



SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES COMMUNICATOR



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Message from Our Supreme President

My dear Sister Columbiettes,

It is still hard to believe that this pandemic isn't over; but the numbers of those affected seem to be decreasing. I'm more of a "glass is half full" type; so, it's exciting and energizing to see a light at the end of the tunnel. In some of our areas, the tunnel might be a little longer; but there is a LIGHT shining Brightly and we are moving toward it.

Please continue to say the Rosary and the Hail Mary daily at 8 PM – IT IS WORKING. YOU, our wonderful sister Columbiettes, have not stopped caring and sharing. You continue to reach out to your home bound and Stay in Place isolated members via telephone and emails. Many of you are having video chats and video meetings. You are making masks. You are placing your pictures in church pews so that our Priests have familiar faces to look to as they celebrate daily Mass. Even if all you can do is stay home - YOU are doing such AWESOME WORK, GOOD WORK, and MUCH NEEDED WORK. GOOD FOR YOU! YOU ARE ROCKSTARS!

The Supreme Board has prepared "How to" guides for the Presidents from Nominations to Elections to Selecting Officers who have not been able to make a Major Degree this year. While this is new for you, it is new for us. Even States are preparing virtual conventions which you will be hearing about from your State President.

Last month, I mentioned that we are on a "wait and see" trajectory and now we are slowly moving toward re-opening our economy. In some areas it's baby steps but soon we will get a new and brighter picture of what our New Normal will be. We will adjust to whatever we need to do because we are strong, confident, positive, faith-filled women knowing God is on our side.

We need to continue to LEARN from this; we continue to be proactive in looking to the future. We will have to do things differently. We need to make changes to make our organization better and more prepared for the future. Frankly, I'm tired saying this ...but it is the truth ... We ARE ALL IN THIS

TOGETHER and we will come out Stronger and Better.

Praying that we all Stay Safe and Be Well; let us all look forward to a better and brighter FUTURE together.

Wishing you all Peace Always

Micki

Micki Magee, Supreme President



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Message from Our Past Supreme President

Developing Resilience

“I have not failed; I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.” – Thomas Edison

Thomas Edison made thousands of prototypes of the light bulb before he finally got it right. Imagine what it would have been like if Edison had given up after a few failures. His resilience gave the world many amazing inventions. Do we have the resilience to overcome the challenges that have affected our lives lately? Do we let our failures derail our dreams? Image what we can accomplish if we have the strength not to give up and give in to the extra burdens brought on by the Coronavirus!

Let’s examine resilience, what it is, why we need it, and how to develop it so we have the fortitude to overcome adversity and keep on moving toward our goals.

Resilience or resiliency is our ability to adapt and bounce back when things do not go as planned. Resilient people do not wallow or dwell on failures; they acknowledge the situation, learn from their mistakes, and move forward.

According to psychologists, there are three elements essential to resilience:

1. **Challenge** – Resilient people view a difficulty as a challenge, not a paralyzing event. They look at failures and mistakes as lessons to be learned from and as opportunities for growth. Failures are not a negative reflection on their abilities or self-worth.
2. **Commitment** – Resilient people are committed to their lives and their goals. They have a compelling reason to get out of bed in the morning. They are committed to their families, friendships, the causes they care about, and their religious beliefs.
3. **Personal Control** – Resilient people spend their time and energy focusing on situations and events that they have control over. Because they put their efforts where they can have the most impact, they feel empowered and confident. Those who spend their time worrying about uncontrollable events can often feel lost, helpless, and powerless to take action.

How we explain setbacks to ourselves is also important. People who are optimistic (and therefore have more resilience) see the effects of bad events as temporary rather than permanent. They think that “the hard times will pass” instead of “I’m stuck in this situation.” Resilient people don’t let bad events affect

other unrelated areas of their lives. They think, “this is not my strong point” instead of “I can’t accomplish anything.” People who are resilient take responsibility for their actions. They acknowledge their shortcomings and do not place the blame on others for their mistakes.

There are several other attributes that resilient people have in common. Resilient people have a positive image or outlook of the future; they envision brighter days ahead. Resilient people have solid goals and a desire to achieve those goals. Resilient people are empathetic and compassionate. They maintain healthy relationships but do not bow to peer pressure. They do not waste time worrying about what others think of them.

How we view adversity and stress strongly affects how we succeed. This is why a resilient mindset is so important. The fact that we are going to fail from time to time is an inevitable part of living. We make mistakes and occasionally fall flat on our faces. It is the resilient ones who pick themselves up and continue the task. We should all have the courage to go after our goals despite the real risk that we will fail in some way or other. Being resilient means that when we do fall, we bounce back. We have the strength to learn the lessons we need to learn and move forward to better things. Resilience gives us this power.

We can all learn to develop a resilient mindset and attitude if we incorporate some of the following into our daily lives:

1. **Manage your stress** by taking care of your mind and body. It is easier to cope with challenges when your health is not an issue.
2. **Practice thought awareness.** Don’t let negative thoughts derail positive thinking. Listen to how you talk to yourself when things go wrong. If you find yourself making negative statements correct these thoughts in your mind.
3. **Change the way you think** about negative situations and bad events. Always try to focus on the positive.
4. **Learn from your mistakes and failures.** Every mistake has the power to teach you something important; so, look for the lesson to be learned. There is truth in the saying “if it doesn’t kill you, it makes you stronger.”
5. **Choose how you respond** to a crisis. We all have bad days, but we have a choice on how we respond. We can choose between reacting negatively or remaining calm and logical to find a solution.



Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Thank you all for your prayers, get well cards and letters that you have sent to me. Part of recovering is following doctors' instructions and your prayers are working. Your messages have lifted my spirit more than I can put into words.

Thanks again, be safe and I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Anne Sullivan



June 14, 2020

We celebrate Flag Day commemorating the adoption of the Stars and Strips as the official flag of the United States.



Father's Day – June 21, 2020

Father's Day is **celebrated** worldwide to recognize the contribution that **fathers** and **father** figures make to the lives of their children.

Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad
- Author Unknown

Happy Father's Day to all the Father's in our lives!

6. Maintain perspective. Understand that a situation may seem overwhelming at the moment, but it may not have that much of an impact over the long-term. Do not blow events out of proportion.
7. Learn to set smart and effective personal goals. It is important to set and achieve goals that match your values and to learn from your experiences.
8. Build your self-confidence. Be confident you will succeed despite setbacks. Take risks to build a sense of self, have the confidence and strength to keep moving forward.
9. Develop strong relationships. People who have strong connections with those around them are more resilient to stress and are happier in their lives because they have a strong support network to fall back on.
10. Be flexible. Understand that things change and that carefully made plans may need to be amended or cancelled.

If you learn to build on these skills, they can help you become a more resilient person. They can help you cope with the unprecedented circumstances we face today. Be safe, stay well.

Ronnie Albert
Supreme Past President

Message from Our Supreme Directors

"In summertime, the song sings itself." – William Carlos Williams

I am sending my best wishes to all for a summer full of health, love, laughter, and song.

May you be showered with sunshine and blessings.

- Carol Bohinski, Supreme Director



A Blessing from St Francis of Assisi

**May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord show his face to you
And have mercy on you
May the Lord smile upon you
And give you His peace**

**I am thinking of you all in a special way
And praying God's Blessing are with you today
Stay safe my sisters**

Vicki Sandin Supreme Director



Prayer for those suffering with COVID 19–

Lord with your Healing Hands, Heal all who are sick and End this Pandemic in Jesus Name. Amen

Connecticut:

We have a wonderful Columbiette member of St. Augustine #41 Auxiliary in Stamford, CT. She has been an active and supportive member of our auxiliary. She has Covid-19 and has been in an induced coma and ICU since March 16, 2020. Our auxiliary is praying very hard for her. She is holding her own but is still on the ventilator and coma. Great news she is out of the coma and ICU. Keep praying for her.

Delaware:

Nicholas VanHeest - the son of our auxiliary Secretary, JoAnn VanHeest. He is an RN who has been working in NYC with infected patients and has now tested positive. Dr. Bob Tomaso - a dear friend of mine who is battling the virus in NJ.

Rene Fahey - another dear friend who is a nurse in upstate NY. His pregnant wife has also tested positive.

Florida:

Lori, Phil, Lee, Maria, Belinda, Laura, Sue, Jojo, Chris, Randi, James, Vi, John, Mary, Joyce and Brent

New York:

Columbiette Delores Sclafani
 Columbiette MaryAnne Alesso
 PGK Frank Alessio
 Columbiette Anita Girani
 Columbiette Gloria Maniaci
 Columbiette Verna Kramer's Daughter and Grandchildren
 Columbiette Livia Brundage's Aunt and Uncle
 Columbiette Elena Pupello Family members
 Columbiette Suzanne Welborn
 Anthony Donato
 AnneMarie Donato
 Anthony Donato Jr
 Errol Nicoli
 Jennifer Cusack
 Michelle De Nisca
 Maria Ruggeri
 Ryan Kelleher

Sick -Non Covid-19

New York:

Nydia Rodriguez mother of Columbiette Livia Brundage
 Columbiette Pat McCartney
 Columbiette Robin Gerbino's Mother

Pray for our deceased from COVID-19 –

O GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy Judgment, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou, O merciful Savior, send Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Delaware:

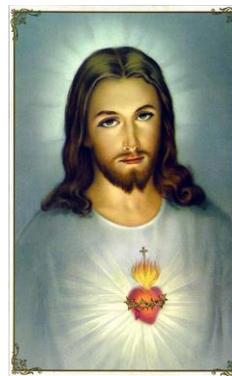
Iris Salerno - the sister of our Sister Columbiette, Violet Huber. Iris passed away in NJ from the virus. Our Treasurer, Nida Romero's sister-in-law Doris, who passed away last week from a stroke.

New York:

Augie Savarese	Knight Thomas Del Piere
Joseph Carpentieri	Knight Dominick Formisano
William Deignan	Knight Richard Fragiaco
Delores Ramirez	Adele Giampietro
Lucille Nicoli	Maureen Graham
Bema Nicoli	Claude Groire
John Bocchino	Knight Joseph Hickey
Herbert Stoutland	Columbiette Anna Lattanzio
Theresa Palermo	Knight Joseph Mannion
Ed Chaill	Laura Martin
John Welborn	Knight Michael McAnaw
Savina Fanelli	Knight Arthur McCloskey
Joe Kennington	MaryBeth McCue
Marion Andersen	Kathleen McGovern
Teresa Attard	Knight Albert Petrocelli
Knight Lenny Autera	Knight Peter Pinto
Knight Francis Boccabella III	Knight James Platino
Barbara Carney	Natale Russo
Stella Cena	Knight Charles Shannon
Knight Frances Chindemi	Mary Thiemer
Knight Charles Cognato	Ann Ward
Janice Cook	Joyce Witkowski
Knight Thomas Cori	Knight Alex Weir

Prayer for Health Care Workers –

Lord, Protect those doctors, nurses, health care workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Amen.



June 19 – Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June has been dedicated to **The Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, I place my trust in you.



Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.

*In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.*



June 20- Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Pius XII instituted today’s feast of the Pure Heart of Mary so as to obtain by her intercession “peace among nations, freedom for the Church, the conversion of sinners, the love of purity and the practice of virtue” (Decree of May 4, 1944).

Grant, Lord God, that we, your servants, may rejoice in unailing health of mind and body, and through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever-Virgin, may we be set free from present sorrow and come to enjoy eternal happiness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.





Let's Learn Together

Did you know . .

Election of Officers for auxiliaries traditionally takes place in May. If you have a Chapter the election of officers takes place in June. Elections for States can take place between April and June. Supreme holds elections in August. Due to the unprecedented times we are all living through, adjustments in some cases have been made as to when elections are held and even how they are held.

Auxiliaries and Chapters have seven officers: President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Sentinel. States and Supreme have eight officers with the addition of an Advocate.

During elections auxiliaries also elect Delegates and Alternates to Chapter (where applicable) and to the State Annual Meeting (convention). The Delegates to both the Chapter and State are the President and Immediate Past President. If you do not have a Past President any Major Degree member can be elected.*

On the State level they elect Delegates and Alternates to attend the Supreme Annual Meeting. Supreme notifies the State President on the number of Delegates/Alternates they are entitled to have. This is based on the membership total for each state.

The Supreme Council consists of the officers and 14 Directors. The Directors are elected to a three year term. In addition to the officers, new Directors are elected to take the place of those Directors finishing their third year. Directors can run for two three year terms.

If you are stepping down from an Officer's position, you must make sure that all the paperwork, books, etc. are given to the new officer who will be taking over the position. Those items are the property of your Auxiliary/Chapter/State and not your personal property. Please take the time to share what you have learned while holding that position with the new officer.

* **NOTE:** Due to the coronavirus, a First Degree member may be elected as an officer for the 2020-2021 Columbian year as long as they make their Major Degree when one becomes available.

The last three months have been the most difficult many of us have ever experienced. Who would have imagined not being able to comfort each other in person on the loss of a loved one, or not allowed to visit a loved one in the hospital, or not permitted to go to work, or closing all churches, or not finding essential items in stores, or having to wear a mask to go out in public, or, as Columbiettes, having to find alternate ways to continue to meet and stay in touch with one another?

These days our news feeds are filled with depressing messages about the devastation of the coronavirus sweeping the world. It's hard to see so much sorrow and hopelessness in the world. Many of us feel helpless and wonder if there is anything we can do. We are all concerned about our financial futures. It's impossible to predict how jobs, small businesses, and retirement savings will be affected.

We pray the end may be in sight as some of the states are loosening restrictions due to the decline in the number of new cases of COVID-19 in their area.

Caring and Sharing are part of who the Columbiettes are. Stay positive, do what we do best. . . pray for one another, our families and friends. Pray for our priests. Pray the Rosary and the Hail Mary for the end of this virus. Connect with your sister Columbiettes so no one feels isolated. Check up on the home bound and see if you can run errands for the elderly and those compromised with health issues. Help at and support food banks. Support local businesses when they are able to open. Continue to support your church.

With our faith, positive attitudes, and love for one another we will come through these trying times.

Carol Bohinski
Jaci Carney
Marlene Korn

GET TO KNOW US



“Getting to know……”

Supreme Director Jacquelyn Ryan –

A Supreme Director serving her second term, Jackie also holds the offices of Connecticut State Vice President; District Deputy; DD Chair for CT; and acting Treasurer of her Auxiliary, St. Francis X. Cabrini in Bridgeport, CT. Jackie inherited her Columbiette enthusiasm from her grandmother and mother. She acknowledges that her grandmother, who passed seven years ago, was the reason she joined and it is her grandmother who is guiding Jackie through her Columbiette accomplishments.

She and her husband of 39 years, Bill, have two sons, and a six-year-old granddaughter. They and her daughter-in-law bring her much joy. A Special Education teacher for the State of Connecticut, Jackie enjoys teaching and working with children of special needs. She finds helping the needy and disadvantaged most rewarding.

Jackie says: “Being so involved with the Columbiettes has given me purpose and fulfilled my life.... The women I have met on my journey through this past decade have taught me so much about what is important, bringing a refreshing perspective on life. I am sure that was my grandmother’s intent.”



Supreme Director Pat Valhsing –

In 2004, Pat, who recently moved to Delaware, saw an announcement about the Columbiettes in her Church Bulletin. She thought this might be a good way to make friends; the rest is history. A member of Bishop James C. Burke Auxiliary in Georgetown, she served as Secretary, Vice President, and President. She also served as Delaware State President. She is serving her second term as Supreme Director and is Committee Co-Chair for the 2020 Supreme Council Convention.

Married to Jim for 54 years, they have four children (three daughters and one son), 11 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. For many of her married years, she and her family lived in various locations. Overseas, they resided in England, Japan, and Germany. Hawaii was her favorite. Pat currently works at a retirement community assisting residents. Also, she serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (for over 30 years) and taught in her Parish’s CCD Program.

Pat’s favorite things in life are traveling, meeting new people, and enjoying her family. A beach lover and avid reader, Pat’s true passion is “people”. Husband Jim says she suffers from “terminal volunteerism” as she is ready and willing to help. It is obvious Pat made the right decision in 2004 and the Columbiettes are the benefactors.

Auxiliary President Margaret Wallace –

Two years ago, Margaret joined St. Thomas the Apostle Auxiliary in Wilmington, DE. She is President and her Auxiliary is excited to assist in hosting this year’s Supreme Convention.

Margaret has one son and three grandchildren – Meaghan and twins Daniel and Zoey. Retired from Verizon as a System Engineer, she currently works two jobs. She is a House Manager for a transitional home for women and children leaving shelters and Rectory worker at her Parish, St. Joseph on the Brandywine. Her Parish involvement includes Eucharistic Minister, Lector, CCD instructor for the Special Needs class, and team member for the Emmanuel Dining Hall Soup Kitchen.

Margaret most enjoys traveling, reading biographies, and going to the movies with friends. Her favorite things in life are her family and her Faith. It is so apt that she says being a Columbiette “allows me to get involved in service to God and community whenever I can.”



Auxiliary President Louise Welsh –

A member since 2010, Louise is a Charter Member of the Vincent T. Lombardi Auxiliary in Leonardo, NJ. She has held the position of District Deputy and South East Chapter Offices of Sentinel, Treasurer and Financial Secretary. On the Auxiliary level, she has served as Secretary, Vice President, President, and Past President. Currently, she is again holding the Office of President.

Louise has one daughter, one son, one cat and a husband! All are active in Columbian organizations and the cat encourages them on. She is employed in underwriting services for Plymouth Rock Assurance. For her Parish, she is a Eucharistic Minister for Care One Nursing Home and a member of Right to Life.

Her hobbies include genealogy, travel, history, and photography. Her family and friends are her most cherished gifts. To quote Louise: “I love being part of an organization that is based in faith and service to the community. I enjoy all of the activities we hold or participate with our brother Knights. I’ve made many friends along the way that I know I can count on to go out of their way in a moment’s notice when help is needed. We have fun while helping in our community.”





Trinity Sunday June 7th

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



“Reconsecrating Our Nation”

On Friday, May 1, the bishops of Canada and the United States reconsecrated their respective nations to the care and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Both Bishops’ Conferences have announced that their countries were reconsecrated to our Lady under the title “Mary, Mother of the Church”.

Each year, during the month of May, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God. The Pope highlighted this in a letter that he sent to all the faithful last Friday, calling for renewed Marian devotion.

In a letter to his brother Bishops, the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, wrote that “this year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic”

“Based on discussion with the leadership of the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops, the Executive Committee of the USCCB met and affirmed the fitness of May 1, 2020, as an opportunity for the bishops of the United States to reconsecrate our nation to Our Lady and to do so under the title, Mary, Mother of the Church,” Archbishop Gomez said, adding that they would be doing so “on the same day that our brother bishops to the north consecrate Canada under the same title.”

“This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady’s continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus,” said Archbishop Gomez.

The title “Mary, Mother of the Church” was given to the Blessed Mother by Pope St. Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council. In 2018, Pope Francis added the feast of “Mary, Mother of the Church” to the Church’s liturgical calendar, with the rank of a memorial.

Shortly after this announcement, the bishops of Italy announced that they would also be reconsecrating their country to the protection of the Virgin Mary, after having received over 300 letters asking them to do so.

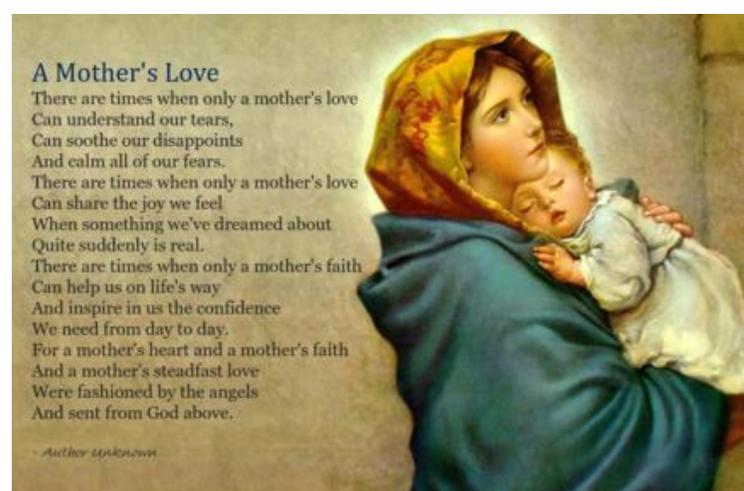
CATHOLIC ACTION COMMITTEE

Let us continue with a study of our sacraments. This month is the sacrament of marriage. Even in these difficult times, the Lord will bring together to join them together as husband and wife. Here is a brief definition from the conference of bishops.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

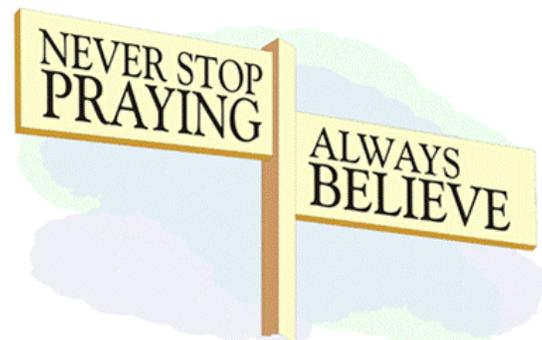
Marriage is an original gift from God to humanity. Although sin entered the world damaging the marital relationship, this gift was not lost but redeemed by Christ and raised to a sacrament (see Eph. 5:28-32; see also Mtt. 19:4-6). Sacred Scripture proclaims that God created humanity in "His image" as "male and female" (see Gen. 1:27). So unique is this relationship that the marital union makes of the husband and wife "one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). Procreation, Scripture teaches, is a gift from God (Gen. 1:28). When spouses conceive new life, they participate in the Lord God's creative power. This is an awesome privilege and sacred responsibility!

Over the centuries and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church has reflected upon marriage.



Reflection on this Difficult Time

During this pandemic we have lost our ability to join for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our priests have done a great job bringing the Mass to us by live streaming. Let us pray for our priests as they continue to find ways to make sure that we can celebrate the Mass even if we are unable to receive the Eucharist. So many Sisters have done their share to keep the prayers flowing, check on families and other sisters and help their communities with feeding the hungry or shopping for the elderly so they are taken care of during this time of isolation. There have been times during these past months that the Facebook posts from Sister Columbiettes certainly uplifted the spirits of all those they reached. Reaching out in hard times is what we are all about. With God's help and the continued outreach of all Columbiettes we will get thru this time and be the better for it.



★ MMJM ★ Award

As we mentioned in the May newsletter the MMJM application and criteria are currently online under the Supreme Columbiettes website under FORMS. We are looking forward to reading about all the good works that your auxiliaries have done throughout the year. Please return the application either by regular mail to the address listed on the application or email to the Supreme web site. **PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION PRIOR TO JULY 3RD.**

Pat Vahlsing, Chair
Committee
Kathy LoFrese
Jackie Ryan



Reminders:

- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** when receiving an A-100 form from a member who wishes to transfer into her auxiliary is to **send the A-100 form to the Supreme Secretary. The transfer box must be marked and both the President and Financial Secretary of the auxiliary the member is transferring to must sign the form. Please note you no longer have to send the A-100 form to the auxiliary the member is transferring from.**
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to notify the Supreme Council Office of any changes to the information of their Officers, Delegates and Alternates. Changes can be made on the Supreme website. This information is to be kept up to date including email addresses.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to include any appropriate fee when sending in an A-100 form. Always make sure the auxiliary information is filled in completely including degree dates.
- ✓ **Presidents** share the newsletter and correspondence from Supreme with your members.
- ✓ **Presidents** as changes are made due to this virus keep all your members, especially your Delegates and Alternates, updated regularly regarding their Annual State Convention information.
- ✓ **Presidents** of Auxiliaries, Chapters and States should keep their members updated regularly regarding meetings and other important information as we all go through the social distancing.
- ✓ **Presidents** should check to see when their auxiliary is due to file the 990-N form with the IRS.
- ✓ **Presidents** are asked to let us know if you have any suggestions on how Supreme can help you meet your auxiliary's needs. Send responses to: Office@Columbiettes.com.

Upcoming Convention Dates



CA	June 20- Virtual
CT	June 13- Virtual
DE	Tentative June 27- Virtual
FL	July 24-26 - Embassy Suites, Boca Raton
GA	June 20 Virtual
ME	Postponed
NJ	June 27- Virtual
NY	July 11- Virtual
NC	June 27- Virtual
PA	June 27- Virtual
SC	June 26- Virtual

Supreme Convention

August 14-16- Sheraton Wilmington South Hotel, New Castle, DE



State / Auxiliary	State	Aux#	Institution Date	2020 Anniversary Year
General Judson Kilpatrick	NJ	5563	6/24/2001	19
St. Lawrence	CT	10657	6/26/2001	19
Dover	DE	4182	6/23/2002	18
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	NJ	11459	6/6/2004	16
St. David	FL	10230	6/18/2005	15
Msgr. James F. Gacquin	NJ	12974	6/26/2006	14
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	NJ	5714	6/22/2008	12
Bishop Begin	CA	7164	6/14/2009	11
St. Anthony's	CA	10414	6/14/2009	11
St. Louis	FL	14730	6/5/2010	10
Vincent T. Lombardi	NJ	6552	6/13/2010	10
St. Vincent Ferrer	FL	13996	6/4/2011	9
St. Michael the Archangel	NC	15250	6/1/2013	7
St. Cecilia	NJ	7046	6/23/2013	7
St. Ignatius of Loyola	CA	12853	6/28/2014	6
Father James Keenan	NC	11266	6/20/2015	5

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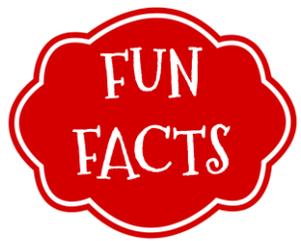
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State / Auxiliary	State	Aux#	Institution Date	2020 Anniversary Year
New York State			6/27/1954	66
New Jersey State			6/30/1958	62
Maine State			6/24/1999	21
California State			6/25/2016	4
Patchogue	NY	725	6/20/1951	69
Regina Mundi	NJ	3969	6/5/1957	63
St. Frances X. Cabrini	CT	4096	6/15/1960	60
Don Bosco	NY	4960	6/4/1961	59
Bishop Raymond A. Kearney	NY	4299	6/7/1965	55
Oswego	NY	227	6/17/1969	51
Mother McAuley	NY	3424	6/23/1978	42
Don Bosco	NJ	5809	6/25/1993	27



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Auxiliary Exchange

Service, spirituality and sisterhood — Columbiettes growing in Delaware as Supreme Convention set for August

By [Alexis Lomax, For The Dialog](#)

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Pat Merritt, left, and Kelley Freebery are members of the Columbiettes. Dialog photo/Joseph P. Owens

The Dialog news operation is providing special alerts to readers of the Angelus e-newsletter. [Sign up here for a free subscription to the Angelus.](#)

The state of [Delaware Columbiettes](#) provide women over the age of 18 opportunities to grow spiritually, serve others and develop close connections.

The women will have a chance to demonstrate their commitment to service on a larger stage this summer as the national group comes together in Delaware.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, [The Columbiettes are a not-for-profit organization](#) for Catholic women rooted in service and charity, dedicated to honoring their patronesses; the Blessed Mother Mary, Saint Theres the Little Flower, and Saint Joan of Arc.

Calculations show that there are currently over 14,500 Columbiettes in 250 auxiliaries throughout the United States. These auxiliaries span 19 states and Canada. Delaware currently has 337 members in six auxiliaries with a seventh auxiliary set to be formed by the end of March. St. Pius X Columbiettes, comprised of members from the St. Anthony of Padua parish will be the newest auxiliary for New Castle County and is expected to increase the state's membership to well over 350.

Guidelines to forming an auxiliary declare that each must be sponsored by a Knight of Columbus council, without sponsorship from a knight's council an auxiliary cannot exist. Working collectively, the ideals of both groups mirror each other in regard to their charitable efforts, community involvement, and faith information.

With hopes of increasing membership within the different auxiliaries in Delaware, Kelley Freebery, immediate past president of the St. Thomas the Apostle Columbiettes in Wilmington, and other Columbiettes invite Catholic women to join their unified group, regardless of having a spousal connection to the Knights of Columbus. She said service is a high priority to the Columbiettes.

Being an organization for women, Pat Merritt, also a member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Columbiettes Auxiliary, highlights the uniqueness the auxiliaries have. Merritt said "We all bring something different. Either it's something different that we'd like to help support as an individual or just saying the rosary together before a meeting, every meeting. That's powerful."

The Columbiettes have a dual role of working side-by-side with the Knights of Columbus, assisting them with activities and projects in addition to planning and hosting their own service events throughout the year. Services within Delaware include aiding the youth, elderly, priests and other vocations, tuition assistance to those in need, Christmas stockings for soldiers, and more. Everything the Columbiettes do is to better serve the community and the needs of others, Merritt said. The Columbiettes provide their service to "wherever the need is" she said.

The women said service, spirituality, and sisterhood best define the Columbiettes, the work they do, and what they wish to offer other woman. "I want as many women to be on fire about service as we are," said Freebery.

The characteristics of their four-part mission includes "promoting spiritual, social and charitable welfare of our members, promoting strength through unity and unity through faith in Catholic women while defending the rights of all our brothers and sisters, working through Mary, the Blessed Mother, to promote the common good through all people, and assisting their brother Knights in the endeavors when requested."

Bringing some excitement for the summer, the state of Delaware Columbiettes is hosting the Supreme Convention for the first time in 62 years. The Supreme Convention is scheduled for Aug. 14-16 at the Sheraton Suites hotel in New Castle. If you would like more information or have interest in becoming a Columbiette, send an email to DeStateColumbiettes@gmail.com.



Kudos to Sandy Bohinski!



Past Supreme President Sandy was honored to be named “Helmetta Hometown Hero”. Sandy and her husband, Rog, have resided in the Borough of Helmetta, NJ, for decades raising generations of their family. For 32 years, Sandy has held the position of Borough Clerk. She also is the Registrar and Planning Board Secretary.

Borough Mayor Christopher Slavicek, in announcing this honor, writes: “Throughout this pandemic, Sandy remains focused on providing for Helmetta. She has ensured no interruption of services as they relate to the needs of the residents. She is on the frontline completing marriage licenses, notarizing documents, organizing mailers and so much more. The Borough is truly blessed by her commitment and caring spirit! Her heart is always in Helmetta, especially during trying times as such.”

Well done, Sandy!

Kudos to Janet Schuler!



Supreme Sentinel Janet Schuler and her sister, Jenna Peterson, are pictured making facial masks for school food workers in Cobb County, GA. Janet sews. Jenna irons and assembles the kits.

Sister Power at its Best!



Kudos to Nancy Lee!

Nancy is Secretary of South West Chapter (NJ), District Deputy and Past President of Hopewell, NJ, Columbiettes. Nancy saw a need and knew she could help. An accomplished seamstress, she began making facial masks for people in her area. A friend posted her good deeds on Facebook and the good deeds turned into a major project as the word spread nation-wide.

Volunteers arrived at her home sewing shop as did donations of money and materials. They cut, sew, package, mail, and distribute masks to all who request them – free of charge. Doctor’s offices, nursing homes, group homes, senior citizen care facilities, hospitals, stores, first aid squads, families and individuals are among the recipients. As of the middle of May, they donated over 1,200 facial masks throughout the USA.

Nancy praises “her team” of volunteers for all their success. They are: Phyllis Mazella, Maria Jones, Debbie Vagi, Dustin Sweet, Claire Jeffries, Carol Jeffries, Jackie Soreddin, Carol Fassanen and Laurie Kolano.

Kudos to Father Lopez Auxiliary!

No one can judge the size of Father Lopez Auxiliary in Pinellas Park, FL, by the charity they do! With eight members involved full time, their success in charitable works is huge. President Laura Simkanich, Donna Carli, Belinda Robinson, and Sue Rocca are noted for their dedication and creativity.

Over the past 1 ½ years, they donated hygienic products to families with low income and helped 40 needy families have a bright Christmas. Working with the Girl Scouts, Lealman Fire Department, and the Pinellas County Sheriff Department, they distributed Christmas decorations, toys, clothes, and food.

Their main charity is the Bay Area Pregnancy Center which assists children until the age of 5. Through their efforts, baby items, maternity clothes, and toys were collected for donation. Also, last year, they donated backpacks filled with goodies to the Special Olympics Bowlaton.

In 2018-2019, they assisted area families with over 6,000 donated items at an approximate value of \$18,811. This year, they donated over 9,518 items to families and Special Olympic Bowlers with an approximate value of \$36,606.

Love has no limits or bounds!



Kudos to Linda Fetterer!

Linda, a member of Holy Cross Columbiettes in Kernersville, NC, is a true friend indeed! Carol Pennington, a sister Columbiette, was in need of facial masks for her husband, Herb, who is going through radiation treatments. The Pennington's supply of masks was dwindling and replenishments were needed. Linda made cotton masks for them from material she had on hand.

Sisterhood at its finest!



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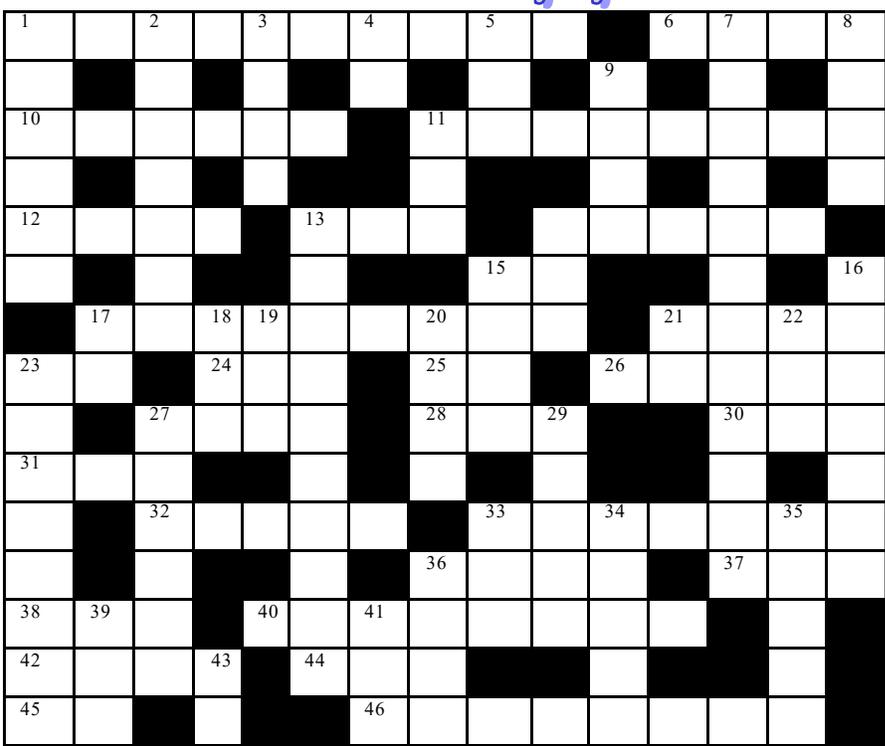
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

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| 1 "That's what it's all about"
Dance, 2 words | 32 Chubby Checker's dance |
| 6 Response in Church | 33 Luxury car brand based in
Molsheim, France |
| 10 "Groovin' on a ___ afternoon" | 36 Jazz musician Puente |
| 11 Loni of WKRP in <i>Cincinnati</i>
fame | 37 Source of iron |
| 12 "Loose__ sink ships" | 38 Promos |
| 13 Word repeated in a classic
French Dance | 40 "The real thing," 2 words |
| 14 Yokum, in Comics | 42 Destruction |
| 15 ___ Berkeley (abbr.) | 44 Key point |
| 17 Dance Craze that came from
Cuban carnival, 2 words | 45 Gym Class (abbr.) |
| 21 Boot device for horse riding | 46 Dance craze in the 50's that
came from San Francisco's
Balboa High School, 2 words |
| 23 Football score (abbr.) | |
| 24 Setting for many jokes | |
| 25 Pierre is its capital (abbr.) | |
| 26 Got out of bed | |
| 27 Street or Flower | |
| 28 "Dance to the___," Gene
Vincent | |
| 30 Boston Slugger Williams | |
| 31 "Mamma___," ABBA | |

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| 1 Disco-era dance craze |
| 2 Chinese Chicken dish, 2
words |
| 3 Words repeated in "She
Loves You" |
| 4 ___ track |

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| 5 Very long time |
| 7 Dance craze made famous by James
Brown, 2 words |
| 8 "Love Potion Number ___". |
| 9 Alpert of Tijuana Brass fame |
| 11 Landers or Margret |
| 13 1920s dance craze |
| 14 Top card in a deck |
| 15 Reverse |
| 16 60's dance fadled by ___ and the
Dreamers |
| 17 Data storer (abbr.) |
| 18 Basketball association |
| 19 " I've Got a ___ in Kalamazoo" |
| 20 Library code (abbr.) |
| 21 In the graduating class (abbr.) |
| 22 Employ |
| 23 70s dance craze from <i>Rocky Horror
Picture Show</i> 2 words |
| 27 1960s solo dance |
| 29 Cartoon canine |
| 33 Brand of pen |
| 34 Little Richard's "Good ____, Miss
Molly" |
| 35 Lady and the ____, 1955 Disney
movie |
| 36 Perfume brand |
| 39 Give the devil his ___ |
| 41 Chicago Baseball Player |
| 43 Bismarck's state (abbr.) |

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Supreme Committee Chairs: send information on your committees.

States: send in information on your activities, i.e. raffles, etc.

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Send in helpful hints.

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As many of you have already experienced, our computer system sometimes has some strange behaviors and I thought I'd give a couple of tips to see if they help. I am seeing many emails into the help desk that mention when trying to update a member, the system asks you for your email and log in information, or when you are trying to do other updates, it is asking you for odd information.

- This may be related to your browser as I've noticed some browsers work better than others. If you are using Internet Explorer for example, try to use Firefox or Chrome. Sometimes switching to a different browser helps.

- Most often, you will need to clear your cache and your cookies. If you are not familiar with how to do this, go to the help section of the browser you are using (usually you can find help in the right hand corner menu of your browser), there are instructions on how to do this (or google it). Once you have cleared your cache and cookies, close down your browser, give it a minute, then open it back up and log on again and try what you were doing.

Quite often, one of these tips will help. If they don't, you can send an email to supremecomputerhelp@columbiettes.com, and I will see what I can do to help!
Hope you and your families are doing well. Stay safe, stay well!

Janet Schuler
Supreme Computer Help



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