



# SUPREME COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES COMMUNICATOR



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## Message from Our Supreme President

My Dear Sister Columbiettes,

On behalf of the Supreme Officers, Directors, Past Supreme Presidents and Territorial Deputies, I send you the sincerest and warmest good wishes to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grands, God Mothers, and Aunts for a wonderful and happy Mother's Day. May your day be truly blessed.

It's hard to believe that in the past six to eight weeks we have gone from monthly meetings to no meetings, from social gatherings to social distancing, and from attending daily/weekly Mass to virtual Mass. We now spiritually unite for prayer chains, Rosary Hours, and Hail Mary's at 8 p.m. Rather than traveling, we stay at home. We work from home or are furloughed. We see our frontline and healthcare workers not able to go home. So much of the active lives we had is at an abrupt STOP. But, YOU, our wonderful Sister Columbiettes, have not stopped caring and sharing. You continue to reach out to your home bound relatives and friends via telephone calls, emails, video chats or video monthly meetings. GOOD FOR YOU!! YOU ARE ROCKSTARS!

The Supreme Board is aware that you are wondering about the status of your State Conventions. The Conventions scheduled in April and May are being rescheduled and we are praying that the June conventions will not need to be cancelled. Luckily, those dates are further out and many of our country's State Governors are working to get Action Plans in place to reopen the economy. So, as we are on a "wait and see" trajectory, we pray for positive news on June.

Ladies, this I know has been a very sad, lonely and difficult time. I also know that we will RISE out of this gloomy, scary darkness. We may have been knocked down; but WE will get UP AGAIN. None of us were prepared for this and we may have had the wind knocked out of us; however, God is on OUR Side.

Now is also the time to LEARN from this. Now is the time to be proactive by looking to the future. We may have to do things differently and make changes; but NOW is the time to make our

organization better and more prepared for the future. We are all in this together.

Praying that we all **Stay Safe and Be Well**. Let us all look forward to a better and brighter FUTURE together. Wishing you Peace always,

Micki

Micki Magee, Supreme President



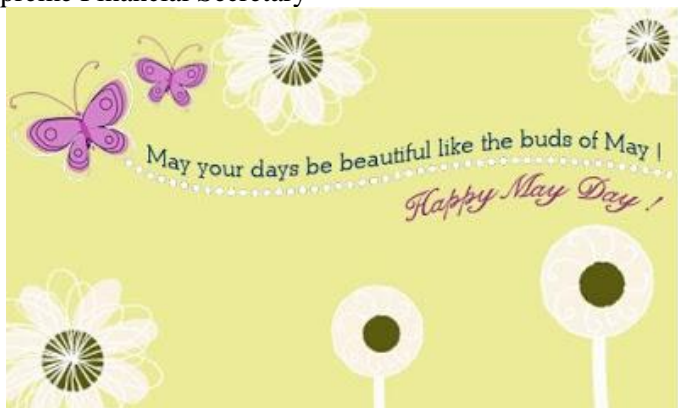
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## Message from Our Supreme Financial Secretary

We know that we are challenged in this crazy world. My prayers for your health and safety are with you all. As we face our individual situations, please be safe. Our work continues as we strive to bring some sort of normalcy to our lives. We have received a few requests for supplies, and they will be filled as soon as we are able to go back to our office in Mineola. If you have any outstanding bills, please send payment as soon as you are able. Please know that we are with you all; and if you have any questions, please feel free to send an email or call me. My phone number is (914) 474-5999 or email : [SupremeFinancialSecretary@Columbiettes.com](mailto:SupremeFinancialSecretary@Columbiettes.com)

Jean Breyer  
Supreme Financial Secretary



## Message from Our TD's

Happy Spring! Greetings from the Father Robert A. Hager Auxiliary in Kansas City, MO. We are staying safe and healthy here in MO. While we have been sidelined for the last several weeks, we are keeping in touch with one another and keeping all in prayer each and every day. Everyone is being affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and need all our prayers. We continue to help several charities during this time of need with donations which are being used to help those most affected by this terrible pandemic. We are also gearing up for our Annual Catholic Charities Outpace Poverty Run/Walk that will be held virtually during the month of May. Even though we cannot meet in person, we are still making a difference in the state by helping those in need. Team work makes the dream work!

I recently came across this prayer and thought I would share it with you:

*Heavenly Father, we may not understand how everything will work out, but we trust You. We don't see a way, but we know You will make a way. We have faith at this very moment You are touching hearts, opening doors and lining up the right breaks and opportunities. Things may look dark and bleak now, but we have faith that our dawn is coming. Amen.*

God Bless!  
Mary Galiardi

Tonya Hritz, President



## Guidelines for a Virtual/Audio Meeting

In this time of the Coronavirus with social distancing and stay at home rules, we are thinking of how we can connect and run the business of our groups. Some organizations are using the virtual/audio meeting in place of the face-to-face ones. You may wish to conduct a virtual/audio meeting especially with your Officers. This is not the ideal way as it can be hard to get right, but it is an option you can consider. Here are a few things that may help you have a more productive and successful virtual/audio meeting.

While the basics for your meeting remain the same, your participation requires a different approach.

### 1. Choose the Right Technology

There are several virtual meeting platforms from which to choose. Some of these are free, others charge a fee.

**Skype:** This offers basic online group phone and video calls. This works for short and limited attendance meetings.

**Citrix GoToMeeting:** Users can share screens and it works with tablets, smart phones or other mobile devices.

**Cisco WebEx:** This offers video and participants can work together during the meeting.

**Conference Call:** Offers only audio for participants.

Video conferencing does have its benefits and drawbacks. It can provide participants with important nonverbal cues and encourage them to stay engaged. However, some people might feel uncomfortable and self-conscious using it which may lead to less participation than a voice-only meeting.

Do some homework on your options to see which technology will work best for your needs.

### 2. Tech Skills

A virtual meeting needs the guidance of an IT

person who has tech knowledge. This person has to be comfortable with the virtual meeting software and be able to operate the platform during the meeting. A rehearsal or test run before the actual meeting is advised. Detailed instructions for the participants is a must.

### 3. Spend Time Preparing

Virtual meetings need more time to prepare. Streamline your agenda, plan for dealing with conflicting discussion, prepare for technical challenges that may occur. Consider your timeframe, decide what you want to cover and give information in scheduled time segments. Make it clear when you reach that limit and move on to the next item.

If you can assign someone to handle the technology issues, delegate this task so you can focus on the meeting. Rehearse or test the meeting beforehand with the person assigned to handle the technology.

Several days before your meeting, send out login details and instructions to those attending. Include any passwords, an agenda, list of attendees, start time and finish time, if possible.

### 4. Set Rules

Ground rules are important because they guide the behavior of everyone attending. Ask the members to log in 5 minutes early so that everyone can check their audio and video connections. If this is an audio call only, have the participants state their name before they speak. Also, have them mute their lines until they are ready to speak to cut down on background noise.

### 5. Communicate with Virtual Reality in Mind

In face-to-face meetings, people pick up on important cues from facial expressions, tone of voice and body language. These are often lost in virtual/audio meetings. For these meetings, you must strengthen your listening skills and focus on the person who is speaking. Make sure you communicate how you feel through your choice of words. Summarize what has been said and ask questions for clarification. Guide discussion by calling on certain individuals.

### 6. Get Everyone Involved

One of the biggest challenges with virtual/audio meetings is the participants can find it hard to get involved and contribute. You, as the Leader, must keep everyone engaged. Give attendees the opportunity to participate and give their input. Use Round Robin techniques and ask everyone to comment

As you can see this is a complicated process, but it may be worth the time and effort to get the team together to communicate and achieve beneficial results in matters that need attention. It is not perfect but it may be one way that we stay connected to each other and continue to serve those in need of us. Keep safe, be well. God Bless.

Ronnie Albert  
Supreme Past President



### Message from Our Supreme Directors

Our amazing organization strives to serve the needy, intellectually disabled, all God's children, young and old. Above all, we are strong together, able to lean on each other and reach out to support one another. As we pray our "Hail Mary" 8:00 PM nightly, while practicing physical distancing, let us ask for God's protection for all those affected by the Coronavirus; the sick, the health care workers, children out of school, parents, caregivers, our political decision makers and those who have lost their jobs/livelihood. Please God, let this pandemic end and provide our families with the comfort and support needed to move on with renewed faith of a brighter tomorrow.

Though our service and community events have been put on hold for now, we will soon be back sharing our good works and joyful activities with our sisters and community. Let us continue to be strong, healthy, and positive. Look to all the good in our lives and appreciate God's many blessings. Follow the guidelines set for our safety and God bless you all with good health, grateful hearts, and caring minds. With the month of Mary upon us, let us continue to pray for her blessings and comfort in the upcoming weeks. Happy Mother's Day to all.

Humbly in Christ,  
Jacqueline Ryan, Supreme Director





What better way to celebrate May than with a Mary garden! A Mary Garden is a garden filled with plants, flowers and trees named for Our Lady and Jesus. They are designed to be places of beauty that remind us of our Lord and Lady, allowing us to experience God's creation, and inviting prayer and contemplation. In your daily life, as you encounter flowers in fields, on the roadside, in gardens, window boxes, bouquets and florist shops, look upon the flowers and think of Mary.

Some flowers and herbs for a Mary Garden include:  
 Lily: Symbolizes Mary's Immaculate Purity;  
 Columbine: Also known as "Our Lady's Shoes";  
 Lavender: "Mary's Drying Plant"; Sage: Mary's Shawl;  
 Roses: The Rosary; Creeping Thyme: Mary's Bedstraw;  
 Geranium: Madonna's Pins; Crepe Myrtle: Her Virginity;  
 Blue Phlox: Lady's Wedding, and Japanese Iris: Trinity.

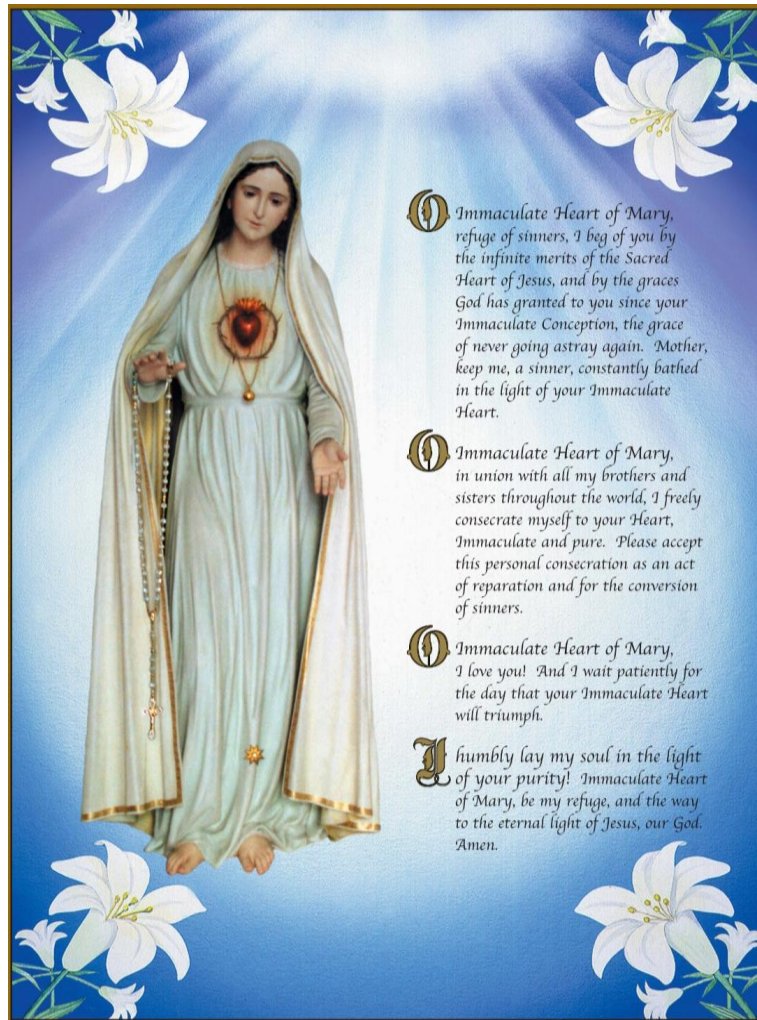


**A LITTLE LEVITY:**

Now I lay me down to sleep  
 I pray the Lord my shape to keep.  
 Please no wrinkles, please no bags  
 and please lift my butt before it sags.

Please no age spots, please no gray  
 and as for my belly, please take it away.

Please keep me healthy, please keep me young,  
 and thank you Dear Lord for All that you've done.



**O** Immaculate Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners, I beg of you by the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and by the graces God has granted to you since your Immaculate Conception, the grace of never going astray again. Mother, keep me, a sinner, constantly bathed in the light of your Immaculate Heart.

**O** Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with all my brothers and sisters throughout the world, I freely consecrate myself to your Heart, Immaculate and pure. Please accept this personal consecration as an act of reparation and for the conversion of sinners.

**O** Immaculate Heart of Mary, I love you! And I wait patiently for the day that your Immaculate Heart will triumph.

**H**umbly lay my soul in the light of your purity! Immaculate Heart of Mary, be my refuge, and the way to the eternal light of Jesus, our God. Amen.

**Blessing for Mother's Day**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church.

Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith.

Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



## Prayer to Our Lady of America

Beginning on September 26, 1956, the Blessed Virgin Mary, began appearing to Sister Mary Ephrem (Mildred Neuzil) as “Our Lady of America “. Sister Mary Ephrem belonged to the Convent of the Precious Blood Sisters at Rome City, Indiana. On October 13, 1956, the Blessed Virgin Mary requested that a statue of “Our Lady of America” be enshrined in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., as a special place of pilgrimage and a special safeguard for the United States of America.

This devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of America enjoys complete canonical approval through former Archbishop of Cincinnati, OH, the late Paul Francis Leibold.



Oh, Immaculate Mother, Queen of our country, open our hearts, our homes, and our land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son. With Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God’s light shining in and about you. Be our leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, Who loves us with infinite charity.

We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.

We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us. We ask no special sign of you, sweet Mother, for we believe in your great love for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to your desire.

Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your children of America, as your instruments of peace among men and nations. Work your miracle of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us.

May your valiant spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us in “renewing the face of the earth.” Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our Victorious Queen, lead us to the eternal kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King.

Amen

# Who are our Officer's and Director's Where are they from?

### President

Micki Magee- (NY)

### Past President

Ronnie Albert-(FL)

### Vice President

Ronny Pliszak-(NY)

### Secretary

Anne Sullivan-(NC)

### FS

Jean Breyer-(NY)

### Treasurer

Jeanne Mucci-(NY)

### Advocate

Carole Samperton-(NC)

### Sentinel

Janet Schuler-(GA)

### **One Year**

MaryAnne Alessio  
Marlene Korn  
Vicki Sandin  
Mary Ann Sweet

### **Home State**

NY  
NC  
FL  
NJ

### **Two Year**

Fran Corcion  
Joellen Dodson  
Lisa Koenig  
Barbara Maier  
Crystal Vliek

NJ  
PA  
NY  
NY  
GA

### **Three Year**

Carol Bohinski  
Kathy LoFrese  
Vicky Porcelli  
Jackie Ryan  
Pat Vahlsing

NJ  
NY  
NY  
CT  
DE

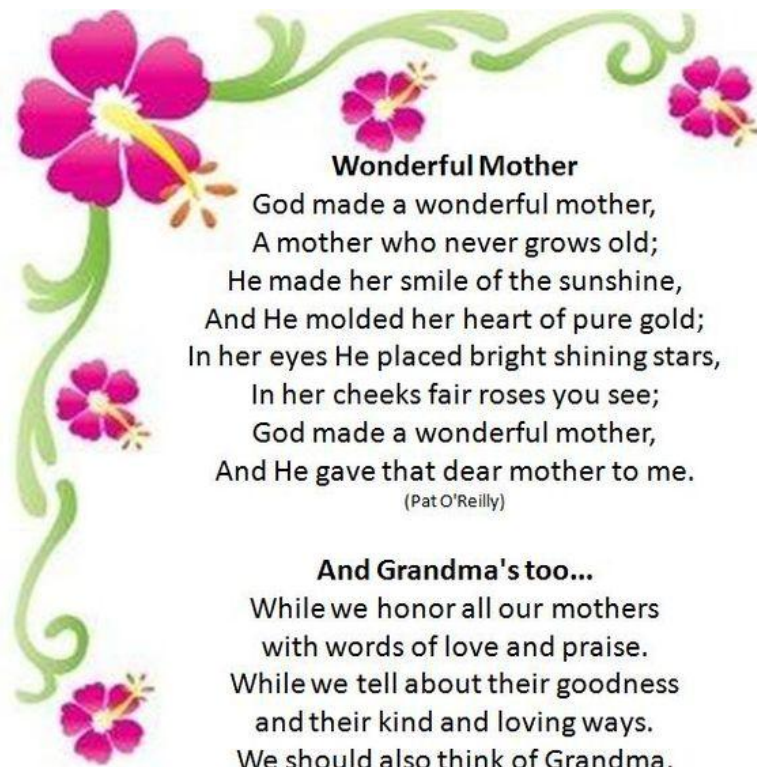


# Pope Francis' prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic



O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



## Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He molded her heart of pure gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to me.

(Pat O'Reilly)

## And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers  
with words of love and praise.  
While we tell about their goodness  
and their kind and loving ways.  
We should also think of Grandma,  
she's a mother too, you see....  
For she mothered my dear mother  
as my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

# Happy Mother's Day!



## COVID 19 VIRUS:

The Supreme Officers, Directors, Past Supreme Presidents and Territorial Deputies are continuing to pray and ask for God's protection for all our members and their families during this most difficult time. Our priority is the safety and health of our members.

As we focus on the well-being of our families and friends, the Supreme Council Columbiettes Communicator would like to advise all members of those in need of prayers.

Please send the names of anyone you know who has passed from this terrible virus, as well as those you know who have contacted this virus. We will ask our whole organization to pray for them. Please list their names, auxiliary (where appropriate) and state. Your list can include yourself, family members, friends, Columbiettes and Knights. The list for prayers may be sent to [Supremenewsletter@supreme.com](mailto:Supremenewsletter@supreme.com).

We are all in this together and we all need the prayers, strength and love of our Sister Columbiettes. Stay safe.

Marlene Korn, Editor

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## Auxiliary Exchange



From left to right. Past President, Maria O'Brien, Sentinel Caitlin Gray, Past President, Kathy Gonzalez, James McBratney, Past President, Nancy Curtin, Financial Secretary, Annette Fusaro, Vice President, Bonnie Ferretti, Treasurer, Nora Rosati, and Secretary, Toni Quinci. (Courtesy/Nora Barnickel Rosati) Staten Island Advance

Members of the Manresa Columbiettes, an active charitable Catholic organization that honors its longtime tradition of charitable work throughout the local and national community, celebrated their 10th anniversary several weeks back at Jimmy Max Bar & Restaurant, where its owner was presented with an award.

Not only did the members raise their glasses to celebrate their decade milestone, but also toasted James McBratney, owner of the Westerleigh dining spot, with the Outstanding Community Service Award for his overwhelming generosity to a myriad of Staten Island organizations.

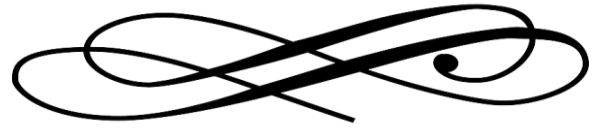
The event presented the perfect opportunity for Manresa members to acknowledge McBratney's acts of kindness — what they say is a small token packed with a great deal of appreciation.

Over the years McBratney's name has been synonymous with support and commitment to community, especially when it came to the borough's not-for profit organizations or local schools.

Whether it's donating super raffle baskets containing a prize certificate for free pizza of the month for a year and/or a gift certificate for a pasta dish of the month for a year, he's always there to lend a helping hand.

And for those who aren't aware, Jimmy Max also grants to charitable organizations a day to host a "Dine to Donate" event, where the organization receives a donation back from the profits of the day for their respective charity.

**Bishop O'Sullivan Columbiettes**, at the request of their parish priest, have instituted a calling committee to contact all parishioners to check on them to see if they are OK or need anything in light of this pandemic we are all going through.



## Supreme Council Columbiettes 2020 Convention

Even in this time of uncertainty, the committee has been busy working on this year's convention. We have mailed all the information packages for the convention – so if you have not received the package please email me (noseymommy@aol.com). We are looking forward to another informative and fun-filled weekend with all our Sister Columbiettes.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact one of the ladies on the committee.

Pat Vahlsing  
MaryAnne Alessio  
Vicky Porcelli







### Prayer to Mary, Mother of Christianity

*O Blessed Virgin Mary, you are the mother of every Christian family. When you conceived and gave birth to Jesus, human motherhood was elevated to its greatest heights. From the time of the Annunciation, you became the living chalice of the Son of God made man. You are the queen of the home. You inspire all mothers to instill their children with Faith. Please watch over our families. Let children learn free and loving obedience as inspired by your obedience to God. Let parents learn dedication and selflessness based on your faith and selflessness. We pray all families honor you and remain devoted to you so that they may be bound together by your example and your intercession.  
Amen.*

May is the month we celebrate Mothers' Day. It is a day which is celebrated in various parts of the world to express respect, honor, and love to and for mothers.

The celebration of Mothers' Day began in the year 1908 when Anna Jarvis organized a memorial for her mother, Ann Jarvis. Ann was a peace activist who nursed wounded soldiers from the American Civil War.

By 1911, most of the United States celebrated Mother's Day due to Anna Jarvis' continuous efforts. In 1914, our 28<sup>th</sup> President, Woodrow Wilson, officially designated the second Sunday in May as Mothers' Day and declared it a national holiday.

The influence of a mother upon the lives of her children cannot be measured. A mother's examples of nurturing, honesty, temperance, and kindness are absorbed by her children.

This year, Mothers' Day will be celebrated on May 10, 2020. Together, let's honor the women who loved, raised and sacrificed for us. Let's remember all our Moms, whether biological or emotional, for their dedication and selflessness for us.

### Petitions for Mothers' Day

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord.

For others, who show us a mother's love, that they feel our love, we pray to the Lord.

For adoptive mothers, that they have Your blessings, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their Faith may give them hope, and their family and friends give support and consolation, we pray to the Lord.

For those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know Your comfort, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of His kingdom and peace to their families, we pray to the Lord.

Carol Bohinski  
Jaci Carney  
Marlene Korn

## Let's Learn Together

### Did you know . .

The difference between a Territorial Deputy and a District Deputy is her level of reporting.

Territorial Deputies are appointed by the Supreme President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, in jurisdictions where there is no State Council. Territorial Deputies have all the duties and obligations of a State President and serve in this position until a successor is appointed. She is a special representative of the Supreme President.

District Deputies are appointed by the State President and hold office at the pleasure and direction of the State President. Term of office is no longer than the State President's elected term. She is a special representative of the State President.

Both the Territorial Deputies and District Deputies supervise auxiliaries appointed to them and are responsible for the enforcement of the laws and rules of the Order. They also supervise the ceremonies of First Degree and Installation of Officers to ensure rehearsals and exemplifications are properly executed.

Other duties of both include reporting any deposition or suspensions made by her to the Supreme Secretary, file a written report of the condition of the auxiliary when requested to do so, and, in the case of a dissolution of an auxiliary, work with the officers to ensure all necessary paperwork is properly completed and Administration manuals are returned.





## Congratulations to the Life Members

### April – 2020

Barbara A. Bishop	Bishop Curley	NY
Delores Fitzgerald	Oswego	NY
Frances R. Francati	Bishop Curley	NY
Flora Grasso	Father Edward F. O’Sullivan,	NY
Helen E. Howenstein	Latham/Colonie	NY
Julia V. Kerrane	St. Ambrose	NY
Geraldine A. Mahon	Latham/Colonie	NY
Ellen Perry	Father Edward F. O’Sullivan,	NY

## Congratulations to the Honorary Life Members

### April – 2020

Louise L. Carielli	Irma T. Rapp
Eileen A. Daly	Colleen M. Stark
Ann Marie Fico	Nancy A. Sulenski
Deborah M. Manton	Ruth M. Travis
Susie T. Marian	Eileen R. Weimann
Virginia A. Olsen	

### May – 2020

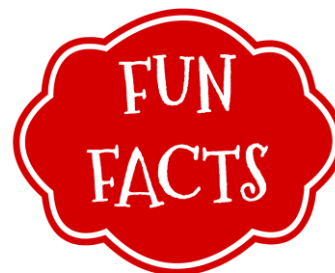
Alice M. McKenna	Jeanette Palladino
Nancy A. OToole	Josephine Sorrentino

## Congratulations to the States & Auxiliaries

### May – 2020

States/Auxiliary	State	Aux No	Institution Date	2020 Ann Year
Georgia State Council	GA		5/9/2009	11
Archbishop John Hughes Msgr.	NY	481	5/4/1947	73
Burke/Rockaway	NY	2672	5/4/1947	73
James Norton	NY	1828	5/11/1966	54
Msgr. Francis X. Coyle	NJ	5560	5/3/1972	48

State / Auxiliary	State	Aux No	Institution Date	2020 Anniversary Year
Park City	CT	16	5/22/1973	47
Latham/Colonie	NY	3394	5/28/1987	33
St. Augustine	CT	41	5/1/1994	26
Our Lady of Peace	NJ	11378	5/31/1998	22
St. Bonaventure	FL	12240	5/23/2001	19
St. Francis	NJ	7526	5/18/2003	17
Our Lady Queen of Heaven	FL	13334	5/22/2004	16
San Juan Bosco	FL	10087	5/14/2005	15
Father Joseph Boehr	RI	4753	5/15/2005	15
Immaculate Conception	NY	928	5/15/2011	9
St. Paul of the Cross	FL	12322	5/12/2012	8
Father Grover Tipton	FL	13037	5/6/2017	3



At the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention held on August 14-15, 1964, the Delegates approved the establishment of the office of the Financial Secretary.

On August 15, 1964 a Special Board meeting was called to draft the duties of the Financial Secretary. The duties would be presented to the Delegates 30 days prior to the 1965 Convention.

The first Financial Secretary, Fortunata Yannacone, was elected at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

# ★ MMJM ★ Award

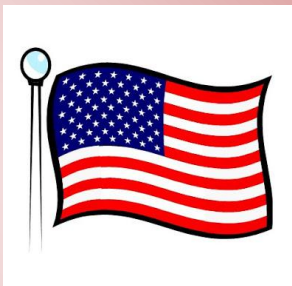
The criteria and application for the MMJM Award are currently online at [www.columbiettes.com](http://www.columbiettes.com) under FORMS on the Supreme Council Columbiettes' website. Please read the information carefully as some of the criteria has changed this year due to the virus, which has affected everyone. Since we are unable to interact with one another and to hold many of the events planned, we have decided to have each auxiliary list the good deeds from July 1 till February 29, 2020.

The applications can be mailed directly to Pat Vahlsing (regular mail) or emailed to the website listed in the criteria. We will be reviewing all applications in July and will be presenting the awards at our Supreme convention in August.

Also, please be aware of the questionnaire that we put online a few months ago – we are looking forward to reading your answers and suggestions so we can ensure we are all working to make our organization one that works for everyone.

Thanks,

Pat Vahlsing, Chair  
Kathy LoFrese  
Vicky Porcelli  
Jacqueline Ryan



*Memorial Day  
May 25<sup>th</sup> 2020*

*Remember those who paid the greatest  
sacrifice for our freedom*

## How to Contact Us!



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# GET TO KNOW US



## “Getting to know……”

### **Supreme Secretary Anne Sullivan –**

A Columbiette for 50 years, our golden girl, Anne, has held numerous offices on every level of the Columbiette organization. Originally from New York, she was a member of Father John La Farge Auxiliary in Yorktown, NY, and held every seat except Inner and Outer Guards and held the same on the Executive Board of Westchester Chapter. She also climbed all chairs of the New York State Council. After relocating to North Carolina, Anne served as the Charter President to Our Lady of the Rosary Auxiliary in Shallotte and President of the Eastern Chapter. She is a Past State President of the North Carolina State Council.

At the Supreme level, she is currently the Supreme Secretary and served as Financial Secretary, Advocate, Sentinel and Director.

Anne and her husband, Dennis, have been married for 53 years. They have a daughter and a son, two grandchildren and an 18-month-old puppy, Maggie. Fourteen years ago, she retired from the Town of Putnam Valley (NY) Court where she held the position of Court Clerk.

Anne enjoys reading, playing cards, watching “Survivor” and being a Columbiette. As a Columbiette, she loves working with and learning from others, notably when it involves our By-Laws and Constitution. She enjoys helping her Parish and supporting the many Columbiette charities. In Anne’s view, “...we all are very blessed to call ourselves ‘Sister Columbiettes’.”



### **Supreme Director Barbara Maier –**

Barbara is a Charter member of the Joseph Barry Auxiliary in Hicksville, NY, and a Columbiette for 23 years. She climbed the chairs from Financial Secretary to President. She also climbed all chairs from Sentinel to President in her Chapter. Currently a Supreme Director, Barbara works on a number of committees including the Supreme Degree Team. Prior to becoming a Columbiette, she was a member of the American Business Women’s Association, serving on the Board of Directors and, for four years served as President. Now retired, she worked for a telephone company and was a label designer for a privately owned company.

Married for 56 years, Barbara and her husband, Walter, enjoy cruising and visiting their daughter in Arizona. They also enjoy spending time with friends and cuddling with their poodle.

Barbara says, “I really have enjoyed being a Columbiette, the friendships which I have made and the travelling to Conventions and meeting new people. It is the best of both worlds.”



### **Auxiliary President Nancy Kuffel –**

A member of Rev. David J. Schiller Auxiliary in Summerville, SC, for eight years, Nancy is currently President and previously held this Office for three years. She also holds the Office of Secretary for the SC State Council.

Nancy and her husband, Andrew, have two children, five grandchildren and a cat named Bella. Retired but not a lady of leisure, Nancy is a teacher for the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Faith Formation, coordinator of the Children’s Liturgy, member of the Ladies’ Retreat Team (Evangelization), member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, a Eucharistic Minister, and a Lector for her parish. She enjoys reading, crocheting, sewing and crafts.

Her loves are her family, her Church, being in service to our Lord, and the comradery of her Sister Columbiettes. Nancy states, “They are such a wonderful group of loving and compassionate women. We have like minds and can share in our faith. I love what we do in our parish and how we give community support.”



### **Auxiliary President Sharron Meerholz –**

A Columbiette since 2016, Sharron has held the Office of President for Father James E. Waters Auxiliary in Wilmington, NC, for the past year.

She and her husband, Clive, have two sons and one granddaughter, Evy, who is eleven years old. Sharron enjoys quilting, reading, and playing pickleball. She is retired and a member of the Legion of Mary, a ministry which visits residents in nursing and retirement homes on a weekly basis.

She belongs to the Women of the Word, a weekly bible study group, and is currently studying the Book of Isaiah. Also, she and her husband attend a weekly bible group which is reviewing the Acts of the Apostles. Quoting Sharron, “Being a Columbiette is where we get to make friends, support the community and share our faith together.”



## Kudos for Good Deeds

President Sharron Meerholz of Father James E. Waters Auxiliary in Wilmington, NC, gives KUDOS to three of her Auxiliary members.

**Char Papagikos**, a long time Columbiette, has headed the Auxiliary's Thanksgiving and Christmas bake sales for many years. Both events reap a substantial amount of their fundraising efforts. Her leadership and commitment are the "sweets" to their success.

**Doreen Tascone** joined the Auxiliary in 2018 and immediately jumped into action by forming the "Comfort Committee". This committee sees to the needs of fellow members whether it be prayers, meals, or transportation. Doreen also maintains and updates the Auxiliary's scrap book as well as assures all Auxiliary events are publicized in the community and area parishes.

**Sabina Newman**, a member since 2019, initiated the ministry "The Sharing Tree". This very successful ministry collects items once a month from parishioners. Each month different items are requested for donation; for example, personal hygiene, cleaning products, etc. Each week, the items are sorted into individual kits and distributed to the needy in Pender, New Hanover, and Brunswick counties via Catholic Charities.

Congratulations, ladies, on jobs well done! You do care and share!



## Reminders:

- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** when receiving an A-100 form from a member who wishes to transfer into her auxiliary is to **send the A-100 form to the Supreme Secretary. The transfer box must be marked and both the President and Financial Secretary of the auxiliary the member is transferring to must sign the form. Please note you no longer have to send the A-100 form to the auxiliary the member is transferring from.**
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to notify the Supreme Council Office of any changes to the information of their Officers, Delegates and Alternates. Changes can be made on the Supreme website. This information is to be kept up to date including email addresses.
- ✓ **Financial Secretaries** are to include any appropriate fee when sending in an A-100 form. Always make sure the auxiliary information is filled in completely including degree dates.
- ✓ **Presidents** as changes are made due to this virus keep all your members updated regularly regarding their Annual State Convention information.
- ✓ **Presidents** of Auxiliaries, Chapters and States should keep their members updated regularly regarding meetings and other important information as we all go through 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](mailto:Office@Columbiettes.com).



## Upcoming Conventions Dates



CA	June 20- Our Lady Queen of the World, Bay Point
CT	June 13- St. Augustine Council, Stamford
DE	Postponed
FL	July 24-26- Embassy Suites, Boca Raton
GA	June 19-20- St Catherine of Siena, Kennesaw
ME	Postponed
NJ	June 26-28- Embassy Suites, Piscataway
NY	June 12-14- Villa Roma, Callicoon
NC	June 5-6- Hampton Inn, Raleigh
PA	Postponed
SC	June 26-27- St Theresa, Summerville

### Supreme Convention

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

\*Due to COVID some of the Conventions have been postponed\*

## 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.

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