-Atlantic Regional Directors

Deborah "Debbie" Self
yourselfs@aol.com

Viola Johnson-Robinson
swmother1@gmail.com

Newsletter

Editor/Layout Designer

Website Manager

Toni K. Gaines
tkgaines@msn.com

Newsletter

Distribution Manager

Jacqueline Bates
JackieWBates@verizon.net

AREA PRESIDENTS:

Calvert County

Kathleen "Kathy" Temple
Kathy.Milor@gmail.com

District of Columbia

Bertha Guerra
Bertha53151@aol.com

Montgomery County

Mary Louise Hand
mmhand@aol.com

Prince George's County

Regina Barrett
rbarrett925@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Summer time is here! Let us rejoice!

I am praying you all will have a blessed summer and take time to practice self-care so you may be renewed in your mission to serve others. I need all of the Ladies of Charity to be at their best. Yes, even during the summer there is a lot

of work to be done. There will be many of our young people out of school. There they were able to find enrichment for their minds and bodies. Please consider adding or extending services to young people this summer.

For example, if you make sandwiches for the homeless please consider adding your church location as a Department of Parks & Recreation meals site or consider making lunches yourself for the children in your neighborhood. Or please consider adding a day camp to your acts of charity. Two or three hours of fun safe activities can go a long way in a child's life this summer.

We serve the needy and children are some of the most in need of our spiritual guidance.

I am happy to work one on one with any group who want to extend or add on a service to their unit. Who knows, a junior Ladies of Charity might develop from these acts.

The national assembly in New York is coming fast. Make sure to submit your registration information soon as possible. I am looking forward to seeing you all there and building more relationships with you all.

"Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud." – Helen Dyer

In Vincentian Spirit,
Jamila Stone
Jamila Stone
2022 - 2024 President
ADW LOC Board of Director

GRACE AND PEACE



As we have just celebrated Pentecost Sunday and move now into Ordinary Time and our summer days, many of us look for good materials to assist us in our spiritual development as people rooted in the Vincentian charism. I want to share with you material that was released on Pentecost by the Vincentian Family office that is a great new resource. This material was developed, in various languages, as the first ever Vincentian Family Charism Retreat. Many hands from the larger family had a part in this new and exciting moment for the approximately 5 million people from 160 branches of lay consecrated men and women throughout the world.

I offer this to you through the link below, in English. If you would like this made available in Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, German, Dutch or Swahili let me know. Wishing you all, a great summer and, through this new resource, a renewed Vincentian foundation.

Materials for a Vincentian Charism Retreat

On the occasion of the feast of Pentecost, a guide for a personal Vincentian retreat has been published.

More information in: <https://famvin.org/en/2023/05/27/materials-for-a-vincentian-charism-retreat>.



Fr. Michael Barth, S.T.
ADW LOC Spiritual Advisor

LADIES OF CHARITY CALVERT COUNTY CELEBRATE 55 YEARS OF SERVICE



At the June 2023 member meeting, the Ladies of Charity Calvert County celebrated the 55th anniversary of our organization. We reflected about our formation on Ascension Thursday in May 1968. Twenty-four (24) Ladies were inducted into the Ladies of Charity St. Anthony. Guidance from the Archdiocese emphasized the need and challenge for service in the Archdiocese of Washington. The pastor of St. Anthony's, Rev. Francis Chodnicki, was very supportive of the establishment of our organization. A clothing store was established as the first fund raising

project to help the poor in the parish and the surrounding area.

Over the years, our organization has grown in membership and clients. About 30 years ago, the primary ministry became a Food Pantry. For many years, the Food Pantry attracted new volunteers and new members who wanted to serve food insecure people. In 2019, we became an IRS-designated 501 (c) (3) non-profit charity. This followed guidance from the LCUSA reference manual. We evaluated the pros and cons of this change in legal status and presented the analysis to the membership, who voted to become a standalone non-profit charity named the Ladies of Charity Calvert County. Our new legal status has enabled us to increase our fundraising efforts to support the Food Pantry operations – additional donations, grants, and public fundraising events.

Fast forward to the end of 2022 ... We are pleased to say that 510 registered families visited the Food Pantry 3,948 times during the year 2022, representing 10,198 individuals. We also provided 756 Holiday meal "baskets" to clients, and 3,006 HeartFELT meals to food insecure children at the local elementary and middle schools. In total, we provided 245,000 pounds of food representing 204,167 meals. As of our recent member induction, we now have 108 members; about 50% of them are active volunteers at the Food Pantry.

We are grateful to the Archdiocese and St. Anthony's for launching our organization!

Submitted by:
Peggy McKelly, Publicity

FIVE MEMBERS OF LCUSA ATTEND AIC CONFERENCE IN ROME



Pictured l to r: Holly Walter, LCUSA President; Suzanne Johnson, AIC Representative; Viola Johnson-Robinson, Middle Atlantic Region Representative; Frances Simkulet, Northeast Region Representative and Margaret Hanson, LCUSA Board Parliamentarian.

The AIC Conference was held from March 21— 24, 2023, in Rome, Italy. The LCUSA attendees met many ladies from around the world including representatives from as far away as Cameroon and Madagascar in Africa, Peru and Argentina in South America, Switzerland and Poland in Europe, Lebanon, and Ukraine. They enjoyed warm sunny weather most of their visit and learned about the many projects undertaken by other Vincentian counterparts worldwide to help those in need. Mass was celebrated every day and led by Vincentian priests from different nations. The hosts from Italy provided delicious meals and plenty of fellowship for all to enjoy.

One of the highlights of their trip was a bus ride to see the Vatican and a Papal Audience with Pope Francis. They had a chance to visit St. Peter's Basilica and take pictures of St. Pe-

ter's Square including a group shot of everyone attending the conference.

On Thursday night, March 23rd, the five United States Representatives sang "God Bless America" as their contribution to the talent show that evening. As you can see from the picture, they were all decked out in red, white and blue at the event.

The real purpose of the conference, or course, was to share ideas on the different ways the Vincentian community assists those who suffer from poverty and marginalization around the world. It was a very good learning experience for anyone who wishes to attend the conference. The next AIC Conference will be held in Peru.

Taken from Servicette Newsletter
Written by Holly Walter, LCUSA President

TRAVELS OF MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR



My travels as a Mid-Atlantic Director have given me to have the opportunity to attend the International Ladies of Charity (AIC) Assembly in Rome, entitled **Citizens of the world, walking united in hope**. We heard presentation about climate change. We received presentations from AIC Brazil, AIC Argentina, AIC Italy, AIC Nigeria, AIC Peru, and AIC Cameroon. We met in language groups, English, French, Spanish, and Italian to Network to unit our strengths to address the needs expressed by the presenters. We also discuss Networking within the Vincentian Family, within AIC, and with international bodies. We heard presentations regarding within the *Vincentian Family*, three nations presented *Within AIC Twinning AIC Madagascar AIC-USA* and *with international bodies – ECOSOC, FamVin at the UN, UNESCO*. (Our form LCUSA President and former AIC representative Mary Dantuono was featured on a video presentation explaining what she is accomplishing at the UN. We discussed poverty, violence against women, the pandemic and other crisis. In the middle of the assembly, we took the morning off to attend the audience with Pope Francis. The Pope not only blessed all who were in attendance but offered blessings for all our family and friends. We had the election for the new board members and officers. We ended with Priority Lines of Action

2023-2026. It was not all business we have time to talk and share ideas with those from around the world.

My second trip in the last month was to attend my first meeting to the National Board in-person meeting in Leavenworth, Kansas. The weather was nice and Kansas is different from Missouri. Our meeting was held at the Marillac Center retreat house connected with the sister of Charity Mother House. The campus is beautiful and a nice place to walk around after all day meetings. I am on the Membership Committee and we have been discussing how to build our membership. Father Gielow informed us about our history and the challenges we have already overcome. The importance of focusing on our Spiritual purpose as Ladies of Charity each day began with Mass and prayer. We discussed our assembly in Buffalo and to encourage our members to attend. The National Ladies of Charity USA is undergoing changing our main headquarters is moving to St Louis, MO more information will come at the assembly. We have a new Spiritual Moderator Sister Ann Claire Rhoads, DC. She will be at the assembly in Buffalo, NY.

Submitted by:

Viola Johnson-Robinson
Mid-Atlantic Director 2023-2025

OLPH SUPPORT PREGNANT MOMS THROUGH GIVING HEARTS PROJECT



Mamatoto Village

The Ladies of Charity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church through its “Giving Hearts” Project selects a non-profit organization to support during the months of June and December each year. Mamatoto Village was selected as the recipient of the December 2022 donation.

Mamatoto Village is devoted to serving Black women through the **creation of career pathways** in maternal health; and providing **accessible perinatal support services** designed to equip women and birthing people with the necessary tools to make the most informed decisions in their maternity care, parenting and lives.

Its Vision:

Healthy Mamas. Healthy Families. Healthy Communities.

On January 17, 2023, Celeste Richmond, Giving Hearts Project Chair presented Mr. Jordan McRae, Director of Development at Mamatoto Village with a \$300.00 check. Ms. Richmond was taken on a tour of the facility which has a kitchen, approximately 4 to 5 rooms were seen, one was a Respite Room where mothers could relax and breast feed their babies. Also, the center had a washer and dryer, freezer to store breast milk, pantry and lab that supports a lactation program. The Village conducts yoga and cooking demonstrations in addition to nutrition classes. There was a storage unit with clothes and other baby items that a mother might need.

The Village was beginning a pilot program with Washington Hospital Center where medical professionals come to provide services for the mothers. On an annual basis, the Village serves between 350-400 Black women and families. At the end of the tour, Mr. McRae thanked the OLPH Ladies of Charity for the donation and stated they were very grateful for being selected.

Submitted by: Celeste Richmond
OLPH Giving Hearts Project Chair



Mr. Jordan McRae, Director of Development with Celeste Richmond, LOC Giving Hearts Chair



A room where mothers can rest and nurse their babies.



May Day

PATRON LISTING 2023



Promoters

Odell	Allen <i>(In Memory of Evelyn Rattley)</i>
Regina	Barrett <i>(In Appreciation for Mt. Calvary LOC)</i>
Regina	Barrett <i>(In Memory of Rev. Everett Pearson)</i>
Dorothy	Brown
Jeannette R.	Davis
Sherlene	Duckett <i>(In Memory of Olivia Glover)</i>
Barbara	Falls <i>(In Memory of Don Falls)</i>
Toni K.	Gaines <i>(In Loving Memory of Aurelia C. Smith & Lucie Shepherd)</i>
Sharon L.	Graham <i>(In Memory of Dorothy Taylor)</i>
Carolyn	Green
Sharon	Greenwood-Staten <i>(In Memory of Anne Hawkins)</i>
Bertha	Guerra <i>(In Memory of Cora Guerra)</i>
Mary L.	Hand <i>(In Memory of Dr. Rita Robinson, Ms. Gloria Rose & Rev. Carl Dianda)</i>
Tawanda	Harrison <i>(In Memory of Evelyn Quander Rattley)</i>
Pamela	Hawkins <i>(In Memory of Nicole Delong)</i>
Mary	Hunter <i>(In Memory of Cleveland & Mary Hunter-Lewis & Mary Washington)</i>
Joan S.	Jackson
Irene	Jamison
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Pauline Gregory)</i>
Linda A.	Jenkins <i>(In Memory of Mable F. Thompson)</i>
Viola	Johnson-Robinson
Zenaida	Juanitez <i>(In Memory of Dr. Esmerando O. Juanitez)</i>
Katrice & Gwendolyn	Kelly <i>(In Memory of Daphne Kelly)</i>
Ann	Klein <i>(In Memory of Paul & Winnie Manilli)</i>
	Ladies of Charity <i>(In Memory of Rev. Lowell Case, SSJ & Bro. Marx Tyree, SSJ)</i>
	Ladies of Charity of Calvert County, Inc.
	Ladies of Charity
	Ladies of Charity <i>(In Memory of St. Matthias Deceased Members of LOC)</i>
Young	Lee <i>(In Memory of Parents - John Lee & Francesca Hong)</i>
Dallas	Lewis <i>(In Memory of Lucie Shepherd)</i>
Katalina Quander	Masembwa <i>(In Memory of Lucie Shepherd)</i>
Charles P.	Matthews <i>(Mary Page)</i>
Bettye	Mayes <i>(In Memory of Betty Stokes)</i>
Peggy	McKelly
Juanita	Middleton <i>(In Memory of Amelia Bowlding)</i>
Laureen H.	Milling <i>(In Memory of Marian Newsome)</i>
Pamela-Jeanne	Moran
Beverly	Motley <i>(In Memory of Gloria Rose)</i>
Rose Quander	Neverdon
Romaine	Pinchback
Margaret	Reddan
Karen	Remington
Patricia	Richards <i>(In Memory of Jesse J. Richards, Jr.)</i>
Celeste	Richmond <i>In Memory of Rodney & Delores Mitchell)</i>
Deborah	Self <i>(In Memory of Ben Self)</i>

Parish/Unit

St. Benedict the Moor
Mt. Calvary
Mt. Calvary
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Benedict the Moor
St. Matthias the Apostle
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
Mt. Calvary
St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gabriel
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Church of the Incarnation
St. Margaret of Scotland
Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Martin of Tours
St. Martin of Tours
Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
St. Ignatius of Loyola
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Anthony of Padua - North Beach, MD
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Anthony of Padua - North Beach, MD
St. John Baptist De La Salle
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Holy Redeemer
Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
Ladies of Charity Calvert County, Inc.
Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
St. Gabriel
St. John Vianney
St. Margaret of Scotland
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
St. Anthony of Padua - North Beach, MD
St. Matthias the Apostle
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Matthias the Apostle



May Day

PATRON LISTING 2023



Promoters

Claudine	Sims
Bernadette	Smith (<i>In Memory of Smith/Hall Family</i>)
Elizabeth	Smith (<i>Mrs. Gladys Hemsley</i>)
Joann	Speaks
Jamila	Stone
Kim N.	Taylor (<i>In Memory of Josette L. Floyd</i>)
Kathy	Temple (<i>In Memory of Kayley Milor</i>)
Blinda A.	Williams (<i>In Memory of Charles W. Williams</i>)

Parish/Unit

St. Gabriel
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Holy Redeemer
Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Martin of Tours
St. Anthony of Padua - North Beach, MD
St. Ignatius of Loyola

Benefactors

Jacqueline	Baldwin (<i>In Memory of Thelma Watson</i>)
Pearl	Baylor
Doris	Cuffey (<i>In Memory of The Ramey Family</i>)
Doris	Cuffey (<i>In Memory of Mary Mills Spence</i>)
Diane	Douglas (<i>In Memory of Frances M. Douglas</i>)
Charlene	Hursey (<i>In Memory of Deceased OLPH Ladies of Charity</i>)
Esperanza	Lomosbog
Evelyn J.	Poole (<i>In Memory of Anne Hawkins</i>)
Marion	Prout (<i>Living & Deceased Diggs Family</i>)
Marion	Prout (<i>Living & Deceased Prout Family</i>)
Audrey J.	Robinson
Arlene	Taylor (<i>In Memory of Barbara L. Gaines</i>)
Bernice	Wilson

Parish/Unit

Holy Redeemer
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Matthias the Apostle
Holy Redeemer
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Matthias the Apostle
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Martin of Tours

Sponsors

Jacqueline	Bates (<i>For the Loss of Bates & Wynne Families</i>)
Rev. David	Bava (<i>In Memory of Erminia Bava</i>)
Nina	Boddie (<i>In Memory of Barbara J. Jackson</i>)
Judy	Chase (<i>In Memory of Evelyn Jordan</i>)
Elizabeth H.	Colston (<i>In Memory of Elizabeth G. Hill</i>)
Doris	Cuffey (<i>In Memory of Ann Armstrong</i>)
Doris	Cuffey (<i>In Memory of Jerry & Theresa Ramey</i>)
Doris	Cuffey (<i>In Memory of John Q. Ramey</i>)
Doris	Cuffey (<i>In Memory of Lillian Smith</i>)
Barbara A.	Ford
Kaaren	Hill (<i>In Memory of Emmie Perkins</i>)
Octavia	Jackson
Irene	Jamison (<i>In Memory of Henrietta G. Bryant</i>)
Irene	Jamison (<i>In Memory of Helen Cromer</i>)
Irene	Jamison (<i>In Memory of Ruth Dawson</i>)
Irene	Jamison (<i>In Memory of Lillian Grissom</i>)
Irene	Jamison (<i>In Memory of Lucy Holmes</i>)
Irene	Jamison (<i>In Memory of Maria McDaniels</i>)

Parish/Unit

St. Matthias the Apostle
Holy Redeemer
St. Margaret of Scotland
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Matthias the Apostle
St. Hugh of Grenoble
St. Gabriel
St. Martin of Tours
St. Martin of Tours
St. Martin of Tours
St. Martin of Tours
St. Martin of Tours
St. Martin of Tours



May Day

PATRON LISTING 2023



Sponsors

Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wade)</i>
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Lillian Washington)</i>
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Lorraine White Smith)</i>
Evelyn B.	Miles <i>(In Memory of Josette L. Floyd)</i>
Joan M.	Muller
Evelyn	Nichols <i>(In Memory of Mildred Woodward)</i>
Florence	Nwonye-Nwoko <i>(In Memory of Mrs. (Chief) L. Oyezese)</i>
Karen	Oliver <i>(In Memory of Julia Bush)</i>
Karen	Oliver <i>(In Memory of Louise Oliver)</i>
Gladys	Reid <i>(In Memory of Lauretta B. Sullivan)</i>
Merlyn	Rodrigues
Janet	Rollins <i>(In Memory of Thelma Bush)</i>
Janet	Rollins <i>(In Memory of Adelaide Rollins)</i>
Janet	Rollins <i>(In Memory of Diane Stokes)</i>
Helen	Sison
Ethel I.	Taylor
Gloria	Tobe <i>(In Honor of Tanisha Roberts)</i>
Gloria	Tobe <i>(In Honor of Chanale Tobe)</i>
Sandra	Watson <i>(In Memory of Delores Tyler)</i>

Parish/Unit

St. Martin of Tours
St. Martin of Tours
St. Martin of Tours
St. Martin of Tours
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Matthias the Apostle
Holy Redeemer
Holy Redeemer
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Holy Redeemer
Holy Redeemer
Holy Redeemer
Mt. Calvary
St. Martin of Tours
Holy Redeemer
Holy Redeemer
St. Martin of Tours

Patrons

Juanita E.	Dailey
Susan	Quade <i>(In Memory of Georaia Ann Sardelli)</i>

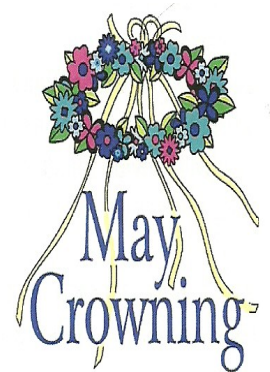
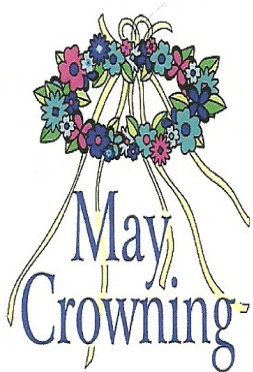
Parish/Unit

St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Anthony of Padua - North Beach, MD

Your support is greatly appreciated.

God Bless You!

*Board of Directors
Archdiocese of Washington*





Saint Matthias Church The Cordial Communicator

(Messages from the Heart)



Why did I join the Ladies of Charity?
What do I like most about LOC?

I like being a member of the Ladies of Charity because I enjoy being of service to others, helping anyone in any way I can. Currently, I am learning to receive help from others.

We all must learn to give and receive graciously.

-Hildegard Jorgensen-

I became a member of LOC after meeting some remarkable ladies at a weekday Mass who were serving the community at nursing homes and the food pantry. Wherever you are in life, there is always someone you can help in some way. When you look for ways to help others, you'll find that you are constantly blessed.

-Jackie Bates-

I wanted to be involved with the community by volunteering and St. Matthias had a group of ladies who did just that. I saw in them deep and loving dedication to those in need. This made me work harder to make others happy and satisfied.

-Debbie Self-

My parents were vibrant people who were always doing for and giving to others. We were blessed.

I pray to always let God direct my steps, my words, and my life. LOC is God working through me.

-Arlene Taylor-

It's a Gift that enables me to help those in need.

"Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what is yours do not demand it Back."

Luke 6:30

-Marion Prout-

I was newly relocated from Virginia leaving a busy lifestyle of volunteering in the school and community and being a wife, mother, and Navy Reservist. I was in gear to serve. A parishioner told me about the Ladies of Charity. I knew that's where I needed to be.

-Barbara Falls-

Being a member of the LOC working with a group of ladies who enjoy giving service to others in our community in multiple ways, adds joy, meaning and usefulness to my life.

-Una Murphy-

For me it's like stepping out of myself for others. It is a service that gives me joy and inspiration.

-Erusa Nnukwubiri-

The St. Matthias Church Ladies of Charity is a unique group of women who join together to provide nourishment, clothing, limited assistance, and financial support to individuals, families with children, local schools, and church/community organizations.

We are a part of the International Association of Charities (AIC).

Membership Qualifications: A true desire To Serve Rather Than be Served.

I like being a member of the LOC because it is making a difference in someone's life by giving back to the community.

-Joycelyn Dougall-

For love of service and a sisterhood working towards a common goal.

-Romaine Pinchback-

I feel a sisterhood with my LOC ladies. I get positive vibes of love, warmth and embracing support. Being an only child envelops (for me) moments of loneliness.

I am so grateful for my LOC sisters who fill that void for me.

-Jeannette Davis-

The Ladies of Charity has given me good friends, a reminder that there is so much work to be done to help our community, and a path to accomplishing some of that work.

-Terry Poyner-

Being a Lady of Charity here at St. Matthias means working with a wonderful group of women who quietly but effectively make it their daily mission to help others. I am very proud to serve alongside them.

-Kathy Dowell-

We truly value and wish to recognize each of the currently active St. Matthias Ladies of Charity whose responses are not included: Katherine Inya, Anoucheka Cherisca, Doris Cuffey, Julie Gill, Helen Hamilton, Florence Nwoko, Zeny Juanitez, Espy Lomosbog and newest member Pat Richards!

Although each of us is an integral part of God's Magnificent Plan, we serve as one.

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY GARDEN GUILD



*Gardens at the Franciscan Monastery
Washington, DC*

On Saturday, February 18, 2023, all hands were needed on deck to make 13,880 labels in preparation for the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild's annual plant sale fundraiser. The garden guild is made up of volunteers who grow vegetables and other food products and donate them to food pantries in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area.

Thirteen members of the Ladies of Charity (LOC) of the Archdiocese of Washington exuding a spirit of service were able to assist in a huge way with the label-a-thon. The names of annuals, herbs, and vegetables identifying the items to be sold were written on labels by LOC members. Our assistance was greatly appreciated because only one member of the garden guild had been tasked with producing thousands of handwritten labels. It was very important and rewarding to extend help with simplicity, humility, and charity.

Submitted by:

Sharon Graham, Vice President
ADW LOC Board of Directors

OLPH LOC SUPPORT CHILDREN OF MINE YOUTH CENTER



Pictured L to R: Celeste Richmond, Giving Hearts Chair presents donation to Kim Ponder (daughter of Hannah Hawkins—Founder);, Helene Matthews, LOC Secretary; and, Louis Lloyd volunteer at the Center and an Associate LOC member at OLPH

The Ladies of Charity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church support The Children of Mine Youth Center (COMYC) through its June 2023 Giving Hearts Project.

COMYC is a multi-service 501(c)(3) centered in the hub of Washington, DC's Ward 8 Anacostia neighborhoods, dedicated to providing opportunities that are educational and encourages a safe environment for its youth populations. Their mission is to " provide a safe, healthy, and child friendly environment for DC metropolitan area youths, primarily those residing in Ward 8, experiencing neglect, homelessness, substance abuse or the like, as a means to encourage self-confidence,

scholastic achievement and economic stability". Over 30 years ago, Mrs. Hannah Hawkins had a dream for the disadvantaged at-risk youth in Southeast Washington. She wanted to provide them with a safe, clean, and loving environment where every day they could come and do homework, eat a hot meal, and participate in organized activities. In spite of many obstacles, Mrs. Hawkins through hard work, the help of volunteers, and very special people was able to fulfill her dream and create a legacy with the Children of Mine Youth Center. The Center has not only been a place of resource but a life-changing encounter for many children.

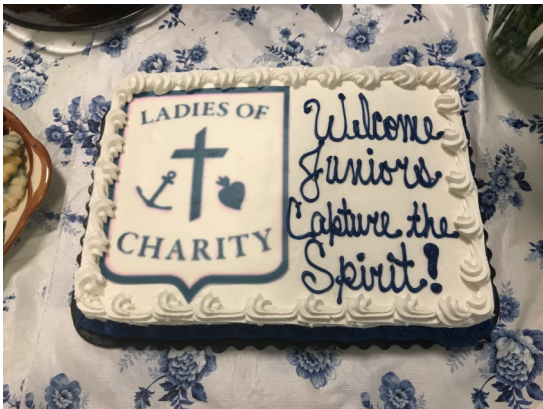
LADIES OF CHARITY CALVERT COUNTY INVEST JLOC MEMBERS

On Saturday, June 10, the Ladies of Charity Calvert County were delighted to welcome five new members of their Association's Junior Ladies of Charity. Ana de la Cerda, Ella Hilker, Rosella Julian, Gemma Julian, and Grace Wilcox joined current JLOC member Natalie Bozman at St. Anthony of Padua Church in North Beach, where Father James Stack, Pastor of St. Anthony's, presided over their investiture during our monthly membership Mass. Moderators Nicole Bozman and Caryn Argeles and the newly elected officers of the JLOC were also installed during the ceremony. A reception for the new members and their families and friends was hosted by the LOCCC immediately following the Mass.



Pictured L to R, front row: Ella Hilker, Natalie Bozman, Ana de la Cerda, Rosella Julian, L to R, back row: Caryn Argeles (moderator), Gemma Julian, Grace Wilcox and Nicole Bozman (moderator)

This was an especially joyous occasion for the LOCCC because it had taken so long to reach this moment. When member Nicole Bozman volunteered in early 2020 to serve as the Moderator of the JLOC, she had great plans for the organization, which had shrunk in size and activities as members aged out of the group. However, as with so many other endeavors, the pandemic intervened, and all plans and activities had to be put on hold. But Mrs. Bozman persevered and, with the help of her daughter, Natalie, reached out to recruit new members and to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the JLOC.



By March of this year, 10 young ladies participated in their first official meeting to brainstorm on ways to serve those in need in our community. They have elected officers, tie-dyed T-shirts to use as their "uniform," made dog treats and toys for the local Humane Society, and hope to assist residents of the nearby Senior Apartments in walking their dogs. Four more girls are currently participating in JLOC meetings and activities and hope to be invested this coming fall. LOCCC members celebrate these young ladies who, in the words of their Act of Consecration, make a commitment to serve Jesus by serving those who are victims of poverty in its many forms.

Submitted by:
Maureen Hudson

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE LOC VOLUNTEER IN FOOD PANTRY

The Ladies of Charity at St. Hugh Church has been extremely busy this year. The food pantry is our major endeavor, providing a minimum of 50 families with breakfast, lunch and dinner items each week. Our members work diligently to collect, bag and prepare distributions throughout the week. Since our pantry does not have refrigeration, store gift cards are provided for meat, dairy and produce. The Greenbelt Co-Op Supermarket, in cooperation with LOC, provides 75-100 bags of specifically agreed on and needed food items weekly. These bags are paid for by donations made by Co-Op's customers. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the PORCH effort, Mishkan Torah Synagogue, and others also generously provide food for the pantry.

The Ladies of Charity also came up with an



Children's Books

idea to provide books for families to give to their younger children to keep them quietly occupied during Mass. The bookshelves are at either end of the church as you enter. The books are returned at the end of Mass.

At Christmas the Ladies participated in an Angel Tree project to provide gifts for needy families. In the past we purchased gifts for children of various ages, but now we give the parents a gift card and the parents purchase the special gift the child wants. In April, the Ladies sponsor a birthday party at the Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Hyattsville. This remains somewhat curtailed due to the pandemic, but

we still provided gifts and cupcakes for all residents with a special remembrance for the birthday ladies and gentlemen.



Pictured L to R: Monica Huber, Anne Gardner, Mary Lou Holt and Mary Jo Dorsey preparing bags to pack food for the pantry.

Of course, in April we always celebrate Ladies of Charity month with a special Mass followed by a catered dinner. Also in the spring we sponsor a reception following the confirmation service. The families are always appreciative of this gathering.



Food Pantry

Submitted by:
Mary Moien, Publicity and
Barbara Ford, Vice President



In Loving Memory of



<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PARISH UNIT</u>
Ellen	Hanyok	May 4, 2023	St. Hugh of Grenoble
Barbara	Ross	April 29, 2023	St. Margaret of Scotland
Kathleen	McFarland	April 11, 2023	St. Hugh of Grenoble
Dolores	Marinnaccio	January 30, 2023	Calvert County LOC, Inc.
Marion	Arhar	November 3, 2022	Calvert County LOC, Inc.

*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*

Ladies of Charity USA September 7-9, 2023 National Assembly "We Choose Love". Hotel Information: Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel and Conference Center, Two Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 856-1234 GPS Use: 300 Pearl Street Buffalo, NY 14202

The Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center is centrally located in walkable downtown Buffalo, steps from the historic Fountain Plaza and minutes from restaurants, nightlife, museums and the revitalized Canal side waterfront district.

LCUSA Room Rate \$144 + tax: choice of king or two doubles (rate available Sept. 3 thru 13) Triple and quad in double room additional \$15 each. Use this booking link to ensure you receive the LCUSA rate: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/BUFFA/G-LCUS> The "Cut-Off Date" for the special room rate is August 4, 2023.

Matt Wolcott, Group Rooms Coordinator mattthew.wolcott@aimbridge.com Attendees can also call (888) 591-1234 and refer to the group booking #29359099



Venerable Pierre Toussaint
(1766 - 1853)

Pierre Toussaint was born in Haiti and brought to New York City as a slave. He died a free man, a renowned hairdresser, and one of New York City's most well-known Catholics, credited by many with being the father of Catholic Charities in New York.

After the death of his master, Pierre supported his master's widow and other house slaves. He was freed shortly before the widow's death. He generously assisted blacks and whites in need. He and his wife opened their home to orphans and educated them. When urged to retire and enjoy the wealth he had accumulated, Pierre responded, ***"I have enough for myself, but if I stop working I have not enough for others."***

Venerable Pierre Toussaint lived a spirit-filled life! Let us pray:

Prayer for the Canonization of Pierre Toussaint

Lord God,

Source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our brother in Christ,
Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of Our Lord Jesus, Pierre worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. He attended daily Mass and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless 19th-century New York.

If it is Your will, let the name of Venerable Pierre Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of Saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate or be selfish, but instead lived to the full, the commandments of heaven and the divine law of love - love for God and for neighbor.

By following his example and asking for his prayers, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask for this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

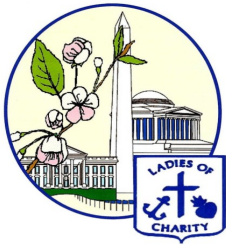
Please report in writing any favors received through Venerable Pierre Toussaint's intercession to:

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint Guild
Archdiocese of New York**

**1011 First Avenue Room 1315
New York, NY 10022**

(646) 794-2681

obm@archny.org



**Ladies of Charity
Archdiocese of Washington
P.O. Box 313
Brentwood, MD 20722**

**PLACE
STAMP
HERE**

**2023 UPCOMING
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
August 5	ADW LOC Board Meeting Reflection 10:00 am	ZOOM
September 7-9	LCUSA National Assembly Buffalo, NY	Hyatt Regency Hotel 2 Fountain Plaza Buffalo, NY 14202
October 8	Prince George's County Quarterly Meeting 2:00 pm	TBD
October 14	DC Parish Units Quarterly Meeting 10:00 am	Conference Call
TBD	ADW Annual Retreat TBD	TBD
December 2	ADW LOC Board Meeting Reflection 10:00 am	ZOOM
December 9	DC Parish Units Quarterly Meeting 10:00 am	Conference Call
December 10	Prince George's County Quarterly Meeting 2:00 pm	TBD

**ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
LOC NEWSLETTER:**

News Deadline:

The deadline to submit articles and photos for the January 2024 issue of the ADW LOC Newsletter:

- ◆ **Deadline is December 15, 2023** 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** indicating as the subject, ***"Newsletter Submission."***