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## Message from Our Supreme President

My dear sister Columbiettes,

Congratulations to all the newly elected Presidents and Officers!

The summer is ending, and September is here. As we move into October, some areas are getting colder, some are a bit chilly, and others have little change in temperature. No matter where our sister Columbiettes are located, we all continue to struggle with COVID – 19.

As all Presidents and Officers plan for the coming year, PLEASE be mindful of the continually changing COVID-19 Rules and Regulations in the State, County, or City where you meet.

If your members are not ready to come back in-person because "no one feels safe", you should not be having in-person meetings. Set up video/virtual or teleconference meetings so members can join remotely for the foreseeable future. Do not leave out members who cannot or will not attend in-person meetings. Keep in contact with them so they stay involved.

When planning your events, be ready to reschedule or rework them as needed. You are all so very creative when it comes to getting the job done. I applaud you all for your initiative and drive to make things happen.

Please continue to say the Rosary and daily pray the Hail Mary at 8 PM – This is WORKING.

We STILL ARE All IN THIS TOGETHER and we will come out STRONGER AND BETTER.

I pray we all Stay Safe and Be Well as we look forward to a better and brighter FUTURE together.

Wishing you Peace always,

*Micki*

Micki Magee
Supreme President

## Message from the Supreme Secretary

When sending mail or emails to the Supreme Office, please include the full name of the auxiliary; the auxiliary number; the location of the auxiliary, as well as your full name and contact information.

## Message from the Supreme Advocate

Watch for a letter from the Supreme Advocate after October 15, 2020 advising everyone of the disposition of the resolutions voted on at the Supreme convention on August 15, 2020.

Reminder: If you are looking to make a change to your by-laws, there is a format to follow, if you don't have the information, please send an email to supremeadvocate@columbiettes.com to request it and the format will be sent to you.

Thanks!

## Who are our Officers and Directors

**President**
Micki Magee - (NY)

**Past President**
Ronnie Albert - (FL)

**Vice President**
Ronny Pliszak - (NY)

**Secretary**
Jean Breyer - (NY)

**Financial Secretary**
Jeanne Mucci - (NY)

**Treasurer**
Carole Samperton - (NC)

**Advocate**
Janet Schuler - (GA)

**Sentinel**
Marlene Korn - (NC)

**One Year**

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| Fran Corcione | NJ |
| Joellen Dodson | PA |
| Lisa Koenig | NY |
| Barbara Maier | NY |
| Crystal Vliek | GA |

**Two Year**

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| Carol Bohinski | NJ |
| Kathy LoFrese | NY |
| Vicky Porcelli | NY |
| Jackie Ryan | CT |
| Pat Vahlsing | DE |

**Three Year**

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

## CATHOLIC ACTION COMMITTEE

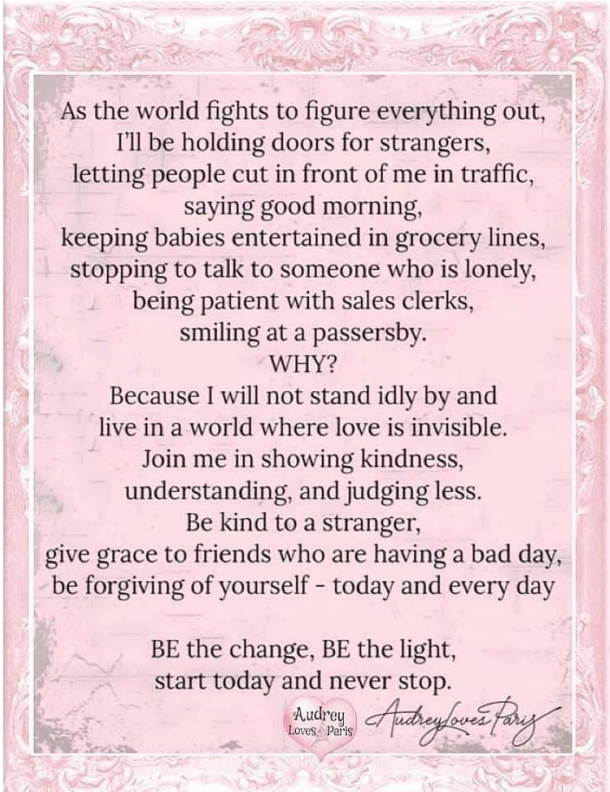
**JOELLEN DODSON**

**The "40 Days for Life" campaign encompasses 40 days of prayer, fasting, and community outreach from September 23 through November 1 aiming at ending abortion.**
Check your local diocese for the "40 Days for Life" activities in your area. It is our duty to protect life from conception to natural death. The following website will list local events: **www.40daysforlife.com.**

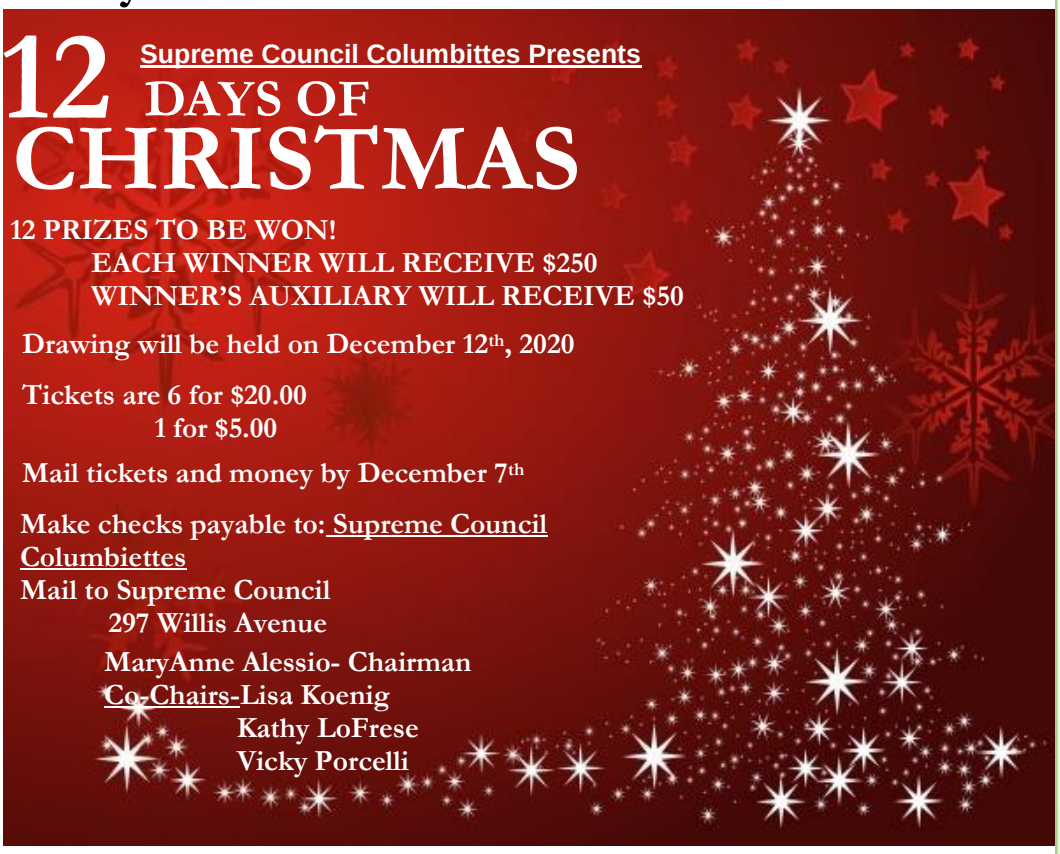
**Rosary Coast to Coast 2020**
**In 2019, hundreds of Rosary Rallies gathered across the U.S. and in over 50 participating countries!**

**In 2020, Spiritual Battle has intensified with the forces of evil becoming even more extreme in their positions against life from conception to birth to natural death including the Sanctity of Marriage and Family. These forces manifest a radical rebellion against God's creation of man and woman into which they seek to indoctrinate even our children. While they call for acceptance of their positions, they are openly hostile against and completely intolerant of biblically based Christian beliefs and practice. In essence, these forces are against anyone who does not share their radical and unholy beliefs. It is in this environment that a Call to Spiritual Arms is being issued again, with even greater urgency, to prayer warriors across the country and around the world.**

- The 2020 Rosary Coast to Coast will take place on Sunday, October 11th. Start organizing Rosary rallies and register them at **https://rosarycoasttocoast.com/.** Once again, the rallies are encouraged to be in public places such as along coasts and borders, at state capitols, in parks, on beaches, along busy streets as well as outside Churches and Shrines.
- **2020 is different. Mary is gathering her children together in a very special way.** This October, devoted Catholics of all ages across North America are uniting in prayer. Many will meet face to face in familiar locations. Others can participate in spirit. You are invited to join in this extraordinary movement of prayer that is designed to mobilize and energize groups of multi-generations. A new **Coalition of Eucharistic and Marian Apostolates (CEMA)** is leading this effort. A series of events are taking place as part of a ***Triumph Tour*** **including: Family Rosary Bowls, Pilgrim Image Paths, and Global Prayer Initiatives**.



# 12 Days of Christmas Raffle

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Squirettes of Mary
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month..

This is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research. This campaign is intended to educate people about the importance of screenings so that breast cancer is caught in its early stages when it can be cured. It's a time to remember those lost to breast cancer and to help those currently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Don't forget to schedule your mammogram!

# Staten Island Resident Re-Elected Supreme President of Columbiettes

**PRESIDENTIAL FAMILY—Micki Magee, left, and her daughter Jaclyn Carney are presidents of the Columbiettes. Mrs. Magee was re-elected to a second two-year term as supreme president at the Supreme Council's 62nd annual meeting Aug. 15. Mrs. Carney was elected New York State Council Columbiettes president last year.**
MARY DIBIASE BLAICH

**BY DAN PIETRAFESA**

Micki Magee is hoping for membership growth and a return to more normal operating procedures as she begins her second term as supreme president of the Supreme Council Columbiettes Sept. 1.

The parishioner of Holy Child on Staten Island was re-elected Aug. 15 at the Supreme Council's 62nd annual meeting, the council's first virtual convention. The Columbiettes, which have more than 15,000 members in the United States, are a Catholic women's organization comprising affiliated auxiliaries of Knights of Columbus councils.

"We want to grow our membership,'' Mrs. Magee told Catholic New York. "We want more women to become part of our wonderful Catholic women's organization. We want to share our Catholic faith. We want to be able to help our churches grow. We support all of our priests so we want to make sure they have that support system of Catholic women to help them achieve their goals."

During the Covid-19 pandemic, relationships grew among Columbiettes and the organization became more resourceful in how it did things such as watching livestreamed Masses and holding meetings via Zoom, Mrs. Magee said. She participated in 10 virtual state conventions, including conventions for Florida, North Carolina, Delaware and California on the same day.

"This year has been unlike any other year due to Covid," Mrs. Magee said. "We've been in business for over 60 years and we were definitely not prepared for a virtual world.

"There was no road map for me as president to lead. I worked with my team of officers and we developed this as we took each step. It was very successful. I think our members are growing closer with each other because they were all in the same boat. 'Stay in the boat,' that was pretty much the motto. Let's stay in the boat and we'll sail this together."

Mrs. Magee said the Columbiettes will continue to adapt to the virtual world, and said she's looking forward to meeting with everyone in person when the pandemic is over.

"I'm excited and hoping we can get together again," she said.

"We're an organization where we need to have social interaction more than social distancing. We want to get back to church, say hello to our neighbors and yet not lose the connection that we had from the internet, use the internet more in our training capacity rather than in our normal, everyday meeting capacity."

Mrs. Magee's husband, John, once served as a grand knight of the Knights of Columbus. They have four children and four grandchildren. Their daughter Jaclyn Carney was elected president of the New York State Council Columbiettes, which has about 5,800 members, last year.

"I actually told her to be herself, lead from her heart and look for the best for her state. It's my advice to all the presidents," said Mrs. Magee, who previously served two years as New York State president and six years as a director of the Supreme Council Columbiettes.

"She's doing a great job. All of the state presidents are," Mrs. Magee said.

# We are growing

Welcome

The Supreme Board of Officers, Supreme Directors, Territorial Deputies, Past Supreme Presidents, and State Presidents virtually attended the Institution of the Hobbs Auxiliary in Hobbs, New Mexico, on August 30, 2020. They welcomed 11 new members and 9 transferring members for a total of 20 Columbiettes. This was the first Virtual Degree and Virtual Installation of Officers in the history of the Columbiette Organization.

Supreme Officers officiated the Degree Ceremony and Supreme President Micki Magee installed Officers of the Hobbs' Auxiliary. The Knights of Columbus New Mexico State Secretary Bernard Ela and Grand Knight Robbi Hamilton welcomed and congratulated the ladies.

Congratulations to Frances Daniel, the first President of Hobbs Auxiliary, and to all the Officers and members! Manuela Graells is the Columbiette Territory Deputy for New Mexico.

## A Message from the Ceremonial Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

**HISTORY IN THE MAKING**

On behalf of the Supreme Council and the Ceremony Committee it is my pleasure to inform you that on September 19, 2020 the Supreme Board of Officers and Directors voted and passed a **NEW** Initiation Ceremony.

This Ceremony combines both First and Major Degrees.

This Ceremony is **OPEN** to all Columbiette Members, Knights of Columbus (no Degree limit), non-members, family (**children must be 10 years of age or older**) and friends.

We have been working on this diligently for many months with the Officers and the Directors and we are pleased with the results. The new **Columbiette Initiation Ceremony** will be easier for Auxiliaries to more often bring in new members.

The new **Columbiette Initiation Ceremony** will be mailed to all Presidents. More information to follow.

Forward in faith.
Vicky Porcelli, Ceremonial Chair
Jackie Ryan
Crystal Vliek

**October 2, 2020**
Guardian Angels

Prayer to our Guardian Angels: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day (or night), be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger.

The idea that each soul has assigned to it a personal guardian angel has been long accepted by the Church and is a truth of our faith

**October 7, 2020**
Our Lady of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The feast was instituted by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day in the year 1570, a favor due to the recitation of the Rosary.

In modern times successive Popes have urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. It is a form of contemplative prayer which brings down God's blessing on the Church. It is a biblically inspired prayer which is centered on meditation on the mysteries of Christ in union with Mary, who was so closely associated with her Son in his redeeming activity.

**"I'm Tired of COVID!"**

How often have you heard this statement lately? Another favorite is, "I'm sick of wearing this mask!" These seem to be the feelings of everyone as we continue to go through the effects of this virus which affects our daily lives. We even wonder if this will ever go away.

Well, it hasn't gone away. We still need to social distance, wear a facial mask when in public, and listen to the recommendations of our State and health officials. We want all our members and their loved ones to stay healthy.

If your Auxiliary is able to hold in-person meetings, we are happy for you. Continue to respectively social distance and please stay home if you are not feeling well.

If you are not able to meet in-person, the next best plan is a Zoom meeting, or whichever platform you wish to use. Most importantly, do what is best for your membership. We are all learning to navigate these new tools for meetings, so expect a glitch here or there to happen; but don't stress over it. Your members will be happy just to see each other's friendly, smiling faces and be together.

If your auxiliary is staying connected, please share with us what you are doing. How are you keeping all in contact? What kind of fundraisers are in the plans? Are you able to hold any social functions? If yes, what kind? How was/is the event organized and set up? The newsletter staff wishes to share your success with all the members. New ideas can be new opportunities. New opportunities can be new accomplishments. Send in your new, creative ideas to: supremenewsletter@columbiettes.com.

We all agree it is very important to keep members informed, participating, and involved. We do care. Let's share!

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

***Supreme Council Columbiettes***
**(three separate words)**

Many of you have already joined and we are happy to have you! If you have been invited to join by a group member please accept the invitation. You can also become a member by clicking on the *Join Group* button. Invite your Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights to join us as well!

Kathy Bacon
Administrator

# LET'S LEARN

***DID YOU KNOW. . .***

The Supreme Administrative Manual covers a number of subjects to help Officers perform their duties and tasks.

This manual should be the President's **"go to"** book for information and clarification as it will answer questions on policies and procedures. Also, it contains all the forms needed by the Financial Secretary and your expansion team. Take the time to familiarize yourself with what is in the manual. It is a good tool to assist in your administration.

The President's manual includes the Supreme Constitution and By-laws. Changes to the Supreme Constitution and By-laws are made by resolutions approved by the delegates at the annual Supreme Convention.

In addition to the forms, some of the items included in the manual are: sample of a meeting agenda; samples of memorial services; Offertory procession; parliamentary procedure guide; sample of Auxiliary By-laws; sample of Chapter By-laws; information on expansion; IRS information – 990 N Form; protocol; First and Major Degree Ceremonies; and the Installation of Officers Ceremony.

Keep your manual updated with the information and revisions sent out from the Supreme Council. Remember, this is not your personal manual. It belongs to the Auxiliary, Chapter, or State and must be turned over with the change of Officers.

**25 Years:**

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| Barbara M. Datino | Joan K. Keller |
| Maria G. DeRose | Sharon A. Klyn |
| Helen M. Dunning | Christine Micone |
| Helen Gentile | Madeline V. O'Connors |
| Anita R. Giamo | Armande Pelletier |
| Martha B. Gross | Susan Varela |

**50 Years**

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| Kathleen M. Bell | Shrine of St. Anne | FL |
| Rosalie B. Downey | Our Lady of the Rosary | NY |
| Eileen E. Elliott | Our Lady of the Rosary | NY |
| Joan L. Gillespie | Our Lady of the Rosary | NY |
| Catherine Strynkowski | Our Lady of the Rosary | NY |

**October 22, 2020**
Memorial of St. John Paul II

Karl Jozef Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Krakow and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On October 16th, 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. In Rome on April 2 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord.

John Paul II was beatified in Saint Peter's Square on May 1, 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI, his immediate successor and for many years his valued collaborator as Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

"With Sympathy" or "Get Well Soon" cards can be ordered on the Supreme Website by Financial Secretaries.

Presidents can also order by sending an email to: Office@columbiettes.com. There are 6 cards per package, $10.00 per package

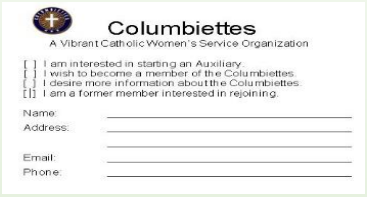
# Happy Anniversary!

| Auxiliary | State | Aux # | Institution Date | 2020 Anniversary Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albany | NY | 173 | 10/4/1952 | 68 |
| Marian | NY | 3852 | 10/31/1954 | 66 |
| Sag Harbor | NY | 584 | 10/31/1954 | 66 |
| Holy Innocents | NY | 3581 | 10/9/1955 | 65 |
| Samuel Cardinal Stritch | NY | 4661 | 10/19/1959 | 61 |
| Saugerties | NY | 4536 | 10/19/1959 | 61 |
| Shrine of St. Anne | NY | 4757 | 10/3/1962 | 58 |
| St. John Neumann | FL | 5971 | 10/12/1979 | 41 |
| Coral Springs | FL | 8838 | 10/16/1985 | 35 |
| Father Thomas A. Judge | NY | 6893 | 10/21/1993 | 27 |
| Bishop James C. Burke | DE | 11285 | 10/3/1994 | 26 |
| Holy Cross | NC | 8509 | 10/8/1994 | 26 |
| St. Rose of Lima | PA | 10870 | 10/23/1994 | 26 |
| Father Emil J. Kapaun | NJ | 10022 | 10/1/2000 | 20 |
| Msgr. Francis J. Desmond | DE | 13348 | 10/18/2003 | 17 |
| Cardinal Spellman | NY | 5800 | 10/3/2004 | 16 |
| Lake Worth | FL | 3393 | 10/5/2008 | 12 |
| Long Valley | NJ | 10419 | 10/18/2009 | 11 |
| St. David the King | NJ | 14716 | 10/17/2010 | 10 |
| Bishop Hickey | RI | 3623 | 10/24/2010 | 10 |
| Our Lady of the Rosary | FL | 8104 | 10/30/2010 | 10 |
| St. Jude the Apostle | FL | 14178 | 10/10/2011 | 9 |
| Our Lady Star of the Sea | SC | 7122 | 10/6/2012 | 8 |
| St. Thomas the Apostle | DE | 12374 | 10/7/2012 | 8 |
| Our Lady of Fatima | CT | 12698 | 10/16/2013 | 7 |
| Madonna | NY | 5915 | 10/18/2014 | 6 |
| Santa Maria | NJ | 1179 | 10/18/2015 | 5 |
| Rev. Paul Donald O'Toole | SC | 10819 | 10/28/2017 | 3 |
| Msgr. Charles G. McDonagh | NY | 16365 | 10/28/2018 | 2 |
| Bishop Gilberto Fernandez | FL | 4998 | 10/26/2019 | 1 |
| **Chapters** | | | | |
| WESTERN-NC | NC | | 10/27/2004 | 16 |
| EASTERN - NC | NC | | 10/30/2004 | 16 |
| **Squirettes of Mary** | | | | |
| Our Lady of Grace, Kennesaw | GA | | 10/5/2017 | 3 |
| Daughters of Mary Immaculate, Oakley | CA | | 10/26/2019 | 1 |

## *Reminders:*

- ✓ **Presidents** **share** the newsletter and correspondence from Supreme with your members.
- ✓ **Presidents** of Auxiliaries, Chapters and States should keep their members updated regularly regarding meetings and other important information as we all go through 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.
- ✓ **Presidents** as you receive the approved resolutions with changes to the Supreme Constitution and By-laws from the Supreme Advocate make the updates to your Administration Manual.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** if you have not already done so, update the officers for your Auxiliary/Chapter/State on the Supreme website. Don't forget to list your Delegates/Alternates to Chapter (if applicable) and the State Delegates/Alternates.
- ✓ **Newly Elected Financial Secretaries** send an email to Supremecomputerhelp@columbiettes.com informing Supreme you are the new Financial Secretary for: Auxiliary/Chapter/State and provide a password for access to the Supreme website.
- ✓ **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.

Recruiting new members? Don't forget, Financial Secretaries can order 50 copies of Columbiette Promotional Supplies from the Supreme Store at no charge other than shipping and handling.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[ ] I wish to become a member of the Columbiettes.
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[ ] I am a former member interested in rejoining.
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**Lives of the Saints**

St. Bernardette

## HEALING PRAYER TO ST BERNARDETTE

Dear Saint Bernadette, chosen by Almighty God as a channel of His Graces and Blessings, and through your humble obedience to the requests of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, you gained for us the Miraculous waters of Spiritual and physical healing. We implore you to listen to our pleading prayers that we may be healed of our Spiritual and physical imperfections.

Place our petitions in the Hands of our Holy Mother, Mary, so that She may place them at the feet of Her beloved Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that He may look on us with mercy and compassion: (Make Petition)

Help, O Dear Saint Bernadette, to follow your example, so that irrespective of our own pain and suffering we may always be mindful of the needs of others, especially those whose sufferings are greater than ours.

As we await the Mercy of God, remind us to offer up our pain and suffering for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins and blasphemies of mankind. Pray for, Saint Bernadette, that like you, we may always be obedient to the will of Our Heavenly Father, and that through our prayers and humility we may bring consolation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that have been so grievously wounded by our sins.

Holy Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Pray for us.

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844 in Lourdes, France. A miller's daughter, she was the oldest of nine children.

Our Blessed Mother appeared to her a total of 18 times and revealed herself as "The Immaculate Conception". During one of the apparitions, Our Lady asked Bernadette to dig the ground and a spring of water was emerged. Our Lady also requested a shrine to be built at this site.

Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity of Nevers at the age of 22. She died at the age of 35 after suffering long-term illness.

Despite initial skepticism from some Catholic Church authorities, Bernadette's claims were eventually declared "worthy of belief" after a canonical investigation, and the Marian apparition became known as Our Lady of Lourdes.

On December 8, 1933, Pope Pius XI, declared Bernadette a saint of the Catholic Church. Her feast day, initially stated as February 18 – the day Our Blessed Mother promised to make Bernadette happy, not in this life, but in the next – is now observed on the date of her death, April 16.

Her body is incorruptible and lies in the Chapel of the St. Gildard Convent in Nevers, France.

The Marian Apparitions at Lourdes are approved by the Catholic Church. The healing waters of Lourdes has miraculously cured many and the Marian Shrine is a major pilgrimage site, attracting over five million pilgrims each year.

## Territory of Texas-Maria Cruz

All the auxiliaries in Texas have been busy focusing on Charity within our Communities, during this Pandemic. More families are now in need of food and other assistance. This month we highlight the great work of our Sister Columbiettes from Sacred Heart in Waco.

Sylvia Carrizales, President of Sacred Heart Columbiettes shared the following great activity they participated in with their Knights of Columbus.

*"On Saturday, September 12 ten Columbiettes met in a pavilion on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church for a short prayer service reciting the Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace, September 11th and Pope Francis Prayer to Mary During the Corona Virus Pandemic while the Knights hosted a "to go" taco dinner raising $900 for our parish.*

*So sad, but in reciting the 9/11 prayer you realize that we are still asking "God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth."*

*Prayers for all our auxiliaries to be able to meet in some way to share our love.*

Columbus Day

October 12th, 2020

## New York State Council

New York State Council Columbiette President Jaclyn Carney, First Reading at Mass during the NYS Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage to Shrine, in Auriesville NY. Congratulations Jaclyn on representing all your sister Columbiettes. Beautiful event sponsored yearly by our New York State Brother Knights lead by State Deputy Wally Wych.

# Auxiliary Exchange

Hopewell Columbiettes-NJ

Hopewell Columbiettes in Hopewell, NJ, annually host a "Military Appreciation Project" to support our troops serving in the Mid-East. Members collect various items for our soldiers such as snacks, handmade rosaries, and blankets. All donations are shipped to a designated recipient.

They also care for our troops' partners, "K-9 War Dogs". This year, they donated funds for kennel fencing, which will bear the Columbiette logo. They made and donated blankets. They collected leashes, collars, treats, beds, and flea collars. Also, included was a blessed St. Francis/St. Anthony medal for the kennel.

Pictured on the tarmac are retired K-9 War dogs with their partners returning home to the USA. September 2020

Don Bosco Columbiettes #4960- NY

On Monday, July 13th members of the Don Bosco Columbiettes and Brother Knights met in the parking lot of Key Food on Grand Street in Williamsburg Brooklyn to collect food for the Holy Trinity/St. Mary's Food Pantry.
This endeavor stocked the pantry which enabled them to make sure that those in need received these groceries. What a wonderful and fulfilling feeling knowing that you were helping to give food to those that need it so much during these difficult times.

On Wednesday, August 5th members of the Don Bosco Columbiettes volunteered at Divine Mercy Parish Hall to honor the men and women of the 90th and 94th Precincts who have worked tirelessly to protect and keep us safe.

Don Bosco Columbiette Mary Anne Siciliano made and donated handmade wreaths to numerous Police Precincts and Firehouses in order to let them know how much they are appreciated. Mary Anne has also prepared, cooked and sent several meals to ensure that these men and woman have a hot meal to eat.

Fun Fact:

In 1982 Supreme announced the official colors for the Columbiettes would be Royal Blue and Gold.

## 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!

### Chapter Vice President Kathleen Finn

Kathleen joined St. David the King Auxiliary in Princeton Junction, New Jersey, over 10 years ago. She is serving her first term as Vice President of the South West Chapter and Immediate Past President of her Auxiliary. In the past, she served as Auxiliary President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, and Sentinel.

Her pet project for her Auxiliary was instituting and chairing their "Tea Party" for three years.

Kathleen is married and blessed with three nieces, a nephew, a godson, and a "little sister", Jordan, age nine. She retired two years ago as Vice President of Wells Fargo Bank, Corporate Real Estate Department. She is a Eucharistic Minister in her Parish and loves spending time with family and good friends. Her favorite pastimes are water aerobics classes, traveling, and helping others.

She says, "I was drawn to the Columbiettes to make new friends with similar values and to do good works for others."

### Auxiliary President Janet Pinto

Although retired from the work force, she is not retired from parish activities or working in the Church office. She loves sewing, walking, the beach, and outdoor activities. Her blessings include family and friends.

On being a Columbiette, Janet says it best, "I enjoy being a part of a group that is involved with our Parish community. We hold many fundraisers to assist families in need. I also enjoy the social gatherings we participate in, such as Christmas Parties and Welcome Back Parties."

A Columbiette for over seven years, Janet held the Office of Financial Secretary and is currently serving her second term as President of Our Lady of Peace Auxiliary in North Brunswick, New Jersey. Janet is married and has one child, two grandchildren, and two grand-dogs.

### Auxiliary President Mary Jo Young

Mary Jo joined our Organization in 2016 and is the President of All Saints Auxiliary in Puyallup, Washington. Widowed after 34 years of marriage, Mary Jo has two daughters and two grand-puppies. She shares her home with "Roomba", a mini-dachshund. Retired, she is a volunteer in the Parish Office and the local food bank as well as serves as a lector and Eucharistic Minister. An amateur genealogist, she creates videos for All Saints Auxiliary's annual retreats. For many years, she was active on several Parish Councils, Committees, and Commissions. She was a Cantor for over 20 years.

And, Mary Jo loves words. She enjoys reading, solving word puzzles, lecturing at Mass, singing the Word of God, and chatting with friends. "Words connect us, inspire us, and inform us." She also enjoys being with her family, traveling, spicy foods, baseball, and walking her dog.

For Mary Jo, being a Columbiette is "a wonderful way to serve the Parish….get to know other Catholic women for prayer opportunities and fun, and support our local Knights."

**Auxiliary Past President Eileen Walsh-Sciacca**

In 1970, Eileen with two friends joined the Vera Cruz Auxiliary in Manhattan, New York. She climbed the chairs to Vice President and worked on various charitable events for this active Auxiliary. In 1979, she transferred to the Colon Auxiliary in Queens, New York, which later merged and became the Colon/Msgr. Higgins Auxiliary. Over the years, she held the Office of President for three terms as well as other Officer positions. Additionally, for six years, she served as a District Deputy.

After moving to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 2007, she transferred to St. Rose of Lima Auxiliary in York. She was elected to the PA State Council Columbiettes in 2013 and held the Offices of Advocate and Financial Secretary.

In 2017, Eileen helped in the formation of The Light of Christ Auxiliary in Sinking Springs, Pennsylvania, and transferred to this Auxiliary. Today, Eileen and her husband are part-time residents in Pennsylvania and Florida, living six months a year in each State. She remains as active as possible since her "stay with our Columbiettes has been a long and wonderful time."

**Auxiliary Immediate Past President Camille Berringer**

Fifteen years ago, Camille joined St. Bonaventure Auxiliary in Davie, Florida. She served as their President for the past three years. During her term as President, she instituted the Bunco Fundraiser, a cooperative effort with their Brother Knights.

Camille is a widow with two children, two grandchildren, and her dog, "Yorkie".

Currently retired, she remains active in the Columbiettes and Respect Life. She is always ready to assist the local Knights of Columbus council and enjoys cooking healthy meals for family and friends.

Her blessings in life are her family. She enjoys being a Columbiette as "they've become my family, too."

Thank you to Supreme for their hard work on the Virtual Degrees so the Auxiliaries can continue to grow their membership!

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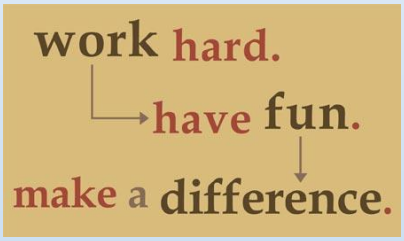

**TIPS**:

- If you are having difficulty logging into the system, please try different browsers. The system seems to work best with Chrome or Edge.
- When sending an email to supremecomputerhelp@columbiettes.com, PLEASE give your name, Auxiliary or Chapter name and what state you are from. This makes it much easier to find you or your Auxiliary or Chapter in the system and makes it faster to be able to help you.
- Presidents DO NOT have the ability to make changes in the system, they have view access only. If you need to make changes or need supplies, please engage your Financial Secretary.

**REMINDERS**:

- The system does have a problem where it is still showing old officers to you when you look at the officer lists. PLEASE UNDERSTAND, if you can log on and take care of the business you need to, you are OK as your officers show correctly on the Supreme side of the system.

  We have presented this issue to our computer person and we do not have resolution to this problem. If you are not able to log on and you know your credentials have been created, please email the help desk and we'll help you through it.
- The system has 2 new "quirks". One is that it is wiping out some officers, so if a Financial Secretary or President find they can't log on when they were able to before, this has probably happened. Please send a note to the help desk and we will fix it.
- Also, in the payments section, for some reason the system is duplicating some members. This has also been sent in as an issue, no resolution yet.

Thanks for all of your notes, it's good to know so many of you are using the system, even though it has some bugs. We will work through it together.

## Halloween Story-

Halloween traditions can be traced to the ancient Celtic tribes of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Brittany. On October 31, the tribes celebrated the festival of Samhain, a Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the "darker half" of the year.

During this festival, Celts believed the souls of the dead -- including ghosts, goblins, and witches -- returned to mingle with the living. To scare away the evil spirits, people would light bonfires and wear masks.

When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank cider.

In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs, which later became "All Saints Day", from May 13 to November 1. The eve of the celebration was "All Hallows Evening", Eventually the name was shortened to the Halloween. *Hallow* is the word for "holy" as is in the *Lord's Prayer*, and "*e'en*" is a contraction of "evening." On November 2, the Catholic Church celebrates All Souls Day.

Many of the customs we now associate with Halloween are also derived from ancient celebrations. The current custom of going door-to-door to collect treats actually started in Ireland hundreds of years ago. Groups of farmers would go door-to-door collecting food and materials for a village feast and bonfire. Those who gave were promised prosperity; those who did not received threats of bad luck. When an influx of Irish Catholic immigrants came to the United States in the 1800s, the custom of trick-or-treating came with them.

Also, we can thank the Irish for the tradition of pumpkin carving. The custom began with a turnip. People would hollow out the turnips and lighted candles inside to scare off the evil spirits. When the Irish came to America, they discovered the pumpkin as a larger and better substitute for the turnip.

The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died. It is a celebration of the "communion of saints" which encompasses all those of truth and love in whom the Spirit is at work. This includes those souls on earth, those in the process of purification (Purgatory), and those who abide in God (Heaven).
This holiday, properly understood and celebrated with all of its fun trappings, can be a way for us to deepen our understanding of faith.