



CDP Associate News

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Associates In Action

Mission Alive Project – Prong Two – Being Providence People

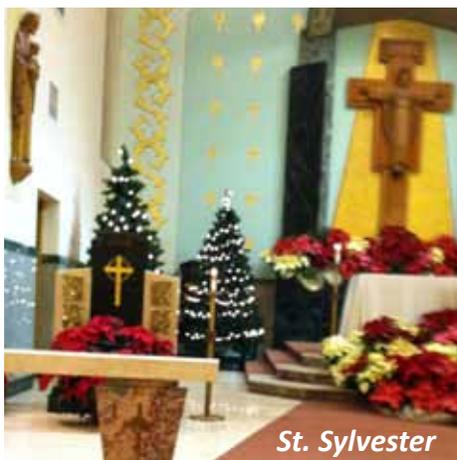
Editor's Note: Pittsburgh Associate Judi Boone contributes to our 2014-15 Mission Alive Project, the third in our series.

In a recent conversation with Pat Montgomery, I was reminded of our Mission Alive Project. After I had shared some of the activities I had been doing the week before, she said "You are growing where you have been planted!" I have been "planted" in St. Sylvester's parish in Brentwood, PA.

A few years ago I started to feel a deeper pull toward the teaching and service of the Church. I shared this with our Deacon, Andy White. He validated what I said, told me about his own entrance into the diaconate, and encouraged me to focus on these feelings. So I did; it proved to be the push I needed.

Then, Sr. Marilyn McMillan, CDP, came into my life and the path opened up even more. My studies led me to where I am today. I kept being presented with opportunities to serve and I took them as they came. What tremendous gifts I have been given!!

I became a lector the moment Deacon Andy came to the pew I was sitting in on a Sunday morning and said, "Come on, we need a lector." Then Fr. John asked me to



St. Sylvester

lector during the week -- at 8:00 Mass on Tuesday and Thursday. I became a Eucharistic Minister and am blessed with frequent opportunities to do this since St. Sylvester's has a small group of people who serve as Eucharistic ministers at Jefferson Hospital. This led to yet another opportunity for me with Pastoral care director, Rev. Dr. Paul Edwards.

A local care center, also associated with St. Sylvester's ministry, needed someone to lead the Rosary.

Once a week I do that and every Monday afternoon with few exceptions, I lead a prayer and Communion service for the residents. During Lent we say the Stations of the Cross every Friday.

For the past eight years I have joined in recitation of the rosary, and now I am the leader. St. Sylvester's has a weekly Bible study group that I have been a part of for the past four years; it is a wonderful group of people with two excellent leaders.

The Lord has made use of my nursing skills by allowing me to care for parishioners with needs. Some have had cancer; some have taken falls and sustained injuries; some just need a person "to be there." Along with all of this has come the friendship and warmth of a wonderful group of people. They are the flowers in this garden where I am growing. *Judi Boone, Associate*

Moving Toward Sustainability

The Associate Self-Governance Committee announces that Associates can now designate their donations to the Sisters of Divine Providence to benefit the Associate Relationship fund. Here are a few things to remember:

1. Make all checks payable to: Sisters of Divine Providence.
2. On the memo line of the check write: Associate Relationship.
3. Mail checks to: Mission Advancement, 9000 Babcock Blvd., Allison Park, PA 15101.

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Around The Province

¡Buenas Noticias De Puerto Rico!

El 26 de octubre de 2014, recibieron a dos nuevos asociados en la familia del asociado de Puerto Rican: They son Luis Torres y Cynthia Bithorn. ¡Recepción a usted ambas! Y apenas un mes más adelante, otro asociado de Puerto Rican, Carmen Candeloria, hizo la primera persona de la endecha a servir como coordinador puesto. Ella ensambla con la hermana Maria Torres en ese papel. ¡Recepción, Carmen ("Nidia" - el apodo que ella prefiere)!

Good News From Puerto Rico!

On October 26, 2014, two new associates were received into the Puerto Rican Associate family: They are Luis Torres and Cynthia Bithorn. Welcome to you both! And just one month later, another Puerto Rican associate, Carmen Candeloria, became the first lay person to serve as Lay Coordinator. She joins with Sister Maria Torres in that role. Welcome, Carmen ("Nidia" – the nickname that she prefers)!



Associate Georgia Boehm, Sisters Genevieve Brandstetter and Michele Ransil



Sr. Bernadette Duman and Associate Theresa Kinzer

St. Louis Gathers Totes!

Associate Colleen Price has put out a call: "Room at the Inn needs your help to ensure the success of one of our most popular events for the 2015 Breakfast with the INN Crowd: the Tote Boutique. We are hoping to get 50 new tote bags – purse-type, lunch bags, and the like -- that we can sell at the event. For more information or to donate a tote, please call Colleen at 314.209.9181, via e-mail at cprice@lpp-room.org, or via post to Room at the Inn, Development Office, 3415 Bridgeland Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044.

Pittsburgh Parties!

The annual St. Nick's Day party hosted for the Sisters by the Associates was a resounding success again this year. Festive in every way – from the colorful decorations, gifts and cast of characters to the yummy food and games!



Sr. Mercedes Berbach and Associate Pat Wisnewski



Sr. Marcelina with Associate Karen Snyder

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 - a. Call Mission Advancement at (412) 635-5401 with your credit card information, or
 - b. Use the website, cdpsisters.org, to donate online (Support Us/Donate Now)
 - c. Designate your donation for the Associate Relationship
 - d. If you want to make monthly recurring donations, inform Mission Advancement when you call, or indicate your donation as recurring when you donate through the website
5. Donations can be made electronically from your bank account. Follow your bank's instructions regarding how to indicate Associate Relationship on the check's memo line or call Mission Advancement to let the office staff know your designation.
6. Whether donating by check, phone or online, designate the donation as Associate Relationship.
7. After receipt of your donations, your record is updated and IRS thank you letters are sent.
8. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your donation(s), please contact Mission Advancement at 412-635-5401

Mark Your Calendars

Associate Birth Dates And Death Anniversaries

March

Robbie Campbell 3/05
Anna Mae Perrault 3/05
Margaret Carlson 3/06
*†*Marcelino Camacho 3/6/02
Betty Kost 3/07
*†*Karen Bridick 3/9/13
*†*Florence Duperre 3/9/14
Carmen A. Candelaria 3/11
Sheila Poiter 3/11
Karen Snyder 3/11
*†*Ruth Ortolani 3/11/02
Mary Hassler 3/12
*†*Mary Mayo 3/17/05
Christina Ward 3/19
Judy Kim 3/20
Patricia Rampolla 3/21
Linda Sandhu 3/21
Cynthia Anne Merry 3/22
Ruth Mills 3/25
Mary Ann Kreutzman 3/31

April

*†*Cathy Cullen 4/1/11
Jeanie Paleos 4/1
Cathy Wronkovich 4/2
*†*Anne Fox Mcgrath 4/3/99
Ruth Rittler 4/4
*†*Merlin (Bud) Garrett 4/8/08
*†*Mildred Brown 4/9/14
Joyce Burkhardt 4/10
Helen Lorinc 4/14
Christopher Curran 4/15
*†*Hazel Arnold 4/17/93
Rev. Joseph Havrilka 4/18
Rebecca Mertz 4/20
Grace Cannon 4/21
Laurie Reich 4/21
Ellen Lavender 4/22
Roberto López 4/24
Paulette L Battisti 4/25
Mary O'grady Rose 4/25
Mary Ann Young 4/25
*†*Iside Weston 4/25/97
Shelley Johnsen 4/28
Rose Vierdag 4/28
Jane Kerr 4/29



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