

ASSOCIATION OF THE LADIES OF CHARITY,
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
July, 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, with Fourth of July almost here I'd like to focus on our country this month. "For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations." Psalm 22:28

It seems now more than ever our country needs repentance, healing, and God's grace to overcome the hatred, immorality and negativism that has plagued our land and our people. Let us pray for our countrymen with love and cherish that God is sovereign over all powers and principalities of this world. Always remember the 2 greatest commandments given by Jesus Christ: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39 (from Christianity.com)

Prayer for our Country

Almighty God, Ruler of all the peoples of the earth, forgive our shortcomings as a nation, purify our hearts to see and love the truth, give wisdom to our leaders, and steadfastness to our people, and bring us at least to that fair city of peace whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, of which you are the designer and builder; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (By Woodrow Wilson)

Annual Meeting – At this writing everyone should have received the annual meeting invitation via US mail. If you haven't received one, please contact your local President. Our annual meeting is on Saturday, August 10, at Resurrection Parish, St. Thomas More Church, 126 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241. The deadline for reservations is July 23 (mistakenly there were 2 dates mentioned on the invitation). We will be collecting women's hygiene products for the Gift of Mary project. Items needed are toothpaste, toothbrushes, pads, tampons, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, razors, towels, deodorant, washcloths, and goodie bags to package these items.

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.

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. 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 June, July, August 2024 information is due by 9/15/2024. Updated sales tax exemption forms are available by contacting Judy Weismann at weismann2@comcast.net.

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.

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

July, 2024 Rosary Intention

May we discover and respond to the needs of Christ in those who are imprisoned, are sick, in the hungry, and in those who need to be clothed.

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: August 10, 2024, Annual Meeting, Resurrection Parish
September 5-8, 2024, LCUSA -Annual Assembly In St, Louis, MO

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
Association of the Ladies of Charity, Diocese of Pittsburgh