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FALL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings!

I recently attended a study on Mary in Scripture. The presenter was also highlighting a few memorable women in the Bible. He particularly encouraged everyone to read the book of Ruth and zeroed in on chapter 1 verse 16, "Wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God, my God." Like Ruth, I would hope we all want to closely follow the Lord.



"Totus Tuus" is a Latin phrase meaning "Totally Yours," and it signifies a desire to give oneself entirely to Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin Mary. As many of us know, this phrase was the personal motto of Pope St. John Paul II, who adopted it from St. Louis de Montfort's work, True Devotion to Mary. She is such a perfect example of total surrender to God's will.

Let's invite her to help us draw closer this Advent to her son, Jesus. She wants nothing more than to introduce us to Him on a deeper level. We often think of Him as just a historical figure and forget that He is alive and well! He wants to connect and be in relationship with us today and every day. Do we recognize His voice? As we prepare for Christmas, carve out time to listen to the promptings He places in your heart.



Sometimes we might wonder what's in a name. This year, I realized my genealogy was filled with those named after powerful women in the Bible. My grandmothers were Mary and Esther, and my mom was Evelyn Ruth. I guess that brings us full circle back to Ruth! I pray these holy ones continue to intercede for me and my loved ones until we hopefully meet again. If you haven't already, I encourage you to ask your loved ones to lift you up and help you on your life's journey.

Wishing you a blessed Advent.
Merry Christmas and a Holy, Healthy New Year!

Donna Ross, Coordinator,
Central Service Team (CST)

POPE'S INTENTIONS 2025-26

DECEMBER

For Christians in Areas of Conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



JANUARY

For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

FEBRUARY

For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Liturgy of the Hours

A Book of Prayer and Contemplation

From the message of Pope Paul VI to the Mexican people

(L'Osservatore Romano, 18 October 1970)

The best homage to Mary: loving God and neighbor

Beloved sons and daughters, we wish to unite our voice to that filial hymn which the Mexican people raise up today to the Mother of God. Devotion to the most holy Virgin of Guadalupe must be for all of you a constant and specific demand for authentic Christian renewal. The crown which she expects from all of you is not so much a material one as a precious spiritual crown, shaped by a profound love of Christ and a sincere love of all: the two commandments which sum up the gospel message. The same most holy Virgin, with her example, guides us on these two paths.

In the first place, she exhorts us to make Christ the center and summit of our whole Christian life. She remains hidden, with supreme humility, so that the image of her Son might appear to humanity with all its incomparable brightness. For this reason, true Marian devotion reaches its fullness and its most rightful expression when it is a path to the Lord and directs all its love toward him, just as Mary knew how to do, so as to intertwine in one and the same impulse the tenderness of a mother and the piety of a creature.

But in addition, and precisely because she loved Christ so dearly, our Mother fulfilled perfectly that second commandment which must be the norm of all human relations: the love of neighbor. How beautiful and delicate was the intervention of Mary at the wedding feast of Cana, when she moved her Son to accomplish the first miracle of turning the water into wine solely to help those young spouses! It is a complete sign of the constant love of the Virgin for humanity in need, and ought to be an example for all those who seek to be considered truly her sons and daughters.

Christians can do no less than to show solidarity in seeking a solution to the situation



For this reason, on this celebrated feast, we urge you from our heart to give your Christian life a clear social sense--as the Council has asked--that you may always be in the front line in all efforts to attain progress, and in all the initiatives for improving the situation of those who suffer want.

See in each person a brother or a sister--a brother or sister in Christ--in such a way that the love of God and the love of the neighbor become united in the same love, alive and operative, which is the only thing that can redeem the miseries of the world, renewing it in its most profound root, the human heart.

The person who has much should be conscious of his or her obligation to serve and contribute with generosity to the good of all. The person who has little or who has nothing should, with the help of a just society, make every effort at self-improvement and of going beyond self, and even in cooperating in the progress of those who suffer the same situation. And, all of you, feel the obligation to unite fraternally so as to help forge this new world for which the human race longs.

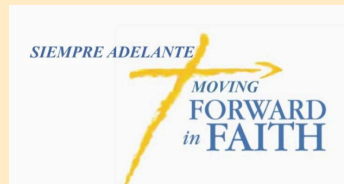
This is what the Virgin of Guadalupe asks of you today, this fidelity to the Gospel, of which she knew how to be the most eminent example.

of those to whom the bread of culture has not yet come nor the opportunity of honorable and justly remunerated work. They cannot remain indifferent while new generations find no path for the realization of their legitimate aspirations, and while part of humanity continues to be placed at the margins of the advantages of civilization and progress.

Upon you, dearly beloved sons and daughters, we implore with confidence the maternal benevolence of the Mother of God and Mother of the Church, in order that she may continue to protect your nation and to direct and impel it more and more along the paths of progress, communal love, and a peaceful life together.

From our Spiritual Advisor -

Most Reverent David L. Toups Bishop of the Diocese of Beaumont



"Give Thanks"

To My Dear Magnificat Sisters,

In this season of Thanksgiving and gift giving, let's reflect upon the importance of focusing on giving thanks to the giver of the gift. I think of the ten blind men healed by Jesus, yet only one returned to give thanks (Luke 17:11-19). Now, Jesus did not need his gratitude, but the man's gratitude deepened his own experience of receiving the gift. Think about it, when we receive something and fail to say thank you, we have not completed the circle of love. Our experience of the gift is only deepened when we return to say thank you and see the joy the gift-giver had in the first place in giving us the gift.

I know this must sound like I am talking in circles, but maybe this example will help. Recently, I received a thank you note from one of our high schoolers for a scholarship she received from the diocese. We offer hundreds of scholarships annually and this was the first note I have received in over five years as the Bishop of Beaumont.

First of all, it was super sweet, and I loved receiving the note (even if Jesus didn't need the gratitude, it made my day), and I am convinced that this high schooler was able to receive the gift of her scholarship on a deeper level than all the rest. It is in the very act of thanksgiving that we show the depth of our appreciation and are able to receive the gift in a more profound way. In doing so, we also acknowledge to the giver how much they mean to us and our relationship is deepened.

God is the ultimate Giver of every good gift. If we focus on giving Him thanks we come to appreciate all that we have as well as the Giver of the gift in a more profound way. In the Mass He gives Himself to us in the Eucharist - the ultimate gift of Jesus' Risen Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Is it any wonder that the very word Eucharist means thanksgiving in Greek. This is the ultimate gift and for it we give thanks to God the Giver of every good gift. In doing so we grow in relationship, with Him who loves us more than we can possibly imagine.

Next time we receive the gift of the Eucharist, let's stop and say thanks before we head to the parking lot. Next time we are in prayer, let's make thanksgiving a part of our time with Jesus. And next time anyone gives us a gift, let's not fail to say thank you because then we will enjoy the gift all the more!

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to all!!!!

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,
Bishop David L. Toups
Diocese of Beaumont
CST Spiritual Advisor

A Wonderful Day in Malta!



Malta is a picturesque small island in Southern Europe on the Mediterranean Sea between Sicily and North Africa.

We are delighted our Malta Chapter in Region 9 has been with the Ministry for almost 30 years and is still going strong!

We look forward to seeing them at our next International Conference in New Orleans, LA in October, 2027!

Dr. Carol Razza, Region 11 Rep., and her husband Paul are visiting Malta. Mariz Cassar, Coordinator of the Malta Chapter, is sitting to Carol's right.



NEW MAGNIFICAT PODCAST

Some Women has a panel of 3 - 4 women discussing timely topics, often featuring a special guest and lasting about 30 minutes. New programs in this series will be available on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month. [Click Here](#)

Our Lady of Fatima Chapter, San Angelo, TX

By Elvira Gonzales, Historian

On October 11, 2025, St. Mary's Catholic Parish Hall was filled with warmth and anticipation as attendees gathered for a nourishing Meal and an uplifting morning. The event's highlight was a heartfelt presentation by guest speaker Lisa Martinez whose authentic joy, humor and passion illuminated the room.

Lisa captivated her audience by sharing her personal journey— a story marked by physical abuse, rejection, grief, and infertility. Through her struggles, she found profound healing in her faith, describing how God transformed her pain into a source of hope and strength. "God began to show me how to use my brokenness for His glory," Lisa shared, summarizing her message of resilience and restoration.

She emphasized that God has a plan for each of us, encouraging listeners to lean on the Lord through all seasons of life. Her testimony was not only a narrative of overcoming hardship but also a call to place trust in God's Providence.

Lisa is a familiar presence on various Facebook podcasts where she continues to share her story and empower others through her faith in Christ. She is the founder of "Little with Great Love", a ministry and podcast dedicated to inspiring hope and healing. As a writer, speaker and podcaster, Lisa draws on her studies in writing, mental health and theology from Franciscan University. She has also launched a website connecting Catholic speakers with Catholic events, broadening her reach and impact.

Lisa also strongly recommends resources such as the Holy Bible, Litany of Trust and Catholic Therapy, and the sacrament of reconciliation, all which she credits in her journey toward empowerment and healing.

Deacon Claudio Sanchez, from St. Joseph's Parish in San Angelo also enriched the morning with a mini lesson on fortifying our lives through prayer. He encouraged the audience to strengthen their spiritual lives by embracing the practice of attending Holy Mass, daily reading of the Holy Bible, praying the Holy Rosary, and reminding everyone of the sustaining grace that prayer brings.



Lisa Martinez, Guest Speaker



San Angelo Service Team L-R
Isabel Gonzalez, Vickie Rivero, Mary Padilla,
Lisa Martinez, Roxy Adame and Elvira Gonzales.



Deacon Claudio Sanchez



Lisa Martinez giving her testimony



San Angelo Attendees



The Great Sacred Sound Band
"Praise and Worship"

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



'Hail, full of grace'

Walnut Creek, CA holds a November Meal

By Michelle Heckle, Coordinator

Magnificat Servants of the Immaculata (SOTI) gives heartfelt thanks to our Blessed Mother Mary for her continual blessings and the grace bestowed upon us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Magnificat SOTI traditionally concludes the November Meal year with a personal testimony from a religious clergy member, brother, or sister in Christ, and this year was no different. We were blessed to hear the witness of Fr. Ramon Urbina, a diocesan priest who shared his testimony at St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon, CA (one of 84 churches in the Diocese of Oakland) on Saturday, November 13, 2025.

With infectious joy, steadfast perseverance, abundant laughter, and a spirit of discerning faith that ultimately called him back to his home diocese, Fr. Ramon shared his journey to the priesthood. His path was anything but typical—yet, as he reminded us, sometimes the detour is the road. As a young man without a strong faith in God, and dreaming instead of becoming a comic book artist, he could

not have imagined where God would eventually lead him. Over time, he found his way into the life of the Church, and beautifully, his family followed that same journey. One by one, they embraced the Catholic faith and became active members of their parish community.

Fr. Ramon was ordained by Bishop Michael Barber in 2022 and now joyfully serves the vibrant community of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Concord, California.



Rita Yalung &
Fr. Erick Villa



SOTI Assst. Coordinator,
Tammy Vo & Fr. Ramon Urbina

SOTI Treasurer, Belinda Russo,
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May the Lord's grace and peace be with you,
Magnificat Central Service Team

Magnificat Meal in Broward County, FL

By: Christine Catuccy, Historian

On August 23, 2025, the Magnificat in Broward County held its third meal of 2025. The event was attended by 117 of us! This is the most participation we had since the COVID pandemic. No doubt that it was so well attended, in part, because of our Speaker, Fr. Trevor Nathasingh, who came all the way from Trinidad and Tobago just to speak at the Meal. Fr. Nathasingh relayed how he was born to parents of both Hindu and Muslim faith and how, when he was called to visit a monastery in his native country, he was visited by our Blessed Mother. He described that a statue of our Blessed Mother came alive to advise him, she would "take him to her son." This happened again with a visit to the same monastery, 2 weeks later. It took 8 years, and a final visit from our Blessed Mother and he finally decided that it was time to enter the seminary. He has been a priest for 36 years and described

these years as the best years of his life. Praise God, and our blessed Mother, for their persistence. Fr. Nathasingh's testimony was a blessing and inspiration to us all.



Broward County Service Team
L-R, Linda Anderson, Asst
Coordinator, Christine Catuccy,
Historian, Fr. Trevor Nathasingh,
Juliana Findley, Treasurer, and
Kathy Corona, Coordinator



Service Team Members
praying over Fr. Nathasingh



Meal Attendees

Magnificat in Broward County, FL

By: Christine Catuccy, Historian

On November 15, 2025, the Magnificat in Broward County held its last Meal of the year. It was another spirit-filled event! The Meal was attended by over fifty women all of whom undoubtedly left renewed with the Holy Spirit. After our praise and worship, we were treated to the testimony of our guest speaker, Adeline Jean. Adeline, who originally hailed from Trinidad, described her younger years as a series of decisions and actions that were governed by worldly ideals. These struggles were reminiscent of many of our own worldly struggles. However, despite these challenges, she continued to find the Lord's presence in her life. Adeline is the founder of Burning Busch Encounters Ministry and Council member of the United States National Charismatic Renewal (Pentecost Today USA). She is also author of "JESUS Speaks to Me: Whispers of Mercy, Whispers of Love, a book of memoirs. Praise God, and our Blessed Mother, for Adeline's testimony. She was a blessing and inspiration to us all. We look forward to our next Meal on February 21, 2026.



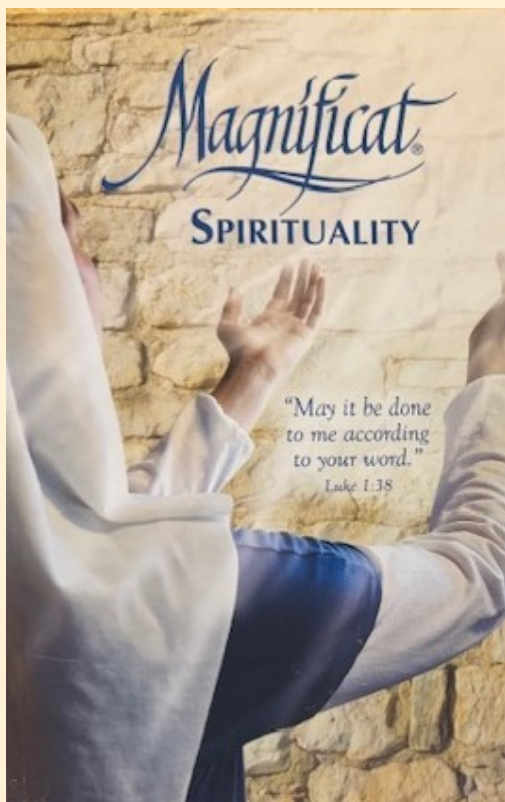
Speaker, Adeline Jean being prayed over by
Service Team Members from left to right,
Coordinator, Kathy Corona, Treasurer, Juliana
Findley, Asst. Coordinator, Linda Anderson and
Secretary, Sharon Pfeifer.



Coordinator, Kathy Corona



Attendees in praise and worship being led by Coordinator, Kathy Corona.



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– Second Vatican Council message to women

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– Magnificat Central Service Team

Our Lady of Miracles - Las Vegas Magnificat Meal, NV

By Kathleen Larmore, Historian

The Tuscany Florentine room hosted the fifth Las Vegas Magnificat Chapter's Breakfast on Saturday, May 10th. After Sara Ford, the Coordinator, gave an engaging introduction and explanation on Magnificat's emphasis on women gathering in prayer, Kathleen Larmore led a decade of the rosary. At least sixty women gathered, including the bishop's mother and sister, eagerly anticipating a blessed and inspirational event. It featured spiritual music, the always exciting raffle drawing, with delightful gifts for the winners, and a vibrant, delicious meal for all.

The atmosphere was filled with a sense of unity and community. The attendees waved flags and made noise with tambourines joining our singer Betsy Ann and Joe Spraker on the keyboard. It was a wonderful time of Praise & Worship! The Meal served as an event of faith and fellowship.

Father John B. McShane gave a fitting teaching for the Mother's Day weekend on mothers and the role of women in family life, as well as getting to know a little about his early days growing up in San Francisco.

Kim Rodriguez-Torres, a beautiful Magnificat sister from Florida, shared her journey back to the Lord after a difficult and painful childhood. She also shared her niece Bella's courageous story of facing suffering head on, with love and charity. Kim's speech touched all in attendance and will not be soon forgotten.



Las Vegas Service Team with Spiritual Advisor and Kim Rodriguez-Torres, Guest Speaker



Kim Rodriguez-Torres Guest Speaker



Kim Rodrigues-Torres holding Bella's blanket



Attendee Praying to Mary



Raffle Winners



Mary Rients, Region 2 Rep Visiting



Praise & Worship

Our Lady of Miracles - Las Vegas, NV, August Chapter Meal

By Kathleen Larmore, Historian

The third Magnificat meal of the year took place August 9th, at the South Point Hotel, with ninety guests and featuring guest speaker, Janice Charbonnet from New Orleans, who shared how she found the Hound of Heaven right where she had left Him.

In 9th grade Janice went to a NET retreat and said she felt she was among unicorns. The leaders exhibited extraordinary love for one another, it was unforgettable, and it had a lasting effect on her.

After putting God on the back burner, she pursued her "Plan", going to college and securing a successful career. Yet after several years she reached the end of her rope, and the Lord, the Hound of Heaven, was patiently waiting. She read Theology of the Body and the Catechism and was led back to Jesus. She found peace and felt she was in the right place at the right time and was able to discern her mission, because God loved her the way she was at that moment.

How God continues to work in mysterious ways, as a lady wrote to a Service Team member about what happened at the Meal. 'Mary' brought her friend to the Meal. Her friend told Mary about experiencing abuse growing up, which her mother permitted. She ran away at twelve and guarded her heart for many years. After listening to Janice talk about her profound hurt, and eventual return to faith and love for Jesus, her friend received healing and the Lord's grace that morning. On the return

home, she cried tears of joy, believing she was genuinely loved by God and needed Him back in her life. Praise God!

Janice Charbonnet and her husband, Jean, celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary in Las Vegas, and together they experienced the excesses of the town's heat and flashy nightlife of the Strip. The Magnificat Service Team warmly welcomed the couple with a gift honoring their anniversary. Janice graciously accepted the gesture and announced how much she loved marriage and life with her husband.

Judi Brudine highlighted the mystery of the Visitation and stressed the importance of meeting others where they are, whether in need or out of obedience to the Will of God. When Mary went in haste to help her cousin, it was the Holy Spirit who inspired Elizabeth and John the Baptist, in the womb, to praise the Virgin and in turn for Mary to praise the Lord with the words of the Magnificat.

A blessing was offered for the guests and over the excellent meal by Fr. John McShave, our spiritual advisor. Father recalled how the bowl of holy water reminded him of a time when a homeless man, after watching Father bless others, splashed prune juice in his face as a blessing. Fortunately, a generous soul whom he now calls Veronica wiped his face off.

Father treated the women to a spiritual teaching on the treasure of the Marian feasts, and what grace Mary brings her children.

Janice and Kathleen drew names for the raffle, and three lucky winners received their prizes as well as gift certificates for the next Meal.



Friends gather with Mary



Janice Charbonnet praying over attendee



Janice Charbonnet being prayed over

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This beautiful blue and white [Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Water Font](#) is reminiscent of the architecture of a cathedral. The memorable Della Robbia style of coloring and the intricate curves of the background make this piece worthy of hanging near the main door of your home. The resin and stone composite wall mount is 11.5" high. Remember to ask for Our Lady's intercession as you bless yourself!

Holy Spirit Conference 2025

By Mary Wilson, CST Member

The Pentecost Today USA/NSC Conference took place this year in Houston, Texas, from October 10–12. Representing Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women, Donna Ross and Mary Wilson attended. While serving at the Magnificat Information/Vendor table, they were delighted and encouraged by the many local attendees who inquired about the former Houston Chapter. The Ministry is excited to reconnect and will be following up with these interested individuals. Contact the Office if you or someone you might know in the Houston area would like to help activate the Chapter.

The conference itself was a three-day event, overflowing with uplifting praise, heartfelt prayer, and inspiring, spirit-filled speakers that deeply touched all present.

The journey home was equally memorable. Donna and Mary stopped in Beaumont for a delightful lunch with Bishop Toups. Their travels continued to the Office in Metairie, where they purged several cabinets of old files (what fun!) and one afternoon they enjoyed lunch with Marilyn Quirk and Marilyn Heap. What a true blessing to be with these two extraordinary women!



L-R, back to front : Mary Wilson and Donna Ross having lunch with Marilyn Quirk and Marilyn Heap



Attendees at the Holy Spirit Conference 2025

Our Lady's Desert Roses Celebrates their 20th Anniversary

By Marianne Ridini Spencer, Asst. Coordinator

Saturday, September 13, 2025, Magnificat Palm Desert Our Lady's Desert Roses held a Chapter Prayer Meal at the Woodhaven Country Club in Palm Desert, California. Author and Speaker Nikki Kingsley shared her powerful faith journey from darkness into light, beginning in Pakistan, where she was born into a Muslim family, and later, after she bravely moved to America with her two young children. Through her dreams and prayers, Nikki encountered Jesus and Mary and began to question everything she had once believed. The event was also the 20th anniversary of Our Lady's Desert Roses. At the start of the Meal, two Magnificat helpers, dressed as Mary and Elizabeth, held the Magnificat shawl, and the team processed behind them to the dais, where a crown of roses was placed on a statue of the Blessed Mother. The event was extremely well-attended, with many coming to hear Nikki's inspiring story and celebrate the community's milestone. Nikki's testimony moved the crowd so much that she sold out of the books she brought to sell and sign, "Thirst For Truth: From Mohammed to Jesus."



Left to Right: Maryann Spencer, Noreen Fortier, Nikki Kingsley, Louise Erickson, Jeanne Potter, Donna Ross, Christina Silvas.



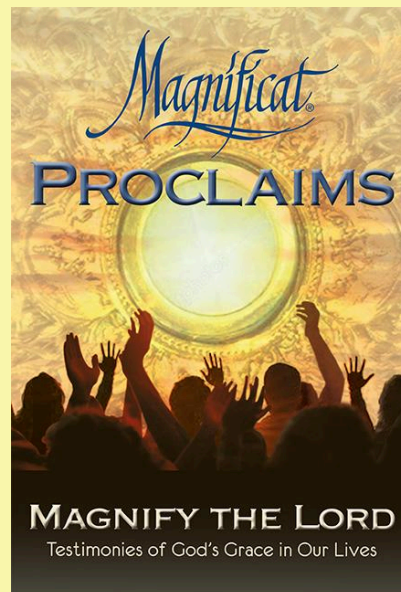
Author and Speaker Nikki Kingsley

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A Great & Inspiring Read!



Visitation Chapter, Pittsburgh, PA

By Janice Palko, Assistant Secretary

The past few months have been busy and eventful for the Pittsburgh Visitation Chapter. On May 31, speaker Monique Moussot, touched hearts as she detailed her spiritual journey from crippling illness, anxiety, resentment, and rage to falling in love with Jesus. She spoke to nearly 200 women at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Cranberry, TWP, a suburb north of the city.

It was Living Praise drummer, Karen Jedrzejewski, who held the attendees spellbound with her with her testimony of her heartbreaking upbringing of abuse, neglect, and addiction and how her love of horses and Jesus's love for her rescued her from a life of pain and despair at the Visitation Chapter's August 9 breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn in Canonsburg, south of Pittsburgh.

In addition, the Visitation Chapter's leadership has undergone some changes as well. Joyce Mundy, the Chapter's Coordinator for the past four years, has accepted the position of Communications Chair to the Central Service Team. Christine Miles, the Assistant Coordinator, graciously agreed to become the new Coordinator, and Rosemary Tadeo has stepped up to serve as Assistant. We thank Joyce for

her service and wish to share their love and passion, and we thank Christine and Rosemary for exhibiting a servant's heart and taking on these new leadership roles.



Fr. Tom Sparacino, Speaker
Karen Jedrzejewski, and former
Coordinator Joyce Mundy at the August
Meal offering praise and worship.



Monique Moussot greeting attendees
at the May Breakfast

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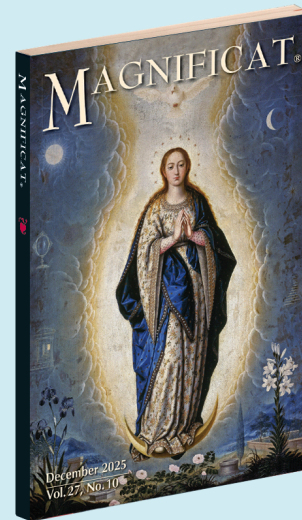
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Phoenix Chapter's June Meal
By Catherine Cato, Asst. Coordinator

Our Meal in June was the first we had in an area of North Scottsdale. Fr. Kilian McCaffrey has been a faithful supportive priest for Magnificat in two parishes. His new parish, Blessed Sacrament introduced Magnificat to this new area by inviting us to have a Meal. We scheduled a Meal on June 7th with our speaker, Sr. Jessica Ramirez, Daughters of Charity. Sr. Jessica worked as a case manager in SVdP Social Work Services. Sr. Jessica was happy to be the speaker for Magnificat, then was re-assigned and left the Phoenix area and is now in Los Angeles. With permission from her new assignment she was still able to come and speak, and what a witness it was. Although she is a young sister, she related to the young and the older people who attended.



Sr. Jessica Ramirez,
Daughters of Charity



Ron and Theresa Clavecilla
and the St. Joseph Music Ministry

Phoenix Chapter Celebrates their 10th Anniversary

By Catherine Cato, Asst. Coordinator

The Phoenix Chapter began discerning to become a Chapter in 2010. After following the steps of discernment became a Chapter in September of 2015. With the guidance of the Central Service Team and prayers from other Chapters, especially our sisters in Tucson, AZ. We were blessed when our Bishop John Dolan gave us his “yes” to be our speaker on our 10th Anniversary. We were also graced with a special blessing from Rome, the ‘Apostolic Nunciature.’

To read more about the Phoenix Chapter’s 10th Anniversary:

‘Bishop Dolan urges Women to magnify God with their lives during 10th Anniversary Magnificat Meal.’
By Jeff Grant. Sep 19, 2025. Click on this link - [The Catholic Sun local Catholic newspaper in Phoenix.](#)



Bishop Dolan, Guest Speaker



Fr. Mark Nyeko, A.J. , Bishop John Dolan,
Maureen Kight, Coordinator



Bishop Dolan joining in praise and worship



Laurie Walsh, Chapter's Founder

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Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Stark County, OH

By Emily Voegele, Asst. Coordinator

Our Chapter enjoyed a beautiful morning of fellowship on a warm and sunny September day! Father Cebula was unable to be with us that morning. Father Donald Feicht covered for him, and he gave a teaching on the Mystery of the Cross. We had an unexpected surprise when he shared a relic of the True Cross with us!

We glorified the Lord as Carolyn Cannizzaro led us in Praise and Worship with the testimony of our speaker, Connie Lenneman. Connie is from New Orleans and grew up in a large Catholic family, the second of six girls. She remembers the early days of Magnificat and her mother and friends participating in the Meals. As a child she considered herself a daydreamer, she craved attention and was dramatic. In high school and college, she dreamed of a life of adventure. She shared how she navigated through several tumultuous times in her life: her father's imprisonment and release, Hurricane Katrina, divorce, and a call to pastoral counseling later in life. She learned to relinquish control and to trust in the Lord. One of Connie's favorite quotes is from St. Augustine: "You have created us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Our next Magnificat Meal will be December 6, 2025 and our speaker is Dr. Anne Valeri White who will give her testimony about living fearlessly.



Speaker, Connie Lenneman



Fr. Don Feicht and Coordinator Darlene Weber holding relic of True Cross



Service Team and Fr. Don Feicht and speaker Connie Lenneman



Attendees

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Antelope Valley Magnificat Chapter Meal, CA

By Stephanie Gilbert, Secretary

The Antelope Valley Chapter of Magnificat held its final 2025 Meal on November 15th, at the Xalisco Grill & Restaurant in Lancaster, California.

Despite an unexpected strong storm, the Chapter had a turnout of over 80 attendees who braved the weather to enjoy a time of prayer, worship, fellowship, and an inspirational speaker, Emmy Canales.

Desert Song, our praise and worship team, prepared the atmosphere singing softly, as people walked through the doors to take their seats. Deacon Alex Aguilar opened with a blessing, meditation, and the song from Isaiah 6:8, 'Hear I Am Lord', everyone joined in singing!

Desert Song did an amazing job preparing our hearts for our guest speaker. Emmy took us through her abusive upbringing and struggle with life. God never left her side and always directed her path opening doors for her since the age of 19 into the charismatic movement. Emmy shared her heartfelt testimony, on the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and encouraged all of us to "open our hearts" and tap into the power of the Holy Spirit. Following Emmy's testimony, we had a time of personal prayer and fellowship.

In addition, we were blessed and honored to add Belinda Vigil to our Service Team as Asst. Coordinator. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we prepare our events for the New Year!



Service Team with Guest Speaker, Emmy Canales, standing
L to R: Belinda Vigil, Asst. Coordinator, Stephanie Gilbert, Secretary, Daria Ongsing, Coordinator,
Celia Cedillo, Treasurer, Diane Charters, Historian



Raffle winner Kaye McNeil



AV Attendees



Praise Report

Praise to you, Lord, for all these wonderful women that have shown me the way back to the Church and my Catholic faith.

Rochester Chapter September Meal

By Jeanne Walker, Assistant Coordinator

Another beautiful Magnificat Meal held at St. Pius X Parish Center on September 13, 2025. The Knights of Columbus cooked and served again a delicious meal. Our inspirational speaker, Monique Mousot from the New York City area, traveled to Rochester with her husband Pete and delivered a moving witness to God. After being set up for a lifetime of difficulty and failure, instead she was transformed by God's powerful grace. Nothing is impossible for God, because He makes all things new.

September is the month we announce the annual "Woman of Faith" award. It was our sincere pleasure to introduce this year's Woman of Faith with a little poem that describes her.

L is for "Love" She has a Love for the Lord and will be the first to ask to pray together.

O is for "Others" Always thinking of others and reaching out in different ways

U is for "Unselfish" She is first to offer a comforting conversation to a friend or stranger.

I is for "Illuminous" She has effect on others positively through kind and generous actions.

S is for "Service" She shows the Service Team compassion, character and confidence as to what a leader should be.

E is for Example" She leads by example, by events of her past to show how the Lord loves her no matter what. Her name is Louise Carson.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Ed Palumbos, spoke in his fervor (short enthusiastic talk) regarding God's love being greater than the darkness in the world. Our job is to absorb evil with love as God teaches us. If we don't, it gets passed on and keeps going and it will transfer! The cross shows us there is another way. We take the darkness into ourselves knowing that Christ's light is bright enough to distinguish the darkness. Let God's love absorb the evil in our hearts so we can never pass it on. We have a choice in how we respond to situations, we don't do this on our own, the Holy Spirit helps us. God can absorb and use it like compost and turn it to something good. We are servants as God's chosen family.

Two raffles created by Kathleen Sullivan and Cathy Glucksman theme was "Falling for Jesus". The raffle winners were Donna White and Monique Mousot.

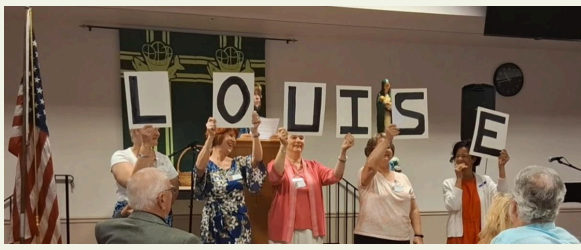
Our next Meal will be December 13, 2025, with guest speaker Deacon Patrick Shanley who will tell us how God has worked in his life.



Service Team with speaker Monique Mousot



Guest speaker - Monique Mousot



Woman of Faith award to Louise Carson



Fr. Ed Palumbos's teaching



Raffle Basket winner #1 Monique Mousot



Raffle Basket winner #2 Donna White



Attendees



Praise and Worship

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord". Luke 2:11





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Merry Christmas

&

Happy New Year!

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