



The Columbiette Connection

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Message from our State President



November is a season where people make an extra effort to give thanks for all that they have in this world. Thank You California Columbiettes! I am thankful and grateful for all your support throughout this past year and a half during COVID.

Our State membership on December 31, 2020 was 361. We lost members who moved away, members who did not go out or zoom, and members who passed away. May their souls rest in peace.

Our State membership has grown to 396 members this past summer and we have added one new auxiliary Laguna.

Thank You California State Honor Guard members! I am grateful for the energy and enthusiasm that you bring and for wanting to be part of the Honor Guard.

On September 21st eighteen Columbiettes attended a zoom Honor Guard training session given by Grand Knight Danny Avalos.

There have been 7 Honor Guard events this year:

- Our Lady Queen of the World a Knights funeral
- St Anthony Father Mac Lingo's Anniversary mass
- Rita Russo memorial mass at St Ignatius of Loyola
- Orange County Knights District mtg
- Father John Vieira memorial mass at St Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Becky Trombley and Libby Davis at Supreme Conventio
- Blessing of the State/Pastor Installation at St Margaret Mary

Thank you to the Auxiliary Presidents for handling all the changes that have occurred this past year. You have stepped up to the plate. Thank You State Officers for all your support. God Bless.

Denise

Save the Date! California - California 7th Annual State Convention



June 17th & 18th 2022
 Holiday Inn Dublin-Pleasanton
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INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

My Dear People of God

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord!



During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has brought great uncertainty into our world and daily routines. The pandemic has shifted the way we approach life and how we think about life. In the Church, we see this in full action. From going to mass every Sunday and abruptly changing it to continue to worship the Lord and abiding by the 10 commandments by attending mass virtually, to now being able to attend in-person.

However, one group remained consistent through the constant change of society. That is the Columbiettes at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The Columbiettes are very involved in various church ministries. The ministries include lecturing, ushering, singing in the choir, feeding the homeless, share the blessing ministry, and faith formation classes. Columbiettes are extraordinary ladies, who are proud to reach out and help those less fortunate by meeting the needs of the people in their communities and around the world.

Columbiettes are a growing service organization who are willing to make a difference in today's society. They boldly chose to protect the sacredness of human life "From Womb to Tomb" and to take a strong stand on issues devastating to it such as abortion and euthanasia. They are also committed to the preservation of marriage and family life as instituted by God. Columbiettes are an organization that addresses the religious needs of the church and community where we live, worship, work, and play.

Columbiettes, are the organization of spiritual, moral, charitable, educational, and social women. They pray for each other and support one Jesus. The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese the Little Flower and Joan of Arc are their patron saints. The Columbiettes wear pink shirts to represent their organization and show their presence at Church. Columbiettes enjoy Social Activities while enriching their Catholic Faith.

The Columbiettes Emblem contains a blue circle that represents the World; the white cross represents Christ's love; The Rays represent our zeal to serve God through the mediums of Faith, Hope, and Charity; symbolized by the three white stars.

I believe that they are fulfilling their promises and duties of Faith, Hope and Charity to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Community. I pray that they will grow day by day. Sincerely yours in the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Rev. Fr. Cristobal Subosa

*"Don't forget your purpose and destiny
as God's creature.*

*What you are in His sight is what you are
and nothing more."*

(Saint Francis of Assisi)

6TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION

**ST MARGARET MARY
HOSTS**



SUPREME LEADERS



STATE OFFICERS



SISTERS



SISTERS



FRIENDSHIP



AFFECTION

FUN



**CALIFORNIA STATE COLUMBIETTE CONVENTION
JUNE 18 & 19, 2021**

Excitement was in the air at the Ontario Airport Hotel on June 18, 2021. It all started with registration. Loud "Hi's" and hugs were observed everywhere in the large lobby.

After getting settled in our rooms, the lobby continued to be a fun meeting place. Sisters were sitting together, sharing ideas and bonding. Laughter emanated from the room, suggesting that- being together was joyful.

A practice for an In-Person Initiation Ceremony took place soon after, which satisfied questions regarding the new ceremony.

St Margaret Mary Registration Hosts



FUN FRIDAY NIGHT

In-Person Initiation Ceremony
(Candidates Laura Bartoni and Kim Heim)
Friday night dinner was a tribute and roast for our Immediate Past President.

SATURDAY

Productive Business Meeting
Rosary, Installation of Officers and Memorial mass for our departed Sisters

SATURDAY NIGHT

Delicious dinner
Exciting Raffles
Impressive Speeches

Memorial Tree



**AND
PARTY TIME -Hospitality
Room Wine and POLE
DANCING**



Becky Trombley

Celebrating our Immediate Past President

Friday evening June 18th, 2021

The evening started with a roast. Orange and black stripes were center stage. Becky's special friend and love- **Tigger**- dominated the show. Becky was draped with clothes that included an orange outfit and big orange glasses. A Tigger song was created and sung by the group. Ridiculous but fun!



TIGGER SONG



Chorus
BECKY IS FUN
FUN FUN!



Tigger imprinted glasses and honey pots decorated the tables. A delicious meal and impressive speeches followed. But- it wasn't all silly.

A spokes person from each area presented a story about how much Becky was a big influence and mentor for their auxiliary. The whole assembly was moved by the accolades. Of course- Becky needed tissues.



COLUMBIETTE NEWS



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS

Second Anniversary was held on August 8th after their meeting.

Bishop Begin

Knights and Columbiettes collectively attended our Living members mass October 10th at the noon mass at Our Lady Queen of the World. Officiated by Father Joseph Nguyen and Deacon Loc. We had the first two rows reserved and filled those and overflowed into other rows. It was wonderful to see so many brothers and sisters in Christ attend mass together. Thank you all for all you do.

Becky Trombley



ST FRANCES CABRINI
Trunk or treat 10/30

Ghouls, , monsters, heroes, and ghosts were at the Parrish Center St Francis for Tunk or Treat including Declan, Collen and Elora



Ca State Officers at Supreme Convention

Service, spirituality and sisterhood — Columbiettes growing in Delaware at Supreme Convention August 2021

State officers meeting in Ontario August 27- 28, 2021

Ontario Airport hotel meeting August 27, 2021 Saturday at 5:00 PM 8/26 was a Virtual Initiation Ceremony with the Ca state officers participating There were candidates from Kissimmee Fl., Port St Lucie Fl. Del Ray Beach Fl. and St Petersburg Fl. One candidate from North Carolina. Also candidates from St Junipero Serra, Bishop O'Dowd and St Ignatius.

This was the Officers first in-person meeting for officers to conduct the State audit and to bond and collaborate.



St Anthony installation of officers

SAINT MARGARET MARY

Dedication of Shrine and Installation of Fr. Resti as Pastor



The SMM Columbiettes provided food and drinks and hosted for the celebration.

On October 17th, St. Margaret Mary welcomed Bishop, Alberto Rojas for the dedication of a new Lady of Fatima shrine and the installation of our new pastor, Fr. Resti. It was quite an exciting day. The Knights of Columbus and the Columbiette Honor Guard participated



MEMORIALS & ANNIVERSARY



The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Auxiliary celebrated several memorial masses. First was a memorial mass for our sister Teresa Franco's mother, Angelina.

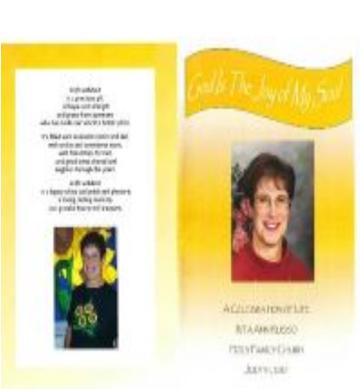
Next on August 27, there was a memorial mass for our beloved former pastor, Rev. John Vieira. The Columbiettes' State Honor Guard attended this mass.

Some other Auxiliary members were honored to be part of the choir at both the memorial mass and the funeral mass presided over by our Bishop Rojas, and Bishop Barnes.

Third was a memorial mass on September 30, for the mother of our pastor Rev Cristobal Subosa. She resided in the Philippines. The Auxiliary provided sandwiches for the reception in Avila Hall. Sister Columbiettes were involved in serving and helping distributing food for the mass attendees. We pray for the repose of their souls and all who have passed.

Rosemary Gomes

ST ANTHONY
Father Mac Lingo's Anniversary Mass - Sept 5th



Honor Guard for Rita Russo

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
Rita Russo Memorial Mass
July 27th



**Honor Guard August 27th at
ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON**



ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON

**On 8/27 Columbiettes
attended the memorial
mass for Father John Vieira**

SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA HAS BEEN A BUSY AUXILIARY !!

SUBMITTED BY DIANNE PLAISTED AND LISA WORTHINGTON

Catholic Night at the Ball Game

Mission San Diego Saint Junipero Serra 9498 Columbiettes participated in Catholic night at the San Diego Padres vs Houston Astros. Our very own vice president Amelia Sperry led the ticket sales that were open to the entire parish. Amelia sold over 100 tickets to the game. This was just a fun get together with our parish community. Game out come however was not good Padres lost 6-3.



Columbiettes teamed up to host the Octoberfest. We had great food cooked by the knights and the columbiettes. Columbiettes also had their baskets for raffle and we had items for silent auction. Our parishioners are awesome.



We helped the Knights at our scaled down Festival of the Bells. July 17. We sold ice creams for profit and donated part to a kids' pizza party the next day.



On Sept. 18 and 19, we had a Dudley bread sale after all the Masses. We ran out of bread after the 1030 Mass. We sold 300 loaves and need to increase our quantity next year.

We successfully recruited 18 women to join our Council. During St Gregory the Great's Friday night concerts, we were able to set up a table to see if any of their ladies were interested in joining the Columbiettes. We recruited one lady and Carla Trevino was able to recruit 2 more from her parish.



See's Candy



Thank you for supporting both of the Columbiettes See's FundRaisers:
St Anthony Auxiliary now until December 4th

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stac_st_anthonys_columbiettes4/candy?h=Tin_Gue3983

Bishop O'Dowd Auxiliary now until December 3rd

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/bishopoc_bishop_odowd_columbiettes_28/candy?h=DiaNoo3958&c=em5285

FUND RAISERS



Lisa, (Founder of the organization), Betty Teresi and Sandra Woodham.

Bishop O'Dowd # 3474 presented a check to a nonprofit organization called Grateful Garments on 9/15.

The organization collects new garments for people who were sexually molested



Bishop Begin Knights have been hosting Bingo once a month for many years. **Our Auxiliary** had the opportunity to pull a bit of a Sadie Hawkins and reverse our rolls on Nov. 6th. We took over operations of the event and the Knights got the rare chance to sit and enjoy a night of Bingo Play. Proceeds from the bingo go to our Religious Education Students.

St Frances Cabrini

Parish festival Nov 13 from 12 until 9:00PM
Columbiettes selling soda and water

St Junipero Serra

Nov 6th and 7th fund raised for Wreaths across America, where the wreaths are put on the graves of our service men and women. Last year we donated 23 wreaths and this year we want to give 50 to the organization.



St. Anthony Holiday Boutique
November 13th - Out in the parking lot

St. Ignatius of Loyola - Bunco Night

November 18th 5:30PM - 8:30PM at Holy Family Parish Hall
RSVP by November 13th to columbietteshf@gmail.com



HONOR GUARD

Calling all Columbiettes !!

Have you heard the news?

The Columbiettes now have an Honor Guard similar to the Knights of Columbus. Georgia, California and soon to be NY have a crew. We would love for you to join our ranks. The requirements are that you have a desire to honor our members, living as well as deceased, and to obtain the uniform, which includes a black skirt, a black two button blazer jacket with a collar and white collared button up shirt. Along with white gloves and the baldric. Black shoes with heels no higher than 2". We can give more guidance as to where to purchase to those who wish to have the information. The Honor Guard will have the honor to attend special occasions such as installations and funerals. We can join in with the Knights on call outs, as long as we ask beforehand.



Danny Avalos of St. Anthony's gave us our first instructional meeting, and a guide book will be coming out soon.

If you want to request the Honor Guard for an event Please contact Denise (925) 207-2382

If you are interested in becoming an Honor Guard member contact Becky Trombley (925) 285-4947 or Patricia Everman (909) 591-4478



WE ARE GROWING



**Ceremonial
Initiations
and
Expansion**



Denise Brennan spoke at the Knights of Columbus District meeting in Orange County on August 26, 2021. She was invited to speak on the Columbiettes purpose, goals and explain how the Columbiettes are so much like the Knights.



President Becky Fukuda and the Laguna Columbiettes Auxiliary #11236 Our newest council!



In-Person Initiation Ceremony and Installation of Officers on June 22, 2021



St Margaret Mary In-Person Initiation Ceremony and Installation of Officers July 5, 2021



St Ignatius In-Person Initiation Ceremony on July 19, 2021



St Ignatius members at the In-Person Initiation Ceremony

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