

ASSOCIATION OF THE LADIES OF CHARITY,
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
April, 2024

Dear Presidents: **PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL YOUR MEMBERS**

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ and our patrons, Saints Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac, and Elizabeth Ann Seton, I hope you had a Happy and Blessed Easter. The spirit of Easter is the spirit of hope. In the face of adversity, may we remember to always carry that hope in our hearts, letting it guide our steps.

Easter is a reminder that even in our darkest hours, there is a light waiting to shine bright. Embrace that inner brilliance and let it guide your path forward. As we reflect on the resurrection, let us also recognize the constant renewals happening within ourselves. Life is an ongoing transformation, never static and always moving. Each day is a gift, each moment a chance. During this Easter season may you be reminded to cherish every second, to live with passion, and to shine your light brightly.

Investiture – Those first paragraphs are a great segway to our upcoming Investiture ceremony. We will be welcoming 109 new members who are choosing to shine their light brightly by sharing their time and talents to serve the poor and suffering. I am very much looking forward to worshipping with all of you and celebrating this very special day.

Diocesan Board Openings - As noted in last month's letter the board is recruiting for the positions of Treasurer and 1st Vice President at this time. We also need a Parliamentarian. If you are interested in joining the Diocesan Board, please call our office at 412-456-6924.

I will reiterate to all members to please prayerfully consider taking an 'officer' role in your organization. **Let your light shine even brighter.**

REMINDER – Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM at St. Thomas More Church-Resurrection Parish – The Annual Gathering of Members of THE VINCENTIAN FAMILY in the Pittsburgh & Greensburg Dioceses – **TODAY'S HOPE for PEACE** will focus on younger presenters sharing concerns, hopes, needs and current actions in service.

Twining Project – This project is being started to help other LOC organizations in our Diocese. Please contact our office if you think your group can benefit from financial help for any project. We have several LOC groups who are willing and able to offer financial assistance. All requests will be kept confidential. We have had several groups pulling their resources to accommodate the Gift of Mary project. We will have a speaker from Gift of Mary at the May President's meeting.

Social Media – Don't forget to check out our Facebook page. Sherrie Dunlap Gallagher, social media chair, updates the page regularly. Please let her know of any activities you are currently doing that she can highlight on our FB page. She can be contacted at sherrie.e.dunlap@gmail.com.

Junior Ladies of Charity (JLOC) –The junior ladies are the future of our organization and we need to focus efforts on building up this ministry. For more information on JLOC, please contact Mary Diaddigo Rex or Hailey Innocenzo Dube' or call the LOC office at 412-456-6924.

The Spiritual Society of the Unclaimed Dead – As Catholics, when we lose a loved one, friend, or acquaintance, we make it a practice to pray for their soul after their death. Imagine having no one to pray

for you, or, even worse, having no one to claim your remains at the time of your death. Janet Stahlman is the committee chair for the Spiritual Society of the Unclaimed Dead. Janet is now reaching out to every county within our Diocese to obtain the names of those decedents whose remains have never been claimed. Sadly, this often includes the remains of babies. When requested, a decedent's name is assigned to the requestor and a stipend of \$10 is paid by the requestor to the Seraphic Mass Association. A beautiful memorial card is sent from the Seraphic Mass Association to the requestor containing the name of the decedent. The requestor then remembers the decedent in their daily prayers. To date there are 302 unclaimed souls. If you are interested in receiving a decedent's name, please contact Janet Stahlman via our office, 412-456-6924.

501(C)(3) – Below is the updated distribution information for the quarterly submission of Treasurer Reports and Bank Statements:

Barb Czzowitz 306 West Boyd Ave Butler, PA 16001 Lewbab@zoominternet.net 724 283-6219	Kathy McCartney 1231 Circle Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15221 macsews@aol.com 412 731-6916	Barbara Donehue 48 Pocono Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15220 Bbdred48@gmail.com 412 398-0775
Mary Mother of God	Archangel Gabriel	St. Matthew
St. Teresa of Kolkata	Sts. Joachim and Anne	Most Holy Name
St. Isidore the Farmer	St. Joseph the Worker	Christ the Divine Shepherd
St. Mark the Evangelist	St. Paul Cathedral	St. Michael the Archangel
Guardian Angel	Triumph of the Holy Cross	Blessed Trinity
All Saints	Sts. Martha and Mary	St. Catherine Laboure
St. Oscar Romero	St. John XXIII	Mary Queen of Peace
Divine Grace	Our Lady of Hope	Resurrection
St. Aidan	Our Lady of the Lake	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
ALCDP	St. Jude	St. Paul of the Cross
St. James	Emergency Fund for Elderly	Holy Family
St. Thomas the Apostle	St. Raphael the Archangel	

****NOTE:** If there are any new Treasurers who need assistance in what and how to report the quarterly submission to Barb C., Kathy or Barb D., please contact our office at 412-456-6924. The March, April, May 2024 information is due by 6/15/2024. If you haven't submitted for 3/15/2024 please do so as soon as possible.

DeMarillac Newsletter – Please remember to send your articles for publication in the Newsletter. Please email them to Peggy Keene, pkeene9@outlook.com or mail them to our office at the address at the top of this letter.

Bylaws – Please remember, once you have drafted and approved the bylaws for your group under the new Parish name to send a copy of the bylaws to the Diocesan office. If sending a hard (paper) copy use the address at the top of this letter. If sending an electronic copy send it to klauda@ccpgh.org. If you have questions or would like to have a sample, please contact Linda Farmerie either by email, lindafarmr@aol.com or via phone at 412-400-3732.

Nursing Home Network – Please remember that if you have someone that is going to a nursing home outside of your area to contact Cindy Smith so that she can reach out to the local Ladies of Charity to visit. Please call the office at 412-456-6924.

Transition Team – The Transition Team is available to discuss the various aspects that should be considered during the period leading up to your parish grouping merger, including but not limited to, officer elections and by-laws, establishment of your new bank account. We are also available to assist, however, we can post merger as well. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Transition Team if there is **anything** we can do for you at this time. Please contact the Diocesan Office at 412-456-6924 to schedule time.

The Transition Team Members:

Karen Radu, Extension Chair

Barbara Dizenzo, ALCDP Past President

Peggy Keene, LCUSA Past President

Judy Weismann, Treasurer

Linda Farmerie, Parliamentarian

Karen Tomaszewski, ALCDP President

Laura Smagala, Vicariate North Rep

Cindy Smith & Fran Smith, Vicariate South Reps

April, 2024 Rosary Intention

We pray that we might become witnesses to the Resurrection of Christ by bringing the love of God to all those we meet.

Prayer to the Vincentian Family

Lord Jesus, you who willed to become poor, gives us eyes and a heart directed to 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 DePaul. 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 be united with you and them in your kingdom. Amen.

Mark your Calendars:

Annual Investiture at St. Paul's Cathedral, April 21, 2024

President's Meeting, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, May 4, 2024

Ways to stay connected:

Pittsburgh Website: locpittsburgh.org

LCUSA Website: aic.ladiesofcharity.us

Vincentian Family: <http://famvin.org>

FACEBOOK: Ladies of Charity USA, Association of Ladies of Charity Diocese of Pittsburgh

If you have questions or suggestions, please call and leave a message with the LOC office at 412-456-6924.

In the Vincentian Spirit,

Karen Tomaszewski, President

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