



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.”

Prefect's Perspective

Dearest Sister and Brother Sodalists,

The Catholic country of Ireland votes to legalize abortion. Leaders of important agencies in our country misuse the power we give them for personal gain. Neighbors cannot speak to each other of political issues without name calling and rude remarks. Catholic schools are closing and not being replaced. Movies with any religious content are labeled “faith-based” and not considered part of mainstream culture. Catholic institutions and individuals are required to violate their consciences to run adoption agencies, provide insurance to employees, and to work in a hospital.

Sodality was founded almost 500 years ago in the midst of the reformation when many Catholics broke ranks with the Roman Catholic Church over particular doctrines and formed their own churches.

Sodality, as founded, “seeks to make the faithful, gathered together under her (Blessed Virgin Mary’s) name, good Catholics sincerely bent on sanctifying themselves, each in his own state of life, and zealous, as far as their condition in life permits, to save and sanctify their neighbor and to defend the Church of Jesus Christ against the attacks of the wicked.”

If Sodality was needed in the 1500’s, how much more is it needed in today’s world, when people do not just disagree with portions of what the Church is but seem to deny the God of Goodness and Truth altogether?

What does that mean for our Sodality? Are we following our mission in the best way we can? Do we need to review and renew our actions?

I hope in this coming year we can study in depth what our mission is and what it should mean in our individual lives and actions. In spite of the seriousness of the issues our society presents I foresee joy and fulfillment as we work to sanctify ourselves and our neighbors, and defend the Church against the attacks of the wicked.

To Jesus through Mary,

Rita Radich

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www.sthughofgrenoble.org

BOOKS, APPS, AND WEB SITES FOR THE SOUL

—by Rita Radich

The following are a few of my favorite:

www.usccb.org Daily readings for the Mass.

iBreviary

An app for your tablet or smart phone that gives you the prayers and readings for the breviary each day, a missal containing the day’s readings and the complete Mass, the text of many rites, and a huge compendium of prayers from the often used Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity, to special prayers for many occasions and uses.

In Conversation With God by Francis Fernandez.

Seven small volumes give three meditations for each day of the Church year, including special feast days. Each meditation is about two pages long, connected with the liturgy of the day, is understandable and contains practical suggestions for strengthening ourselves in the virtues.

Theology and Sanity by Father Frank Sheed.

A book of theology and philosophy, but clearly written in a logical manner to be understood by the layman. It provided possible answers to questions I have long wondered about, including why after the fall of Adam and Eve it was necessary for God to send his Son to earth to suffer and die to allow us to enter heaven. Couldn’t it have been done in some other way? Why was it necessary to do it like this?

Deliver Us From Evil by Thomas Dooley.

Thomas Dooley, a young, Catholic, Navy doctor tells us of his experiences helping hoards of people (mostly Catholics) who were frantically leaving what is now North Korea in a short time period before the cease fire in the Korean War. Dooley and his few men worked tirelessly to house, feed and give medical attention to these people in dire straits. We hear the stories of some of the refugees.

The story inspires us and makes us wonder how we measure up in how and to what we devote our lives.

Thomas Dooley went on to provide medical care in north Vietnam before its war, wrote two books about that work, and died at age 34.

Happy Summer Birthdays

July 2 Juliana Mbanusi

July 10 Tom Lonsbury

July 16 Beatrice Banning

July 20 MaryEllen McGovern

July 25 Joseph Flick

July 30 Jeanne Delaney

July 31 Ellen Hanyok

Aug 02 JoAnn McCarthy

Aug 09 Marlene Vikor

Aug 11 Kathy Sciannella

Aug 14 Donna Peterson

Aug 15 Beth Osborne

Aug 17 Betty Triplett

Sept.4 Candy Culhane

Sept.5 Meg Kaplan

Sept.9 Judith Davino

Sept.11 Rohanie Bacchus

Sept.27 Mary Bitter



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Let us remember to pray...

- for all our deceased Sodalists, parishioners and their family members who have died, and for
 - for those who are ill, especially for Tom Lonsbury, Dalisay Lopez, Joseph Flick, and Margaret Zanin
- ...and for all those intentions written in the Sodality Prayer Book.

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Calendar of Events

- July 1 Sodality Mass/No Meeting
- Aug 5 Sodality Mass/No Meeting
- Aug 15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary
- Sept 1-4 Labor Day Festival BINGO
- Sept 1 Sodality Union Meeting
- Sept 9 Sodality Mass & Meeting
- Oct 06 Sodality Union Meeting
- Oct 07 Sodality Mass & Meeting
 Celebration of the Rosary after 11am Mass
- Oct 20 Day of Reflection beginning with 9am Mass

Sodality Prayer “To Jesus through Mary”

O Mother Mary, may you continue to bless our lives as we journey in faith, hope, and love. Be our model and guide as we live in the grace won by your Son, Jesus, in his suffering and resurrection. May your motherly intercession for us bring healing, strength and renewal.

O Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners. Help us to bring all people to your Son, especially those in need of his mercy. May our Sodality help us grow in your image as disciples of Jesus. We pray this in his name.

Amen.

Reminder: Our lector for..



- August 5: Mary Wade
- September 2: Suzanne Lomax
- October 7: Cindy Perry