



# The Marian Messenger

Newsletter of the Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation  
St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church  
Greenbelt, Maryland

Mary, Mother of Mercy, lead us with grateful hearts to serve your Son, Jesus.”

Hello Fellow Sodalists,

As we begin a new term of our Sodality(2022-24), I hope you are all enjoying the beginning of Summer. I ask for your prayers that I may fulfill, to the best of my ability, the duties I have undertaken as your Prefect. Many of you know that I have been on the Executive Council for eight years now: four years as Corresponding Secretary and four years as Vice-Prefect. I had planned on stepping down from the EC, but lo and behold, I’ve become your Prefect.

So, once again, I ask you for your prayers and also for your help in making this next two-year term a blessed and hopeful one for our Sodality. Pray that we may finally put this pandemic behind us and get on with our lives.

Blessings to all,

*Betty*

Prefect elect

Thank you, Betty, for your “fiat” to be our Sodality Prefect for the next two-year term. You have our prayers and our deepest appreciation. Thank you to our Executive Council who will lead us alongside Betty. Although all of our officers for the 2022-24 term are not at all new to the EC, they have offered to share their bios with the membership. Please enjoy.

**Note:** As of this writing, they have not been installed as officers. That is why the word “elect” follows their office title. Their installation and the induction into the Sodality of our new member/s will take place during Mass at 5pm on Tuesday, July 12th. We hope to see you there.

**Rita Radich, Vice-Prefect elect:** I joined the Sodality in my junior year of my Catholic high school in Astoria, Oregon. After high school my next contact with the Sodality was just after moving to Washington, DC, for a Pro-Life job. I met and married Jeff and we moved from Arlington to Lanham and became members of St. Hugh's parish. Shortly afterward, our first of three children was born and I joined the Sodality at St. Hugh's. I got to know many wonderful women in the parish. They helped me to learn and grow in my spiritual life as well as providing friendship, advice, and encouragement to me, a wife and mother.

**Candy Culhane, *Treasurer elect*:** I grew up in Connecticut and went to college in Michigan before moving to the DC area to take a job with the Department of Defense. I was raised as a Protestant by ecumenical parents who taught me to respect many faiths. When I married a Catholic man and had children, I started attending Mass at St Hugh's with my family. Our two sons, John and Mike, attended St Hugh's Catholic School during the years 1996 to 2012. I became active in parish life at this time, serving in several positions with the CYO at St Hugh's. I was subsequently called to learn more about the Catholic faith through the RCIA program, and converted to Catholicism, joining the Church at the 2008 Easter Vigil. It was through my friendship with Suzanne Lomax (we served together as Cub Scout Den leaders with Greenbelt Troop 202) that I was introduced to the Sodality. There are many joyful aspects of the Sodality, including the opportunity to perform spiritual works, growing in faith, learning more about aspects of Catholic culture, and being with sisters and brothers in Christ, seeking Jesus through Mary. I am looking forward to serving as Treasurer for the Sodality again, having previously served in this position from 2010-2014, and again from 2016-18.

**Suzanne Quillen Lomax, *Recording Secretary elect*:**

I was born in Washington, DC and raised in Chevy Chase, MD. I attended the University of Maryland for both my undergraduate and graduate degrees, and I have a Ph.D in organic chemistry. I did postdoctoral research at Northwestern University, which is where I met my husband, Joseph Lomax. We married in 1986 and have two adult children. I have been working at the National Gallery of Art in the Conservation Division since 1986.

I became a Catholic in 2000, and joined the Sodality in 2004, and the Ladies of Charity in 2018. I spent over 20 years as an aide and catechist in the religious education program and I am also a lector and Eucharistic minister. In the Sodality, I have served as apostolic life chair, spiritual life chair, Prefect, Vice-Prefect and Recording Secretary.

**Monica T. Huber, *Corresponding Secretary elect*:**

I moved to Greenbelt in October 2013, intentionally choosing an apartment within walking distance of St. Hugh's. It was my plan--and God's, too, I firmly believe!--that I would attend Mass daily and prayerfully walk around Greenbelt Lake as spiritual and physical disciplines. It wasn't long before Marti Galvin noticed a new face in the small daily congregation. I was trying to be unseen but she came up to me, introduced herself and invited me to a Sodality meeting. She emphasized what a nice group this was and what a nice breakfast I could enjoy! Being very introverted, I did not jump at the opportunity. It was at least a few more months before I dared attend my first Sodality meeting. When I considered becoming a member, I thought I would have to complete a formation program but instead I was given the date for the end-of-year Mass, told where to sit and stand for the brief induction ceremony, given my Sodality medal and Rosary booklet--and, of course, I was invited to attend the lovely banquet afterward! I do believe Sodality is part of God's plan for me at this time in my life. I continue to learn so much from other members about serving our parish and serving the needs of others. With our special focus on devotion to Mary, Mother of God, imitating her virtues, and deepening our faith, we are drawing ever closer to the heart of Jesus through Mary. Thank you, fellow Sodalists, for continuing to inspire me and challenge me.



### Our Parish Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

Our anniversary year required some changes to our spring events. With our 75th Anniversary Mass scheduled for June 19th, we had to move the rummage sale to May 21-22 which meant the Tea had to move to May 1st. Everything took place without a hitch thanks to the help of, you, our Sodality and other parish ministries. Many hands make light work. Cheers to each of you!

We'll look forward to stories about each of these events in our Fall edition of the *Marian Messenger*.

May 1, 2022 Sodality Tea

May 21-22 Rummage Sale

June 19, 2022 75th Anniversary Mass celebrated by Cardinal Wilton Gregory @ 11am; followed by potluck lunch

### The Big Reveal

We continue the Sodality tradition of revealing our prayer partners in June took place at our End-of-Year picnic\* at Schrom Hills Park on June 9th. If you were not able to reveal yourself to your prayer partner, please be sure that you share your identity with a personal call, email, or a card to let your partner know you have been offering prayers for their intentions. If you misplaced your partner card, please contact *Beth Osborne* at (301) 982-7464. If you weren't able to participate this year, keep it in mind for next year.

\*see the pictures on page 6 of this newsletter

### Save These Dates: Tentative

**Rosary Celebration -- Sunday, October 9 -- 12:30-2:00**

Join fellow Sodalists in praying one or more Mysteries of the Rosary of our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us join together and pray fervently for the intentions of Pope Francis.

**Day of Reflection -- Saturday, October 22 -- 9:00-3:00**

The day begins with 9:00am Mass.

### Summer Birthdays



June 06 Kathy L  
 June 10 Rita R  
 June 11 Mame E  
 June 14 Beverly D  
 June 24 Suzanne L  
 June 30 Peggy H  
 July 31 Ellen H  
 Aug 02 JoAnn McC  
 Aug 10 Lisa A  
 Aug 11 Kathy S  
 Aug 14 Donna P  
 Aug 15 Beth O  
 Aug 17 Betty T  
 Sept 04 Candy C  
 Sept 09 Judith D  
 Sept 11 Rohanie B  
 Sept 15 Janet B  
 Sept 27 Mary B

### How Sweet It Was

April's Taste of Home dinner with the Catholic Terps was very successful! The parish was generous with their donations of time, talent and treasure. Approximately 150 students attended the event at the Catholic Student Center. A good mix of sodalists and parishioners helped prepare the meal. Nine servers went to the University of Maryland to help set up and serve at the event. It was a beautiful day so the students were able to eat outdoors. They were very appreciative of the menu of ham, baked potatoes, green beans, corn casserole and Hawaiian rolls. They especially enjoyed the fresh green salad and the cookies, cakes, brownies and ice cream for dessert. There was very little food left over. We're all looking forward to doing this again next year. Fr. Conrad offered his thanks to our group at the end of Mass and encouraged students to visit St. Hugh's saying it's one of the prettiest churches in the area.

—by Cindy P

### Congratulations to the New Sodality Union President

During its biennial elections in May 2022, the members of the Sodality Union elected our own Sodalist, Marti Galvin, to serve as their new President. Marti has served our Sodality as Prefect and Recording Secretary, and on many of our committees. With the Sodality Union, she has served as Recording Secretary and Vice President. At the recent 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass here at St. Hugh's, Marti met Cardinal Wilton Gregory and represented us well as both an active member of St. Hugh's Sodality and President of the Sodality Union. Congratulations and best wishes, Marti! Know that we are praying for a successful term for you and your new executive council.



—by Cindy P

### A Few Good Books and Websites

Here is some good news about a Catholic teenager who is likely to be canonized the first millennial saint. What a wonderful role model for all of us during the next few years of Eucharistic Revival in the Church (see link below). Read all about Blessed Carlo Acutis and his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in our times. Go to [www.HolyHeroes.com](http://www.HolyHeroes.com) and search for “Blessed Carlo Acutis: The Amazing Discovery of a Teenager in Heaven” by Sabrina Arena Ferrisi.

While you are at the Holy Heroes website, there are two other books that I strongly recommend;

- “A Grandparent Who Prays: A Journal to Guide You in Praying for Your Grandchildren” by Katie Warner. There is a similar book for a Godparent, Parent, or Spouse that provides structure to your daily prayer.
- “Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today’s Tough Moral Issues” by Leila Miller with Trent Horn. She starts with natural law and Church teachings and provides practical explanations and advice for little kids and big kids in plain English.

<https://eucharisticrevival.org/>

## NO RIGHT TO ABORTION: LET US GIVE THANKS

On Friday, June 24, 2022, The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the United States Supreme Court reversed the case of Roe v. Wade, declaring that there is no right to abortion in the Constitution of the United States.

Let us give thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Let us give thanks to all who prayed for this day, counseled mothers, donated to pro-life organizations and projects, volunteered in local chapters, pregnancy aid centers, worked as speakers, organizers, manned fair booths, attended state and national marches for life, loved and aided the mother and child in crisis pregnancies, and in so many other ways made way for this day.

Unfortunately, our prayers and help are still needed, especially in our home state of Maryland. Overturning Roe means that each state goes back to the laws they had on the books before Roe v. Wade was decided on January 22, 1973. Many of those laws allow very few abortions. Some states had liberalized their laws before 1973 and allow many more abortions. Some states, realizing that Roe might be overturned, passed trigger laws that took effect if Roe was reversed. Some of these trigger laws allow abortion in that state all through the pregnancy and for any reason. Some trigger laws outlawed almost all abortions. Maryland has a very liberal abortion law in place after Roe is reversed.

So, it is still important to work in our state to do all the things we have been doing, but with an added emphasis on our state. Who sits in our legislature, who is governor, who the up and coming politicians are is more important than ever. They can make some very important decisions about abortion in our state. It is very important to educate the people of Maryland on abortion so they insist on pro-life government officials, and especially so that our children and communities support life.

Our best protection of life in the future throughout our country is a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that defines human life in the Constitution as beginning at conception and continuing until natural death. Such an amendment takes the approval of three-fourths of the states after it is passed by the Congress of the United States or the requisite number of states at a Convention of States as provided for in the Constitution.

Every state counts and must be brought to a pro-life consensus. Pray and find what you are called to do in this great effort.

— by Rita Radich

### **Psalm 139:13-16**

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

### **Esther 4:14**

“Even if you now remain silent, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another source; but you and your father’s house will perish. Who knows—**perhaps it was for a time like this that you became queen?**”



## Prayer for Peace



Almighty God, whose love embraces the whole world,  
 send peace upon this earth,  
 that nations may no longer make war,  
 and that we may try not to destroy  
 but to understand each other.  
 Take away all bitterness in every heart.  
 Grant that people of all colors, races, and creeds  
 may learn to live together in peace and love with your guidance and grace.  
 May those who lead and govern us turn from violence and  
 welcome Your wisdom and guidance in all actions  
 and decisions of our lives.  
 Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of every person God has made.  
 Holy Mary, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us.  
 All you Saints of God, pray for us.  
 Amen.



### End-of-Year Picnic:

We had a beautiful day for our End-of-Year picnic at Schrom Hills Park. Marti brought dessert; a delicious birthday cake to celebrate Mame's 101st birthday...and each of us left with a "door" prize.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration fun and memorable.  
 Happy Summer!

—photos by Cindy P

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*Let us remember to pray...*

- for all our deceased Sodalists, parishioners and their family members who have died, especially Michael Rousseau, Miguel Gutierrez, Chandradat "Ovin" Ramsawak
- for those who are ill, especially Dalisay Lopez, Margaret Zanin, JoAnne Kellaher
- for the intentions of our parish food pantry patrons.
- and for all those intentions written in the Sodality Prayer Book.



"What we have once  
enjoyed we can never lose.  
All that we love deeply  
becomes a part of us."  
—Helen Keller

**Calendar of Events\***

- July 3 Sodality Mass @ 8am/No Meeting  
 July 12 Installation of Officers; Induction of New Members @5pm Mass  
 Aug 7 Sodality Mass @ 8am/No Meeting  
 Aug 15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary  
 Sept 3 Sodality Union Meeting  
 Sept 4 Sodality Mass @ 8am(Labor Day Weekend:BINGO)  
 Sept 11 Sodality Meeting @ 9am in Grenoble Hall  
 Oct 02 Sodality Mass & Meeting

\*These dates are subject to change. If you do not receive the parish Flocknotes, which provide current information about parish events, please email the parish office at [sthughoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sthughoffice@gmail.com) to get on the list.

***Reminder: Our lector for..***

July 3: Monica Huber

August 7: JoEllen Sarff

September 4: Mary Wade



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[www.sthughofgrenoble.org](http://www.sthughofgrenoble.org)