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Sodality Happenings

What a great year this was for our Sodality. We had so many activities all year long that remind all of us what it means to be a Sodalist.

Cecilia Lewis organized a most spiritual **Morning of Recollection** in March with Father Ivany. Many sodalists were talking about his messages for weeks.

Kimberly Brugnerotto did a fantastic job organizing the **Fashion Show** in early March. The fashions were wonderful and it was great to see so many wonderful sodalists and friends. The Fashion Show raised over \$5,000. Thank you to **Kim, Jeannie Blomquist, Shannon Harris, Julie MacDonald**, and all the units and associates who helped make the day such a success.

Maureen Wilkerson organized two **blood drives** in October and March that assisted the Red Cross.

Mary Hand, Ellen Wahl, Helen Bollwerk, Gretchen Koch and Anne Strand put on a beautiful **Anniversary Mass** in April for many couples in the Parish celebrating some very special anniversaries.

Karen Salah, Kathy Kitzinger and Anne Strand organized our **plant sale** this year. It was a huge success raising over \$3,500.

We put on a wonderful **reception for Brother Jerome's first Mass** — celebrated at St. Jane's on Sunday May 27th. Many thanks to **Helen Bollwerk, Joan Weigel, Gina Clansky, Gail Quigley, Mary Hand, and Judith Strenio**.

The Junior Sodality continues many of the wonderful activities they carry out every year. Under **Diane Hollenbeck's** leadership they have made and sent rosaries to South Africa, collected and sent stamps to the Sisters of Charity, made posters to support the Clinton/Bush Haitian Fund, held a May Crowning and submitted essays for the essay contest. Congratulations to **Lillian Lahti** for her winning essay. She is receiving a scholarship to Holy Cross Academy. Her essay is shown in this issue of the *Chantacleer*. Many thanks to Diane for her years of service to the Junior Sodality. She is stepping down this year — as her youngest daughter has now graduated from St. Jane de Chantal. **Debbie Ryan** will take over for Diane.

Many thanks to **Abbey Bearer** for her support as the treasurer for Sodality. Abbey has stepped down to devote time to her family. **Susie Nalls** is the new treasurer.

Looking ahead — we will be forming a new unit in the fall for professional women. Stay tuned for more information. Stay in touch with Sodality happenings by visiting our website www.dechantalsodality.org. Thank you to **Maureen Wilkerson** for keeping it up to date.



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See us at www.dechantalsodality.org



Sodality Masses

- October 7, 2012 Christ Child
- November 4, 2012 John Neumann
- December 2, 2012 Regina Coeli
- January 6, 2013 St. Monica
- February 3, 2013 St. Gianna
- March 3, 2013 Regina Coeli
- April 7, 2013 St. Elizabeth
- May 5, 2013 Junior Sodality

Sodality Union Meetings

- September 1, 2012 Executive Board
- October 6, 2012 Regina Coeli
- November 3, 2012 John Neumann
- December 1, 2012 St. Gianna
- February 2, 2013 St. Monica
- April 13, 2013 Christ Child
- May 4, 2013 St. Elizabeth

General Meetings

- October 3, 2012 Executive Board
Lasagna Dinner
- December 5, 2012 St. Monica
Refreshments
John Neumann: Mass
Volunteer Needed: Craft
- March 23, 2013 Morning of Recollection
Executive Board: Speaker / Refreshments
- May 1, 2013 John Neumann
Refreshments
St. Monica: Mass

From the Vice-President

At this time last year I was on the fence. Should I become more involved in Sodality or stay back and not add one more thing to my plate? Was Sodality in its waning years, a dinosaur from the past? After much deliberation, many conversations, and many many prayers, I agreed to be on the Executive Board along with our incredible President, Patty Bubar. We both thought that Sodality was too important in each of our lives to not answer the call to serve. I'm really glad that I didn't run the other way!

As usual, when I become more involved with Sodality I meet amazing women from all generations whom I would otherwise have missed knowing. Whether it's the younger women of our Gianna unit — who find time to serve the hungry, or support the prolife movement, while raising their little ones — to our long standing Christ Child unit which supports young mothers and each other as they make transitions to new stages of their lives, Sodality women rock!

If anyone thinks that we are an organization from the past, think again. We are involved, we are giving, and we are growing. Get ready next year to welcome our newest unit, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. With the continued protection of Our Blessed Mother, the St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Guild is here to stay, to serve our Parish, the surrounding community, our priests, and each other. I hope that each of you has a safe, relaxing, and blessed summer.

— Gina Clansky

From the Prefect

This year was a big year for me; watching two of my children graduate, one from high school and one from college. There are times when I am filled with so much happiness because I know they are beginning a new part of their lives. I am witnessing new growth and with this comes much excitement. And, as excited as I am for them, I can't help but feel a small sense of loss knowing that my children and I will have a different bond, a different relationship.

So, whether you are going through events in your life that constitute a "big year" for you or not, know that we can count on one thing always, our faith. Our knowledge of God and feeling the presence of Him in our lives is something that will help us celebrate more, laugh louder, hug tighter and give thanks more profoundly.

May the prayer of St. Therese help you through your big years, as it has helped me.

I pray for a beautifully serene and peaceful summer for all! God Bless.

— Cecilia Lewis

Junior Sodality Winning Essay

Question: Mary is the perfect example of serenity....

Meditate for a moment on the Serenity prayer

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change
The courage to change the things I can
And the wisdom to know the difference**

Question: What are things that you cannot change? Why are they unchangeable and why is this not a negative thing?

What are those things that you can change? How have you changed this past year to more fully realize who you are called to be?

Why do you think you need to have courage to change yourself for the better especially in your high school years?

Lillian's answer:

Acceptance, courage, and wisdom are the three traits mentioned in the Serenity Prayer. These traits represent our Mother Mary. Being the mother of Christ, she was faced with many challenges and temptations. This prayer gives us guidelines on how to follow these three traits.

To accept the things I cannot change: I cannot change the past. I cannot change the fact that Jesus was crucified. I cannot change past disagreements, conflicts, or mistakes. What I can do is forgive the past and embrace the knowledge I retrieved from it; using that information as guidelines for the future.

The courage to change the things I can: I can change myself. I can strive to understand my beliefs and goals in order to try to understand those of the people around me. I used to want to be a veterinarian, but now I have realized that my passion lies with serving people, not animals. I want to help those with a small voice, those who are underestimated, the underdogs. My goal is to become a doctor and join the Peace Corps. Another thing I learned about myself is to not let others discourage me. The Virgin Mary and Mother Teresa were picked on and criticized throughout their lives. Some believed in them while others tried to forget the bigger picture these two women were trying to share. Like them, I will try to do my best to ignore the comments of others and do what I believe is right.

The wisdom to know the difference: High school is the time to try new activities and figure out what kind of life you want to live. I am going to need the courage to explore outside my comfort zone. By doing this I am enriching my knowledge and expanding my views. I know that at times I will feel lost, intimidated, and even unsure with myself, but with courage I can push through those feelings and accomplish many things in my high school career.

– Lillian Lahti will be attending Academy of the Holy Cross this fall.

Update: Christ Child Unit

The 17 members of the Christ Child Unit take seriously their spiritual responsibilities as Sodalists. When we meet monthly, in each others homes, we pray for the sick of St. Jane De Chantal and for personal intentions. The majority of our members attend every monthly Sodality Mass and assist by handing out prayers and medals before one of the services. Our members attend the Sodality general meetings, the Morning of Recollection, the Women's Retreat at the Dominican House, the Communion Breakfast (2 tables), the receptions for the clergy; some attend daily Mass and others recite the rosary daily. At our meetings we often share spiritual readings, with discussion. We include religious educational meetings such as our November meeting and tour at the Radnor Museum.

We attended the Sodality Union meeting at St. Thomas More Church in 2011 and at Holy Family in 2012. We participated in a prayer bouquet for the Pope's intentions and the taping of the TV Christmas Mass Dec. 6th at the Shrine.

We support other units and the general Sodality by attending their prayer services and actively assisting in projects, such as the giving tree, the Gabriel Project, the Time and Talent Fair, the plant sale (as cashiers and helpers), and the Fashion Show (with our Tea for Two (4) basket, making centerpieces, ad donations and filling several tables).

Our principal project is to support Centro Tepeyac. This organization dedicates itself to saving unborn children from abortion by reaching out to pregnant women, one-on-one, recognizing their emotional, spiritual and physical needs. Supporting Centro Tepeyac since 1998, we collect funds at our monthly meetings to purchase diapers which we deliver to them.

We also collect men's white socks and toiletry items which one of our members takes to

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In Memoriam



Thomas Brown, father of Sodalist Maria Pitts
Robert C. Canale, father of Sodalist Mary Jane Mortimer
Anna May Chipman, mother of Sodalist Louise Hendon
Marie Connors, Sodalist
Marjorie Dawson, Sodalist

Anna Marie Kane, Sodalist
Gloria Keehan, Sodalist
Joseph Andrew Kitzinger, father-in-law of Sodalist Kathy Kitzinger
Mary Ann McDonald, mother of Sodalist Mary Hand

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S.O.M.E. to support their work with the homeless. In May it was reported we donated 200 items during the year.

Socially, we meet during the summer at a local restaurant. This past year we held two 90th birthday celebrations for ladies still actively involved in our unit.

Our members are also active in other St. Jane de Chantal related activities, such as the Ladies of Charity, the Faith Formation program for children, the S.P.R.E.D. program for special adults and Meals on Wheels.



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