



# The Marian Messenger

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

“Come Holy Spirit! Help us to give ourselves entirely  
to Jesus through Mary.”

## Prefect's Perspective

Dear All,

I am writing this as we prepare for the January 1, the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Many of our Sodalists consecrated themselves to the Blessed Mother at the morning Mass on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After prayerfully reading the book, “33 Days to Morning Glory,” the Sodalists pledged to entrust themselves totally to Mary. I hope that those who were not able to participate in the consecration can take part during the parish consecration, scheduled to run from January 9 and conclude on February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

I leave you with a quote from the prayer of Consecration: “Mary, I give you my heart. Please set it on fire for love of Jesus. Make it always attentive to His burning thirst for love and for souls. Keep my heart in your most pure heart, that I may love Jesus and the members of His body with your own perfect love.”

I can think of no better way of fulfilling the Sodality motto of “To Jesus through Mary” than by entrusting ourselves, body and soul, to our Blessed Mother.

*Suzanne*

As we begin a new year, let us pray together this Prayer of Saint Pope John Paul II from March 25, 1995:

O Mary,  
bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living,  
to you do we entrust the cause of life:  
Look down, O Mother,  
upon the vast numbers  
of babies not allowed to be born,  
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women  
who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed  
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.  
Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of life  
with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace  
to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely,  
in order to build,  
together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life.

Amen.

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## Day of Reflection

The St. Hugh's Sodality hosted Dr. Susan Timoney on Saturday, November 14 to speak at the annual Day of Reflection. Dr. Timoney spoke on the Four Women Doctors of the Church. A Doctor of the Church is a great saint known for their defense and explanation of the truths of the Catholic Faith. These women include: St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Hildegard of Bingen.

Dr. Timoney started with a brief biography of these saints. While many of the participants knew of the first three, St. Hildegard was not as familiar to the group. This 12<sup>th</sup> Century Benedictine Abbess was a writer, composer, and visionary. The group felt she would fit in well in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Greenbelt due to her love of herbology and nature, and her interest in medical practice.

After a lunch provided by the Ladies of Isabella, the participants were given quotes from the different saints and worked in small groups to focus on what the writings of that particular saint mean to them in the present day. There was then time for the groups to share their thoughts. Participants left with a greater knowledge of the lives of these remarkable women as well as insights into their writings and prayers. It was a wonderful and faith filled experience.

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## Marian Consecration

On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, many Sodalists from St. Hugh's consecrated themselves to Mary, our Blessed Mother. Our moderator, Father Walter Tappe, led the Marian consecration after the daily Mass on this feast day. The consecration followed a period of prayerful pondering and preparation, using Father Michael Gaitley's book entitled, "33 Days to Morning Glory." Sodalists participating in the do-it-yourself retreat began their preparations on November 9. In all, over 25 Sodalists from St. Hugh's participated.

The many positive comments received from those participating encouraged Father Walter to offer this preparation for Marian consecration to the whole parish as one of the ways to grow in holiness during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The parish-wide retreat will begin on January 9, 2016 and conclude with a special Marian consecration Mass on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 2016.

## Winter Birthdays

Jan.2 Margaret Zanin

Jan.10 Veronica Penick

Feb.7 JoEllen Sarff

Feb.9 Kathleen McFarland

Feb.13 Peggy Compton

Feb.15 Bridget McDermott

Feb.27 Marguerite Kincius

Mar.2 Barbara Ford

Mar.13 Sally Bersbach

Mar.18 Theresa Enwerem

Mar.22 Martha Loutsch

Mar.24 Laurie Njoku



## Raffle Supports Catholic Education Scholarships

In 2015, St. Hugh's Sodality was among the top three fund raisers in the archdiocese for the James Cardinal Hickey Scholarship raffle ticket sales. At the kickoff event for the 2016 James Cardinal Hickey Scholarship Fund held during the December meeting of the Sodality Union, John Butler, Secretary for Development for the Archdiocese of Washington, shared his own education story. He recalled how, as a youth in a large family, he benefited from the scholarships available to students seeking a Catholic education in the Archdiocese, crediting his Catholic education with getting him to where he is today in life.

He spoke of the importance of fund raising efforts like those of the Sodality Union raffle, to raise awareness of the needs and to generate funds to support Catholic education. "All of us have an important role to serve in strengthening and sustaining Catholic education for the future so Christ's Good News can transform hearts and change our world, now and for generations to follow," said Mr. Butler. According to him, over 4100 students in the archdiocese received scholarship awards last year. While available funding has increased nearly 600 percent, to over 5 million dollars since 2007, the need for scholarships far exceeds the available funding.

For 2016, St. Hugh's Sodality has again committed to selling 1000 raffle tickets. Tickets were distributed to St. Hugh's Sodalists at the November and December gatherings by Ways and Means Chairperson, Mary Bitter. Mrs. Bitter said raffle returns are due to the Sodality by the March meeting. She added that the five winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the April meeting of the Sodality Union, with the top prize being \$500 in cash. "We're optimistic about meeting our fund raising goal for 2016," she said.

## Fall Sock Drive Warms Hearts and Feet

St. Hugh's Sodality collected socks for the homeless served by Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese. "We had many generous donors," said Cindy Perry, who headed the collection effort. In all, over 100 pairs of socks for men, women, boys, girls and infants were collected. Our socks were delivered to the Sodality Union at the November and December meetings and added to the donations collected by other Sodalities across the area. At its December meeting, the Sodality Union noted with thanks that there would be many warm feet because of the warm hearts of our Sodalists. Thanks to all who helped us begin the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy with this corporal work of mercy.

## Sodalists Pledge Prayers for Pope Francis and Father Walter

As our annual Christmas gift to the Holy Father, St. Hugh's Sodalists have pledged many prayers for him. In fact, over the course of the coming year, Sodalists have promised over 7500 prayers, ranging from Masses, Holy Communion, novenas, Divine Mercy prayers, corporal works of mercy, and indulgences. To commemorate the Thirtieth Anniversary of Father Walter Tappe's ordination, Sodalists have pledged nearly 4900 prayers for him. Each prayer is like a flower and collectively, all the prayers offered are referred to as a spiritual bouquet.

St. Hugh's spiritual bouquet for His Holiness Pope Francis were added to those offered by other Sodalities across the Archdiocese of Washington. The final bouquet was forwarded to the Papal Nuncio in Washington, DC. He in turn, conveys our gift to the Pope.

In the instance of the bouquet for Father Walter, we prepared a beautiful certificate and gave it to him on December 6 at the reception in his honor. The reception, held in Grenoble Hall, was very well attended by parishioners. Our sodality was well-represented at the event as well.



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*Let us remember to pray...*

- for all our deceased Sodalists, especially Magdalene Fuchs and Ruth Morris
- for those who are ill or are recovering from surgery, especially Rohanie Bacchus, Tom Lonsbury, Bridget McDermott, and Dalisay Lopez.



**Important Dates**

Jan.3 Mass & Meeting

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Jan.9-Feb.11 Parish Marian Consecration

Jan.23-26 Parish Mission, Marian Priest of  
the Immaculate Conception

Feb.6 Sodality Union Meeting

Feb.7 Mass and General Business Meeting @ 8am

Feb.27 Archdiocesan Women's Conference

St. Luke's in Washington, DC

Mar.5 Sodality Union Meeting @ St.Hugh

Mar.6 Mass and General Business Meeting @ 8am

Mar.13 Sodality Bake Sale and Coffee Social

Mar.18-20 St.Hugh Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat

Washington Retreat House

Mar.27 Easter Sunday

Apr.2 Sodality Union Meeting

Apr.3 Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass and General Business Meeting @ 8am



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

Jan. 3: Rita Radich

Feb.7: JoEllen Sarff

Mar.6: Suzanne Lomax

Apr.3 Monica Huber

