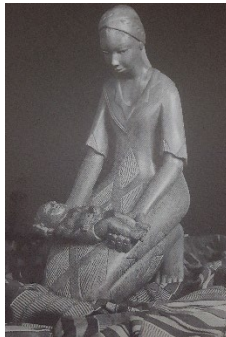


The Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate Queen of Peace Sodality

Biennial Report to the Sodality Union 2022-2024



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Reverend Patrick A. Smith, Pastor, and Moderator

Saint Augustine Sodality Officers

2023-2025

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Bylaws |Mrs. Priscilla Jamison/Ms. Cynthia Morris/Mrs. Ardell Matthews Payne
Parish School Liaison |Mrs. Donna Pasteur
Marian Devotionals and Prayer Services |Ms. Darlene Jackson
130th Anniversary |Ms. Darlene Jackson/Ms. Lori Conzo/Mrs. Donna Pasteur
Nominations and Elections |Ms. Sabrina Williams

Executive Committee

Father Smith approved our plans for each upcoming year that included outreach to current Sodalists to ensure their well-being, recruitment of new sodalists, training of a cadre of prayer leaders, and evangelization throughout the parish. The St. Augustine Sodality focused its efforts on praying for and with parishioners at Masses, via Zoom and teleconferences, and via messages in FlockNotes.

Note: Each month a Standing Committee hosted the General Meeting and planned programming that informed, modeled, and/or described ways Sodalists can live the Marian way of life in their homes, community, and parish. Topics included: *“Honoring Our Blessed Mother”*, *“WIN -Washington Interfaith Network And DC Elections”*; *“Self-Care and Spiritual Nurturing”*; *“The Black Madonna”*, *“Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s Ties to Catholicism”*, and *“Empowerment of Christ’s Peace”*

The following summary outlines the Marian work/contributions of the eight standing and five ad hoc committees of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate Queen of Peace Sodality for the period 2022-2024. It is organized under the headings of Apostolic life, Spiritual life and Administrative Support.

***Apostolic Life*-- Hospitals, Institutions & Visitations /Parish School Liaison /International Affairs /Junior Sodality Committees**

- Distributed factual information concerning local and national political elections, as well as issues, such as commercial development, education, health and wellness, employment concerns, housing, the homeless, and crime
- Regularly communicated with homebound sodalists, coordinated visits and gifts to the Oblate Sisters of Providence at the Motherhouse Infirmary and to Handmaids of the Holy Child of Jesus; donated supplies to St. Augustine Homeless Ministry and participated in outreach activities; coordinated donations to the Central Union Mission
- Collaborated with the parish school: created school-wide Rosary making activity; participated in Vocation and Career Fairs; conducted three Virtual and Hybrid African American Read ins for grades Pk-8 and gave 300 African American themed books to students; provided intercessory prayers for the six Black American candidates for canonization to be prayed throughout Black Catholic History Month; provided community service lessons; distributed Back-to-School snack packs for our parish and Sunday schools’ faculty/staff; and, continued to provide \$500 scholarship to a Catholic 8th Grade student attending a Catholic High School
- Coordinated with other ministries to sponsor a Book Talk on the Rosary entitled *One Mother, One Family: A Scriptural Meditation on the Rosary with Worldwide Sacred Art* by Monica Amparo and encourage the dissemination of the book throughout the Sodality Union
- Developing plans for reactivate Junior Sodality
- Sponsored three Seminarians through prayer, financial assistance. and Christmas gifts
- Donated funds for students and adults attending the School for the Blind in Nigeria
- Continued to participate and support Howard University BISON Catholic Students through masses and dinners
- Coordinated with the Sodality Chaplain to select and purchase gifts for our youth receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Participated in the Mass for African Martyrs

***Spiritual Life*-- Communications /Liturgy, Ecumenism & Development /Marian Devotions & Prayer Services /130th Anniversary Committees**

- Co-hosted Sodality Union monthly meeting with St. Gabriel Catholic Church Sodality
- Sponsored Days of Recollection and Prayer for Sodalists, parishioners, and community
- Disseminated information regarding virtual Daily masses and Bible Study
- Distributed Rosaries and teleconference magnets to all parishioners at Masses to encourage prayer

- Developed and implemented Rosary Leadership Training
- Host Rosary teleconferences on the 3rd Thursday of the month and Special Rosaries (elections, funerals, for individuals and groups); Divine Mercy Novena and Novena to the Holy Spirit prayed via teleconference; Lenten Reflections emailed on Mondays during Lent
- Promoted reading and group discussions of religious books
- Established Rite of Remembrance for deceased Sodalists
- Developed and implemented activities to celebrate **130th Anniversary** of the Sodality which included: Opening and Closing Masses, distribution of original Prayer bookmark by Fr. Patrick Smith, highlighting diverse apparitions of Mary (Our Lady of Kibeho, Our Lady of Fatima, etc.) in Flocknotes
- Purchased a new Sodality banner to reflect the African American heritage of the Parish

Administrative Support- Hospitality /Membership /Ways and Means /Candidate Formation /Bylaws /Nominations and Elections Committees

- Provided technical and environmental support to all Standing Committees to host general membership meetings, rehearsals, and for special events
- Maintained accurate record of member attendance at General Meetings
- Prepared and updated Directory, Handbook, and Bylaws
- Serve on Nomination and Planning committees
- Created and executed an electronic ballot for elections
- Revamped new Sodalists candidate application and orientation process
- Developed and implemented virtual Sodality Installation scripts for New Sodalists and New Officers
- Installed 6 candidates (including one Junior Sodalist)
- Facilitated the James Cardinal Hickey Scholarship raffle by managing a 50/50 raffle
- Organized the Double Good Popcorn fundraiser
- Developing fundraising projects for the coming year



St. Augustine Sodality Installation of Officers 2023-2025