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Greetings!

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, we once again have the vivid image of Our Blessed Mother sitting in the middle of the apostles in the upper room. Her beloved spouse makes his presence known with tongues of fire. For those just completing the Consecration to Mary on the feast of the Visitation, it is clear that the Holy Spirit and Mary like to work very closely together. In the book, **True Devotion to the Holy Spirit**, by the late Archbishop Luis M. Martinez of Mexico City, I have always loved how he pointed out that "Two artisans --The Holy Spirit and the most holy Virgin Mary -- must concur in the work that is at once God's masterpiece and humanity's supreme product. Both the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary are necessary to souls, for *they are the only ones who can reproduce Christ.*"

We will be in Tampa for our International Conference in July. The Lord has made it very clear to us in prayer that it is **revival** time! In Ezekiel 37:1-14, the passage describes a vision Ezekiel received of a valley filled with dry bones that God instructed him to prophesy over. God then breathed life into the bones (Hebrew word "Ruach"), causing them to come together and become a great army. We are truly Mary's army and He wants to equip all of the handmaids to "**Rise and Walk**" in His spirit for the crucial work at hand. Praise God!



Treat yourself and join us in Tampa! Be refreshed and renewed in the Holy Spirit.

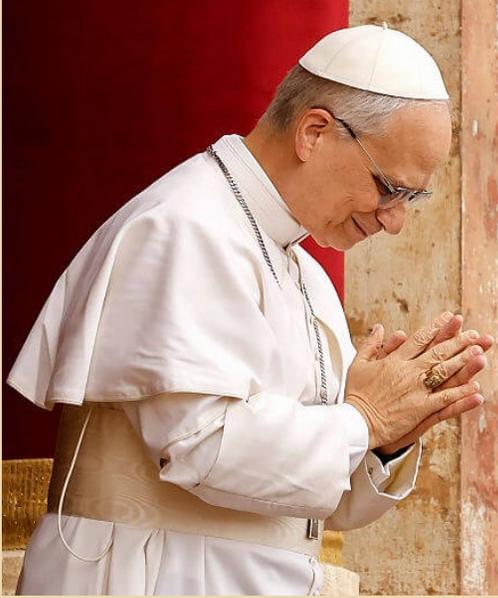
Donna Ross,  
Coordinator, CST

**POPE'S INTENTIONS**

**JULY**

**For Formation in Discernment**

Let us pray that we might again learn how to



discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

## AUGUST

### For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## SEPTEMBER

### For Our Relationship with all of Creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

## Liturgy of the Hours A Book of Prayer and Contemplation

### Pentecost

Solemnity

Taken from Evening Prayer 1

#### Antiphon 1

On the day of Pentecost they had all gathered together in one place, alleluia

*Read: Psalm 113*

#### Antiphon 2

Tongues as of fire appeared before the apostles, and the Holy Spirit came upon each of them, alleluia

*Read: Psalm 147: 1-11*

#### Antiphon 3

The Spirit who comes from the Father will glorify me, alleluia

*Read: Canticle Revelation 15:3-4*

### INTERCESSION

When the days of Pentecost were complete, God sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. As we celebrate this great feast with joy and faith, let us cry out:

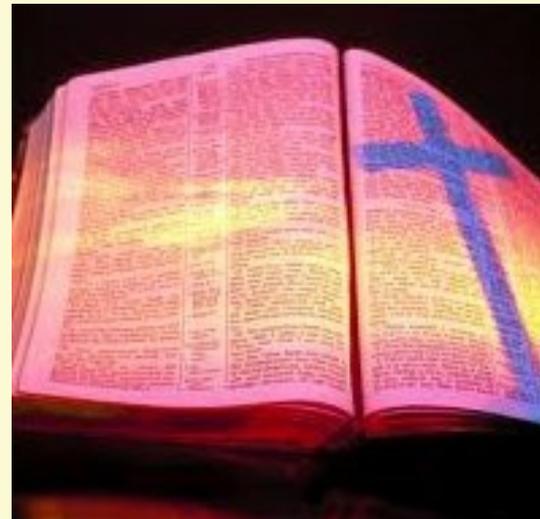
**Response:** *Send forth your Spirit and make the whole world new.*

In the beginning you created heaven and earth, and in the fullness of time you renewed all things in Christ,

--through your Spirit go on renewing the world with the gift of salvation. **(R)**

You breathed the breath of life into Adam, --send your Spirit into your church to be its life and vigor, that it may bring new life to the whole world. **(R)**

By the light of your Spirit, enlighten the world and dispel the darkness of our times,



Water flowed from the side of Christ as the fountain of your Spirit, --may it flow over all the earth and bring forth goodness. **(R)**

You bring life and glory to mankind through the Holy Spirit, --through the Spirit lead the departed into the love and joy of heaven.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

#### Ending Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the Easter promise by sending us your Holy Spirit. May that Spirit unite the races and nations on earth to proclaim your glory.

--turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy and war into peace we so desire. (R)

Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

## Registration for 2025 CONFERENCE closing June 30th



The graphic features a central image of a hand reaching out towards a bright sunburst. The text 'RISE and WALK' is prominently displayed in a large, elegant font. Below it, the dates 'July 10-13, 2025' and the location 'Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa FL 33607' are listed. To the right, the 'Magnificat' logo is shown above the text '18th International Leaders' Conference'. A QR code is provided for registration. Below the main text, there are two rows of portrait photos of conference speakers. To the right of the photos, there is a call to action: 'Go to [www.Magnificat-Ministry.org](http://www.Magnificat-Ministry.org) and click on "Conference 2025" or call (504)828-MARY [6279] for more details and to register!'. Social media icons for Apple, Pinterest, Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube are also present. A photo of a group of women, one playing a guitar, is shown in the bottom right corner.

**RISE and WALK**

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If you haven't already, **NOW** is the time to **register** for the incredible 2025 Conference!

Last day to sign up for pre & post tours is June 19.

Last day to book your hotel room at the Conference **discount** rate is June 16.  
We look forward to seeing you in Tampa! Come with expectant faith!

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Remember, effective May 7, 2025, U.S. travelers must be REAL ID compliant to board domestic flights. You'll need a REAL ID or *another acceptable form* of ID to fly within the United States.

### Malta Chapter in Europe has a Spring Meal

By Mariz Cassar, Coordinator

We had our brunch on 10th May and 70 persons attended. We had such good feedback with Sr. Michaela Paris who gave her amazing testimony.



## Congratulations, Joyce Mundy! New Communications Ministry Chair



Joyce with Dean, her husband of 45 years, were born and raised in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, PA. She is the mother of four children, three that are married, and two grandchildren. She is a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish where she volunteers in various ministries and attends their women's Bible study.

Joyce has been a member of St. Martha and Mary's prayer group for 30 years, volunteers for and has spoken at Life in the Spirit seminars, and volunteers for the Unbound ministry. Joyce has a degree in Medical Technology, a degree in Fine Arts and a Teaching Credential.

She is a recently retired Art Teacher. Joyce has been a member of Magnificat Pittsburgh, a Ministry to Catholic Women for almost twenty-five years. She has volunteered as a hostess and photographer. Joyce has served on the Chapter's Service Team as a Historian,

Love, it is all about love... Scripture tells us that the Lord sent His advocate. The Lord loves us beyond all understanding, and He sends amazing help. Joyce became aware of this when she said "yes" to a Baptism in the Holy Spirit almost 30 years ago, at a time in her life when she was grieving, alone, helpless and was questioning her faith.

After that Life in the Spirit seminar the Lord filled her with a deep joy in her heart. It was as if the Lord picked her up, spun her around and faced her in a new direction that gave her true love, true belonging, and true purpose.

Secretary and is currently serving as their Coordinator. We are excited about Joyce assuming this new Ministry role!

## May Magnificat Meal in Broward County

By Christine Catuccy, Historian

On May 31, 2025, our Magnificat Chapter in Broward County held our 2nd Meal in 2025. Once again, more than 60 attendees were treated to a spirit-filled event. Though unintended, the Meal was on the Feast of the Visitation. What better way to honor our Heavenly Mother than on this glorious day! Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul VI Karenga, began the presentations discussing our new Papal Father, Pope Leo XIV, and asking what things stood out about his election. After many comments on the conclave, it was concluded that our Pope was truly selected by the Holy Spirit because we do not recall him even being mentioned as a possible contender. After praise through song, our guest speaker, Maria Luque-Rautio delivered what can only be described as an awesome testimony on the power of Jesus Christ in her life. Through many adversities that could have led her away from the Lord, her faith only grew stronger. Today, among other ministries, she is the Regional Leadership for Region 5 for the Magnificat Ministry. She closed her testimony with an invitation to all of us to renew our faith in the Lord. What a way to end a Meal! We look forward to our next Meal in August 2025.



Maria Luque-Rautio with Father Paul VI Karenga, Sharon Pfeifer, Secretary and Kathy Corona, Coordinator



Attendees during Praise and Worship



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## Mary Powell, our new QIR Specialist!

Magnificat is delighted to welcome our first QIR Specialist, Mary Powell of Slidell, LA, former Region 4 Regional Representative. Her new priority will be to respond to the growing number of inquiries by those interested in becoming a Magnificat Chapter. These requests come via the Magnificat Office by way of the website, emails, or phone calls. Mary has years of experience with Magnificat, is gifted with a spirit of hospitality, and is a great prayer warrior! She is a natural to educate and field the multitude of questions. Welcome, Mary, to this important position!



## Connecting the Chain

By Janice Lane Palko, Assistant Secretary

With the recent passing of Pope Francis and the elevation of Pope Leo XIV, a lot of attention has been focused on apostolic succession, the handing down of the faith and ministry through the centuries from the apostles to a succession of more than 260 Holy Fathers until we come to our new pope. For many of us, our journey to Magnificat is like that apostolic succession. I am a member of the Pittsburgh Visitation Chapter, and we welcome women from the City of Pittsburgh and its surrounding suburbs. Our diocese was established in 1843 and serves more than 680,000 Catholics.

Although the diocese has a long history and the population is heavily Catholic, I didn't attend my first Meal because I read about it in a church bulletin or saw it advertised on social media. I came by invitation, as a continuing link between members. More than 10 years ago, my sister-in-law's neighbor took her to a Magnificat breakfast. In turn, my sister-in-law took my mother, and she subsequently took me. Eventually, I invited my high school friend Donna Melnick to come to a Meal with me. Since then, I know Donna has brought others along as well, creating a chain of women linked together in faith. Today, Donna is our Chapter's Treasurer, and after serving as a table hostess and publicity chairperson, I suspect she suggested me to serve as our Chapter's Assistant Secretary. I was invited by the Service Team to assume that position, which I did last year.

The saying goes that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. From the Service Teams to members all over the country and world, let us build a chain of women linked together in faith!



l-r: Sheila Derian, Janice Palko, Fr. Tom Sparacino, Joyce Mundy, Donna Melnick, Rosemary Taddeo and Christine Miles

### Pat Meche - New Region 4 Regional Rep



Patricia Meche is from Jennings, LA. She works full time as an office manager for an Air Conditioning company. She has 4 grown children, 1 daughter and 3 sons, who have blessed her with 9 grandchildren and counting.

Pat is blessed by the Magnificat spirituality and attends as many Meals as her busy schedule allows.

In August 2023, while attending a Magnificat Breakfast she was asked to serve as Treasurer for the Lake Charles Magnificat Chapter and presently still serves in that capacity. Pat also has served on the Region 4 Finance Service Team (RFST) in the past 1½ years and is now transitioning over as the new Region 4 Regional Rep (RR). Pat says, "it is a pleasure to serve in the Magnificat Ministry and especially to serve my Region 4 sisters. My prayer is that God blesses the Ministry abundantly."



## ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On my knees I before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord, for Your servant heareth." Amen.

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## PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit on Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen

## Palm Desert, CA March Meal

By Maryann Ridini Spencer, Asst. Coordinator

Dr. Susan Murphy is a best-selling, award-winning author of 13 books as well as a celebrated business consultant, speaker, and former Fortune 500 company executive. She gave her inspiring testimony at the Magnificat Palm Desert Our Lady's Desert Roses March 8, 2025, Prayer Meal at the Woodhaven Country Club in Palm Desert, California. In her talk, Susan shared how the Church teaches that all those who go to Heaven are "Saints"; with that, she is committed to becoming one! She also feels her life purpose is "To get to Heaven and take as many people with me as I can." Susan also shared several poignant experiences in which the Holy Spirit intervened in her life and how she went from cradle Catholic to enthusiastic evangelist!

LINK TO CHAPTER NEWS VIDEO WITH DR. SUSAN MURPHY:

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Dr. Susan Murphy speaking at Magnificat Palm Desert Our Lady's Desert Roses Prayer Meal Saturday, March 8, 2025 at the Woodhaven Country Club in Palm Desert, California.



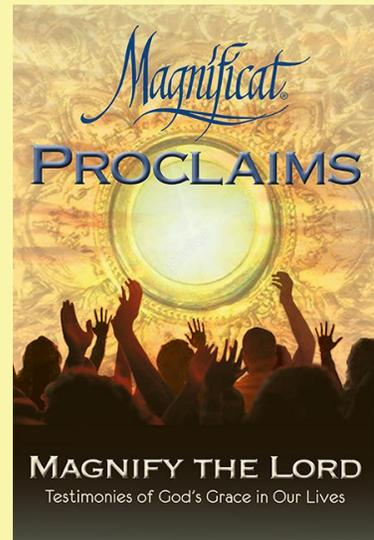
From L to R: Christina Silvas, Treasurer, Jeanne Potter, Secretary, CST Coordinator Donna Ross, Maryann Spencer, Asst Coordinator, Noreen Fortier, Coordinator, Dr. Susan Murphy, Speaker and Louise Erickson, Asst Coordinator.

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## Mary, Queen of Heaven & Earth, Stark County, OH

By Darlene Weber, Coordinator

We had a wonderful time at our March Meal! Carolyn Cannizzarro gave a testimony that hit home for all of us. She has a gift for sharing and making each of us feel the love of God around us. We were blessed to have two other members of Living Praise to lead us closer to our Father in song and praise! Such a gift they are! Father Tom Cebula shared a very thought-provoking teaching on the Annunciation and used a beautiful piece of art depicting Mary visiting and comforting Eve. March's Meal was full of blessings! Thank You Lord for Your many gifts to us!



Carolyn Cannizzarro  
March speaker



March raffle basket winner is  
Phyllis Stocker with  
Fr. Tom Cebula



Living Praise Worship Team



Attendees



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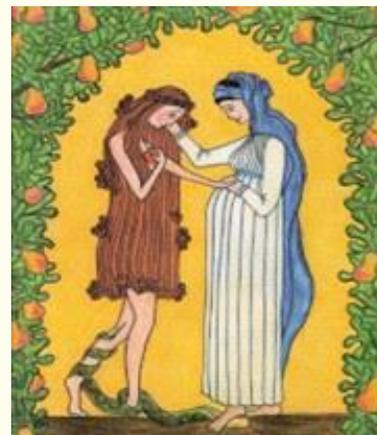
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### Eve and Mary – Mothers of all the Living

By Father Tom Cebula

On March 25, we celebrated the great feast day of the Annunciation. The gospel from St. Luke portrays the scene with Mary giving her "Fiat," her "Yes," to become the mother of Jesus the Messiah. Mary's "Yes" contrasts with the "No" of Eve. To illustrate for you the deeper implications of this First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, I would like to share with you a brief reflection on a painting entitled "Mary Consoles Eve." It was painted by an artist by the name of Sister Grace Remington, a Cistercian nun at Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey in Iowa. She was born in 1971.



While Eve still holds on to the apple as if holding on to it will save her, Mary places Eve's hand on

snake, Mary crushes it to death. And that is why Satan can't stand Mary. Her very name drives

Mary's own body. While Eve can't even bring herself to make a move towards her own freedom, Mary takes Eve's hand for her. While Eve's body is heavy with shame, Mary doesn't force her to give up anything she's not ready to – she just invites her to touch what is new. Mary knows that her sister is just trapped in something much, much bigger than herself. She knows that Real Evil isn't in the human being next to her. She knows where the real evil is – Satan! So, without even deigning a second glance at the

him crazy! Ladies, you are called to be mothers of Christ, to incarnate the Word in your lives, to let Christ “dwell in you richly” as Paul says in Colossians 3:16, and to invite others to know that gift by reaching out with kindness and compassion to all those who are broken and burdened with fear and anxiety. In the spirit and mission of Magnificat, touch someone you know who may be broken and heavy of heart as Mary did for Eve and draw her closer to Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

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**Maria Vadia - short video:** [Click here](#)

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**God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor. 9:7)**

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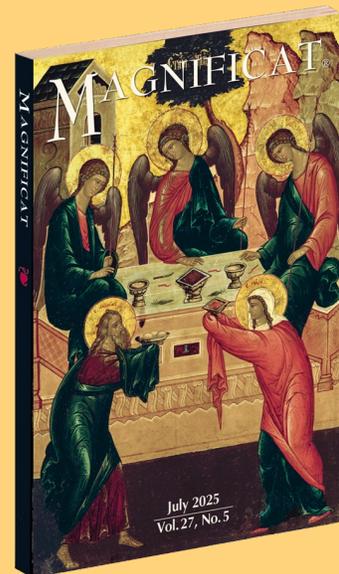
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