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HONORING SISTER MARY BADER, DC FOR HER 18 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AT ST. ANN'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



Dr. Amber Andrews, alumna of St. Ann's; Sister Nancy Downing, CEO of St. Ann's; Sister Mary Bader, honoree and former CEO of St. Ann's; and, Mary Lou Goehrung, St. Ann's Center Board President

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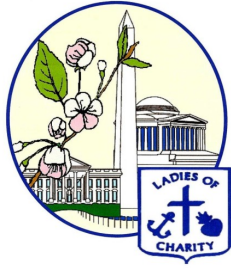
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we have reached the middle of the year, I reflect on the wondrous moments spent with my brothers and sisters in Christ. The joys and strengths of humanity amidst wars and other violence across the world. We, Ladies of

Charity, are tasked with serving others in a difficult world, but we have each other and most importantly Our Lord and Savior.

I was happy to attend St. Martin of Tours LOC annual fundraiser; and, was filled with joy at May Day to fellowship with Ladies of Charity from the different unit parishes. I am thrilled the ADW Ladies of Charity are continuing our relationship with St Ann's Center for Children, Youth & Families under new leadership from Sister Nancy Downing, CND.

I encourage you all to spend time fellowshiping with Ladies of Charity from units other than your own and do volunteer work together. The 2024 LCUSA National Assembly to be held from September 5-7 in St. Louis, MO is a great opportunity to work together, inspire each other, and build each other up. Please try to attend this well planned Assembly. All registration information is on the LCUSA website. I hope to see many of you there.

Have a blessed rest of the year and find closeness in God around this special time of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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

GRACE & PEACE



The summer months are marked liturgically by Ordinary Time or measured time. These months are also marked by vacations, family gatherings, graduations, weddings, etc. In the midst of all this it is a challenge to keep our eyes fixed on our faith and our desire, even in the summer, to grow spiritually. Although we may take vacations, we know God does not!

Pope Francis warns us not to allow our Christianity or our service to become wrote or become some sort of NGO (*non-governmental organization*) stripped of the luminous mysticism so evident in the life of St. Vincent de Paul and other saints. For Vincent, mental prayer, the love of God and the readings of the Gospel did not distract them from the passionate and effective commitment to their neighbors, quite the opposite!

So, as we move through these summer months, I encourage you to not only continue the good service you provide to the neighbor in need but sustain your own prayer life as well. Let us pray for one another, for a safe summer and for all those we encounter on our journey of faith and service.

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

SISTER NANCY DOWNING, CND NEW CEO OF ST. ANN'S

Taken from Catholic Standard



(Catholic Standard photo by Mihoko Owada)

Around her neck, not far from her heart, Sister Nancy Downing wore two things that reflected special milestones in her life that unfolded in January. One was a necklace connected to a simple metal cross that she wears as a religious sister in the Congregation of Notre Dame. January 30 marked the 25th anniversary of her first vows as a Notre Dame Sister. Hanging from a blue lanyard was a badge that she wears as the new CEO of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families in Hyattsville, Maryland, which she began leading on Jan. 8.

"(In) the life I've chosen, and the life God has given me, I feel very blessed," Sister Nancy said in an interview. "I feel like this is the start of the next chapter of my life, my religious life. I feel very blessed to be here."

Sister Nancy recently served as the executive director of Covenant House New York, which provides outreach to youth experiencing homelessness and trafficking. She worked 15 years in various roles for Covenant House.

St. Ann's Center was founded in 1860 by the Daughters of Charity, and originally served women who were widowed and children who were orphaned during the Civil War. To meet changing needs in the past century, St. Ann's modified its outreach to emphasize foster care for children, and then in recent decades, the center evolved to offer supportive housing programs for mothers and their children, including Grace House that offers residential care for pregnant adolescents and young mothers and their babies, and Hope House and Faith House that offer transitional and supporting housing programs for pregnant and parenting women experiencing homelessness and instability.

St. Ann's wraparound support services for mothers and children include an education and employment program, clinical and social work services, and a licensed child care center.

In 2023, 77 women and children were served in St. Ann's three on-site housing programs; five families successfully transitioned from St. Ann's programs to stable, independent housing; and 83 children were served in St. Ann's Child Care Center, including its Early Head Start classrooms.

As the new CEO of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families, Sister Nancy succeeds Sister Mary Bader, who served in that role for 18 years before taking a new leadership position in late 2023 as a member of the Daughter of Charity's Provincial Council in St. Louis.

"It's an incredible legacy," Sister Nancy said, adding, "I have really big shoes to fill (following) Sister Mary Bader. I have very strong shoulders to stand on, the Daughters of Charity who have built this ministry and lived this ministry for 160 years."

Reflecting on her first weeks at St. Ann's, Sister Nancy commented on the happy atmosphere there and said, "The people here are just so very loving and caring and welcoming."

Sister Nancy said she doesn't think she has ever been welcomed as warmly before as she has been at St. Ann's, by the people who work there, by the young moms and their children living there, by the children in childcare and their families, and by donors, colleagues, volunteers, board members and the Daughters of Charity, and by Cardinal Wilton Gregory and officials in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington.

When Sister Nancy's appointment was announced in December, Cardinal Gregory in a statement welcomed her and said, "We are tremendously grateful that Sister Nancy has accepted this position to lead St. Ann's critical mission in our archdiocese with her exceptional leadership style and heart for accompanying young people experiencing crisis. Sister Nancy will help to write the next chapter in St. Ann's 163-year story!"

Sister Nancy Downing, a religious sister in the Congregation of Notre Dame, stands in front of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families in Hyattsville, where she began serving as the new CEO in January.

The letter to friends and supporters of St. Ann's Center announcing Sister Nancy's appointment noted that as the executive director of Covenant House New York, she expanded its programs to provide housing and support to more than 350 vulnerable youth each day, and oversaw the completion of an \$82 million renovation of Covenant House's headquarters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sister Nancy, who earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from the University of Southern Maine and her law degree from Western New England College, served as the general counsel to both Covenant House New York and Covenant House

International, and as the agency's director of legal services and advocacy before serving as its executive director from 2016 to 2022. Under her leadership, Covenant House New York opened four new locations serving youth, and its new headquarters also provided shelter for 120 youth and included a health center and education, employment and legal services for youth.

Before joining Covenant House, Sister Nancy served as the executive director of the Maura Clarke-Ita Ford Center for immigrant women in Brooklyn and the Connecticut Fair Housing Center in Hartford.

After earning her undergraduate degree, she worked for the The Hartford insurance company, later attending law school at night and earning her law degree in four years.

Sister Nancy was inspired to enter the Congregation of Notre Dame by the example of Sister Julia Ryan, who taught her religious education classes during her junior high school years at her home parish in Manchester, Connecticut.

"She had a wonderful sense of humor... She was a very caring and loving person," said St. Ann's new CEO, who as an adult working in the insurance industry became reacquainted with Sister Julia. "The first thing she said to me was, 'You should consider becoming a religious sister.'"

A year later, she visited Sister Julia, who was then teaching in a school in the mountains of Guatemala. "I just saw a very different way of living and loving," Sister Nancy said.

Later after earning her law degree, passing the bar exam and continuing to work at the insurance company, where she oversaw complex litigation involving civil and constitutional rights violations, serious personal injury and other matters, she decided to enter religious life.

The lessons she learned about Catholic social teaching as a child, and after witnessing that teaching in action from Sister Julia, changed her life. Sister Nancy said that in her last years working at Covenant House, she spoke less about the outreach's programs and statistics, and more about the love and support that youth received there, because that is what has a deeper impact on their lives.

Reflecting on the words and actions that eventually drew her to religious life and the Catholic outreach programs that she has led, Sister Nancy said, "We learned a lot about Catholic social teaching and love and care of others. 'I experienced that at Covenant House, and I experience that at a greater depth than I ever have here at St. Ann's.'"

As she began working at St. Ann's, Sister Nancy met a young mother there who had just finished her associate's degree and had bought a home to move into with her child. She had come to St. Ann's as a teen mom and lived in Hope House for a few years as she earned her degree, worked at a job to support herself and her child, and saved money for a home of their own.

"She did all the right things to secure a good future for herself and her child," Sister Nancy said. She added, "The love and support St. Ann's provides gives moms the opportunity to take a breath, step back, and say, 'I can do this.' They get a chance to see themselves as we see them, as very gifted, talented, loving and caring people."

St. Ann's new CEO noted that in recent weeks, another mother at St. Ann's got an apartment for herself and her two young children. And she also witnessed another St. Ann's success story. "A young woman came back to visit, to tell us how well she and her child are doing. (She was) a young woman who had struggled and found a way out of the struggle. That big, beautiful smile on her face, I still have it in my mind."

Sister Nancy said she feels "extremely blessed to be here, to be part of an organization that for 160 years has lifted up the most vulnerable among us." The women helped at St. Ann's, she said, "use all the gifts God has given them not only to support themselves and their child, but to be members of the community and give back to the community."

Sister Nancy Downing, the new CEO of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families, holds the simple metal cross that she wears as a religious sister in the Congregation of Notre Dame.

As she stood in front of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families, Sister Nancy explained that the simple metal cross she wears was handed down to her after being worn by a Notre Dame sister who had died.

"When a sister passes away, the cross is kept and passed on to another generation," Sister Nancy said. "Every day when I put it on, I kiss the cross, and I thank God for the opportunity to serve as a CND (a member of the Congregation of Notre Dame), to be a servant of God, and I'm grateful to carry this cross and whatever it means for that day. Some days it's good, and some days it's challenging. It's always out of love and brings that love back to me."

ST. HUGH LOC CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AT SACRED HEART NURSING HOME

St. Hugh Ladies of Charity helped residents at the new Sacred Heart Nursing Home Facility celebrate with an April Birthday Party. Ladies of Charity members, Mary Moien, Sharon Miller, Betty Timer, Betty Triplett, Joellen Sarff, Barbara Ford and Monica Huber brought cupcakes, ice cream cups, snacks, presents and birthday goodie bags for the residents. As a special treat, Mary

Moien and Joellen Sarff, and other members of the Greenbelt Ukulele group led a sing-a-long with the residents at the party. Residents were happy to hear familiar songs and joined in the singing and moving in their chairs to the beat. Everyone had a great time!

Submitted by: Mary Ann Tretler
President, St. Hugh of Grenoble LOC



Betty Triplett helps Barbara Jean, resident, celebrate her birthday



Mary Moien and Joellen Sarff play their ukuleles for the residents

OLPH INDUCTS 10 NEW MEMBERS

On April 14, 2024, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Ladies of Charity (LOC) inducted three (3) active members and seven (7) associate members. Their names are: Kathlyn "Kathy" Gross, Denise Leftwich, Kathy Matthews-Goodwyn, Clement Akoto, Joseph Gant, Claude "Jerry" Gant, Eric Gross, David Gross, Michael Herndon and Andre Williams. The induction ceremony was officiated by the Pastor, Very Rev. Cornelius Ejiogu, SSJ and assisted by Deacon Thomas Jones, Spiritual Advisor-OLPH LOC and Charles Williams, Knight of the Altar. The LOC of OLPH are very fortunate to have such giving and caring parishioners that share in the mission of helping the disenfranchised and underserved throughout the community. We appreciate all they have done and will do.



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

MAY DAY AT ST. ANN'S

Submitted by: Toni K. Gaines

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, the Annual May Day Celebration of the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the St. Louise de Marillac Luncheon were held at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth & Families. Rev. Michael Bryant served as the Mass Celebrant and Homilist. Jamila Stone, President of the Archdiocese of Washington Board of Directors for the Ladies Charity did the crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Mother during Mass.

Approximately 80 persons were in attendance for this annual gathering of the Ladies of Charity. Sharon Graham, Chairperson for the event and Vice President of the ADW LOC Board of Directors, introduced Sister Nancy Downing, as the newly appointed CEO of St. Ann's Center. Sister Nancy greeted the attendees and expressed her desire to continue the

established relationship between St. Ann's and the ADW LOC. She thanked everyone present for their generosity and expressions of love given to the residents of St. Ann's. Although Sister Nancy had to leave early, due to a prior commitment, there were approximately six (6) Daughters of Charity nuns present who joined in the luncheon. Regina Barrett, President of the Prince George's County LOC and Mt. Calvary LOC, conducted the 50/50 raffle. Mary Ann Tretler, President of St. Hugh of Grenoble LOC was the winner. Viola Johnson-Robinson, Jamila Stone and Debbie Self gave a brief overview of the upcoming 2024 LCUSA Assembly in St. Louis and announced that the 2025 LCUSA Assembly will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Washington LOC. Everyone was asked to help in the planning. More information will be forthcoming soon.



LCUSA SPRING BOARD MEETING



Seated: Eileen D'Orazio—Western Regional Director,
Holly Walter—LCUSA President,
Frances Simkulet—Northeast Regional Director.

Standing: Annelies Geelen—Southern Regional Director,
Christine Young—Servicette Editor,
Hilda Ruiz—Western Regional Director and
Viola Johnson-Robinson—Mid-Atlantic Regional Director.

As one of the Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Region, I attended the Spring Board meeting in Leavenworth, Kansas at the Marillac Center on the campus of St Mary's University and the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity. The Spring Board meeting enables those members of the board to share what the Ladies of Charity are doing throughout the country. Based on the annual reports sent to the Regional Vice Presidents they can highlight what the accomplishments were and the number of volunteer hours contributed. This is the purpose of turning in the annual report to the Regional Vice Presidents through the ADW president. The Mid-Atlantic Region is very large so it is important that units send their reports to their county president so she can comply the report to be sent to the ADW President. The ADW President sends the reports from Prince George's County, Montgomery County, Calvert County, and

the District to the Regional Vice President who then compiles the report to be presented to the National Board.

One of the biggest issues is to understand the ADW. We are one of the largest groups of Ladies in the country. It is important that others understand we are diverse but united in purpose. At the last two board meetings and the committees I am on, it has been important to explain how the ADW was established and that different areas represent various and unique points of view.

As Ladies of Charity the most important part is Spirituality, this is what unites us. Before we start our meetings we have daily mass and prayer services. We have time for reflection and getting acquainted with each other and understanding about the different areas of the country and the groups. In this meeting, we also explored the bigger pictures as Ladies of Charity USA and as members of the AIC (The International Ladies of Charity).

The Archdiocese of Washington was the only English-speaking Association visited by the AIC President who shared her vision for her presidency and the AIC in July 2023. At our board we discussed and completed the survey sent by the AIC (found on the Ladies of Charity USA webpage). Please view the survey on the LCUSA webpage and think how it applies to you and your group. The Board meeting also had a presentation about the upcoming Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri it is very important to meet annually to discuss our common purpose as Ladies of Charity and renew friendships made.

I look forward to seeing at least two members of each unit in the ADW to attend the Assembly to share with their group. You also may find it is a time of growth spiritually in your quest to know your purpose in serving as a Lady of Charity.

Submitted by:

Viola Johnson-Robinson
Mid-Atlantic Regional Director



May Day

PATRON LISTING 2024



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Odell	Allen <i>(In Memory of Teresa Wilson)</i>
Regina	Barrett <i>(In Honor of All PG County Officers & Unit Presidents)</i>
Regina	Barrett <i>(In Memory of Rev. Everett Pearson & Deceased Ladies of Charity)</i>
Regina	Barrett <i>In Honor of Support from Mt. Calvary LOC during my 13 yr Presidency)</i>
Jacqueline	Bates <i>(In Memory of Deceased Members of St. Matthias LOC)</i>
Jeannette	Davis
Fatima	Diallo <i>(In Honor of Mary Lynn Diallo)</i>
Kathy	Dowell
Sherlene M.	Duckett <i>(In Memory of Lucy Cabell)</i>
Sr. Judy	Duseilier, DC
Barbara J.	Falls <i>(In Memory of Don Falls)</i>
Donna	Fisher <i>(In Memory of Anita & Sharlene Fisher)</i>
Toni K.	Gaines <i>(In Loving Memory of Aurelia C. Smith & Lucie Shepherd)</i>
Monica	Grayson
Bertha	Guerra <i>(In Memory of Cora Guerra)</i>
Cheryl	Hamlin-Williams
Mary	Hand <i>(In Memory of Fr. Carl Dianda & Dr. Rita Robinson)</i>
Mary	Hand <i>(In Memory of Gloria Rose & Marilyn Hayden)</i>
Diane	Harley
Irene	Jamison
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Pauline Gregory)</i>
Viola A.	Johnson-Robinson
Zenaida	Juanitez <i>(In Memory of Dr. Esmerando O. Juanitez)</i>
	Ladies of Charity <i>(Deceased Members of St. Matthias LOC)</i>
	Ladies of Charity <i>(In Memory of Rev. Lowell Case, SSJ & Bro. Marx Tyree, SSJ)</i>
	Ladies of Charity <i>(In Memory of Calvert County Deceased LOC Members)</i>
Cynthia	McFarlane <i>(In Memory of the Deceased LOC)</i>
Peggy	McKelly <i>(In Memory of John Flynn)</i>
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Bernadette	Onuorah <i>(In Memory of Obinna Emeka Onuorah)</i>
Romaine	Pinchback
Patricia	Richards <i>(In Memory of Jesse Richards, Jr.)</i>
Maryann	Rooney <i>(In Memory of Vivian Chase)</i>
Deborah	Self <i>(In Memory of Ben Self & Deceased LOC & Missionary Servants)</i>
Elizabeth	Smith <i>(In Honor of Stephanie Smith)</i>
Pearl B.	Spencer

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St. John Baptist De La Salle

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Jamila	Stone
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Kathleen	Temple <i>(In Memory of Addison Donovan & Kayley Milor)</i>
Bernice	Wilson

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St. Martin of Tours

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Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Henrietta G. Bryant)</i>
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Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Lillian Grissom)</i>
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Lorraine W. Smith)</i>
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Maria McDaniels)</i>
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Ruth Dawson)</i>
Irene	Jamison <i>(In Memory of Shirley L. James)</i>
Joan	Muller
Bernadette	Smith <i>(In Memory of Eric P. Smith)</i>
Ethel	Taylor <i>(In Memory of Ivon Gaston)</i>
Gloria	Tobe <i>(In Memory of Gladys Hemsley)</i>

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Gail	Haynie <i>(In Memory of Marguerite Leftwood)</i>
Octavia	Jackson <i>(In Honor of Priscilla Johnson)</i>
Monica	Thomas <i>(In Memory of Ada Griffith)</i>

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OLPH LOC FIRST SOCIAL EVENT

On April 28, 2024, the Ladies of Charity at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church celebrated “Ladies of Charity Day” with a Mass followed by its First Social Event. Celeste Richmond served as chairperson of the committee formed to coordinate the event. Members formed teams to donate platters of finger sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, desserts and beverages. Nicky Wilkinson was in charge of providing games for the attendees to play (*Family Feud* and *Let’s Make A Deal*) and prizes were given away to all winners. Charlene Hursey, who is in formation for becoming a Vincen-tian Spiritual Moderator, provided a folder for each attendee on the Patron Saints of the Ladies of Charity (*St. Vincent de Paul & St. Louise de Marillac*) and its history. Several of the newly inducted members and volunteers who work in the food pantry were present as well. A good time was had by all. We hope to make this an annual affair.

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



Newly Inducted Members Kathy Gross & David Gross



Dorothy Brown, Marlene Oliver, Jessica King & Lorraine Parker-Miller



Kimothy James, Keilly Morris, Toni Gaines & Denise Leftwich



Audrey Johnson-Robinson, Walter Douglas, Gloria A. Moore, Carolyn Wheeler, Doris Savoy & Pearl Baylor



Pearl Baylor, Audrey Johnson-Robinson, Walter Douglas, Gloria A. Moore, Carolyn Wheeler & Doris Savoy



Dallas Lewis, Judith Ann Dean, Joan Jackson & Bernadette Smith



Margaret Short, Deacon Thomas Jones, Deacon Ira Chase & Judy Chase



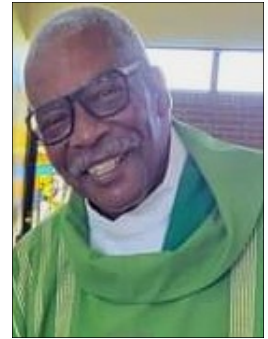
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Washington, DC*



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Pastor*



*Deacon Thomas Jones
Spiritual Advisor, OLPH LOC*



Jamila Stone & Ms. Frances Battle (96) oldest member

HOPE BLOSSOMS GALA SUPPORTS ST. ANN'S

Excerpts from St. Ann's Newsletter



Sister Nancy Downing, CEO of St. Ann's Center, thanked and encouraged all in attendance.



On Wednesday, May 8th, 360 friends and supporters gathered at Columbia Country Club for **Hope Blossoms** – our event celebrating and supporting the women and their children who journey with St. Ann's Center.

Dr. Amber Andrews, alumna of St. Ann's programs, who shared moving testimony about her experiences as a young mother at St. Ann's, and the role faith has played on her journey with and beyond St. Ann's.

Whether you joined us in person or in spirit, thank you for helping to make this event a success! Here are just a handful of the many highlights and memorable moments:

Mary Lou Goehrung, St. Ann's Center's Board President, opened the evening and introduced **Wilton Cardinal Gregory**, Archbishop of Washington, who helped us begin our celebration in prayer and provided uplifting welcome remarks.



(Cont'd from page 10 – Hope Blossoms Gala)



Msgr. John Enzler took the stage as our “Chief Fundraiser,” helping catalyze many generous individuals, families, and organizations. Thanks to these donors and our Sponsors, **Hope Blossoms** raised over \$500,000 to support St. Ann’s Center’s programs!



*Sister Nancy Downing,
Archbishop Wilton Cardinal Gregory and
Honoree - Sister Mary Bader, DC*



Hope Blossoms culminated with the presentation of the *Mary McGrory Advocacy Award* to honoree of the night **Sister Mary Bader, DC** who was recognized for her 18 years of leadership at St. Ann’s Center (2005 - 2023). Gathering with you was a privilege and a pleasure. On behalf of all the women and children who will be touched by your generosity, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

CENTENARIAN CELEBRATED



Jean Charczenko

We proudly congratulate Jean Charczenko on the Celebration of her “100th” Birthday, on Sunday May, 12, 2024. Family and friends gathered at St. Bernardine Catholic Church for Mass and a special blessing by Fr. Jose Raul DeLeon. Celebration continued at lunch in downtown DC at Clyde’s Restaurant. Jean has lived at her current home in Forestville for 65 years, caring for herself. She loves to go out and socialize with friends and attend Ladies of Charity meetings. She has one son, Michael, who lives in Florida with his wife, Susan. On May 17, 2024, Jean was recognized at the Prince George’s County 27th Annual Centenarian Celebration at Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center as a “Pillar of the Community”. At the County Celebration there were 23 honoree’s, aged 100-106. Among them was another PG County Lady of Charity of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Evelyn Poole, who has celebrated her 101st Birthday. When several of the Centenarians were asked for words of wisdom, overwhelmingly the response was “Mind Your Own Business”. Our Love and Prayers to both of them as they continue to be an inspiring influence.

Submitted by:
Regina Barrett, President
Mt. Calvary LOC

ST. MARTIN'S OF TOURS
LADIES OF CHARITY
Annual Fellowship Luncheon

Was held on Sunday, May 26th from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the “Pearl Bailey” Room of Busboy’s & Poets, Brookland Location in Northeast DC, across the street from the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The program began with prayer from the Pastor of St. Martin’s, Father Michael Kelley, and after a plating service of seafood, poultry and vegan entrees all of the Ladies of Charity in attendance were acknowledged by the President of St. Martin’s Ladies of Charity, Octavia Jackson. Some of the guest came from as far as Dover, Delaware, President of Holy Cross Ladies of Charity, Priscilla Johnson and also in attendance was our very own President, Jamila Stone.

Every year this event is held, there is a 50/50 raffle for St. Ann’s Youth Center and this year they will be sending over a check for \$200.00. The event ended with a medley of popular line dances to help the ladies work off those delicious desserts.



Octavia Jackson & Fr. Kelley of St. Martin’s; Ethel Taylor, Priscilla Johnson & Kythe Roundtree of Holy Cross, DE; Jamila Stone & Travis Stone of OLPH; and Sr. Ann Howard, Campus Ministry Director at Trinity University.





In Loving Memory of



<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PARISH UNIT</u>
Ellen	O'Brien	May 30, 2024	Ladies of Charity Calvert County
Geraldine	Moses	March 13, 2024	St. Ignatius of Loyola
Eileen	Kleinheinz	February 8, 2024	Ladies of Charity Calvert County
Elisabeth	Moeller	December 23, 2023	St. Ignatius of Loyola
Joan	Wise	December 16, 2023	St. Jerome

*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*

LCUSA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ST. LOUIS, MO SEPTEMBER 5 - 7, 2024

"Committed to the Eucharist, Committed to those in Need"

HOTEL INFORMATION

Sheraton Westport
900 Westport Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63146
(314) 878-1500 - Plaza Front Desk



LCUSA Room Rate \$149 + tax:

Choice of king or two doubles (rate available Sept. 2 thru 10)
Triple and quad in double room at no additional cost

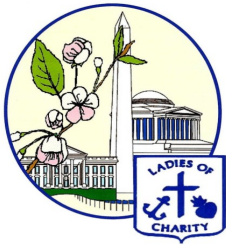
Use this booking link to ensure you receive the LCUSA rate:

<https://bit.ly/book-LCUSA-2024>

The "Cut-Off Date" for the special room rate is August 14, 2024.

Point of contact for any questions regarding booking:
Paige Miller, Convention Service Manager - pamiller@lhmchotels.com





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**2024 UPCOMING
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
August 3	ADW LOC Board Meeting Reflection 10:00 am	ZOOM
September 5-7	LCUSA National Assembly	St. Louis MO
October 6	Prince George's County Quarterly Meeting 2:00 pm	TBD
October 12	DC Parish Units Quarterly Meeting 10:00 am	Conference Call
TBD	ADW General Assembly TBD	TBD
December 7	ADW LOC Board Meeting Reflection 10:00 am	ZOOM
December 8	Prince George's County Quarterly Meeting 2:00 pm	TBD
December 14	DC Parish Units Quarterly Meeting 10:00 am	Conference Call

**ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON
LOC NEWSLETTER:**

News Deadline:

The deadline to submit articles and photos for the January 2025 issue of the ADW LOC Newsletter:

- ◆ Deadline is **December 15, 2024** 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."***