



'Chantacleer'

St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Guild

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From the President

Dear Sodalists,

I am humbled and honored to serve as president for the next two years, and I am very grateful to **Karen Salah** and **Maureen Wilkerson**, two former presidents, for their guidance and support during the transition. A wonderful group of women, Carla Marcolin Geils, Catherine Tomsheck, Shannon Harris, Elizabeth Sanborn, and Maria Cornelius, complete the executive board, and I feel blessed to work with them.

Recently, I was vividly reminded of the Blessed Mother's presence in our lives, and I thought I would briefly share my experience with you. At the end of the summer, my husband and I dropped our oldest daughter off to college for the first time. Naturally, we felt somewhat sad, concerned, and a little anxious. On the return trip, I silently prayed to the Blessed Mother to please watch over and care for her in my absence. Driving home from North Carolina through the Shenandoah Valley along Route 81, rain began to hamper the bright sunshine. As I glanced out the window, I saw the formation of a rainbow through the clouds. Before the trip was over, we witnessed a complete rainbow with a full arch end-to-end, a double rainbow, and a total of eight rainbows! I had never seen anything like it before in my life, and I was certain the Blessed Mother was assuring me of her vigilance and guidance.

As the new season rests upon us, let us pray that Mother Mary's presence be keenly with us as we refresh and renew our faith. There are many opportunities on the Sodality calendar to come together in service and prayer, and I hope to see all of you soon.

May God's blessings be with you!

Karen Atabek

About the Sodality Guild

Established in 1951, the Sodality Guild is the oldest organization in the parish of St. Jane Frances de Chantal. In addition to fostering devotion to the Blessed Mother, the Sodality adopted as its mission: spiritual development, service to the church and community, social action and fundraising for special needs. The Sodality welcomes new members and invites all women of the parish to attend its functions.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 1, 2009

10:00 am

Mass, Investiture, Communion Breakfast

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

7:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting
Chantacleer Articles Due

Saturday, November 27, 2009

Giving Tree Begins

Sunday, December 6, 2009

10:00 am

Mass

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

7:00 pm

Mass, General Meeting, Christmas Craft

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Giving Tree Ends

Sunday, January 3, 2010

10:00 am

Mass

Wednesday, January 21, 2010

7:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting
Chantacleer Articles Due

January 2010

Retreat at the Dominican Retreat Center

Sunday, February 7, 2010

10:00 am

Mass

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

7:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, March 6, 2010

12:00 noon

Fashion Show & Luncheon

Sunday, March 7, 2010

10:00 am

Mass

From the Prefect

Dear Sodalists,

Greetings and welcome to a new Sodality year. Karen and I sincerely appreciate all the warm wishes and support you have shown us as we begin our new terms as President and Prefect. I am especially grateful to **Denise Sintetos** and **Helen Bollwerk** for their patience with my many questions as I learn the duties and responsibilities of the Prefect position.

The Sodality Union Masses and meetings began again on October 3rd with Mass and the rosary at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The St. Jane de Chantal Sodality was represented there by the St. John Neumann unit. Each unit is typically assigned to attend one Sodality Union Mass and meeting a year.

Our first monthly Sodality Mass took place at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 4th. Although it was fairly well attended by our sodalists, we hope to see many more at the upcoming first Sunday Masses. It is very uplifting to see our blue-ribboned Sodalists standing in prayer together and renewing their commitment to Sodality, our parish and our Blessed Mother. The Sodality Masses are always the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each new month, unless that Sunday also happens to be a Holy Day.

Our first Sodality General Meeting and the annual Lasagna Dinner was on Wednesday, October 7th, following Mass and we all enjoyed the delicious lasagnas from Vince and Dominic's and the chance to catch up with one another over dinner.

Finally, we hope that many of you will be present to help us to welcome Father Kyle Ingels back to St. Jane de Chantal as the speaker for the Communion Breakfast following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 1st. The Investiture for new members will also occur at this Mass, and we look forward to welcoming our new Sodalists at that time.

We are very blessed to have a wonderful and caring community of women at St. Jane de Chantal who strive to emulate Mary our Heavenly Mother in their daily lives. Let us all remember to pray often in the coming year for her blessing, strength and guidance.

God Bless,

Carla Marcolin Geils

Spotlight: St. Gianna Unit

The St. Gianna Unit is looking forward to a busy year. Late in the summer, the unit raised enough money to buy school supplies for several students at our sister parish, Sacred Heart, who could not afford them. Those who delivered the supplies said they were obviously appreciated and much needed.

As in years past, the unit is looking forward to service projects that serve women and young mothers. Connie Lynch has taken on the job of identifying and facilitating appropriate projects, and we have a long roster of new members who are looking forward to becoming involved with Sodality. Last year, the unit collected clothes and other miscellaneous items for Gabriel's Project at Christmastime. We also collected and shipped medical supplies to U.S. medical professionals in Iraq, to help them treat the burns of Iraqi children.

The St. Gianna unit kicked off its year with a family picnic in early October and is looking forward to the service-filled and fulfilling months ahead.

Victoria Gleeson and Kim Fernandez



image of St. Gianna from
www.saintgiannahome.org

Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 20, 2010

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Morning of Recollection and General Meeting

Sunday, April 4, 2010

10:00 am

Mass

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

7:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting

Chanticleer Articles Due

Sunday, April 18, 2010

10:00 am

Mass, Anniversary Celebration, and Brunch

Saturday/Sunday, May 1–2, 2010

Plant Sale

Sunday, May 2, 2010

10:00 am

Mass, May Procession, and May Crowning

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

7:00 pm

Mass and General Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

7:30 pm

Calendar Planning Meeting

Sodality Units and Contacts

Associates

Ellen Larsen, Chair

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Remember in Prayer

Rev. Alan Helwig
Mary Jo Manolio
Salah Family

In Memoriam

Bradford S. Granum, husband of sodalist Renee Murray-Granum
Bernadette Klecker, sodalist

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*psst ... ladies ...
spread the word ...*

St. Jane de Chantal Sodality
FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON
Saturday, March 6, 2010

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