

# What is a SODALIST?

Being a Sodalist is a way of life. Sodality is not just a club to join, but a life one leads. The Sodality Guild is an organization of women in the parish who have embraced the Blessed Mother as their spiritual mentor and seek to emulate her example in their daily lives.

All women of the Parish are  
**WELCOME**  
to join

Our spiritual and social activities are fulfilled through units and through general parish-wide events. Units meet individually to pray, plan and carry out service projects of interest to the Unit members. Women not affiliated with particular units belong to the "Associates." Associates participate in Sodality's general functions and contribute financially, through Sodality, to the needs of the Parish.

## The Sodalist's Prayer

Gracious God, you continually call us to enter more fully into the divine community of love that is the life you share as Father, Son and Spirit. In your goodness and mercy, help us to respond to you with joy as we bless your holy name.

Mary, Mother of God, our Mother by nature and grace, your example of trust and faith helps us to fulfill the vocation we received in Baptism and Confirmation. With your gentle wisdom, show us how to respond to God's call with humility and courage, that our lives might serve to bless His name.

May we, as members of the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Sodality Guild, always seek a personal holiness that will convey our Christian commitment to our many communities of family, parish and workplace. May this life be sustained by love for Mary, in whose love we are turned always back to her Son.

We pray this in your name, Jesus, our brother, Lord and Redeemer. Blessed may you be, now and forever.

Amen

Join us!

# SODALITY

Not just an organization,  
but a way of life

**For More Information** | Please visit the Sodality website at [www.stjanedechantal.org/sodality](http://www.stjanedechantal.org/sodality). You may also contact the Parish at (301) 530-1550 to request contact information.



St. Jane Frances de Chantal | 9601 Old Georgetown Road | Bethesda, MD 20814  
T: (301) 530-1550 | [www.stjanedechantal.org](http://www.stjanedechantal.org)



St. Jane Frances de Chantal

# SODALITY IS . . .

*A way of life by having a deep devotion to Mary and emulating her in your every day actions in order to glorify her Son*

## Fellowship —

Since 1951, St. Jane's Sodality Guild has invited all women of the parish, whatever their age, occupation or interest, to join in the spiritual and community life of the Church and to foster their personal devotion to the Blessed Mother. Fellowship and friendship is fostered through participation in many general events throughout the year. There is a monthly Sodality Mass on the first Sunday of the month, which allows members to pray together and display their unity and fellowship through wearing medals on blue ribbons and sitting together.

There are 3 general meetings a year which begin with a Mass, and an annual Fashion Show that serves as both a fundraiser and another general meeting. The general meetings may also have a speaker, entertainment, or a special craft. A Communion Breakfast is held each year in November

after the 10:00 Mass. New Sodalists are inducted at that Mass and all Sodalists enjoy a breakfast and speaker. Sodalists who are members of units, participate in spiritual and community projects unique to that unit. All Sodalists participate in the Giving Tree project at Christmas which allows parishioners to contribute gifts to retired religious and a wide variety of local social service organizations for distribution to the less fortunate. A major event that brings women of the parish together is the Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon. There is a Morning of Recollection in the spring which features a speaker and time for prayers. Sodalists are also there for parishioners in times of need. Rosary services are held to pray for deceased sodalists or their family members. Receptions are sometimes sponsored after the funeral of a sodalist or their loved one, to assist a family with celebrating Life.

## Junior Sodality —

The Junior Sodality is an enthusiastic group of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls who try to emulate the Blessed Mother by reaching out to others through prayers and deeds.

Junior Sodalists do service projects such as a Wall of Remembrance, in preparation for All Souls Month to honor loved ones who have passed away. They sing Christmas carols for senior citizens and make Valentine's

day decorations for the Children's National Medical Center. A special event for the Junior Sodalists is the May Crowning ceremony in May, to honor the Blessed Mother. The Sodality sponsors an essay contest for the Junior Sodalists with the winner earning a scholarship toward tuition at a local Catholic high school. Junior Sodalists build a spiritual foundation as they prepare to become Catholic women who are strong in their faith.



## Fundraising for Parish Support —

The Sodality makes a financial contribution to the parish for a particular need identified by the pastor. Sodality's contributions have assisted the Organ Fund and have paid for such major purchases as the Rose Window for the church. Additionally, new chairs for Caulfield Hall have been purchased, as well as window shades for the church and Stations of the Cross. Funds are raised through such annual events as the Spring Fashion Show, the Plant Sale and Contributions from Associates.