

ASSOCIATION OF THE LADIES OF CHARITY
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
September, 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, the month of September makes us think of a 'new' start (possibly because a new school year is beginning for many, a new fiscal year begins for our organization, new officers on the local and diocesan levels are taking up their leadership roles, formal meetings will begin again).

My first reflection when I thought of 'September' was the song "Try to remember the kind of September when life was slow and oh, so mellow ... and if you remember then follow, follow". Frank Sinatra also sang a September song. The lyrics begin with, "It's a long long time from May to December but the days grow short when you reach September, when the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame one hasn't got time for the waiting game, oh, the days dwindle down to a precious few - September, November. And these few precious days I'll spend with you."

Although Sinatra was speaking of someone else, I thought of quiet time spent with God in prayer. Perhaps September is a good time to reflect and promise to work on our prayer life before the end of the year sneaks up on us. No matter what life brings our way, we can always get through it with the help of God! He will be by your side with each step you take. So follow, follow the Lord. Resolve that anywhere, everywhere He leads, you will follow on. "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

This is also the month we celebrate St. Vincent de Paul's feast day on September 27. Below is some advice he gave us.

"Since God is satisfied with our good will and honest efforts, let us also be satisfied with the outcome He gives to them, and our actions will never be without good results." (St. Vincent de Paul)

Annual Meeting – There was a wonderful turnout for the annual meeting (about 250) and the Resurrection Parish LOC did a phenomenal job of hosting and welcoming everyone to their beautiful facility. Rev. Daniel J. D'Antonio's talk on Mary, the Mother of the Eucharist did not disappoint. It left attendees with a lot to reflect on. Thanks to Rev. Dr. James Gretz, our Spiritual Advisor, who led morning prayer, presided at mass and installed the officers for 2024-25. Congratulations to all those who received the 25 year service medals. Keep up the good work, ladies!

Parliamentarian – The ALCDP needs a Parliamentarian. Please prayerfully consider taking up this role.

Twinning 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. We are blessed to have 5 parishes currently that have a JLOC group. 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 –Bishop David Zubik will be presiding at a mass for the Unclaimed Dead on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 2:30 PM at St. Paul Cathedral. Please mark your calendars and try to attend. It would be wonderful to have many members of our organization present at that mass.

Also, on page 11 of the Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine (August/September 2024 edition) there is a narrative explaining the ALCDP initiative for the unclaimed dead. 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:

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Mary Mother of God	Archangel Gabriel	St. Matthew
St. Teresa of Kolkata	Sts. Joachim and Anne	Christ the Divine Shepherd
St. Isidore the Farmer	St. Joseph the Worker	St. Michael the Archangel
St. Mark the Evangelist	St. Paul Cathedral	Blessed Trinity
Guardian Angel	Triumph of the Holy Cross	St. Catherine Laboure’
All Saints	Sts. Martha and Mary	Mary Queen of Peace
St. Oscar Romero	St. John XXIII	Resurrection
Divine Grace	Our Lady of Hope	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
St. Aidan	Our Lady of the Lake	St. Paul of the Cross
ALCDP	St. Jude	Holy Family
St. James	Emergency Fund for Elderly	
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 Judy, Kathy or Barb, 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, 501©3 Chairperson

Karen Tomaszewski, ALCDP President

Laura Smagala, Vicariate North Rep

Cindy Smith & Fran Smith, Vicariate South Reps

September, 2024 Rosary Intention

May we recognize our call to care for the persons we encounter, the most vulnerable and forgotten of God's creation and the earth itself, entrusted to us as a common home.

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: September 5-8, 2024, LCUSA -Annual Assembly in St. Louis, MO
November – Bi-annual President's Meeting (to be announced)

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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