



Communicator

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Message from our Supreme President

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

The summer seems to have flown by, and in August at our Supreme Convention in Delaware, I was elected as your Supreme President. I am honored and humbled to be elected President of this wonderful organization. Who would have thought that a young immigrant girl from Czechoslovakia, coming over on an army transport ship, not speaking a word of English, would be here today as President of the Supreme Council Columbiettes? I said this at the convention, but I felt it needed to be repeated for those who were not there. I truly feel blessed. Only in America, and only by the grace of God.

I would like to thank my Sister Columbiettes for having the faith and confidence in me, and I will try my very best to follow in the footsteps of the very prestigious ladies that came before me. No one person can do it alone, but together we can accomplish so much more. My theme for the year is "We are Family", brothers and sisters working together in unity, charity and fraternity. The motto of our organization. This has always been my goal on the auxiliary level and chapter and now Supreme.

When the pandemic hit,

these past two years have not been easy ones, but somehow we survived. We are resilient. We worked through the pandemic by establishing a new Initiation Ceremony and also a new Installation Ceremony. We found ways to keep in touch via Zoom, we had virtual ceremonies, and now I think we are finally seeing the light at the end of a very long tunnel. Most of our auxiliaries are back to meeting in person, with CDC guidelines of course. Slowly but surely we are on the road to recovery. "Some things take time...Stay patient...Stay positive... Things will get better!" (Unknown)

We now welcome October, my favorite season of the year. It's a time when we enjoy decorating with the beautiful colors of autumn. We start thinking about the holidays, Halloween and Thanksgiving. This is also the time when auxiliaries start thinking about fundraisers and getting back to normal. November is also the time that the Supreme Financial Secretary sends out travel cards. Please check your rosters to make sure that it is up to date. If any help is



needed at any time, we are here for you.

Now to let you know of some changes. The newsletter will be published four times a year, instead of every month. One in October, one in December, in March and then June. If there is a need, we can always publish a special edition. The ladies on the committee have done an excellent job, but publishing it every month has been a challenge, as we also do an edition in Spanish. So please send in your articles and let us know what is happening in your area.

Have a Happy and safe Halloween to those of you who will be celebrating with your ghouls and goblins. Also, enjoy a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving, thanking God for all the blessings he has bestowed on us.

I pray that our Patron Saints, the Blessed Mother, St. Terese the Little Flower and St. Joan of Arc, guide us in the coming year to continue the work of our order. God Bless you all, and God Bless this beautiful country, America.

Fraternally,
Ronny
Ronny Pliszak
Supreme President



Message from our Supreme Immediate Past President

September and October are beautiful months not only for all the religious events that take place; but, it's a new beginning for our members and our auxiliaries. While many of us are getting back to meeting in-person, many may have some catch up to do on Audit Reports.

The Immediate Past President is Chair of the Audit and Nominating Committees. Right now, it is Audit prep season. If you haven't held an audit due to COVID, and not have conducted any business or little business or a lot of business, you need to start from the last audit and move forward. Example: If you held an Audit Jan 2020 and it was signed off and completed, you will start at the next month you last completed the audit. For a Jan audit, you review the prior 6 months ending Dec. 31, 2019, and your audit start point month would be Jan.1, 2020, through June 30, 2020.

Presidents, please select the Audit Committee members wisely. Do not just plug people into these committees. Our Organization has procedures for our Financial Secretary and Treasurer. It is a basic IN and OUT process so no one needs to know Accounting 101; but, one

should have a basic check book knowledge.

The number of members on this committee MUST be an odd number and this includes the Chair.

Most By-laws say "The Immediate Past President is the chair and two members" so check your By-laws for the appropriate number and keep in mind that it must be an odd number totaling 3 or 5 members. Example: The Chair plus 2 members will equal 3 or The Chair plus 4 members will equal a total of 5 members for this committee.

The members of the audit should consist of ladies who are members of your auxiliary. The Audit Chair will work with the President for date, place, time etc. to conduct the Audit.

Please remember that the President, FS and Tres are NOT to be part of the Audit committee as the Audit Committee will be auditing their books and records. The President and Treasurer are the ones who sign the checks. This would be a

conflict of interest. The Audits must be conducted in Jan and July. Again due to COVID, if you have conducted any financial business during the pandemic and have not held an audit, you must conduct an audit to catch up.

If you have any questions: Auxiliaries in States, contact your DD, State Officer or State President for assistance. Auxiliaries in Territories, contact your TDs for assistance.

Keep in mind that COVID rules are vastly different from state to state and please continue to abide accordingly.

Praying that we all get back to meeting safely *in-person* very soon.

Stay Safe, Be Well
Micki Magee
Immediate Past Supreme President



Who are our Officers and Directors

President

Ronny Pliszak - (NY)

Past President

Micki Magee - (NY)

Vice President

Jeanne Mucci - (NY)

Secretary

Janet Schuler - (GA)

Financial Secretary

Marlene Korn - (NC)

Treasurer

Lisa Roberts- (NJ)

Advocate

Kathy Bacon- (CT)

Sentinel

Lisa Koenig- (NY)

One Year

Carol Bohinski	NJ
Joellen Dodson	PA
Kathy LoFrese	NY
Vicky Porcelli	NY
Pat Vahlsing	DE

Two Year

MaryAnne Alessio	NY
Fran Kennealy	CA
Suzanne Pflieger	FL
Mary Ann Sweet	NJ

Three Year

Linda Darling	DE
Mary Galiardi	PA
Barbara Maier	NY
Edith VanDemark	SC
Crystal Vliet	GA

Message from our Supreme Vice President

Congratulations to the 2021 Supreme Convention committee for a wonderful Convention. It was so nice to see everyone in person.

I would like to thank the Delegates to the Supreme Convention for having the confidence in me to elect me as the next Supreme Vice President.

I look forward to working with our Supreme President Ronny Pliszak, Supreme Officers and Directors.

Wishing All a Happy Thanksgiving

Jeanne

Jeanne Mucci
Supreme Vice President



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Procedural and By-law questions email
SupremeAdvocate@Columbiettes.com

IRS related questions email
SupremeIRSQA@Columbiettes.com

Any help with website
SupremeComputerHelp@Columbiettes.com

Any newsletter articles you would like submitted email
SupremeNewsletter@Columbiettes.com

Squirettes of Mary
SupremeSquirettes@Columbiettes.com

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CERTIFIED MAIL TO
SUPREME OFFICE**



Message from our Supreme Secretary

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

The weather is finally getting cooler, and God has his paint brush out to give us the rich colors of Fall as only he can. This is my favorite season, with windows open and apple festival time here in Georgia. It's hard to believe the holidays will be here before we know it. I hope this finds everyone and their family and friends healthy and safe. God bless all of you for all that you do each day!



Janet Schuler
Supreme Secretary

Message from our Supreme Financial Secretary

Please Note: Travel cards are mailed out in November to the Auxiliary Financial Secretaries based upon your auxiliary's membership listed on the Supreme website as of the end of October. You should receive the travel cards by mid-December. Also included will be the invoice for the cost of the travel cards. If you have not received the travel cards by mid-December, please send an email to: Supremefinancialsecretary@columbiettes.com.

Invoices received from Supreme do not require a vote and should be paid immediately to avoid a late charge.

Please visit the Columbiette Store at: www.supremecolumbiettes.com to order your supplies. Any member can now order supplies. When sending in payment for Orders, please send a copy of the invoice with a check made out to Supreme Council Columbiettes this will ensure you receive the proper credit.

By now all Presidents should have received a new copy of the Supreme Administration Manual. Again, this was sent to the Presidents on record on the Supreme website. If you have not updated your officer's list, you will not receive information sent out by Supreme. Any questions, please send an email to: Supremefinancialsecretary@columbiettes.com.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Marlene Korn, Supreme
Financial Secretary



Message from Supreme Treasurer



Greetings to all my Sister Columbiettes near and far. It is my happy privilege to serve you on the Supreme Board. As you have all started the activities of your auxiliaries, chapters, states and territories, I wish you well in all endeavors and encourage you to spread the good word and great works of this wonderful Catholic Women's Organization.

Enjoy the fall weather, leaves falling "depending where you are" and have a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends – be safe, stay healthy and always count your blessings and as I count mine and think of each of you, I will count you twice.

Fraternally,
Lisa A. Roberts

Lisa A. Roberts
Supreme Treasurer

Message from our Supreme Advocate



Sister Columbiettes,
A brief but sincere message to wish you all God's Blessings, and a Happy Thanksgiving.
I am looking forward to working with all of you in my new role as Supreme Advocate.

Happy Fall y'all!
Kathy
Kathy Bacon
Supreme Advocate

Message from our Supreme Sentinel

Sister Columbiettes,

Although we are already a few weeks into the Columbian Year, I would like to congratulate and send good wishes to Supreme President Ronny Pliszak and the entire Board on their election.
I am honored and look forward to working with all of you this year.

Lisa Koenig
Supreme Sentinel



Supreme Convention
August 2021

It is my pleasure to report that this year's Supreme Convention was a tremendous success! It was an honor for the Delaware Columbiettes to be asked to host the convention and we are very thankful for all who attended and made it so special. This was in no small part due to all our Sister Columbiettes who came together to celebrate! While we were unable to host an in-person convention last year, we were delighted to be able to provide a great weekend for everyone this year. I would like to personally thank my committee, Vicky Porcelli, MaryAnne Alessio, Linda Darling, Linda Ziegler and all the Delaware ladies who pitched in and did an excellent job. I am especially grateful to the Supreme Board and Supreme Directors who supported us in every way. It goes without saying, that none of this could have been accomplished without the advice, support and encouragement of our Immediate Past Supreme President, Micki Magee. Again, my sincere thanks to all for making this year's convention a success!

Fraternally,
Pat Vahlsing
Convention Chair



You are all welcome to join our Facebook Group! Find us under:

Supreme Council Columbiettes
(three separate words)

We Want to See You!

Did your Auxiliary have a fundraiser or complete a service project? Did you host an informational session or a virtual ceremony? Did your State bring in a new Auxiliary? Are you having an "in person" or virtual convention this year? We want to see you! It does us all good to see how our Sister Columbiettes across the USA are doing. Please post pictures, or a small article, about your event or achievement. That is what the fb group is for, besides... We want to see YOU!

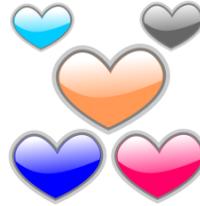
Kathy Bacon
Administrator

Our Supreme Board of Officers for 2021 – 2022 were elected during the Supreme Council’s Annual Meeting on August 21st and assumed their offices on September 1, 2021. We look forward to their solid leadership and guidance. They are:

Supreme President Ronny Pliszak



Immediate Past Supreme President Micki Magee



Supreme Vice President Jeanne Mucci



Supreme Secretary Janet Schuler



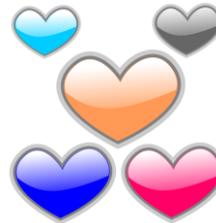
Supreme Financial Secretary Marlene Korn



Supreme Treasurer Lisa Roberts



Supreme Advocate Kathy Bacon



Supreme Sentinel Lisa Koenig



Elected to the Supreme Board of Directors are:

3 Year Term –

- Linda Darling (DE)
- Edith Van Demark (SC)
- Mary Galiardi (PA)
- Barbara Maier (NY)
- Crystal Vlieg (GA)

1 Year Unexpired Term –

- Joellen Dodson (PA)

Meet Our Elected Supreme Board of Officers and Directors



Congratulations!

Congratulations

25 Years

September

Patricia Carino – NY
Diane Mulry-Betz – NY

Kathryn McCann – SC
Patricia Vaughn – NY

October

Mildred Bacher – FL
Judith Bartley – NY
Giovanna Beyer – NJ
Joan Bratsch – NJ
Kathleen Burke – NY
Mary Jane Dolan – NY
Mary Gentile – NY
Carlotta Giglio – NY
Denise Giglio – NY
Barbara Holler – NJ
Carol Huber – NJ
Bonnie Kelly – NJ
Carol Lonergan – FL

Phyllis Magnone – NJ
Mary Melnick – NJ
Marion Mercado – NY
Victoria Meyers – NC
Patricia Minucci – NJ
Christine Murphy – NY
Betty Ann Nolletti-Cardone – FL
Jeanette Quinto-Broker – FL
Kathleen Regan – FL
Nora Rombardo – NJ
Meg Schurtz – NC
Jeannette Sombrotto – NY
Carmella Sutphen – NJ

Christina Vaglica – NY

50 Years

September

Jeanette Vigiano – Our Lady of the Rosary - NY

October

Lucy DePeppo – Assumption Msgr James J Dorney Aux - NY
Carole Garbowski – Our Lady of Victory Aux - NJ
Anna Gerowe – St Frances X Cabrini Aux - CT
Evelyn Giacobbe – Port Washington Aux - NY
Pamela Kase – Regina Mundi Aux - NJ
Kathleen Raftery – Assumption Msgr James J Dorney Aux – NY

Type	Auxiliary	State	Aux No	Institution Date	Anniversary
Aux	Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh	FL	13369	9/24/2011	10
Aux	Assumption Msgr. James J Dorey	NY	1694	9/14/1961	60
Aux	Father John LaFarge	NY	4012	9/20/1961	60
Terr	Potomac	VA	9259	9/24/2011	10



Reminder Message:

As you send paperwork for your membership items, please help the Secretary to be able to process everything, keeping the following in mind:

1. Please don't assume we know where you're from. Make sure you put your Auxiliary and State on any correspondence.
2. PLEASE fill out the A-100 forms neatly. Printing is most helpful. Make sure ALL fields are filled out and please put the ENTIRE name of the city in your mailing address. Don't assume that the Secretary knows what the abbreviation means.
3. If you are withdrawing a member, PLEASE include the \$5.00 fee. If no fee is included, the member will be suspended, not withdrawn, and a card will not be mailed out.
4. Please include A-100 forms WITH THE \$5.00 fee. We are receiving many instances of no checks with the A-100 forms, and checks with no A-100 forms. This causes delays in processing new members.
5. Financial Secretaries can process Suspensions themselves. If you need instructions on how to do this, send an email to supremesecretary@columbiettes.com.

Thank you!



Communicator News



NEWSLETTER STAFF



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Carol Bohinski, Writer

Manuela Graells, Translator
Maria Cruz, Translator
Maggie Muelker, Translator

Welcome to the *Communicator* for Columbian Year 2021 - 2022!

We are honored and pleased to continue the publication of the Supreme Council's Newsletter. Our goal is to provide informative and interesting content for all Columbiette Officers and members. Our belief is this is a communication arm for the entire membership.

This year, we plan to publish four issues:

November 2021
 December 2021
 March 2022
 June 2022

We ask your assistance to achieve our goals. Please feel free to send in articles on State, Chapter, and Auxiliary events. Photos are welcome. All Columbiettes will be interested in your news and happenings. Also, if there is a topic you wish to know more about, please let us know. We will do our best to accommodate. Articles and ideas are to be emailed to supremenewsletter@columbiettes.com. Please send your submissions in Word format and photos in JPEG format.

Please share the *Communicator* with your membership. We wish all members will feel pride and enthusiasm for many good works of our great Order. We care and share!

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you,

Kathy Bacon – Editor, Writer Jaclyn Carney – Lay-out Editor Carol Bohinski – Writer
 Manuela Graells – Translator Maria Cruz – Translator Maggie Muelker – Translator



IRS

As we try and get back to the new normal in our lives it may be time for the majority of you to file your 990N(e-Postcard) with the IRS in order to maintain your Auxiliary's tax exempt status.

This year, IRS has given us a glitch and it seems that the government wants us to go in and file as a new user. When you are filing, use the instructions as a new account user. You can apply the old credentials, Username and Password from previous filings. If that doesn't work or you don't have that information and you have to change Username and Password, PLEASE note changes for future use. Answer your questions with general information, not personal, and add the current President's contact information. (Do NOT add DBA name. Do NOT use church/council address). Most important, print the last page for your records even if the status says "Pending". It has the date of filing so you have a written verification. You can go back later and see if an update is posted as "Accepted". The IRS site has been a bit unpredictable during this past year, so you may have to attempt filing more than once. The IRS number for EO groups is 1-877-829-5500, if you need to contact them for specific questions concerning the Auxiliary's account. Supreme is available for general questions or concerns at SupremeIRSQA@columbiettes.com.

Please do not allow your Auxiliary to be revoked. The fee is up to \$600 to be reinstated along with the extra paperwork required by Form 1024.

Continued success to all our groups and Leaders.

Supreme IRS Committee

work hard.

→ have fun.

↓ make a difference.

Teresa of Avila was born Teresa Ali Fatim Corella Sanchez de Capeda y Ahumada in Avila, Spain. Less than twenty years before Teresa was born in 1515, Columbus opened up the Western Hemisphere to European colonization. Two years after she was born, Luther started the Protestant Reformation. Out of all of this change came Teresa pointing the way from outer turmoil to inner peace.

Teresa's father was rigidly honest and pious, but he may have carried his strictness to extremes. Teresa's mother loved romance novels but because her husband objected to these fanciful books, she hid the books from him. This put Teresa in the middle -- especially since she liked the romances too. Her father told her never to lie but her mother told her not to tell her father. Later she said she was always afraid that no matter what she did she was going to do everything wrong.

When she was seven-years old, she convinced her older brother that they should "go off to the land of the Moors and beg them, out of love of God, to cut off our heads there." They got as far as the road from the city before an uncle found them and brought them back. Some people have used this story as an early example of sanctity, but this author think it's better used as an early example of her ability to stir up trouble.

After this incident she led a fairly ordinary life, though she was convinced that she was a horrible sinner. As a teenager, she cared only about boys, clothes, flirting, and rebelling. When she was 16, her father decided she was out of control and sent her to a convent. At first she hated it but eventually she began to enjoy it -- partly because of her growing love for God, and partly because the convent was a lot less strict than her father.

Still, when the time came for her to choose between marriage and religious life, she had a tough time making the decision. She'd watched a difficult marriage ruin her mother. On the other hand being a nun didn't seem like much fun. When she

finally chose religious life, she did so because she thought that it was the only safe place for someone as prone to sin as she was.

Once installed at the Carmelite convent permanently, she started to learn and practice mental prayer, in which she "tried as hard as I could to keep Jesus Christ present within me. My imagination is so dull that I had no talent for imagining or coming up with great theological thoughts." Teresa prayed this way off and on for eighteen years without feeling that she was getting results. Part of the reason for her trouble was that the convent was not the safe place she assumed it would be.

Many women who had no place else to go wound up at the convent, whether they had vocations or not. They were encouraged to stay away from the convents for long period of time to cut down on expenses. Nuns would arrange their veils attractively and wear jewelry. Prestige depended not on piety but on money. There was a steady stream of visitors in the parlor and parties that included young men. What spiritual life there was involved hysteria, weeping, exaggerated penance, nosebleeds, and self-induced visions.

Teresa suffered the same problem that Francis of Assisi did - she was too charming. Everyone liked her and she liked to be liked. She found it too easy to slip into a worldly life and ignore God. The convent encouraged her to have visitors to whom she would teach mental prayer because their gifts helped the community economy. But Teresa got more involved in flattery, vanity and gossip than spiritual guidance. These weren't great sins perhaps but they kept her from God.

Then Teresa fell ill with malaria. When she had a seizure, people were so sure she was dead that after she woke up four days later she learned they had dug a grave for her. Afterwards she was paralyzed for three years and was never completely well. Yet instead of helping her spiritually, her sickness became an excuse to stop her prayer completely: she

couldn't be alone enough, she wasn't healthy enough, and so forth. Later she would say, "Prayer is an act of love, words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love."

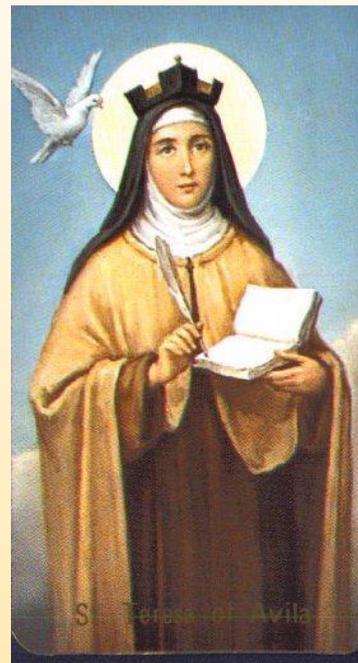
For years she hardly prayed at all "under the guise of humility." She thought as a wicked sinner she didn't deserve to get favors from God. But turning away from prayer was like "a baby turning from its mother's breasts, what can be expected but death?"

When she was 41, a priest convinced her to go back to her prayer, but she still found it difficult. "I was more anxious for the hour of prayer to be over than I was to remain there. I don't know what heavy penance I would not have gladly undertaken rather than practice prayer." She was distracted often: "This intellect is so wild that it doesn't seem to be anything else than a frantic madman no one can tie down." Teresa sympathizes with those who have a difficult time in prayer: "All the trials we endure cannot be compared to these interior battles."

Yet her experience gives us wonderful descriptions of mental prayer: "For mental prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything."

As she started to pray again, God gave her spiritual delights: the prayer of quiet where God's presence overwhelmed her senses, raptures where God overcame her with glorious foolishness, prayer of union where she felt the sun of God melt her soul away. Sometimes her whole body was raised from the ground. If she felt God was going to levitate her body, she stretched out on the floor and called the nuns to sit on her and hold her down. Far from being excited about these events, she

Teresa of Avila



"begged God very much not to give me any more favors in public."

In her books, she analyzed and dissects mystical experiences the way a scientist would. She never saw these gifts as rewards from God but the way he "chastised" her. The more love she felt the harder it was to offend God. She says, "The memory of the favor God has granted does more to bring such a person back to God than all the infernal punishments imaginable."

Her biggest fault was her friendships. Though she wasn't sinning, she was very attached to her friends until God told her "No longer do I want you to converse with human beings but with angels." In an instant he gave her the freedom that she had been unable to achieve through years of effort. After that God always came first in her life.

Some friends, however, did not like what was happening to her and got together to discuss some "remedy" for her. Concluding that she had been deluded by the devil, they sent a Jesuit to analyze her. The Jesuit reassured her that her experiences were from God but soon everyone knew about her and was making fun of her.

One confessor was so sure that the visions were from the devil that he told her to make an obscene gesture called the fig every time she had a vision of Jesus. She cringed but did as she was ordered, all the time apologizing to Jesus. Fortunately, Jesus didn't seem upset but told her that she was right to obey her confessor. In her autobiography she would say, "I am more afraid of those who are terrified of the devil than I am of the devil himself." The devil was not to be feared but fought by talking more about God.

Teresa felt that the best evidence that her delights came from God was that the experiences gave her peace, inspiration, and encouragement. "If these effects are not present I would greatly doubt that the raptures come from God; on the contrary I would fear lest they be caused by rabies."

Sometimes, however, she couldn't avoid complaining to her closest Friend about the hostility

and gossip that surrounded her. When Jesus told her, "Teresa, that's how I treat my friends" Teresa responded, "No wonder you have so few friends." But since Christ has so few friends, she felt they should be good ones. And that's why she decided to reform her Carmelite order.

At the age of 43, she became determined to found a new convent that went back to the basics of a contemplative order: a simple life of poverty devoted to prayer. This doesn't sound like a big deal, right? Wrong.

When plans leaked out about her first convent, St. Joseph's, she was denounced from the pulpit, told by her sisters she should raise money for the convent she was already in, and threatened with the Inquisition. The town started legal proceedings against her. All because she wanted to try a simple life of prayer. In the face of this open war, she went ahead calmly, as if nothing was wrong, trusting in God.

"May God protect me from gloomy saints," Teresa said, and that's how she ran her convent. To her, spiritual life was an attitude of love, not a rule. Although she proclaimed poverty, she believed in work, not in begging. She believed in obedience to God more than penance. If you do something wrong, don't punish yourself -- change. When someone felt depressed, her advice was that she go some place where she could see the sky and take a walk. When someone was shocked that she was going to eat well, she answered, "There's a time for partridge and a time for penance." To her brother's wish to meditate on hell, she answered "Don't."

Once she had her own convent, she could lead a life of peace, right? Wrong again. Teresa believed that the most powerful and acceptable prayer was that prayer that leads to action. Good effects were better than pious sensations that only make the person praying feel good.

At St. Joseph's, she spent much of her time writing her Life. She wrote this book not for

fun but because she was ordered to. Many people questioned her experiences and this book would clear her or condemn her. Because of this, she used a lot of camouflage in the book, following a profound thought with the statement, "But what do I know. I'm just a wretched woman." The Inquisition liked what they read and cleared her.

At 51, she felt it was time to spread her reform movement. She braved burning sun, ice and snow, thieves, and rat-infested inns to found more convents. But those obstacles were easy compared to what she face from her brothers and sisters in religious life. She was called "a restless disobedient gadabout who has gone about teaching as though she were a professor" by the papal nuncio. When her former convent voted her in as prioress, the leader of the Carmelite order excommunicated the nuns. A vicar general stationed an officer of the law outside the door to keep her out. The other religious orders opposed her wherever she went. She often had to enter a town secretly in the middle of the night to avoid causing a riot.

And the help they received was sometimes worse than the hostility. A princess ordered Teresa to found a convent and then showed up at the door with luggage and maids. When Teresa refused to order her nuns to wait on the princess on their knees, the princess denounced Teresa to the Inquisition. In another town, they arrived at their new house in the middle of the night, only to wake up the next morning to find that one wall of the building was missing.

Why was everyone so upset? Teresa said, "Truly it seems that now there are no more of those considered mad for being true lovers of Christ." No one in religious orders or in the world wanted Teresa reminding them of the way God said they should live.

Teresa looked on these difficulties as good publicity. Soon she had postulants

clamoring to get into her reform convents. Many people thought about what she said and wanted to learn about prayer from her. Soon her ideas about prayer swept not only through Spain but all of Europe.

In 1582, she was invited to found a convent by an Archbishop but when she arrived in the middle of the pouring rain, he ordered her to leave. "And the weather so delightful too" was Teresa's comment. Though very ill, she was commanded to attend a noblewoman giving birth. By the time they got there, the baby had already arrived so, as Teresa said, "The saint won't be needed after all." Too ill to leave, she died on October 4 at the age of 67.

She is the founder of the Discalced Carmelites. In 1970 she was declared a Doctor of the Church for her writing and teaching on prayer, one of two women to be honored in this way. St. Teresa is the patron saint of Headache sufferers. Her symbol is a heart, an arrow, and a book. She was canonized in 1622.





A Columbiette Prayer

Dearest Lord,

In the lonely and quietness of my heart. I sought Your healing.

I asked you to lead me into Your service.

In Your divine wisdom You led me to the Columbiettes.

Now I have not just friends, but sisters in You.

You ask us to be Your hands, Your feet, Your heart, and Your voice.

I ask for Your help:

When my hands are chapped from washing dishes, when me feet are sore from standing in serving lines, when my back hurts from many things that need doing.

When I'm tempted to sneer when I should smile. Lord, remind me that I do this all for Your great glory.

Let my voice sing Your praises and lift my sisters when they are in need.

Let my heart be warm and open, let my shoulders be wide for them to lean on.

Thank You Lord, for everything you give to me and for my sisters.

I am truly grateful to be a Columbiette.

Amen

SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES



RAFFLE 2021

Dear Sister Columbiettes:

It's the beginning of the Columbiette year. Tis the season the be jolly!! The Supreme Council Columbiettes are bringing back the "12 Days of Christmas Raffle". This raffle was successful and a big hit among many.

The tickets are on the reverse side of this page.

6 Tickets for \$20.00

Or

1 ticket for \$5.00

There will be **12 prizes** to be given out:

12 winners will receive \$250.00 each.

The **winners auxiliary will receive \$50.00** as a Christmas Gift.

*****Please mail tickets along with money by December 11, 2021*****

Mail checks payable to: **Supreme Council Columbiettes**

Mail to: **Supreme Council
297 Willis Ave
Mineola, New York 11501**

Drawing will be on Saturday December 18th, 2021

If you have any questions, **PLEASE** contact me:

MaryAnne Alessio at (646)752-6679

The Supreme Council thanks each and every one of you for all you do always. Your support and love for this wonderful organization is recognized daily.

Stay well and be safe.

MaryAnne Alessio, Chair and Supreme Director
Vicky Porcelli, Co-Chair and Supreme Director
Kathy LoFrese, Co-Chair and Supreme Director





On October 4, 1958, Delegates from New York State Columbiettes and Delegates from New Jersey State Columbiettes met at Liberty Council Knights of Columbus in New York City for the purpose of the formation of a National Columbiette Organization.

New York State President Eleanor Vaccarelli and New Jersey State President Mary Iaconetti presided.

A Constitution and By-laws was adopted.

Supreme Council Columbiettes Presents
12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
12 Prizes of \$250
Winner's Auxiliary will get \$50
Tickets are 6 for \$20.00 or 1 for \$5.00
Deadline: December 11, 2021
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Mail to: 297 Willis Ave, Mineola NY 11501

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Address: _____
Phone #: _____
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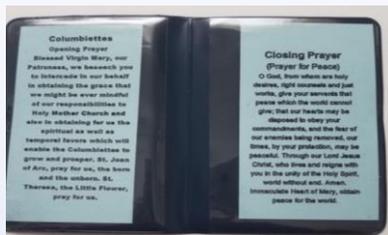
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For more tickets please make additional copies of this page. `When returning your tickets, please cut the tickets into six tickets. This will greatly help the raffle committee.



Travel cards will be coming out soon. Do you need a new Travel card holder? Travel card holders with prayer cards are just \$5.00 plus shipping and handling. Anyone can order from the Store by going to www.supremecolumbiettes.com.

An invoice is sent with your order and should be paid immediately. If you are ordering for an Auxiliary, Chapter or State please be aware this invoice does not require you to wait for a meeting/vote and must be paid immediately to avoid a late charge. To ensure the right person is credited with a payment return a copy of the invoice with your check.



The fall season is when Auxiliaries are preparing for and planning their new Columbian Year. The following are reminders to ensure a successful year:

- ✓ **Presidents, Secretaries, and Financial Secretaries** need to update the Auxiliary Membership list to be sure all contact information is correct.
- ✓ **Secretaries** are to keep the entire membership informed of meeting dates, important notices, and cancellations in a timely manner. Meeting minutes are to be approved by the membership at every meeting and filed for retention.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** need to update their auxiliary's contact information on the Supreme Website. Be sure to include all Officer, Delegate, Alternate, and member information. Remember, the Auxiliary's per capita tax is based upon total membership as recorded on the Supreme list of members.
- ✓ **The Board of Officers** need to review the Auxiliary's By-laws to ensure they are up to date as to dues, meeting dates, and meeting locations. Also, review Standing Committees and Committee Members required. Be sure all references to "degrees" are changed to "Initiation Ceremony" and member status is stated as "in good standing", not "First Degree or Major Degree" statuses.

If the By-laws need revision, a vote of approval is necessary from the membership. Then, two copies of the revised By-laws, duly signed by the President and Secretary, are to be sent to the Supreme Advocate for approval. Once approved, the revised By-laws are adopted.

- ✓ **Presidents and Financial Secretaries** are to ensure the Auxiliary is compliant with the IRS. Check when the filing is due and file Form 990-N to the IRS.
- ✓ **Immediate Past Presidents** need to ensure financial audits are completed and up to date. The Immediate Past President is the Chair of the Audit Committee with two or four members. The total number of members serving on the Committee is an odd number. Check the Auxiliary By-laws for the proper number. Audits are to be held at six-month intervals – July 1st through December 31st and January 1st through June 30th. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer are to be present during the Audit.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to send A-100 forms, signed Code of Conduct forms, and the appropriate \$5.00 fee for each new member to the Supreme Financial Secretary within 10 days of the Initiation Ceremony.
- ✓ **Treasurers** are to deposit Auxiliary funds only in the Auxiliary's approved bank showing deposits and totals in all accounts.
- ✓ **Vice Presidents** are to assist the President in performance of duties and represent her when necessary.
- ✓ **Sentinels** are to set up the meeting chamber prior to the start of a meeting or ceremony and examine all attendees' travel cards for validity.
- ✓ **Presidents and Financial Secretaries** are to be sure their Administration Manuals are up to date. The Manual is a valuable tool for information and reference.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

As the Supreme Council one of our purposes is to help our members in time of need. Therefore, through the generous donations from our Auxiliaries, Chapters, Territories, States and individual Columbiettes we have a Disaster Relief Fund to help aid in your recovery should disaster strike.

To be eligible for assistance you:

- 1) Must be a member in GOOD standing
- 2) Damage/Loss must be from a Natural Disaster declared by your State or the Federal Government
- 3) Only damage to your PRIMARY RESIDENCE will be considered for assistance.

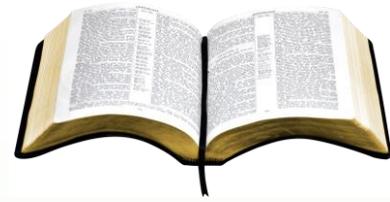
If you meet the above criteria, please fill out the attached application and return the form to the Supreme Council Columbiettes – Attn: Disaster Relief Committee.

We are truly sorry for what you are going through but know you are in our thoughts & prayers.

Fraternally,

The Disaster Relief Committee

Jeanne Mucci, Pam Desauliners Past Supreme President, MaryAnne Alessio, and Vicky Porcelli



GALATIANS 6:2

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

We were never meant to live life alone. Each of us needs the love and care of others as much as others need our love and care. The next time you see someone struggling under the weight of a burden offer your time, resources, and strength as a blessing to that person.

DISASTER RELIEF APPLICATION

Date of Disaster: _____ Today's Date: _____

NAME: _____ ID#: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

AUXILIARY NAME: _____ STATE: _____

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A MONETARY DONATION YOU MUST BE A COLUMBIETTE IN GOOD STANDING.*

***DAMAGE/LOSS MUST BE FROM A NATURAL DISASTER DECLARED BY YOUR STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT*

****ONLY DAMAGE TO YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ASSISTANCE*

*****APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER DISASTER*

TYPE OF DISASTER (e.g. HURRICANE, TORNADO, FLOODING, FIRES, MUDSLIDES)

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE COLUMBIETTES IN THE PAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS?

IS THIS YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE? _____

ARE YOU OR WILL YOU BE ABLE TO LIVE IN YOUR HOME? _____

IF APPROVED, WHERE SHOULD FUNDS BE SENT? _____

DISCRIPTION OF DAMAGE: _____

REMIT TO: SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES
ATTN: DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE
297 WILLIS AVE
MINEOLA, NY 11501

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT US AT
SupremeDisasterRelief@Columbiettes.com

All information submitted will be held in the strictest of confidence

<i>FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY</i>	
APPLICATION APPROVED: Y N	
IF NO GIVE REASON _____	

AMOUNT: _____	CK# _____
DATE SENT: _____	

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2021

Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War,”

Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year. November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day.



Dictionary definition

noun: **retention**

1. the continued use.
 - o the fact of keeping something in one's memory.

What is RETENTION?

The above dictionary definition is like painting with a very broad brush – it covers a large surface.

One of our Columbiette committees is RETENTION and when called upon at a Business Meeting, one might hear “No Report” being said. We need to change that – especially now during COVID.

Many auxiliaries set up committees to telephone call or email their members to KEEP IN TOUCH. The committees reached out to see if members needed anything, to see how they were doing, and to see if they were okay.

If your auxiliary has a Retention Committee and you have been reaching out to your members – GREAT – Keep it going

If your auxiliary has a Retention Committee and you have not had a report from them at your meetings – discuss an action plan to Reach OUT to ALL your members.

If your auxiliary does not have a Retention Committee – START ONE.

It is a known fact: It takes more energy to get a new member then it does to retain one.

What are you doing about RETENTION?

I know you have a lot of GREAT IDEAS that can help your sisters across this country .. so, if you have a Retention Committee and it is working – Please send an email titled RETENTION with your ideas, suggestions for others or proven methods to:

SupremeNewsletter@Columbiettes.com

Stay Tuned to the Next Newsletter for RETENTION Helpful Hints.

Thank you
Micki Magee PSP
Supreme Retention Committee Chair

Feast Days

All Saints Day
November 1st



Holy Souls in Purgatory
November 2nd



St. Martin de Porres
November 3rd



Our Supreme convention made a splash in the Delaware Catholic newspaper, the Dialog.



Delaware Columbiettes host annual convention – The Columbiettes of Delaware hosted the 63rd annual Supreme convention in Wilmington Aug. 19-22, the first time this event was held in Delaware. Despite being delayed for two years by COVID-19 restrictions, local councils declared the gathering a success. A new Supreme Board and new Supreme Directors were chosen during the convention. A memorial Mass was celebrated by chaplain Father Stephen Saffron, assisted by Father Christopher Hanley of St. John the Baptist-Holy Angels Parish in Newark. The theme of the Mass was Our Lady’s Garden, and past Supreme presidents, founders, groups such as healthcare workers, those that have passed from COVID, and each state and territory where Columbiette auxiliaries are located were remembered at the Mass.

Message from Our Supreme Director



A simple *Thank You* does not convey my appreciation to all my Sister Columbiettes for their thoughts, prayers, cards and words of encouragement that I received over the past few months for my husband, Jim. His surgeries have been successful, and he is on the recovery road. *Sharing and Caring is what Columbiettes do best!*

*Pat Vahlsing
Supreme Director*

St. Elizabeth
November 5th



Four Crowned
Martyrs
November 8th



Pope St. Martin,
Martyr
November 12th



MESSAGE FROM THE STATES

Connecticut

Congratulations to our "Pandemic Presidents"

The CT State Columbiettes celebrated Immediate Past State President Grace Gambino at a testimonial dinner in her honor. There were a lot of laughs, with CT Past State President Jean Valentine acting as the MC, and a wonderful time was had by all. A special "thanks" to Supreme President Ronny Pliszak, as well as the several Supreme Officers, Past Supreme Presidents, Territorial Deputies, State Officers and auxiliary members who were able to join us. (many of you had quite the journey with the Friday night traffic!) We even had the current, and Past State Deputies from CT in attendance. It was a great evening for a great lady. Grace will be missed as she starts her new journey in North Carolina.



Honoree Grace Gambino, IPSP



PSP Jeanie Valentine, State President Jackie Ryan



(L-R) CT State President Jackie Ryan, Supreme Advocate Kathy Bacon, Past Supreme President Pam Desaulniers, Supreme President Ronny Pliszak



(L-R) Territorial Deputy RI Claudette Apple, NY State President Denise Mergler, Territorial Deputy WI Cathy Bischoff, Past Supreme President Pam Desaulniers, guest Bill Barrows, Supreme Vice President Jeanne Mucci (standing L-R) Supreme Sentinel Lisa Koenig, Past Supreme President Sandy Bohinski, and Roger Bohinski

New Jersey

Our State has been off to a great start! We had our Officers' and DDs' meeting, and we have 2 possible new auxiliaries.

We are currently running 2 state fundraisers. If interested, please contact our chairladies. The flyer for each is in the newsletter.

I hope you all have a great Columbiette year with much success. Through all your acts of charity, whether it's for your church, country, or community, you are saying "yes" to God. For we are all Women of God!

Nadine Lecorchick
NJ State President

St. Gertrude the Great
November 16th



St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary
November 16th



St. Cecilia, Martyr
November 22nd



**New Jersey State Council Columbiettes
Garden Remembrance Flag**

Order form

***Request permission from the family of the Sister Columbiette to present a Remembrance Grave Marker or placement in the casket of our deceased Sister.**

Cost per Garden Remembrance Flags Garden (price of flag only)	\$15.00
Number of Garden Remembrance Flags	
Total amount enclosed	

(Print or Type Name and Address)

Name

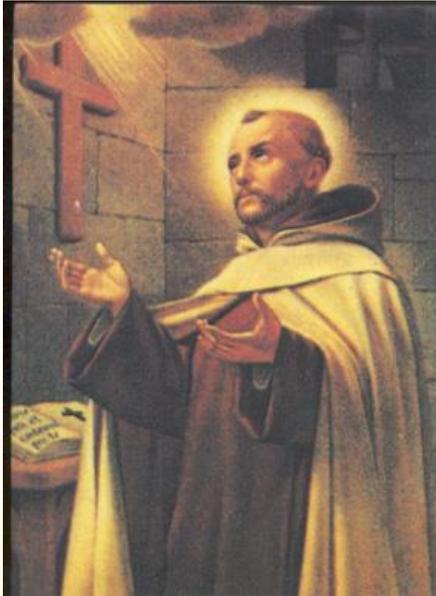
Address

Make check payable to NJ State Council Columbiettes

Please mail or email to: Fran
Corcione
227 Barbados Drive North
Toms River, NJ
08757 973-454-
4145
Email: mrsc417@hotmail.com



St. John of the Cross
November 24th



St. Catherine of
Alexandria, Martyr
November 25th



New Jersey-Cont.



NJ State Columbiettes
30 Week Club
Aggregate Retail Value of \$3000

ID# 64-6-8078



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How The 30 Week Club Works

1. Donation Per Card: \$30.00 (Please make checks payable to NJ State Council Columbiettes)
2. Drawings will take place weekly beginning December 4, 2021. Three numbers will be drawn every Saturday. The winner will receive \$30, \$20, or \$10. Winning numbers will be returned to the drawing pool and can win multiple times (3 times per Saturday pull). Aggregate Retail Value of \$3000.
3. A Total of 90 times during the drawing period of December 4, 2021 through June 25, 2022. No substitution of the offered prize may be made.
4. Checks will be mailed within 5 days of drawing. Winning numbers will be posted on www.njcolumbiettes.com
5. Drawing will take place at 10:00am - St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus , 65 Hamburg Turnpike, Butler, NJ
6. Attendance is not required to win
7. Must be 18 years or older to enter

All Proceeds to Benefit
NJ State Columbiettes

Thank you for Supporting!
Good Luck!!

Gambling Problem?
Call 1-800-GAMBLER
Please Play Responsibly

For More Information Please Contact
Cathe Nicholson
201-723-5935
email: njstate30weekclub@yahoo.com

ID# 64-6-8078

Send to NJSCC-30 Week Club Attn: Cathe Nicholson
28 Adalist Avenue, Butler, NJ 07405

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MESSAGE FROM OUR AUXILIARIES

California-Bishop O'Dowd

Bishop O'Dowd Columbiettes #3474 from San Jose CA presented a check to the non-profit group Grateful Garments. This wonderful organization collects new sweatpants, scrubs, flip-flops, and undergarments that are given to victims of sexual assault. When an assault victim is in the hospital, their clothing is taken as evidence. Grateful Garments provides these new articles of clothing so they have something to go home in other than a hospital gown.



(L-R) Lisa Blancare, Founder of Grateful Garments, Sandee Woodham, President Bishop O'Dowd, and Betty Teresi, Financial Secretary, Bishop O'Dowd

St. Ignatius of Loyola



The Columbiettes joined Holy Family Parish to wish farewell to Father Celso by providing desserts and serving food. June 2021



New officers were installed on a beautiful June evening in the backyard of LouAnn Gruber.



New Officers

- President - Patty Trillo
- Vice President – Martha Williams
- Secretary – Jan Pffifner
- Financial Secretary – Rosella Blaloc
- Treasurer – LouAnn Gruber
- Sentinel – Dolores Davis

Father's Day - The Knights, Columbiettes, Faith Formation and Cursillo Group joined forces to provide treat bags and written note cards to Holy Family's Father's.



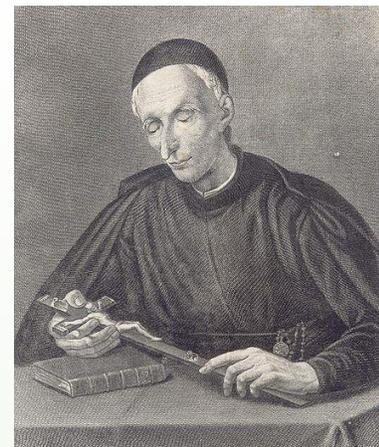
We were honored to have Columbiettes State President Denise Brennen and State Advocate Libby Davis participate with our installation team to install new candidates.



Congratulations to our newest Columbiettes: Lourdes, Tessie, Alicia, Jackie and Anna

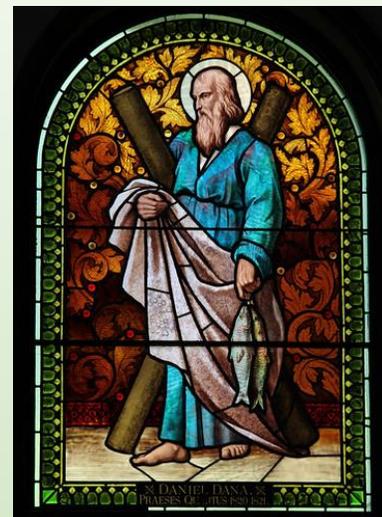
June 2021

St. Joseph Mary Pignatelli
November 28th



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Vigil of St. Andrew, Apostle
November 29th



St. Andrew, Apostle
November 30th



St. Ignatius of Loyola-Cont.

Editor's Note



Newsletter Information
Supreme Committee Chairs:
Send information on your committees.

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

Auxiliaries:
Send information on recruitment ideas, retention, fundraising ideas, helpful hints, etc.

Send in helpful hints.

What would you like to see covered?

All information should be sent in **Word format!!**

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER MUST BE SENT TO SUPREMENEWSLETTER@COLUMBIETTES.COM NO LATER THEN THE 15TH OF THE MONTH!



State President Denise Brennan, Diane Lucido and Delana Romero were Honor Guard in July at a Celebration of Life for Columbiette Sister Rita Russo.



We teamed up with the Knights of Columbus in July to sponsor our first live rosary since lockdown. Father Tony performed an Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Another initiation ceremony in August. Congratulations to our three newest Sister Columbiettes: Blessie, Christina and Jayne

We welcomed guest speaker Claudia Buchner at our August meeting who shared with us her Jail Ministry. Claudia brings God's word and catholic practices to incarcerated men and women who seek hope and healing. Claudia also led our spiritual exercise that evening.

Under the leadership of Carol Pascoe, the Columbiettes contributed 30 auction baskets/items in August that will be available for silent auction bidding at the upcoming Holy Family Festival. Thank you to Carol and all the Columbiettes for all their donations and creativity.



Named DeColores, Carol designed the basket on the left in honor of Rita Russo. It includes many of Rita's favorites including items of faith, hope and love, sunflowers and Cursillo.

We have once again begun our Pew Ministry. Thank you to Vera Reyes-Moran and the group of volunteers who work together to contribute to the cleanliness and beautification of our parish.

St. Ignatius of Loyola-Cont.



The Columbiettes sponsored a booth at Holy Family Parish Festival in September as well as volunteered in a variety of capacities throughout the three-day church and school fundraiser.





The Knights joined the Columbiettes in September to honor and welcome newly ordained Father Tony to Holy Family Parish.

Connecticut-Father Coleman

60th Anniversary Celebration

On October 3rd, the Father Coleman Columbiettes #2616 hosted a dinner in celebration of their 60th Anniversary as an Auxiliary. Charter members Eleanor Baldyga and Diane Toth were honored and presented with a 60 year pin and roses. The Father Coleman Auxiliary was instituted on March 12, 1961 and was the second Auxiliary formed in the state of Connecticut. Congratulations to all!

(L-R) Auxiliary President Sally Savage, Charter members Diane Toth and Eleanor Baldyga, and Auxiliary Vice President Lois Holly



Florida- Our Lady of the Rosary

Congratulations to MONSIGNOR RONALD B. AUBIN

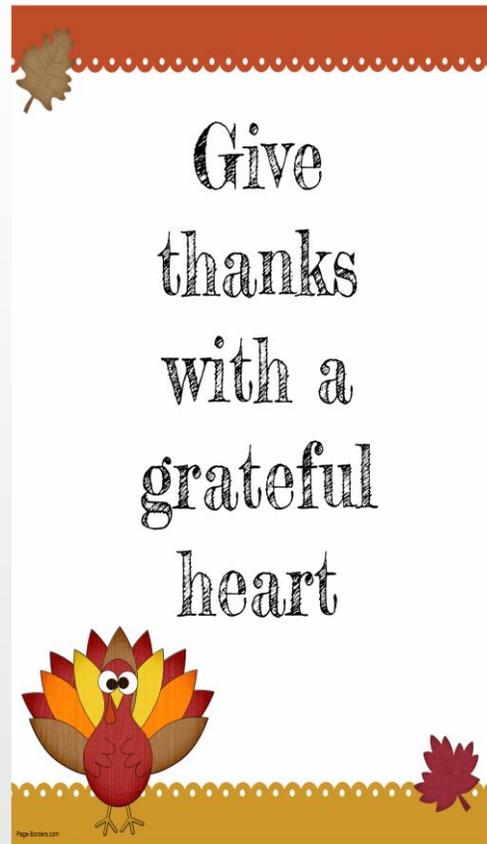
During the Annual Convocation for Priestly Renewal this fall, Bishop Gregory Parkes presented our retired Pastor **Monsignor Ronald B. Aubin** of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Land O'Lakes, Florida, with the *2021 Father Luis de Cancer Distinguished Priestly Service Award*.

Since 1998, the Diocese of St. Petersburg has honored one priest annually who best exemplifies dedication and selfless service to the people of God.

Rev. Monsignor Ronald B. Auban, affectionately known as Father Ron, was instrumental in our becoming a Columbiette Auxiliary in 2010. Fr. Ron was our Chaplain for many years and when unable to do so, appointed another priest to take his place. He was always able to preside over our funeral Masses, attend many functions both of a spiritual or social nature, supported our fundraisers and requested our help with multiple events at the church. Although he has just retired, he is still there for us, as a spiritual guide and good friend.

So we all say CONGRATULATIONS **Father Ron**, you are truly a man of God.

The Officers and Members of Our Lady of the Rosary Auxiliary #8104, FL





Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed day filled with gratitude and love.

The Staff of the *Communicator*:

- Kathy Bacon, Editor/Writer
- Jaclyn Carney, Lay-Out Editor
- Carol Bohinski, Writer
- Manuela Graells, Translator
- Maria Cruz, Translator
- Maggie Muelker, Translator

North Carolina-Fr James Keenan

At their year-end meeting, in addition to installing their new Officers, the Fr. James Keenan Auxiliary #11266 presented flowers and two special Columbiettes certificates, one of Merit and one of Appreciation, to Lynn Rudzki and Marg Young. Congratulations to both!



Pictured (L-R) President Cindy Schott, Fr. James Keenan #11266, Lynn Rudzki, Past President Marg Young, and District Deputy Elaine Dupree

New Jersey-Hopewell

We are so glad to be meeting live again at St. Alphonsus Church, Hopewell, NJ.

Last month we got off to a great start with a successful mum sale! All proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund in the spring.

This month one of our sisters organized Blessing of the Animals services at all three churches in The Catholic Community of Hopewell Valley. Animals from all sizes and shapes showed up to be blessed. The smallest animal was a bearded dragon lizard. The largest animal was a retired Amish draft mule, who stands almost six feet tall! Other animals included dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and one horse.

At the services we collected donations to support K9 Patriot War Dogs, an organization our ladies are very passionate about.

Next month after attending mass for our deceased members, we will meet for lunch at a local restaurant. We love spending time together.

Respectfully,
 Peggy Vurgason
 Financial Secretary

St. David

On September 25th – 26th, the St. David the King Columbiettes from Princeton Junction NJ held a successful Mum Sale fundraiser. “Such an Inspiring event!”



New York- Msgr McDonagh

Respect Life Month – Middletown NY

Msgr. McDonagh Columbiettes joined the Knights as Chaplain, Fr. Palazzo, blessed a monument dedicated to the Unborn Children.



Father Michael Palazzo, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus parish in Otisville and chaplain of Msgr. Charles McDonagh Knights of Columbus Council 16365, blessed a monument dedicated to unborn children at Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery in Otisville Oct. 2. October is Respect Life Month.

Article from Catholic NY Oct. 7, 2021

Manresa

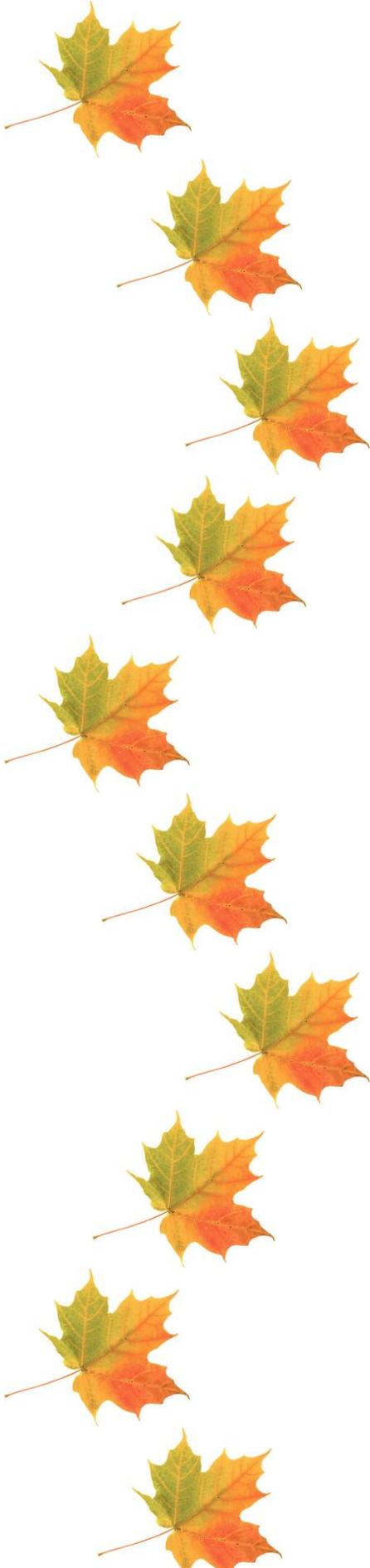
Manresa Columbiettes receive 10th Anniversary Plaque at KofC 100th Anniversary Dinner

On June 19, 2021, the Manresa Columbiettes received a 10 Year plaque at the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Manresa Knights of Columbus. Accepting on behalf of the Auxiliary were the current and past Auxiliary Presidents.



(L-R) PP Nancy Curtin, President Connie De Francesco, PP MaryAnn Alessio, PP Marie O’Brien, PP Cathy Gonzalez and Grand Knight James De Francesco





Memorare

Columbiettes from Memorare held a wonderful fundraiser – “Designer Pocketbook Bingo”. It was a social and financial success with 170 ladies in attendance.



Shrine of St. Anne's

The Shrine of St. Anne’s Columbiettes are ready to begin the new Colombian year!



(L-R) Viviana Garamy, Kathy Fella, Winnie Winfrey, Mary Ledger, Hellen Moss, Benigna Rios, Connie Zanzine, Joan Treco, Jolanda Gonzales, (photo courtesy of Carol Ercole)

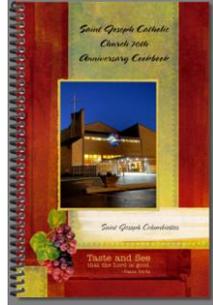
Columbiettes from the Shrine of St. Anne #4757 in Brentwood NY held a very successful Garage Sale this summer. Special thanks to KofC members, Joe, Christopher and Mike.



Pennsylvania- Saint Joseph Auxiliary

Do you like to collect cookbooks or are you looking for a Christmas gift for family and friends this year? The Columbiettes of Saint Joseph in Pennsylvania have published a cookbook in honor of the 70th anniversary of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

The cookbook costs \$12.00, features 233 recipes collected from the Columbiettes and parishioners, and includes the history of the parish and a special 70th anniversary message. To purchase a cookbook, please contact Diane Freundel at dianefreundel@gmail.com. Please keep in mind that mailing costs will be added to your purchase.



South Carolina- Michael O'Connor

WE'RE BACK !!!!!

After taking a break for a couple of months during the summer, Members of Michael O'Connor Auxiliary 5026 in Beaufort, SC returned to work studying charities and community projects in which we could participate. First up was the annual Fall Bazar at St. Peter's parish. Columbiettes helped our brother Knights man the American Grill where they sold pulled pork butts, pork sandwiches, hamburgers, and hot dogs.



Columbiette, Judy Turbanic, helps a parishioner make a decision on which delicious meal to choose during the Fall Bazar.



Auxiliary President, Sandra MacDougal, and Past President Melanie Spurlock man the order desk at the American Grill Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a Christian Pro-Life Public Prayer Service, held in over 1900 locations throughout the United States every year. This year over 100 people attended the Life Chain here in Beaufort. Members of the Columbiettes were among those present.



Members of Michael O'Connor Auxiliary took time for a photo before manning the lines in front of the courthouse in Beaufort. Over 100 people from our community showed up to show their support for LIFE. From left are Jane Range, Dolores Brown, Deb Sweeney, Dot McKay, Armi Gonzales and Dylin Stren, great grandson of Jane Range.



Michael O'Connor-Cont.

FIRST FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR:

Fund raising has begun in earnest! Our first fund raiser for this year was held at Hearth Wood Fired Pizza located in downtown Beaufort. The Auxiliary has partnered with the restaurant to raise money for community projects.



OOPS!! Caught Columbiette Deborah Sweeney in the process of eating the delicious pasta dish with HUGE meatballs and Sunday Sauce. From left are Deb, her friend Jim, Columbiette Dolores Brown and Sir Knight Jim Range.



Past President, Melanie Spurlock (in red shirt) and President, Sandy MacDougal Enjoy one of the specialty pizza's during the fund raiser.



Columbiettes Katherine Gallagher (Left) and Nancy D'Ambrosia enjoy their meal. There is nothing like good fun, good friends and a good time of fellowship to lift the Spirit!



On October 16, 2021, Auxiliary members will join in Rosary Crusade being conducted on St. Peter's annex property next to the church. In these chaotic times, reaching out to our Blessed Mother, brings peace and joy!

Keep watching your newsletters for some exciting news from South Carolina. It's coming in January!

God bless you in the name of the Father who created you, the Son who died for you and the Holy Spirit who dwells within you!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Range

Announcing the 104th Anniversary 2021

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

The world is at a crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." Yes, we must listen to Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

In the Secret of the Rosary, Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

JOIN THE 2021 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE TODAY!

What: **THE HOLY ROSARY**
Where: **ST. PETER CAMPUS**
When: **OCTOBER 16, 2021 12:00 NOON**
For more information, contact:
Name: **REULITO GONZALEZ**
Phone Number: **(843) 812-2974**

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Convention 2021 Delaware

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

During the Supreme Annual Meeting this past August, Supreme President Micki Magee expressed her honor and pleasure in presenting the following:

Lifetime Achievement Awards

The Lifetime Achievement Award is a prestigious honor recognizing a Columbiette who exemplifies a Catholic woman while promoting the principles and goals of the Columbiettes. This year, Madam President stated two very deserving women are so honored. They are:



Past Supreme President Ann Seletski



Past Supreme President Barbara Ann Lucarelli

Madam President said each honoree assisted and supported the Supreme Board by being willing and ready to help on committees and by offering valuable advice during a difficult year. Congratulations, ladies!



Spiritual Guidance Awards

Supreme President Micki Magee stated that the Columbiettes are blessed to have a wonderful support system which gives our Order spiritual guidance and assistance. This year, Madam President honored with gratitude the Supreme Council Chaplains:



Father Stephen Saffron



Father Michael Martine

Both advisors were invaluable in helping us through the past strenuous year. Thank you, Fathers!

Charters

Supreme President Micki Magee congratulated and welcomed our newest Auxiliaries. She presented Charters to the following:

St. Pius X Columbiettes in Wilmington, DE, to State President Barbara Ballo. The Auxiliary was instituted on July 11, 2020.

Holy Family of the Mountains Columbiettes in Lake Arrowhead, CA, to Past State President Becky Trombley. The Auxiliary was instituted on August 23, 2020.

Hobbs Columbiettes in Hobbs, NM. The Charter was mailed the Auxiliary which was instituted on August 30, 2020.

St. Joseph Columbiettes in Lakeland, FL, to State President Rae Stabile. The Auxiliary was instituted on October 3, 2020.

Col. Jerry W. Marvel Columbiettes in Jacksonville, NC, to State President Maggie Herbstritt. The Auxiliary was instituted on January 20, 2021.

St. Virgilius Columbiettes in Newtown, CT, to State President Jackie Ryan. The Auxiliary was instituted on April 20, 2021.

Sacred Heart Columbiettes in Rochelle Park, NJ, to State President Nadine Lecorchick. The Auxiliary was instituted on June 6, 2021.

Laguna Columbiettes in Elk Grove, CA, to Past State President Becky Trombley. The Auxiliary was instituted on June 22, 2021.

Supreme President Micki Magee congratulated and welcomed all. She noted that the growth of the Order is a sign of its strength. Welcome, ladies!

2021-MARGARET MARY J. MANGAN HONORABLE RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

CALIFORNIA

Saint Margaret Mary

CONNECTICUT

St. Augustine

FLORIDA

Ave Maria

Our Lady Queen of Heaven

St. Joan of Arc

NEW JERSEY

Parsippany

Santa Maria

Sgt John F Basilone

St. Maximilian Kolbe

NEW YORK

Assumption-Msgr James J Dorney

Father Edward F O'Sullivan

Madonna

St. John Fisher

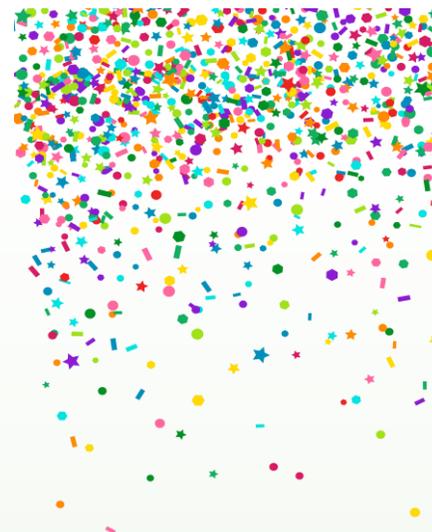
St Sylvester #6194

PENNSYLVANIA

St John/Neumann/Good Shepherd

SOUTH CAROLINA

Monsignor Martin C Murphy



2021-MARGARET MARY J. MANGAN AWARD RECIPIENTS**1st TIME****CALIFORNIA**

Queen of All Saints
Saint Junipero Serra

FLORIDA

San Antonio's

NEW JERSEY

St. Ann's

NEW YORK

Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno

NORTH CAROLINA

Santa Maria Columbiettes

2nd TIME**ALABAMA**

Bishop O' Sullivan

GEORGIA

Prince of Peace

FLORIDA

St. Agnes

NORTH CAROLINA

Father James Keenan

SOUTH CAROLINA

Rev. Paul O'Toole

PENNSYLVANIA

Light of Christ

TEXAS

St. Gabriel the Archangel

WISCONSIN

St. Patrick's

3rd TIME**CONNECTICUT**

Divine Mercy

FLORIDA

St. Cloud Kissimmee

NEW JERSEY

Father Cannon

NEW YORK

Msgr. Charles G. McDonagh

TEXAS

Castro Silva Sacred Heart

4th TIME**FLORIDA**

Father Grover Tipton

MISSOURI

Father Robert A. Hager

NEW YORK

St. Joseph St. Mary Immaculate

NORTH CAROLINA

St. Joseph's

PENNSYLVANIA

Our Lady of Queenship
St. John's

5th TIME**FLORIDA**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Marello

SOUTH CAROLINA

Transfiguration

TEXAS

St. Rose of Lima

6th TIME**CALIFORNIA**

Bishop O'Dowd
St. Ignatius Loyola

Florida

Holy Name of Jesus

GEORGIA

St. Michael the Archangel

NEW JERSEY

South Amboy

NEW YORK

Holy Spirit
Joan of Arc
St. Pius X

NORTH CAROLINA

Pius X
St. James the Greater
St. Raphael the Archangel
St. Thomas Aquinas

7th TIME**GEORGIA**

Sacred Heart of Jesus

NEW JERSEY

St. David the King

NORTH CAROLINA

St. Michael the Archangel

8th TIME**CONNECTICUT**

Very Rev. Michael McCabe

DELAWARE

St. Thomas the Apostle

Florida

St. Stephen

NEW YORK

Staten Island

SOUTH CAROLINA

Our Lady Star of the Sea

VIRGINIA

Potomac

9th TIME**FLORIDA**

Lake Worth
Little Flower
Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh
St. Paul of the Cross
St. Vincent Ferrer

10th TIME**CALIFORNIA**

St. Anthony's

CONNECTICUT

St. Pope John XXIII
St. Lawrence

FLORIDA

Our Lady of the Rosary
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

GEORGIA

St. Joan of Arc

NEW JERSEY

Long Valley
Our Lady of Peace #11378
Warren

11th TIME**CALIFORNIA**

Bishop Begin

FLORIDA

Father Philip de Carriere
St. Louis
St. Paul

NEW JERSEY

Union

New York

Manresa

NORTH CAROLINA

Father James E. Waters

12th TIME**CALIFORNIA**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

FLORIDA

San Marco

GEORGIA

St. Catherine of Siena

NORTH CAROLINA

Our Lady of the Rosary

13th TIME**DELAWARE**

Msgr. Frances J. Desmond

NEW YORK

Cardinal Spellman

14th TIME**DELAWARE**

Brother Vincent
Old Bohemia

NEW JERSEY

Msgr. Francis X. Coyle

NORTH CAROLINA

Holy Cross

PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph

2021-MARGARET MARY J. MANGAN AWARD RECIPIENTS**15th TIME****CONNECTICUT**

Msgr. Collins

FLORIDA

St. David

NEW JERSEY

Millstone Valley

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

New York

Archbishop John Hughes

NORTH CAROLINA

Holy Angels

SOUTH CAROLINA

Rev. David J. Schiller

Michael O'Connor

16th TIME**FLORIDA**

Father Lopez

St. Sylvester #13277

Trinity

NEW JERSEY

Fr. Emil J. Kapaun

St. Bernadette

St. James

NEW YORK

St. Martin

17th TIME**FLORIDA**

St. Bernadette

St. Bonaventure

NEW JERSEY

Immaculate Conception

St. Augustine of Canterbury

NEW YORK

Bishop Curley

18th TIME**CONNECTICUT**

Father Coleman

Father Hussion

NEW YORK

Patchogue

19th TIME**DELAWARE**

Dover

FLORIDA

St. Peter the Apostle

NEW JERSEY

St. Lawrence

20th TIME**DELAWARE**

Bishop James C. Burke

MAINE

Van Buren

New York

Memorare

21st TIME**CONNECTICUT**

St. Francis X. Cabrini

FLORIDA

Martin

NEW JERSEY

St. Anthony's #943

NEW YORK

Joseph Barry

NORTH CAROLINA

Bishop Greco

22nd TIME**NEW JERSEY**

St. Bartholomew

NEW YORK

Father John C. Drumgoole

23rd TIME**FLORIDA**

Coral Springs

NEW JERSEY

Our Lady of Peace Ford #9199

NEW YORK

Henry Stolzenhaler

Our Lady of the Rosary

24th TIME**MAINE**

Fort Kent

NEW JERSEY

Bishop Navagh

NEW YORK

Don Bosco #4960

25th TIME**FLORIDA**

Dr. Lawrence O'Rourke

Father M.F. Manahan

NEW JERSEY

Our Lady of Victory

NEW YORK

St. Mary's

26th TIME**NEW YORK**

St. Sylvester Medford #6844

PENNSYLVANIA

St. Rose of Lima

*Congratulations!**Congratulations!**Congratulations!*

Installation Mass



Ceremonial Chair- Supreme Director Vicky Porcelli



Kof C Color Corp from Delaware and NY and Columbiettes Honor Guard from CA escorting the Directors and Officers

Supreme Directors



Supreme Officers



Installation Mass cont.

Supreme Directors getting Installed.(L-R) Linda Darling (DE), Joellen Dodson (PA), Mary Galiardi (PA), Barbara Maier (NY), Edith Van Demark (SC) and Crystal Vlieg (GA)



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Supreme President
Ronny Pliszak



Supreme Chaplain
Father Stephen Saffron

Presentation of the Gifts



Banquet

Supreme Territory Deputies

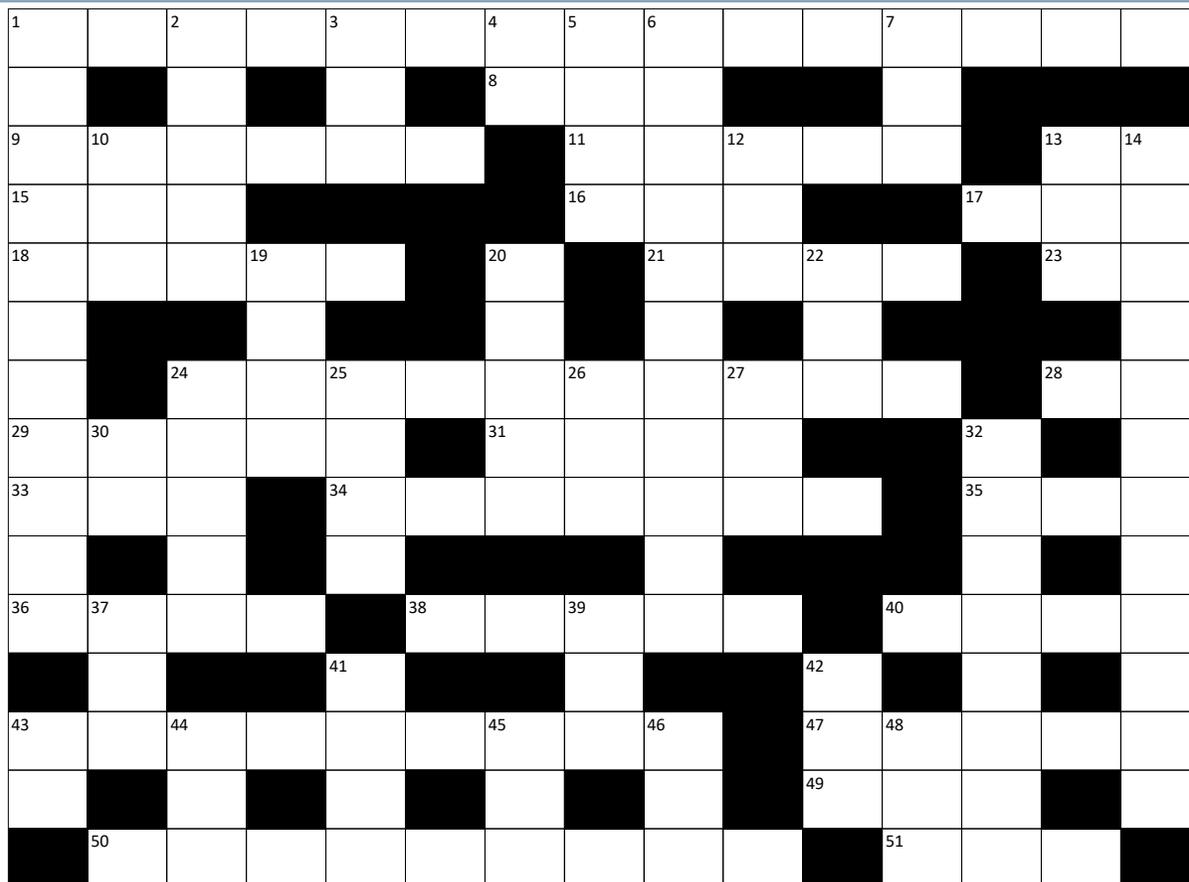


Past Supreme Presidents



Supreme Officers





1950 Musicals
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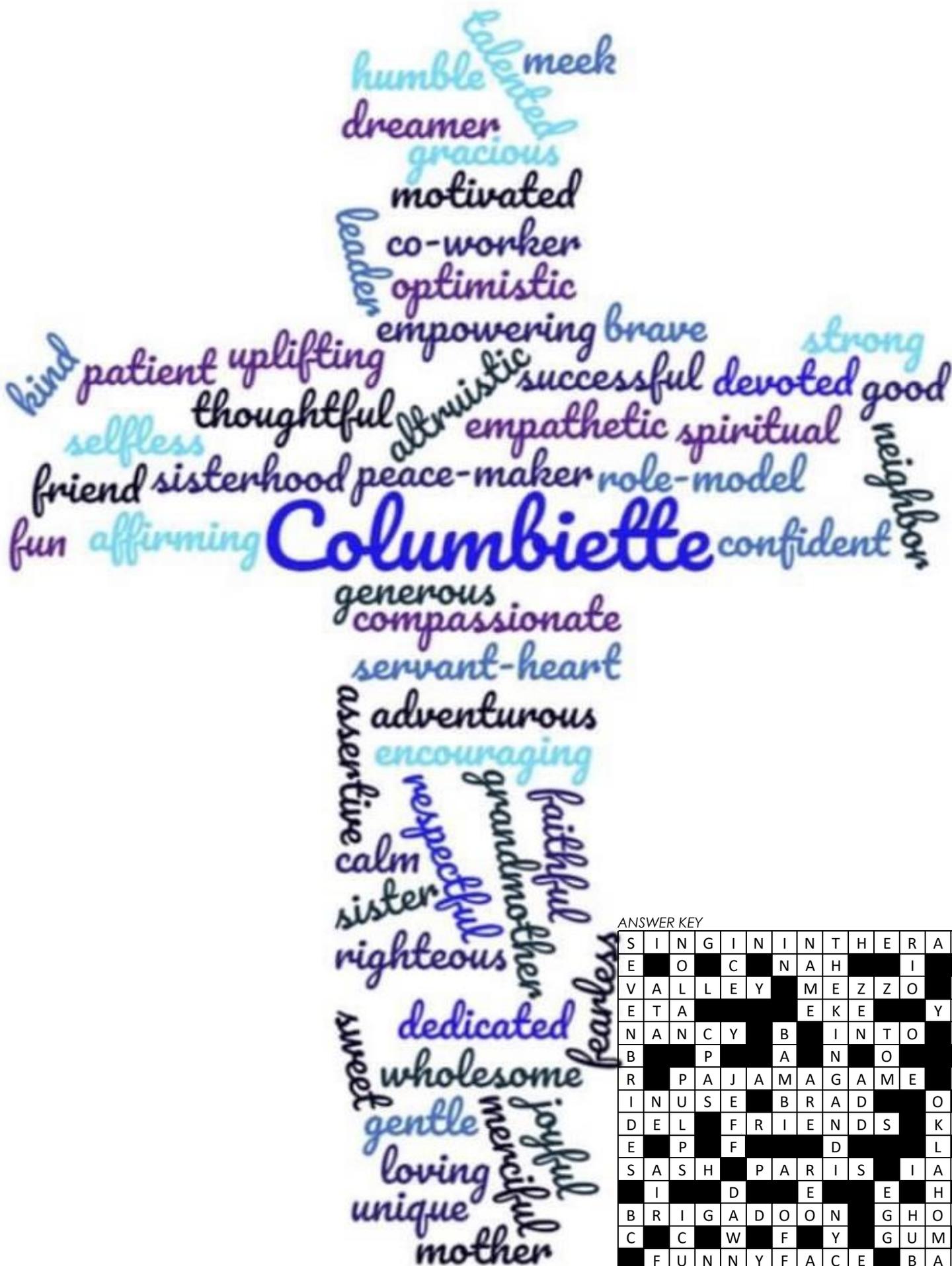
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 8 Slang for no
 9 TV Western *The Big* ____
 11 Type of soprano
 13 Early sci-fi writer Wells
 15 Touchdown time perhaps
 16 __ out (scrape by)
 17 Word on an Uncle Sam poster
 18 Fictional teenage detective __ Drew
 21 Enjoying, in slang
 23 History-making pitcher Young
 24 1957 musical set in an Iowa clothing factory, *The* _____. 2 words
 28 Peach state, abbr
 29 Taken, 2 words
 31 Actor Pitt
 33 "Runaway" rocker Shannon
 34 Pals
 35 *The Cincinnati* ____
 36 Cloth worn on the waist or shoulder
 38 1951 musical *An American in* ____
 40 Othello villain
 43 1954 musical set in Scotland
 47 Grave-robbing demon
 49 Chewy snack
 50 1957 musical about fashion starring Audrey Hepburn, 2 words
 51 Golf-club holder

Down

- 1 __ *for Seven Brothers*, 1954 musical, 2 words

Down

- 2 Ryan, who pitched a record seven no-hitters
 3 __ Capades
 4 Not out
 5 Dog tag info
 6 1956 musical starring Yul Brynner, 4 words
 7 River in Spanish
 10 __ crossroads, 2 words
 12 __ Buddhism
 13 Ad __ Committee
 14 1955 musical featuring "Luck Be a Lady," 3 words
 19 Many tax preparers, abbr.
 20 Walt Disney's favorite movie
 22 Male turkey
 24 Mash(es) into a mass
 25 Mutt's partner in old comics
 26 You __ here
 27 Math function
 30 Direction from New York to Boston, abbr.
 32 1955 musical starring Shirley Jones
 37 Army ____ Corps
 39 Lansing, MI, motor company that made Speed Wagon
 41 Sunrise time
 42 Devil(ed) food
 43 Province in western Canada, abbr.
 44 Hospital area, abbr.
 45 Not on
 46 Chrysler Building's Locale, abbr
 48 Busy Airport



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