

SODALITY EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
November 18, 2025, 7 pm

- I. Opening 7:00 pm
 - A. Hail Mary was led by Sally D.
 - B. Betsey R made motion to approve the Oct 21, 2025, meeting minutes as amended. Maureen G seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved. Suzie N welcomed the board and shared refreshments.

- II. Old Business
 - A. Sodality Union Mass was held November 1, 2025, at St. Bernadine of Sienna in Suitland, MD. Rosary was said at 9:00 am, followed by 9:30 am Mass, Karen Salah and Gina Clansky from Regina Coeli Unit attended. The following are notes from the meeting: Spiritual Bouquet is due by November 14, as well as dues of \$60.00, the December 6 Union meeting will be at Mt. Calvery Church with rosary at 9:30 am and Mass at 10:00am. A request was made for nonperishables for the food pantry. Lottery tickets will be distributed. 300 tickets \$150.00, December 13 is Union Christmas party. All are welcome with family and friends at Our Lady Queen of Peace parish. Tickets will be \$25.00. Event is 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Food will be provided and music for dancing. January there will be no meeting. February 7 Union meeting needs a host. March 7 Sodality Retreat at the Church of the Incarnation will begin at 8:00 am and conclude with Mass at 4:30 pm. Lunch will be served. March 14 (a change of date), Union meeting will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Landover. April Union meeting at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, May Union meeting needs a host (May crowning). June Union meeting needs a host.
 - B. Communion Breakfast wrap up. Maureen G thanked everyone for their help. Approximately 45 people attended. The publicity by bulletins, pulpit announcements and flyers distributed by Maria C made an impact on attendance. Maureen G recommends starting the process earlier, perhaps late August. Maureen G detailed food offerings and beverages, including coffee from the new coffee maker which takes an hour to brew 50 cups. Maureen G also thanked Skip for all his help to set up. The Board thanked Maureen G for all her efforts as well as the work done by Sally D and Ellen L. Maureen G also suggested that this event be moved to the second weekend of November next year.
 - C. Giving Tree update was submitted by Colleen H and Suzie N gave her report. Nine charities were invited to send in their requests for gifts, one charity never sent in their list, but another charity had six new families who

would need gifts. Most tags are gone from the trees in the narthex, but many items remain on the Amazon wish list. Maureen W suggested that Suzie ask for pulpit announcements about the need to fill the Amazon wish list and turn in gifts by December 6. Sally D recommended that Mae be asked to send out a block email to the parish specifically for this purpose and to include donations of cash through parish website. Suzie N will pursue both suggestions with the rectory and Mae. Suzie N will also be sending links for the Sign Up Genius for the December sort and wrap event in Caulfield Hall.

- D. Women's retreat update Sally D had meeting last night. She reported that most everything was ready to go. Suzanne G is working on the program. Fr. Ramzi will speak on the topic of hope. Sally indicated that she has lots of helpers. Suzie N will ask Mae to add this event to pulpit announcements, and it will be added to the December at a Glance email that Suzie sends out.
- E. Sodality History Project (SHP). Joan submitted large numbers of Chantacleers and Executive Board Minutes that have already been scanned. She has provided vignettes for the "looking Back" section of the monthly e- newsletter. She has also placed announcements in parish bulletin asking for past documents/Chantacleers that a parishioner may have to share with the SHP.
- F. Donations from Sodality Fund update. Suzie N summarized the email vote with the Board members to approve the \$10,000.00 donation to be split as follows:
\$3,000 each to Catholic Charities and the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, \$1,000 to the Capital Area Food Bank, and \$1,500.00 each to Shepherd's Table and the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless. The letter accompanying these last two donations will specify that the money be used for food and clothing.
- G. New pamphlet update. Patty B and Anne Y have modified language and added language changes consistent with the modifications recently made to membership. Anne Y's daughter, Courtney will do graphics for the pamphlet. Patty B has also been updating the Sodality directory. There was some discussion about whether a person should be removed from listing as a unit member if she has not requested to be removed.

III New Business

- A. December 3, 7pm Mass and General Meeting. Betsey R indicated her unit will have beverages and refreshments. Maureen W shared that Karen A will provide the snowflake cut outs for making the paper snowflakes that we have distributed to nursing homes for the past few years. Judith S asked for instructions concerning the Sodality Mass on December 7, including the ribbons for the section for Sodalists to sit together.
- B. Christmas gifts for the priests and staff at de Chantal. Dollar amounts were discussed and approved. Suzie N will get Christmas cards to accompany the checks.

- C. Sodality in December newsletter. It will include the November Advent wreath making, the December 3 Mass and Meeting, the December 6 Sodality Union meeting as the responsibility of St. Monica/St. Gianna unit, the December 7 Sodality Mass and Giving Tree gift sort and wrap and the registration for the Women's Retreat in January.
- D. Other. Sodality Union has no meeting in January.

IV Reports

- A. Prefect Sally D said that not many prayers were submitted for the spiritual bouquet, but she forwarded them to the Sodality Union. Notice will be sent out earlier next fall.
- B. Treasurer Betsey R has dues from all units except for St. Therese. Gaby A has agreed to be leader of this unit and asked what amount should be collected. Betsy informed her that \$5 per person for the general Sodality treasury should be requested. Betsey R also reported paying the \$60 dues for both 2025 and 2024. She asked about donations both for the Mass for Shut-ins as well as the lottery donation for the tuition scholarship given by the Sodality Union.
- C. Units
 1. John Neumann. Judith S reported that they will meet next week. Their current charity for donation is a religiously affiliated residential facility in Chicago that supports persons with special/mental health issues.
 2. Regina Coeli. Maureen W indicated that the unit voted to donate \$300 from the unit funds to send to S.O.M.E. in Washington DC for food purchases. The unit will be providing supplies for the craft made at the December 3 Sodality general meeting after Mass. They will also send Christmas cards to parishioners at Maplewood Park Place.
 3. St. Monica/St.Gianna. Betsey R
 4. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Suzanne G reported they are reading Paul's letter to the Philippians. They will send Thanksgiving cards to some nursing homes. They plan to do the underwear drive again in January.
 5. St. Therese. No report.
 6. Associates. Maureen G reported there are 57 members and 23 have already sent in their dues. Their next assignment is the Sodality Mass on January 3.
 7. Jr. Sodalists. Lynn C reported that the girls helped with placing tags on the Christmas Giving Trees.

Meeting ended at 8:05 pm. Sally D led the Memorare.