



# “Chantacleer” ● ● ●

St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Guild

Fall 2013

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## Sodality Happenings

Welcome to our fall edition of the *Chantacleer*. After a busy summer where we bid farewell to both Fr. Paul and Henry Bauer, Sodality has already held some very successful events to start out the 2013–2014 year.

Our October General Meeting was very well attended. We started by introducing the two new members of our Executive Board, **Liz Strand** (Secretary) and **Maria Cornelius** (Co-President). We then recognized some very special members for their leadership over the years. **Kim Brugnerotto**, was recognized for her role as the Secretary for the Executive Board for the past two years, and for chairing the 2011 Fashion Show which was a huge undertaking.

We expressed our gratitude to both **Barbara Coppola** and **Teri Smith** for chairing the “Giving Tree” for the past 9 years, which provides gifts to hundreds of under-privileged area residents. We announced the new leadership for this very important annual undertaking, which is **Kathy Pascale**, **Denise Sintetos** and **Gretchen Koch**.

Next, **Helen Bollwerk** was recognized for her role as Sodality’s membership chairman over the past 15 years. Helen has passed this role on to Patty Bubar.

**Karen Salah** and **Kathy Kitzinger**, who have chaired our Plant Sale for the past two years were thanked for their time and efforts in running this very important fundraiser. **Mary Hand** was recognized for chairing the Anniversary Brunch for the past two years and **Anne Strand** was recognized for helping with both the Plant Sale and the Anniversary Brunch.

Our final bid of gratitude was offered to **Patty Bubar** who has served as the President of Sodality for the past two years with **Gina Clansky** as Vice President. Gina has kindly offered to continue on for another year serving this year as a Co-President, for which we are very grateful. One of the great additions to our October General Meeting was a number of Junior Sodalists who helped with serving lasagna and salad. This was one of many great new ideas proposed by the new leaders of Junior Sodality, **Kelley Lennon** and **Michele Andrews**.

Following the General Meeting, Sodality held a very special reception in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr. John McKay’s ordination. Several members helped to decorate Christopher Hall for the Parish’s first Halloween Party which was a smashing success. The following day, **Maureen Wilkerson** held the annual Red Cross Blood Drive in Caulfield Hall and the results were very favorable.

The first weekend in November, **Cecilia Lewis** held the Communion Breakfast, where over 20 Junior Sodalists and two new members were invested into Sodality. **Kim Daniels** was the speaker and she delivered a

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very meaningful talk about how we can bring our Catholic values into our every day life.

For the remainder of the year, we will focus our efforts on the "Giving Tree" project (the label making meeting was held on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>). We are looking forward to our final General Meeting of 2013, which will be held on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> starting with a 7:00 pm Mass. Our Christmas Craft will be led by **Colleen Hadigan** and we will be using old Christmas cards and transforming them into gift tags for Christmas gifts.

We have already started planning for our two annual fundraisers, the Fashion Show which will be held on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and the Plant Sale which will be held the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>. In order to be successful, both fundraisers require a lot of volunteers. This is a great way to get involved in Sodality and use your talents to help and really make a difference. If you are interested in helping in either event, please let a member of the Executive Board know, sign up at the General Meeting or email Maria Cornelius at [mgcornelius@comcast.net](mailto:mgcornelius@comcast.net).

## From the President

The Fall is always a time of change in life and this year is no different. Some women have sent children off to school for the first time, some have become empty nesters, some women lost spouses or good friends or relatives over the summer and are facing a new way of living, and some are simply adjusting to the change of weather and light. Whatever change you are facing, our Sodality is a constant source of strength and companionship both with fellow Sodalists and with our Blessed Mother.

I am lucky to be serving as Co-President this year with Maria Cornelius. We have discussed how, when we come to Sodality gatherings, we are both so comfortable walking into meetings, certain of a warm welcome from fellow Sodalists. I have watched newcomers walk into our gatherings as a stranger and leave with a new set of friends. I have seen our long time members support one another as they go through the tough times that life brings.

Sodality is about community and commitment. Maria and I are committed to keeping Sodality strong and growing and we ask that you make a commitment to join us in that effort. Kim Daniels, our incredible Communion Breakfast speaker, talked about the strong group that she witnessed in our Sodality when she first arrived at de Chantal. If we each make a commitment to make Sodality important in our lives by attending meetings and events, if we each volunteer to help on a project or two, if we each keep Mary at the center of our lives, Sodality will continue to grow and thrive. If you have been away from Sodality activities, please come back and rejoin this vibrant community of caring and committed women. Come back to reconnect to old friends and meet some new ones. It is the oldest organization in this Parish for a reason — the women of Sodality supporting each other through Mary.

– Gina Clansky

## Update: Christ Child Unit

The Christ Child Unit is one of the original units of the St Jane Frances de Chantal Sodality Guild, dating back more than 50 years. Its current membership numbers 17 women who meet each month at a member's home. Since 1998, the group's principle project has involved supporting Centro Tepeyac, an organization dedicated to saving unborn children from abortion by reaching out to pregnant women, one-on-one, to meet their emotional, spiritual and physical needs.

To assist this important work, the Christ Child Unit collects funds at the monthly meetings to purchase formula and diapers to supply Centro Tepeyac's ongoing need for these items. In addition, the Christ Child ladies support the mission of S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat) to help the homeless of Washington, DC, by collecting men's white socks and toiletry items that are regularly delivered to S.O.M.E.'s headquarters by one of their members. For 14 years, the unit also hosted the annual General Sodality Christmas Meeting by providing decorations, refreshments and drinks for this joyous holiday occasion. The unit now supports the St. Jane de Chantal community with its prayers. At each meeting, members pray for the persons on the parish prayer list and all those who need their spiritual support. Over the last half century, the ladies of the Christ Child Unit have been a mainstay of the Sodality.

– Gail Quigley, Unit Chair

## From the Prefect

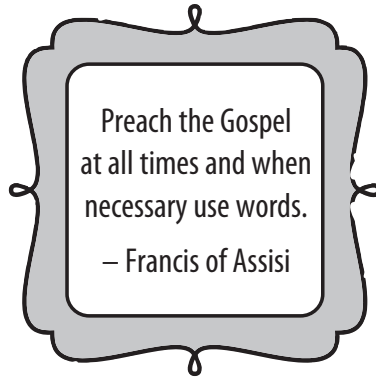
My Dear Fellow Sodalists:

We are blessed! Our Sodality continues to grow as we welcomed 3 adult Sodalists and 21 Juniors at this year's Induction Sodality Mass. After, we celebrated with other parishioners at our annual Communion Breakfast. We shared good food and great company. And, we were fortunate to have our very own **Kim Daniels**, from the St. Monica Unit, to inspire us with her words. A Princeton and Chicago Law School graduate, Kim is an attorney whose practice has focused on religious liberty and pro-life matters.

Speaking on Catholic Issues, Kim has appeared on several news networks and she recently contributed a chapter in the book, *Breaking Through: Catholic Women Speak for Themselves*. Last year, Kim was the Director of Catholic Voices USA, a national organization working to bring the positive message of the Catholic Church to the public square. And, this past spring, Kim was named spokesperson for the president of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York. She was present in Vatican Square when Pope Francis was elected and she brought us our Spiritual Leader's message of simplicity, love, and humility. Kim also reminded us of our Christian message told to us by St. Francis, *Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words*.

I hope to see many of you at one of our next events! Happy Holidays!

– Cecilia Lewis



### December 2013

- December 1, 2013 . . . . . 10:00 am  
Mass
- December 4, 2013 . . . . . 7:00 pm  
Mass, General Meeting, Christmas Craft
- December 7, 2013 . . . . . 9:30 am  
Rosary and Sodality Union Meeting  
Mt. Calvery Catholic Church  
6700 Marlboro Pike • Forestville, MD 20747
- December 15, 2013 . . . . . Giving Tree Ends

### January 2014

- January 5, 2014 . . . . . 10:00 am  
Mass
- January 15, 2014 . . . . . 7:00 pm  
Executive Board Meeting  
Scanlon Meeting Room
- January 24–26, 2014 . . . . . 7:00 pm  
Dominican Retreat  
Retreat House - VA • [www.dominicanretreat.org](http://www.dominicanretreat.org)

## What Is A Sodalist?

***Being a member of the Sodality is not just a series of activities, but a way of life; not just a club one joins, but a life one leads; not a hobby for spare time, but a vocation, affecting one's whole day and one's whole life.***

– from *The Sodality Union, Archdiocese of Washington*

## Visiting Mary

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### In Memoriam

Eleanor Duymovic, Sodalist

Ellen Mann, Sodalist

Betty McAdams, Sodalist

Frances Reyes, Sodalist

Jim Trone, Husband of Sodalist Margaret Trone

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