

ASSOCIATION OF LADIES OF CHARITY
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
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Dear Presidents: **PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH YOUR MEMBERS**

As we are witnessing the devastation in Texas from Hurricane Harvey, let's keep our eyes, ears and hearts open to do what we can to help our neighbors as the rebuilding begins. Over 400 years ago St. Vincent de Paul stated "*Public distress surrounds us on all sides. It is feared that it may overtake us; and, even should we be spared, compassion should urge us to do all we can for those who suffer.*"

250 Ladies of Charity filled the St. Bonaventure's Social Hall to capacity on August 19, 2017 to listen to our National Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Richard Gielow, deliver a wonderful presentation on our Vincentian founder – St. Vincent de Paul and his dying words "I could have done more". Fr. Gielow also touched on St. Vincent's passion for organizational structure in our charity efforts – and because of the Diocese of Pittsburgh organization efforts at this workshop, over 500 toiletry items were collected for our displaced veterans in the Pittsburgh VA Health System totaling a market value of \$2,200.00. A huge thank you to ALCDP 2nd VP Karen Tomaszewski and the ladies from St. Bonaventure's and All Saints Parishes who displayed a wonderful collaborative spirit in hosting this Workshop – beginning with the delicious breakfast, the inspirational presentation from Fr. Gielow and the spiritually uplifting liturgy provided by our dear Fr. Ed Litavec and Fr. Gielow where the 2017-2018 Diocesan Officers were officially installed. What a perfect day and we are happy to announce that Fr. Gielow will also be a keynote speaker at the 2018 Assembly at the Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh, PA – so get your reservations in early!

The Assembly September lottery calendar sales were a huge success – thanks Ladies for selling and buying these tickets – I hope you all can be winners! Our profit margin on this fundraiser is \$8,000! If you have ornaments to sell or money to return for the ornaments please contact Kathy Donatelli, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, kathydonatelli@gmail.com

Enclosed are the monthly Rosary intentions for the 2017-2018 year beginning in September beautifully prepared by our Spiritual Chair, Mrs. Pat Kanavich. Pat has also been busy organizing the October 7, 2017 Emmittsburg bus trip. All seats are taken but she is still taking names for a waiting list in case of cancellations. Contact Pat at 412 531-4931 or pckanavich@yahoo.com if interested.

The Committee Chair positions for the 2017-2018 year are as follows:

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	PARISH
Extension, LCUSA Mid-Atlantic Region VP	Karen Radu	St. Louise de Marillac
Emergency Trust Fund	Kathleen McCartney Lynne Trzyna	Word of God St. Bartholomew
Corresponding Secretary	Joan Ells	Nativity
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Communications	Judy Risher	St. Benedict the Abbott
Membership	Kathy Laudano	St. Louise de Marillac
Spiritual	Pat Kanavich	Our Lady of Grace
Society of the Unclaimed Dead	Bonnie Wilson	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Nursing Home Network	Claudia Hemphill	St. John of God
Junior Ladies of Charity	Nancy Bianculli, LCUSA Mid Atl. Rep Mary Diaddigo	Word of God Word of God
Parliamentarian	Linda Farmerie	All Saints

Please join me in prayer for all of the ladies who will be traveling to Kansas City, Mo September 7 – 10, 2017 for the LCUSA Annual Assembly. They will be doing a presentation showcasing our stunning city of Pittsburgh for the 2018 National Assembly to be held September 20-23, 2018 at Sheraton Station Square. Safe Travels and Good Luck with your Performance!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Following are some other activities, that are being planned for this coming year – I encourage you to mark your calendars and share with your members and more information about these events will be forthcoming closer to the date:

- September 7-10, 2017 LCUSA National Assembly, Kansas City, MO
- October 7, 2017 Day of Reflection – Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg, MD
- November 11, 2017 President's Meeting – St. Colombille Parish, Imperial, PA
- November 12, 2017 Cemetery Sunday, 2:00pm; Calvary Cemetery, Greenfield
- April 29, 2018 3:00pm Investiture Mass and Banquet; St. Paul Cathedral/Rodef Shalom Temple

The annual dues of \$18.00/member are due January 1, 2018. Notices will be sent out soon, and I ask you to return them as soon as possible before the January 1, 2018 deadline.

If you have questions/suggestions, please call and leave a message with the LOC office at 412 456-6924 Thank you for all that you do!

In the Vincentian Spirit,

Judy Weismann, President

Association of the Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

If you have elected new officers, please contact the Diocesan Office at 412 456-6924 and leave us the updated information including names, addresses, phone #s and emails. Or email klauda@ccpgh.org

We have received numerous requests for the information on the nametags some of the Ladies of Charity wear –the vendor is

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