

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Judy Weismann for the tireless hours she worked over the last two years as President of the Association of Ladies of Charity. Judy will remain on the board for the next year as an advisor to me as I embark upon my term as President of the Association of Ladies of Charity. I look forward to working with each of you and the general membership to continue the outstanding work being done at the parish level as well as within the Diocese.

Rosary Intentions 2018-2019 – Attached to this letter are the Rosary intentions for the next year. I would like to thank Pat Kanavich for her hard work and dedication over the last two years as Pat served as the Spiritual Committee Chair. I would like to welcome Mary Weber to the executive board as the new Spiritual Committee Chair.

Nursing Home Network – I would like to thank Claudia Hemphill for the outstanding work accomplished over the last two years as the Nursing Home Network Chair. I would like to welcome Janet Stahlman to the executive board as the new Nursing Home Network Chair. Should a parishioner become a resident of a nursing home or other care facility that is outside your parish boundaries, please contact the office. Janet will work to ensure the patient is visited either by an LOC group within the boundaries of the facility or by parishioners from a nearby parish should an LOC group not be established in that parish.

“Remember the Past, Embrace the Future” – The 2018 National Assembly will be held in Pittsburgh from September 20-23, 2018. While registration is closed, the following are some important notes regarding the Assembly:

- All cookies are to be delivered in disposable/non-returnable containers
- Pittsburgh parishes are encouraged to bring display boards showcasing their works and talents
- Hours for the Assembly:
 - Friday: Rosary at 7:00 a.m.; Breakfast available at 7:15 a.m.; Opening Mass at 8:30 a.m.; Boxed Lunch will be provided. The last session of the day will end at approximately 5:00 p.m. Dinner on your own; Late Nite Catechism to begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Station Square.
 - Saturday: Rosary at 7:00 a.m.; Breakfast available at 7:15 a.m.; Lunch on your own; Closing Mass at 4:30 p.m. with the Banquet to follow at 6:30 p.m.

LCUSA/Madagascar Twinning Project – In 2003, the Ladies of Charity of the United States of America (LCUSA) began a national ongoing twinning project with the International Association of Charities of St. Vincent de Paul (AIC) in Madagascar, an island nation off the southeast coast of Africa. We will collect monetary donations to be presented as part of the LCUSA donation to the AIC Madagascar project. All monetary donations can be sent to the office or brought to the National Assembly.

Gifts to Priests – Attached to this letter are guidelines regarding presenting gifts to priests. The general guideline is that while gifts are permitted, the funds used to purchase the gift should not come from the treasury as, in many cases, the treasury is part of the overall parish treasury and can be misconstrued as taking funds from the parish for the priest's benefit.

If you have questions or 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,

Bernadette Jaketic, President
Association of the Ladies of Charity
Diocese of Pittsburgh

Monthly Rosary Intentions

2018-2019

September	We pray that all LOC who attend the National Assembly go home safely and enriched spiritually. May all teachers and catechists infuse their students with a love of God and learning.
October	We pray for all Catholics in our Diocese as the <i>On Mission for the Church Alive!</i> changes are implemented. May we all respect our new administrators, priests, and parishioners and remember that we are ALL children of God and should do HIS will.
November	We pray for the deceased members of our families, military, LOC, and the unclaimed souls who were adopted.
December	We pray that our Advent season will prepare us to celebrate the wonderful gift of Jesus sent from the Father.
January	We pray for a healthy and peaceful 2019 and for our country to respect the right to all life: unborn, born, poor, addicted, and sick.
February	We pray that the love God has for us will manifest in the love we show for family, neighbor, and the stranger.
March	We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We pray for all religious who serve the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
April	We celebrate the Risen Lord at Easter. We pray for our newly invested LOC and all LOC members as we strive to "serve rather than to be served."
May	We pray for all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other women who help influence and teach our children moral values and the Faith.
June	We pray for all married couples that they grown in love and patience as life challenges occur.
July	We pray for blessings for our country and in gratitude for our gift of freedom. May that freedom be spread throughout the world.
August	We pray for those who face the hardships of life without the benefit of faith. May Christ furnish them with good people to bring them friendship, help, and faith.

Prayer to the Vincentian Family

Lord Jesus, you who willed to become poor, give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor. Help us to recognize you in them – in their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness, their misfortune. Enkindle within our Vincentian Family unity, simplicity, humility, and the fire of love that burned in St. Vincent de Paul.

Strengthen us so that, faithful to the practice of these virtues, we may contemplate you and serve you in the person of the poor and may, one day, we be united with you and them in your kingdom. Amen