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St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Guild

Summer 2013

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## Sodality Happenings

Sodality ended this 2012/2013 year very, very strong. It has been a fantastic year with many activities that strengthened our commitment to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The St. Jane Sodality is one of the most active ministries in the parish.



*Enjoying good company at the Plant Sale*

**Maria Cornelius** did a fantastic job organizing the Fashion Show on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a glorious event and a tremendous fundraiser — with over \$7,000 being raised.

**Cecilia Lewis** organized the **Morning of Recollection** on March 23<sup>rd</sup> with our very own **Father Giese** being the guest speaker. The event was very well attended with many parishioners participating.

**Mary Hand** and the lovely women of the St. John Neumann unit organized a celebration of couples in the parish celebrating their 25, 30, 40, or 60 year anniversary. Fr. Giese joined the celebration and a wonderful time was had by all! Next year — the celebration will be open to all couples celebrating an anniversary of 60 years or greater — in addition to the other years previously offered.

**Karen Salah** and **Kathy Kitzinger** organized the plant sale the first weekend in May. It was a huge success raising over \$4,300.

**Debby Ryan** led the effort to have the Junior Sodalists write an essay that dealt with Pope Francis and his positive use of modern communication and challenged the girls to think of ways to do the same. Congratulations to **Claire Perry** for winning the essay contest. She will receive a \$2,500 scholarship to be used towards her tuition at Visitation next year.

**Gina Clansky** and **Maria Cornelius** led the effort at the General Meeting in early May to discuss the revised by laws as well as some general ideas for revitalizing Sodality. Many great ideas were discussed and we look forward to implementing many of them. The revised bylaws are now final. Please see your Unit Chair or Ellen Larsen for the Associates to get a copy.

At the May Executive Board Meeting — new officers were elected — consistent with the revised bylaws. **Gina Clansky** and **Maria Cornelius** are the Co-Presidents. **Cecilia Lewis** is the Prefect, **Liz Strand** is the Secretary and **Suzie Nalls** is the Treasurer.



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## Sodality Bylaws Updated

The Bylaws have been updated. Key changes include the following: modifying the structure of the Board to have Co-Presidents, clarifying the importance of Sodalists providing support to other Sodalists and their families in times of sorrow and need, recognizing the Junior Sodality, and generally modernizing the Bylaws to reflect electronic communication.

## A Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

*Amen*

## From the Prefect

My Dear Fellow Sodalists:

I read a beautiful prayer about summer that was filled with hope and positive changes. Just like the warmer weather that helps our gardens give new growth, we must remember to feed our souls so that we can get closer to our faith.

Take time to have fun, it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.

We have a lot to be thankful for this year. Our Sodality continues to grow and change as well. We are fortunate to have had wonderful leadership with Patty and Gina, ladies that we consider sisters in faith, who have given many, many years to our Sodality in several capacities. We are happy for all the wonderful events they have helped coordinate, participate in, agreed to, and inspired. And, throughout it all, there has been fun. We are appreciative of the many talents that we have witnessed this past year. Like our gardens, the time has come for our Sodality leadership to change. And, as we say goodbye and many thanks to Patty, we know we will continue to have her guidance and support through Regina Coeli's unit. We now welcome Maria Cornelius in the position of co-leader along with Gina's continued expertise and spiritual strength. Our Sodality is a healthy example of hope and positive changes. It serves as a reminder of the most important part of us, our faith. Have fun this summer discovering new talents and continuing to feed your souls with warm days, long conversations, quiet evenings, and special moments. God Bless.

— Cecilia Lewis

## Upcoming Masses Offered for Sodalists

The Executive Board extends sincere sympathy and prayers to all Sodalists who lost loved ones this past year. One of the spiritual benefits of being a Sodalist is knowing that you have support, love and prayers from your friends in Sodality. Sodality offers masses for Sodalists and loved ones of Sodalists. Upcoming masses include:

- June 9 . . . . Frederick Cornelius (*Father in Law of Maria Cornelius*)
- June 22 . . . . John Laux (*Husband of Mary Laux*)
- Aug. 6 . . . . Richard Wagner (*Brother of Karen Salah*)
- August 9 . . . . Mary O'Brien

## Update: Regina Coeli Unit

Regina Coeli is a very active, committed unit. For the past two years the unit has provided most of the leadership on the Sodality Board including President, Vice President, Prefect, and Treasurer. We meet two or three times a year to plan activities and are in frequent contact with each other regarding upcoming events or requests for assistance. Our members are always quick to respond, support each other, and help out. Two years ago the Margaret Mary unit which was experiencing a decline in membership joined the Regina Coeli unit. We welcomed them with open arms!

A Regina Coeli unit member initiated the canned food donations for Sacred Heart parish in Washington, DC. Baskets are available in the gathering space of the church for parishioners to contribute any donations. Canned food donations are also received at our unit meetings. The donations to the food pantry at Sacred Heart are delivered on a regular basis by one of our unit members. We are happy to report that the response of the parish has been very generous.

Another unit member continues to coordinate blood drives at the parish with the American Red Cross. Our members are always supportive and give when they can.

Regina Coeli continues to embrace the students at the University of Maryland Catholic Center. The students meet each Wednesday for an evening of prayer, mass, and a communal dinner. We prepare and serve dinner to about 150 students twice a year. It is always a heartwarming experience!

In November and December our unit is very busy coordinating the Sodality Giving Tree program. This is an "all hands on deck" activity and one which fills us with joy and the spirit of giving. We also enjoy time together at an annual Christmas party at the home of one of our unit members.

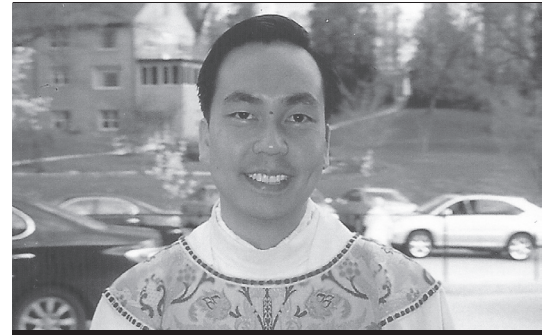
We enjoy being involved with the annual Sodality fashion show whether it is seeking advertisements and donations, preparing baskets, modeling, or, of course, attending!

The Regina Coeli unit has been very involved in the Sodality Plant Sale with two of our members chairing the event in recent years. The plant sale is always enjoyable and a time to take a deep breath and feel renewed after a long winter!

— Denise Sintetos and Anne Yockel  
Regina Coeli Co-Chairs

## Visiting Mary

Please sign up on [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and enter Cecilia Lewis' email ([mdlewis5@aol.com](mailto:mdlewis5@aol.com)) to have one week with our beautiful Sodality statue.



### Rev. Paul Nguyen

Cardinal Wuerl has announced the transfer of Fr. Paul Nguyen from St. Jane de Chantal Parish to St. John Neumann Parish, Gaithersburg, effective July 10.

We sincerely thank Fr. Paul for his years of ministry at St. Jane de Chantal and offer him our prayers.



### Henry Bauer



Henry Bauer will be leaving St. Jane de Chantal Parish after 17 years of service as the Director of Liturgy & Music.

We thank him for his years of service to St. Jane de Chantal and offer him our prayers as he pursues other opportunities.

Mark your calendar  
now for our first  
Mass and meeting  
of the year on  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> at  
7:00 pm.

## In Memoriam

**Bonnie Bilisoly**, Mother of Sodalist Marcy Pekar

**Frederick Cornelius**, Father-in-Law of Sodalist Maria Cornelius

**Walt Dooley**, Husband of Sodalist Pat Dooley

**John Laux**, Husband of Sodalist Mary Laux

**Mary O'Brien**, Sodalist

**Richard Wagner**, Brother of Sodalist Karen Salah

Wishing everyone a  
safe and happy summer!



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