

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women



2021 Achievements of the Affiliate Members in the Areas of **Spirituality - Leadership - Service**

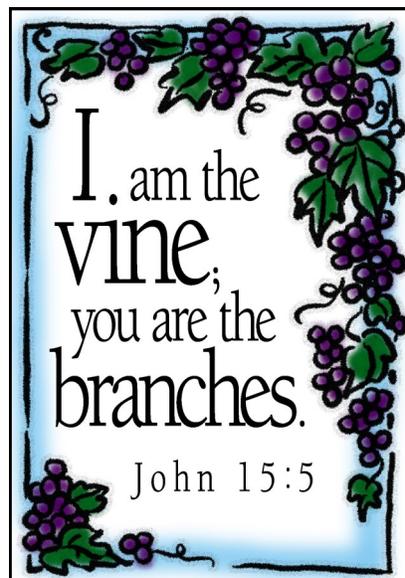


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SCCCW Commission System

The mission of the SCCCW is carried out through the work of three commissions. Each supports and enhances activities at all rings of Council, educates about the issues of concern to Catholic women, and empowers women to respond in faith and with compassion.

Spirituality Commission

Church: Its aim is to create a community that is educated and dynamic. Catholic women called to discipleship and holiness respond with personal witness and service to the Church and to the world. This work reinforces faith and assists in meaningful ecumenical dialogue. It offers the means to enhance public and private prayer, promotes sound liturgical practice that is sensitive to the cultural diversity of the church, and provides resources for spiritual nourishment and development of the faith community.

Legislation: It encourages legislative advocacy among all members. Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, it assists women in understanding the legislative process, provides the means to analyze current and proposed laws, and promotes activities that bring about greater social and economic justice in our society at the local, state, and national level.

Leadership Commission

Organization: It provides organizational development, opportunities for leadership training, public relations resources, and publications to assure the successful organization and management of Council and its programs. It serves to strengthen the leadership team at every ring of Council.

Service Commission

Community: It engages the members and others in working to address the needs and concerns of their individual communities. It is focused on actions that affect the life, growth, productivity, and wellbeing of all people, especially women and children and the communities in which they live.

Family: Its aim is to support and enhance the importance of family life within the Church and society. It works to assist families in achieving a truly Christian life and to carry out responsibilities within the Church, the civic community, and the world.

International: It promotes responsibility for the world community through the conviction that wealth and resources must be shared with all peoples. In response to this call for global solidarity, it creates awareness of and educates about the needs of women and children throughout the world. It encourages members to generously support the Works of Peace and Works of Reconciliation programs implemented in partnership with Catholic Relief Services.

SCCCW Commission Chair Reports

(An overview of members' 2021 achievements)

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SCCCW SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION 2021 YEAR-END REPORT

In gratitude to Our Savior in the year 2021 with joy we celebrate the Christmas Season. We await a new year anticipating the countless blessing that Divine Providence has already prepared for us. The women from the SCCCW have been diligent in carrying out our mission. We continue to chart unknown waters during the 2nd year of the Covid 19 Pandemic. Even though there has been a lessening of restrictions great care has been needed when being in service to one another. Monthly meetings occurred throughout the year in a hybrid fashion. Some deaneries met in person while other met virtually or used a combination.

Church:

Charitable Donations and Acts of Kindness:

The Corpus Christi Catholic Women organized a Giving Tree Christmas Project. They were able to donate 350 postage-paid envelopes and gift cards totaling \$2,500. ASWO in the Rock Hill Deanery held their annual Box of Joy drive and collected several hundreds of boxes in donations. They also began a ministry called “Feed the Flock” which provides meals to parishioners in need. Food drives were held and pantries were stocked by many of the deaneries. Members of ASWO contributed to over 8,000 pounds of food donated to the Clover Area Assistance.

Pro-Life:

Pro-life activities take place among all the deaneries of the SCCCW. At St. Gregory the Great, members participated in a special service during Eucharist Adoration after week day mass to pray for the pro-life case before the court. They participated in the Our Lady of Guadalupe services on her feast day, sponsored by the Spanish community. Members recite the Chapel of the Divine Mercy and the Miraculous Medal novena daily and recite rosaries to end abortion. Members from ASWO join pro-life activists in the Charlotte area by participating in Sidewalk counseling. Several members attended the Mira Via fundraiser supporting unwed mothers and outreach to the community. The ladies of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in the Columbia Deanery collected items for Birthright.

Devotions:

Throughout the council, members continue to be involved in a variety of ministries. They are lectors, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and those who take Holy Communion to the homebound. Members teach CCD classes and prepare children for First Communion & are rosary makers. They attend weekday mass and are intercessors who are Adorers of the Holy Eucharist.

The members of St. Gregory sing in the choir for weekend masses and also the Lazarus Choir for funeral and memorial masses. The women of St. Francis, practice first Saturday Devotions. The Beaufort Deanery organized the Patriotic Rosary. In October, ASWO in the Rock Hill Deanery organized the America Needs Fatima rosary.

Posadas - All Saints in the Rock Hill Deanery participated in the 3rd annual posadas, a novena going from home to home for 9 days before Christmas. The Pilgrims, Joseph and Mary traveled to 9 different homes. The guests joined to say the rosary and the host family offered light refreshments afterwards. This Mexican tradition is a beautiful way to step back from the hustle and bustle of the season, and it helps to prepare our hearts for the coming of the infant Jesus.

St. Mary’s Council of Catholic Women in the Greenville deanery encouraged advent practices by promoting devotional prayers, advent dinners, the lighting of the advent wreath, the St. Andrew Christmas Novena, penance service, St. Nicholas Day & Feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. A retreat

day at Belmont Abbey College was attended by ASWO members on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the close of the Year of St. Joseph.

Legislation:

The Women of St. Francis organized for November 30th a 7-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to Defeat Abortion in the main church on the eve of the Supreme Court consideration of the Dobbs case, the most important pro-life case to be presented to the court since the inception of the Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states and for all 9 months of pregnancy. St. Francis, St. Gregory the Great and Holy Family coordinated the vigil time periods to cover 27 hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for an end to abortion. The decision will be forthcoming in June of 2022.

Members of St. Francis coordinated a Zoom meeting for the Rosary Crusade for Victory over Darkness to pray all mysteries of the rosary with tens of thousands of people across the world as bishops, scholars and prominent Catholic evangelists led the decades with a short commentary before they prayed. This was presented by the Avila Foundation. About 30 parishioners joined in for this very moving 2 hours event.

The Rosary Altar Society Members in the Columbia Deanery served on the NCCW Legislative and Advocacy Committee and was able to share firsthand information regarding legislative issues being shared by the US Congress of Bishops on a monthly basis. Members wrote two (2) articles sharing information regarding contacting your Legislators. This information was published in the Catholic Woman Magazine in 2021 and seen by Catholic women and others around the world.

In gratitude, I would like to thank the members of the SCCCW for their creativity in finding new solutions to meet the needs of their communities and for all they have done and continue to do in a true spirit of Christian prayer and service throughout all of the deaneries in the council.

With hope, we await the SCCCW Convention in Rock Hill in March 2022.

Donna Lamparter

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SCCCW Spirituality Commission Chair

SCCCW LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

2021 YEAR-END REPORT

Every Deanery was affected by Covid restrictions. Several kept in touch with their members via ZOOM or other platforms. Perhaps in a different form, the work of our affiliates was still accomplished.

Beaufort Deanery

Our affiliates participated in Deanery meetings with the January meeting on Zoom. Eleanor Bell from Saint Francis by the Sea was selected as our Deanery Catholic Woman of the Year. Saint Gregory the Great hosted in July and Saint James the Greater in October. Our July meeting featured a talk on Human Trafficking and the documentary on Saint James the Greater was shown in October. Communication was especially important during this time. Flocknote and Zoom were used to keep members informed. At Saint Francis by the Sea, two Welcome Coffees were held to integrate new members and tell them about the work being done in the parish, community and the world at large. A Welcome Committee was formed to call prospective members and to greet them personally at meetings and introduce them to others. At Saint Gregory members of the Core Group were encouraged to sit at different tables in order to welcome new gals and listen to their ideas and suggestions.

Charleston Deanery

Due to restrictions because of Covid, only St. Patrick submitted a Leadership Report. They updated and provided a Membership Directory to all members, provided a Guild Notebook with documents to new members containing: Guild and Deanery Bylaws, Membership Directory, Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Membership Solicitation Form, Budget, and a Commissions/Committee Assignment Roster. They coordinated and facilitated a committee to select a Catholic Woman of the Year. Nomination and Election Committees identified members to run for office. Zoom and teleconference helped members stay in touch and they were able to conduct Guild business.

Columbia Deanery

Members of the Columbia Deanery serve as officers on the Affiliate, Deanery and State levels. One member served on the Nominating Committee for NCCW and several attended the National Convention. Affiliates hosted Deanery meetings. Members represented their affiliates on Parish Councils.

Greenville Deanery

The Organization chair at St. Mary's was responsible for many activities within the affiliate. She maintained supplies needed for meetings, organized sign up of volunteers to provide food for monthly meetings, spearheaded the set up and clean up for monthly meetings, organized sign up for bake sales, and assisted in panning and setting up for several luncheons. She assisted in keeping the linens cleaned and organized and spearheaded the organization and set up for the funeral reception for the spouse of a member. She also attempted to decrease the use of disposable items when possible. At St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council, the Organizational leader encouraged proper parliamentary procedure in the affiliate meetings, encouraged revision of by-laws, shared information from the NCCW Convention and encouraged members to attend the SCCCW and NCCW Conventions. The Membership leader sponsored a "Prayer Partner" program to keep members engaged on a personal and spiritual basis. This drew individuals together who may not have known each other previously to develop a personal, caring relationship with a spiritual dimension within the Council structure.

The most valuable resource to the membership is the annual SMCCW Directory. It provides much information to the membership. A selection committee selects the Catholic Woman of the Year who is announced at the May Luncheon. A blind review decides the recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship for a young woman of the parish. The Council President selects an exemplary Council worker who is

named the Christmas Angel. She is recognized at the Christmas Luncheon and is gifted with an angel pin. Vibrant, stimulating and efficient monthly meetings are held according to parliamentary procedure. Name badges are worn, and new people are introduced. Council projects are presented and voted on by the membership and interesting speakers are invited to share information on relevant topics.

Myrtle Beach Deanery

The affiliates in the Myrtle Beach Deanery continued to mentor new members and officers. A bulletin board was set up in the Church hallway to attract new members and to let the parishioners know the upcoming activities of the Guild. Members hosted and attended Deanery meetings and retreats, selected a Catholic Women of the Year, and organized speakers at meetings. Affiliates published events in the church bulletin, sent emails to other churches and published events in the Guild newsletter. Committees were formed to update and revise Bylaws. New Member Packets are provided for women joining the affiliate. They are welcomed by name, encouraged to participate in activities and have social interaction after the meetings. After ZOOM meetings one affiliate sends the minutes of the meeting to members by e-mail or mail.

Rock Hill Deanery

Leadership in the Rock Hill Deanery has been in the form of putting on the SCCCW Convention in 2021 which was reduced to a mini day meeting and getting ready for the 2022 Convention which will occur in March. St. Catherine of Siena Ladies Guild also organized opportunities for Bible study and book reviews. They also offered daily ZOOM Rosary for their members.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kuykendall

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SCCCW Leadership Commission Chair

and

Lois McCue

Lois McCue
SCCCW Membership Committee Chair

SCCCW SERVICE COMMISSION 2021 YEAR-END REPORT

We have made it through 2021. Our tasks are to serve the poor, the needy, the vulnerable, the elderly and those who are unable to perform even the simplest task. Here we are, once again, taking the leap. Too much is given, much is required. Our service project this year was Boxes of Joy. We donated a total of 767 Boxes of Joy statewide. Thank you to the ladies for a job well done in service to our community.

Beaufort Deanery

The ladies purchased a new waffle maker for one of their parish kitchens. They also provided hand-written Christmas cards as well as gifts for a nursing home, making a difference in the lives of others. The ladies assisted in the selling of tickets to the local community Italian American Club Hilton Head Island Italian Heritage Festival. Part of the donations will be given back payable to the Beaufort Deanery which will be used to donate/support JPII Catholic Jr./Sr. High School Scholarship Fund and supporting Catholic Education. The Deanery did a wide participation/assistance in collections of items and monetary donations to treat our military troops Christmas packages. They did a collection of cardboard tubes, old photos/pictures, calendars, fronts of various greeting cards used for Beaufort County HHI Branch Children's Library numerous crafts projects and filled their storage to maximum capacity. They are now set for the children's program projects to support families and fulfilling local needs.

Charleston Deanery

St. John the Beloved donated 48 Boxes of Joy to Catholic Outreach. They also provided gift boxes for seafarers who are in the Charleston port during the holidays. They donated 125 boxes filled with lots of goodies, making this their third year participating in this ministry. They issued checks to the Ancient Hibernians in SC to help support seminarians, St. Vincent de Paul, SJB Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, DCCO Home of Hope, DCCO Hope's House, DuBose Middle School Angel Tree Project, and helping forty-one families.

St. Patrick Women's Guild donated 157 Boxes of Joy. The ladies took boxes from Bishop England High School, totaling thirty-four. From the Charleston Deanery we shipped 243 Boxes of Joy. The ladies provided a hot meal for Campus Ministry for our college students, welcoming them back from the summer months. The ladies gave a check to MUSC Marvella Ford Foundation for cancer, two graduating students heading off to college and Legal Services of S.C. The ladies donated food to The Neighborhood House to help provide meals to those in need. The ladies helped pack and deliver Christmas Cheer Baskets to our elderly and the sick and shut ins.

Columbia Deanery

St. Martin de Porres, Rosary Altar Guild donated 47 Boxes of Joy, prepared backpacks for Light-house for Life, and made donation to Church Women United health kits.

St. Joseph Women's Society collected toiletry items in February to "Share the Love." The ladies donated items to Prisma Children's Hospital ICU/PICU units and gave a \$1,700 check to Birthright of Columbia and two carloads of baby items. The ladies cleaned the church weekly and donated toiletries to Catholic Charities Clean of Hearts.

WinGs, Our Lady of the Lake, completed an Easter Card project for the senior residents at Heritage at Lowman Senior Campus. WinGs continues with ornament sales to parishioners and the community. The ornaments are a series and the 2021 is the second in a six-part series. The ornaments are images of the beautiful stained-glass windows of the Joyful Mysteries in our Lady of the Lake Church in

Chapin. WinGs filled fifty boxes for the Seafarer's project, and donated clothing to the Catholic Charities "Clean of Heart" project.

Corpus Christi contributed \$300 to Octoberfest, gave a total donation up to \$2,500 in gifts and cards to the men at the Goodman Dorm on Broad River Road in Columbia, and supported Birthright by collecting items for the organization.

Greenville

St. Mary's Council donated 34 Boxes of Joy and 132 Boxes to the Seafarer's project. The ladies provided and served lunch for 24 Home Works of SC volunteers who were working on a project in the Greenville area. Their stitchery group, St. Anne's Stitchery, knitted and crocheted hats, scarfs, and afghans for Catholic Charities, the Sisters at St. Clare's Monastery, and baby items for Birthright of Greenville. Their Sewing Ministry made bibs, burp cloths, and other baby items for Birthright of Greenville and baby blankets and tote bags for Catholic Charities. They also collected 300 recipes from members and published a cookbook for fundraising.

St. Anthony's Council donated seventy-nine boxes to the Seafarer's project. The ladies provided Christmas gifts to a grandmother helping her as she tries to provide a home while raising her six grandchildren.

Rock Hill

All Saints Women's Organization contributed and dropped 227 boxes of joy at the Drop Off Center that packed 279 boxes total. They collected \$2,207 from the parishioners and shopped to fill 100 boxes. With the excess cash, they sent Cross Catholic Outreach a check for \$1,136. They also prepared 2 weeks of meals for former ASWO president Bumber after the death of her mother, Judy, a member, and her father's death 3 weeks later.

Women of Divine Saviour held two-yard sales and raised \$1,500 to donate to the following charities: Tender Hears Ministries (\$100), Holy Angels (\$200), The Divine Saviour Food Pantry (\$400), Children of Mary Camp (\$300), and P.A.T.H. (\$100), Palmetto Pregnancy Center (\$100), and St. Vincent de Paul (\$300).

Saint Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild donated food to Isadore Farms food pantry, sponsored Yard/Craft sales in October as a fundraiser, and sponsored a Christmas luncheon for mothers-to-be and new mothers.

St. Mary Rosary and Confraternity Society sponsored a fundraiser and donated \$500 to St. Mary Church to include a drawing for a Fall gift basket and drawing for a Santa Clause. They collected and donated toys to the Salvation Army and helped with distribution, donated socks and hygiene items to the Women's and Men's shelters, and distributed information for housing, electric bills, etc at the Community Health Fair,

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Buford

Beverly Buford
SCCCW Service Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella Holmes

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SCCCW International Chair

**Individual
Year-End Reports
from
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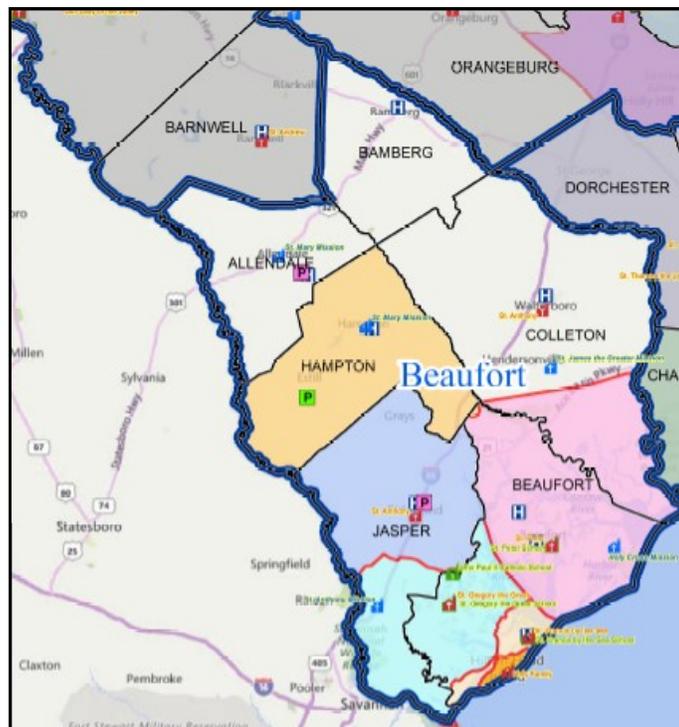
Beaufort Deanery

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Hilton Head Island*

*Women of St. James the Greater,
St. James the Greater Catholic Church,
Walterboro*



Beaufort Deanery President's 2021 Year-End Report

St. Anthony Catholic Women's Club The members organized and led Mary's Way of the Cross during Lent using the text of the fourteen stations as seen through Mary's eyes. It was done bilingually where their deacon translated the stations to Spanish. The activity helped both the English and Spanish communities to reflect on the mystery of Jesus' suffering and death. Members of the club serve in different capacities in the parish- organist, choir members, Eucharist ministers and coordinators of different ministries. The club operates a Gift Shop and a library for the parish. A statue of St. Anthony was purchased for the parish in honor of all volunteers. After almost two years the club was able to hold a Christmas party where Mexican food, ornament exchange and accidental gift exchanges took place. Participants brought little gifts for everyone without being asked to do so- true sisterhood! The club's president and vice-president attend the Parish Council meetings and one member serves on the Finance Council. This year the club supported three nursing homes in the area with the staffs' input as to what was needed. Each senior received a Christmas card. Craft supplies were provided as well as items for an outdoor seating area. Two of the club's members along with Spanish musicians organized a children's choir for the Christmas liturgy. This is the first time this had been done. The children and their parents became more engaged in the liturgy and joy of the season.

Women of St. Francis First Saturday devotion to Our Lady of Fatima which was started by the membership has become a staple in the parish and the attendance continues to grow. Another favorite devotion is Mary's Way of the Cross held during Lent. Divine Mercy Holy Hour was also started every Thursday afternoon. The Rosary Makers continued their work. Materials were distributed in the parking lot and the work was done at home. In lieu of a First Communion reception family photos in the St. Clare Prayer Garden were offered and sent to the families by email. In October three events were held. The first was the movie Fatima shown at a local theater. The second was the joint venture with Holy Family praying at the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally. The third was praying the Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abuse utilizing the outdoor stations. In November a 7-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to Defeat Abortion was held. Two other parishes, Holy Family and St. Gregory the Great coordinated the vigil times with St. Francis. The Respect Life members from each parish now communicate with each other concerning pro life events. During COVID meetings could only be 45 minutes in length, attendees sat 6 ft. apart and Zoom was offered. Some committees could not do their work while others worked in small groups in their homes. Flocknote was used to communicate with the membership. Through the success of the Fashion Show 11 scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each were awarded to St. Francis students. Funds were given for parish youth activities and donations were given to twelve charitable organizations and an international group. One donation was given to an assistant pastor's home village in the Philippines that was hit by a typhoon. Other activities included selling the soup cookbooks and painted soup bowls, making blankets for children and the military, collecting slumber sacks for children which were donated to Deep Well and sewing clothing, providing hygiene kits and aprons for orphanages, schools and a hospital in Venezuela. They also made wheelchair pocket bags and small pillows for the Life Care Center and seatbelt cushions for those who have had a mastectomy.

St. Gregory the Great Council of Catholic Women Due to COVID meetings were not held until September. In the meantime members served the parish as: Eucharistic ministers, greeters, ushers and lectors; sang in the choir; participated in the living rosary; served in the prayer shawl ministry; helped with Bible Camp and taught in Youth Ministry; substituted and volunteered at SGG Catholic school; facilitated presentations for school principals; planned May Crowning; took communion to the homebound; organized the parish kitchen; prayed outside of the abortion clinic in Savannah; sent cards to each child receiving First Communion; helped with retreat for the Confirmation class; and

four members serve on the deanery board and two serve on the state board. In July SGG hosted the deanery meeting where Sheila Roemeling, director, spoke on human trafficking and a donation was made to Fresh Start Healing heart. New parishioners are welcomed at each meeting and core group members sit at different tables to welcome them and to answer any questions. Four new core members were added this year providing new ideas and continuing established activities. Flocknote and bulletin announcements are used to communicate about activities and programs. Save the Date papers are also distributed at each meeting to make members aware of upcoming events in our affiliate and the deanery. For Mother's Day purses in good condition were filled with items and donated to the St. Francis Center. For Father's Day items were collected for Dads and for Grandparents' Day simple children's dresses were sewn for the St. Francis Center. In November a Make It, Bake It, Grow It auction was held and over \$2000 was raised for scholarships. In December Christmas gifts for the children of clients of the Pregnancy Center of the Lowcountry were provided along with baby items and monetary donations (\$1444). A beautiful inlaid wooden picture donated by a member's husband was raffled off and realized \$1100 for scholarships. Two members organized the parish Giving Tree. Over 775 gifts were donated as well as monetary donations going to Bluffton Self and the St. Francis Center.

St. James the Greater They did not have any meetings due to COVID until October where they hosted the deanery meeting. This was an event that was supposed to have been held during the 200th anniversary celebration of the diocese but had to be cancelled due to COVID. The ladies talked about the parish's history from plantation days, gave a tour of the church and grounds, showed the diocese's documentary on this area known as Catholic Hill and provided a scrumptious lunch- they do like to cook!

Deanery Zoom meetings were held during COVID. A newsletter was published periodically, a meeting with about 100 attending was held with the director, Sheila Roemeling, of Fresh Start Healing Heart speaking about human trafficking and a meeting was held at St. James the Greater discussing the beginning history of the Catholic church in South Carolina. All participated in the projects: Treat the Troops, Italian Heritage Festival and Boxes of Joy.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Kovarcik

Rosemarie Kovarcik, President
Beaufort Deanery

St. Anthony's Catholic Women's Club

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Several members serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and altar servers, and one of our members does the scheduling for all of these positions.
- One member serves as the organist and two members are in the church choir.
- The Club operates a Gift Shop to provide religious items to parishioners. It is opened monthly with our parish first Sunday Friendship Breakfast.
- Ran the parish library and provided selected books at the back of the Church during Lent and November (in honor of saints).
- Several members helped to decorate the Church for different liturgical seasons.
- Purchased altar flowers through collections from parishioners in Memory of and in Honor of church family members for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Grandparent's Day.
- Presented gifts and cards to children receiving First Communion in July and hosted a reception for a 10-year-old girl's baptism in August.
- Led Mary's Way of Cross (in English and Spanish) during Lent.
- Participated in the Rosary on Sunday mornings and a Rosary Week in October (hosted by Knights of Columbus). Members led the Rosary one time in May, and one time in the Rosary Week.
- Offered mass intentions for deceased members and deceased family members and to pray for the health of persons suffering illness.
- Purchased a statue of St. Anthony in honor of all volunteers in the parish

Spirituality/Church Special Project

We organized and led the Mary's Way of the Cross on March 26th. Using this particular text for Stations of the Cross during Lent has been a tradition in our Women's Club. Mary's Way of the Cross looks at the 14 stations through the perspective of Mary. This year we tried to do it bilingually, with Deacon Galos' help of translating the text into Spanish. The activity helped both the English-speaking community and the Spanish-speaking community to reflect the mystery of Jesus' suffering and death during the season of Lent.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

One member was the Director of Colleton County Voters Registration and Elections and worked on the elections for the municipalities in 2021.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- The Women's Club members were present at Deanery meetings in 2021 (January on line, July, and October).
- Supported St. James with desserts and drinks for the Deanery meeting hosted there in October.
- Our Club President and Vice President attend the Parish Council Meetings. One member is on the Parish Finance Council.
- Birthday cards and greeting cards were sent to members by our Treasurer Diane Kershner.

- Reviewed our By-Laws in spring.
- Held the annual Christmas Party for our club members.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

We were glad that with almost two years in pandemic we were able to enjoy our annual Christmas party on December 4. This tradition of our Women’s Club was really “the best time of year” since we did not have any other social events in 2021. We enjoyed Mexican food, an ornament exchange, and an “accidental” gift change when more than half of the participants brought little gifts to everyone without being requested. Sisterhood celebrated!

Service/Community Activities

- One member helped in the Thanksgiving Community Dinner that served take-out and dine-in Thanksgiving meals on Thanksgiving Day
- For two of the three nursing homes in town, the club brought gift baskets of craft supplies as their Christmas gifts. The Club also ordered a bench for the smaller nursing home, Magnolia of Wal-terboro, in accordance with their need of setting up outdoor facilities. Club members also signed Christmas cards for the seniors in these nursing homes.
- Supported the Deanery “Treat the Troop” project and collected snacks/personal notes for troops overseas.

Service/Community Special Project

In the beginning of October while we checked with the local nursing homes, there was uncertainty about receiving gifts and individual cards due to the pandemic. Our club members spent time and effort communicating with the staffs of the three nursing homes in town and collected gifts that they would be able to use. The club members also signed Christmas cards at one of our meetings so the seniors may each get a Christmas greeting.

Service/Family Activities

- Purchased a new waffle machine for parish kitchen.
- Completed thorough cleaning of parish kitchen with other parish groups
- Honored our volunteers with a flyer attached to the Church Bulletin on National Volunteer Week (4/18-24).
- Helped in the fish fry held by the Knights of Columbus.
- Sold flowers in Memory of and in Honor of church family members for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, and Grandparent’s Day.
- Offered mass intentions for the sick members and parishioners, and sent greeting cards to sick members.
- Hosted Friendship Breakfast in October.
- Organized children’s singing at the mass on Christmas Eve.
- Provided supplies for religious education.

Service/Family Special Project

This year we tried for the first time to have the children singing during the mass on Christmas Eve. Two of our members, alongside with our Spanish musicians, practiced “Silent Night/Noche des Paz” with the children for three Sundays. There were around 15 kids joining in the end, and it was wonderful to see while the children were practicing, the parents waiting in the lobby joined and practiced with us. The practice and performance helped the children and their family more engage in the liturgy and feel the joy of this particular liturgical season.

Service/International Activities

- Hosted Mary’s Way of Cross in English and Spanish.

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St. Gregory the Great Council of Catholic Women

Spirituality/Church Activities

Members of Saint Gregory the Great Council of Catholic Women have participated in many ways during the last year: served as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, and greeters; sang in church choir; participated in living rosary; prayer shawl ministry; helped with Bible Camp and taught in Youth Ministry; substituted and volunteered at SGG Catholic School; facilitated presentations from school principals; participated in Christ Renews his Parish; participated in Adoration; sang for and were ushers for funerals; led Bereavement Group; planned May Crowning; took communion to homebound; organized the parish kitchen; participated in Deanery meeting at Catholic Hill; prayed outside abortion clinic in Savannah; sent cards to each child receiving his First Holy Communion; attended Rock Hill mini convention; helped with retreat for Confirmation class; four members serve on the Deanery Board—one as president, and one serves on the SCCCW Board.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The activity that had the most impact on our affiliate was the presentation from our school principals. Beth Kelly, principal of Saint Gregory the Great Catholic School, and John McCarthy, principal of Saint John Paul II Junior High and High School, spoke to our affiliate. They discussed everything from the programs offered, makeup of the student body, future plans, current and future needs, and how we can help. Our affiliate has designated this year to raise money for scholarships for these two schools. It was very eye opening to find out how much they are accomplishing and how many students need financial assistance.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- In July we hosted the Deanery meeting with speaker Sheila Roemeling, director of Fresh Start Healing Heart. She spoke to us about Human Trafficking and the care the women need after they are rescued.
- Encouraged members to support state, deanery and local initiatives through bulletin announcements and Flocknotes.
- Decided on a new way to do nametags for meetings
- Welcomed new parishioners at each meeting and encouraged members to get to know them
- Had Core Group members sit at different tables to be able to answer questions, get new ideas, and help members feel included
- Kept Roster up to date as new women joined
- We welcomed new Core Group members and gave them copies of By-laws, Core Group Directory, Core Group terms of office, Core Group officers and a roster of all members
- Held Deanery offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer
- Held State office of Vice President and Leadership Chair
- Distributed electronically and at meetings the Beaufort Deanery Newsletter
- Used Bulletin announcements and Flocknotes to let the women of our church know about our programs
- Provided “Save the Date” papers at each meeting to keep members informed about coming events in our affiliate and deanery

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Having Core Group members sit at different tables during events has provided much information for us to use in planning. Members can not only give out information but also listen for suggestions, ideas and feedback. They can make members feel more included by asking their opinion. This is also a great way to find out who might be interested in a leadership position.

Service/Community Activities

- Provided the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Lowcountry with Christmas gifts for their clients' children. Also gave them baby items and monetary donations. The director and a recipient of services from the Pregnancy Center spoke to our group.
- Two of our members headed up our church wide Giving Tree this year.
- We have several volunteers at the St. Francis Center
- Many members are Associates of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius and help with their projects. This year they provided new books and new stuffed animals at Christmas
- Brought assorted items for Treat the Troops
- Volunteered at the Hardeeville Mission
- Sister Mary Fran from Mercy Mission in Hardeeville spoke, a free will offering was collected
- Fresh Start Healing Heart program about Human Trafficking
- Members made Prayer Shawls and Rosaries

Service/Community Special Project

Our Christmas Luncheon is always a special event. We bring our Angel Tree Gifts for the children of clients of the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Lowcountry. The Director of the clinic spoke to us about their mission, successes and needs for the future. A recipient of services also spoke to us about the love and support she and her husband received from the clinic. In addition to over one hundred gifts there were monetary donations totaling \$1,444! We also held a raffle for a piece of Christian art donated by a member. We raised \$1,070 for scholarships with the raffle.

Service/Family Activities

- Provided cards for students receiving their First Communion
- Brought food for collections each month
- Participated in St. Vincent dePaul ministry
- Led the Bereavement sessions
- Worked at Vacation Bible Camp
- Helped with retreat for First Communion families
- Filled purses with items for clients of the St. Francis Center (Mother's Day)
- Collected items for Dads at the St. Francis Center (Father's Day)
- Sewed simple children's dresses for St. Francis Center Grandparent's Shop
- Volunteered at the St. Francis Center for Grandparent's Day
- Participated in "Make It, Bake It, Grow It" silent auction to raise money for scholarships

Service/Family Special Project

In order to help families from our Catholic Schools with scholarship money we held Make It, Bake It, Grow It silent auction. Members brought items they had either made, baked or grew and then we shopped! A new twist this year was a line on the Bid Sheet that read Buy it Now. This price was much higher than the value of the item, but if someone really wanted it they could buy it using the Buy it Now price. This was a fun day of fellowship, shopping and raising \$2,000 for our scholarship fund!

Service/International Activities

- Saint Gregory the Great School sent 164 Boxes of Joy this year.
- We served as a Drop off Point to many churches not only in our Deanery but also from parts of Georgia

Service/International Special Project

Boxes of Joy provided a teaching opportunity at our elementary school. Students became aware of the countries of Central America and Haiti where their boxes were going. They also learned how poor some of the countries are with areas of great poverty and no electricity or running water. They were given suggestion sheets of items to put in their boxes. When the boxes were returned, we put a tennis ball in each one and sent them on their way. The students learned about bringing joy to someone else, especially someone less fortunate.

Women of St. Francis

Spirituality/Church Activities

Our Lenten Morning of Reflection began in the Church with our First Saturday Devotions on March 6th. Due to COVID protocols still in place, The Women of St. Francis abbreviated the time period that Monsignor Laughlin would speak. Monsignor processing into the Church with our Adoration Chapel monstrance, no small feat for our 94-year-old pastor emeritus! Monsignor spoke on conversion, offering introspective thoughts on how to live closer to Our Savior each day during our Lenten journey.

First Saturday Devotions have become a staple now in the parish and attendance is growing from 30 attendees to 40-50 after the morning Mass. The prayers are said after the 8:30 am Mass and end with a song to Our Lady of Fatima.

Mary's Way of the Cross was held on Friday, March 26th, after the 11:30 am Mass. Sister Kathleen Kane led the Stations with Susan Barnwell singing the Stabat Mater. It was attended by over 60 members and parishioners. It is a favorite devotion for the Women of St. Francis and the parish at-large.

Rosary Makers were busy crafting rosaries for First Communicants and Chaplets for Confirmandi, even though they could not meet in person. Chair Audrey McGovern guaranteed that all obligations would be met by members working from home. Audrey ordered supplies and distributed them in the parking lot each month. The Rosary Makers Committee resumed scheduling their in-person meetings from June through August on the first and third Thursdays of the month. They have learned to assemble plastic rosaries in addition to the cord and regular rosaries they already construct.

As our Adoration Chapel was limited to one person during COVID, our past President helped our associate pastor, Fr. Max Tria, begin weekly Divine Mercy Holy Hours on Thursdays at 3 p.m. All parishioners were invited to attend. Fr. Max processes in with the Blessed Sacrament to begin the Holy Hour. Benediction completed the Holy Hour with incense and bells. Attendance has grown steadily since its commencement on March 18th.

Because COVID19 restrictions were still in place in April, the First Communion Reception (no food allowed) could not be held, so, forced to be flexible, 3 of our members offered family photos in the newly dedicated St. Clare Prayer Garden for the families which they sent to the recipients via email. The parents were very pleased and it gave our organization a chance to recognize the children's special day as well as The Women of St. Francis being recognized by the school parents.

Our 3rd annual Patriotic Rosary was held on July 4th after the morning Mass and, as in past years, it drew a good crowd.

In October, three events were held to honor Our Blessed Mother. The first event was a showing of the movie, Fatima, on Oct. 13th, at a local theatre, and was open to the whole parish. It was Standing Room Only and positive feedback was received by many of the participants. The second was a joint venture with Holy Family praying the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally on the grounds of Holy Family. This was the first such venture between the two Spirituality Commissions and drew over 50 people at noon on Saturday, October 16th. The third event was held on October 30th. We prayed the Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion after the morning Mass, utilizing our outdoor Stations, to close the month of Our Lady.

Our Advent Morning of Reflection was held on Saturday, December 4th. Sister Kathleen gave a talk on Christ Among the Crowds with emphasis on Mary's participation, followed by a presentation by Kathleen Ciany on how to pray, utilizing the Lectio Divina method. There were 30 members of the Women of St. Francis who attended and enriched their Advent experience.

The busy Christmas season does not stop the Women of St. Francis from offering the Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Dec. 28th, to remember the victims of the first slaughter of babies under Herod and to honor the victims of the ongoing abortions occurring every day in our midst. This closes the year with a very moving and spiritual plea to God to save our children

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The most impactful event has been the First Saturday Devotions . They are ongoing every month on the first Saturday and they have been received so well that the participants wish they would occur more frequently. The attendance is also growing with each month as word spreads through the parish and beyond in our community.

Through this, we are identifying more parishioners who put Christ first in their lives and will result in a spiritual unity so needed in our world today.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

On November 30th, the pastor gave permission for a 7-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to Defeat Abortion in the main church on the eve of the Supreme Court consideration of the Dobbs case, the most important pro-life case to be presented to the court since the inception of the Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states and for all 9 months of pregnancy. St. Francis, St. Gregory the Great and Holy Family coordinated the vigil time periods to cover 27 hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for an end to abortion. The decision will be forthcoming in June of 2022.

We have a new Chair for the Respect Life ministry at the Women of St. Francis and she is passionate about the prolife movement. Courtney has been keeping our membership abreast of State issues regarding abortion. We coordinated a Zoom meeting in our Family Center for the Rosary Crusade for Victory over Darkness to pray all mysteries of the rosary with tens of thousands of people across the world as bishops, scholars and prominent Catholic evangelists led us in the decades with a short commentary before they prayed. This was presented by the Avila Foundation. About 30 parishioners joined us for this very moving 2 hours event.

Spirituality/Legislative Special Project

We communicated and coordinated with the two other parishes near us, Holy Family and St. Gregory the Great, to hold vigils on November 30th and December 1st for the Adoration to Defeat Abortion campaign promoted by Catholicvote.org. St. Francis held a 7 hour vigil from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on November 30th as part of the event. Holy Family began their vigil at midnight on December 1st until 4 p.m., and St. Gregory incorporated the vigil into their regular Wednesday 1-5 p.m. Holy Hour. The three Respect Life members from each parish are now in touch and communicating prolife events to each other via Flocknote announcements.

Leadership/Organization Activities

The Women of St. Francis (WOSF) began 2021 under a number of restrictions due to the Covid Pandemic. But we persevered, made necessary changes and moved forward.

Our meetings could only be 45 minutes in length and we all sat six feet apart with masks. Members had the option of attending in person or on Zoom. A number of our Committees could not do any of their work, while others worked in small groups in members' homes.

To meet the need of the influx of new residents relocating to Hilton Head Island and joining St. Francis by the Sea Parish, the Welcome Coffee Committee held a gathering in March and another one in October to introduce new members to WOSF and the work we do in the parish, the community and on an international level. The goal was to provide a sense of community to those new to our church and area. Many of our new members were able to "jump right in" to committee work and a couple have now joined the board. In addition, a Welcome Committee was formed to call prospective members and to greet them personally at our meetings and introduce them to others.

Communicating with members is always critical, but became more so during the first half of the year. Flocknote was the lifeline for many of our members who were not comfortable participating in person. Emails were sent weekly, but sometimes more often, and enabled everyone to stay in the loop with what was happening.

From January through May, our business portion of each of our monthly meetings was concise to allow ample time for our program speakers during the 45 minute we could be together. Once we began meeting again in September, we were able to enjoy meetings that included social time with refreshments, and expanded meeting time.

Topics for our programs have ranged from maintaining our health, especially our mental health, during times of stress, human trafficking, home fire and fall safety, the Gullah community before the bridge, veterans, and the sea turtles who nest on Hilton Head Island each year. In May, we had a special event where we took to the sea on a Salty Dog Cruise, enjoying the chance to be together again. In September, members were once again able to gather for our Potluck Dinner and our December meeting was a Christmas Party complete with food and a challenging Trivia Game.

While some members enjoyed a break over the summer months, the WOSF Board members, Commission and Committee Chairs all were busy planning for the 2021-2022 program year. In July, a training session was held to evaluate committee missions, bring new Chairs up to speed and make contingency plans for several of our events. Members of the Audit and Budget Committees met to create a budget that better reflects income and expenses and a way to let Chairs know where they are in their budget throughout the year. In addition, selections were made for the community organizations to receive donations from WOSF.

To better acquaint both new and existing members with our various projects and work, we held a Committee Marketplace before our October General Meeting where Committees could display their work and answer questions.

While new members are joining throughout the year, we have a Membership Drive in August to gather updated contact information for existing members, which allows us to create a Membership Directory and the Committee Interest form solicits new members. Committee Chairs have done an excellent job of integrating new volunteers into the work they do.

Under our Leadership Commission, we have liaisons to the Beaufort Deanery, the St. Francis Pastoral Council and the St. Francis School. Reports by these liaisons at our Board and General meetings keep members up to date on what is happening in the wider community.

Our Catholic Woman of the Year Nominating Committee has been busy, selecting Eleanor Bell as the WOSF Catholic Woman of the Year for 2021 and Eleanor was also selected as the Beaufort Deanery Catholic Woman of the Year. At our December Meeting, we announced the 2022 WOSF Catholic Woman of the Year and it is Kathy Struna.

Through the fundraising efforts of the Fashion Show and Soup for Scholarships, the Women of St. Francis were able to award 11 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to students at St. Francis School for the 2021-2022 school year, as well as providing funding for a number of parish related youth events. Donations were also made to 12 charitable organizations across the low country and one international, for their work with children, health, vulnerable populations, multicultural issues and Christian Fellowship. Additionally, we were able to respond to a special request to contribute financial assistance to Father Max's village in the Philippines that had been hit by three typhoons.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

In reviewing all that we have done in 2021, the most impactful activity that we accomplished was remaining as a community, making the accommodations necessary to be able to continue to meet and to go about our work. When restrictions were lifted, we restarted work that had been put on hold, expanded where we could and are looking forward to the future. Above all, recognizing God's hand in all that we do, supporting us as we lift others up.

Service/Community Activities

In April, the St. Clare Prayer Garden was officially dedicated in a ceremony with a blessing by the Reverend Michael J. Oenbrink, Pastor of St. Francis by the Sea. The carved Italian marble statue of St. Clare took nine months to make it to her new home in the Prayer Garden, which is nestled between the Church and the Family Center. This garden which honors our patroness St. Clare, is a beautiful addition to the St. Francis campus. Note cards featuring St. Clare and the garden were created to support on-going maintenance and landscaping of the garden.

The Blanket Makers Committee faced a crisis when the fleece kits used to make blankets for children and the military became too expensive. Instead of giving up, they pivoted and created blanket drives and included the whole parish in this project. In November, blankets were collected for the military, while in December donations of slumber sacks for kids were collected and distributed by Deep Well. Blanket drives in the future will include receiving blankets for babies and ones for the elderly.

The Angel Tree Committee reports that the parish responded with an outpouring of love and support in December, bringing in wrapped gifts and other items for distribution to families who will now have a brighter Christmas.

Although Covid put all activities on hold for months, our Elderly Outreach Committee is once again providing monthly birthday parties for residents of the Life Care Center as well as holiday parties complete with treats and gifts.

Since the Covid restrictions have been lifted, the WOSF Hospitality Committee is back in business and organized our Potluck Dinner in September, a Christmas Party in December as well as making

sure that we had refreshments at our monthly meetings. Just being together to socialize, chat with old friends while making new ones is an important part of our sense of community.

Two other committees that have an impact beyond our community are Cellphones for Soldiers, which collects cellphones, chargers and ear buds for our military, and On Going Collections, which collects items for a number of local organizations as well as for the Covenant Sewing Ministry to include in the boxes they send to Venezuela.

Service/Family Activities

The Women of St. Francis just wrapped an extremely successful Fashion Show and Luncheon on December 7th. A change in venue provided a beautiful backdrop for this event and more importantly allowed us to be at full attendance capacity. Between ticket sales, Silent and Live Auction items, Raffles for beautifully decorated Baskets, a couple of Gift Card Wreaths and the sale of the Christmas Tree Centerpieces, we realized our best revenue intake in the 16 years of hosting this event.

The other major fundraiser for WOSF is our Soup For Scholarships. While the actual event in March of 2021, where we would traditionally serve homemade soups, was cancelled due to the ongoing Covid restrictions, this committee organized an alternative fundraiser. For two weekends in March after all the Masses, committee members and volunteers sold our “ SOUPS, SALADS & BREADS “ cookbook, also giving away hand painted soup bowls with a soup recipe included, for a donation. This enabled the committee to replace event ticket sales to fund scholarships and also raised awareness for the upcoming 2022 event. The committee is currently at work painting new soup bowls and soliciting soup makers for next March.

When the Reception for First Communicants could not be held, WOSF members organized photographs at the St. Clare Statue for them and their families to celebrate their special day. The Spring Ice Cream Social for the PRE classes was cancelled as well, but in December, Santa stopped by to deliver treat bags to all the children.

The Caring Outreach Committee was able to continue their work of sending get well or sympathy cards to members and their families.

Service/International Activities

A fairly new project for WOSF is the Covenant Sewing Ministry, which sews clothing, hygiene kits and aprons for orphanages, schools and a hospital in Venezuela. Dedicated committee members gather twice a month to sew items desperately needed by these orphaned children, young girls and the elderly, some of the poorest of the poor. To assist the local community, the committee is now making wheelchair pocket bags and small pillows for the Life Care Center and seatbelt cushions for those who have had a mastectomy.

Service/Community, Family, International Special Project

In reviewing all that we have done in 2021, the most impactful activity that WOSF accomplished - whether it was for Family, Community or International - was remaining as a community and making the accommodations necessary to be able to continue to meet and to go about our work. When restrictions were lifted, WOSF members restarted work that had been put on hold, expanded where we could, and are looking forward to the future. Above all, recognizing God’s hand in all that we do, supporting us as we work to lift up others.

Women of St. James the Greater

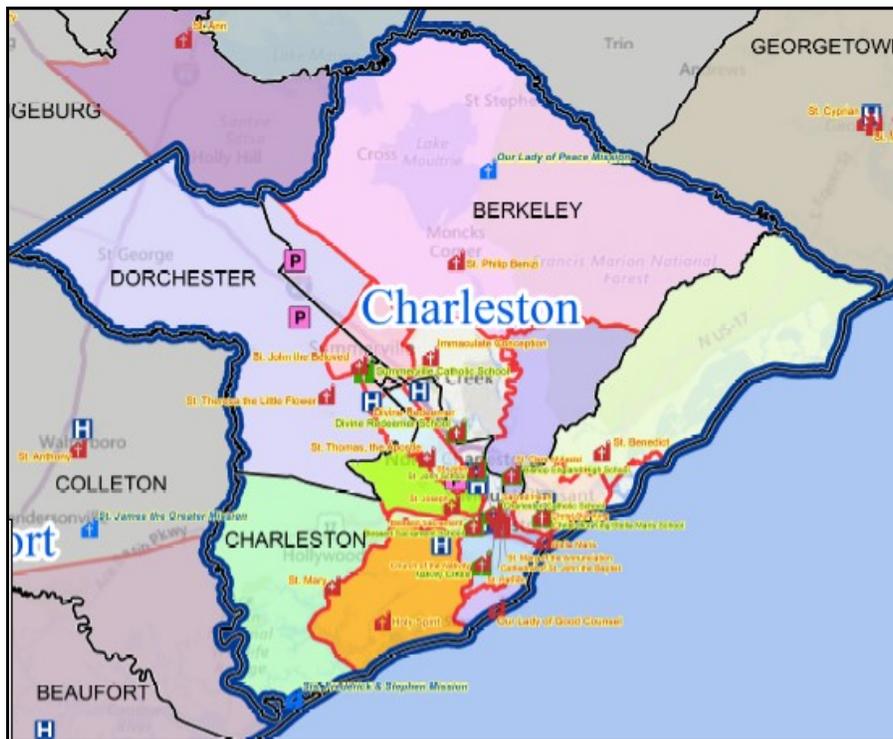
Spirituality/Church Activities

They did not have any meetings due to COVID until October where they hosted the Beaufort Deanery meeting. This was an event that was supposed to have been held during the 200th anniversary celebration of the diocese but had to be cancelled due to COVID. The ladies talked about the parish's history from plantation days, gave a tour of the church and grounds, showed the diocese's documentary on this area known as Catholic Hill and provided a scrumptious lunch- they do like to cook! The church went for 45 years without a priest yet the members kept up the Catholic faith.

Charleston Deanery

*St. John the Beloved Women's Guild,
St. John the Beloved Catholic Church,
Summerville
(No report submitted)*

*St. Patrick Women's Guild,
St. Patrick Catholic Church,
Charleston*



Charleston Deanery President's 2021 Year-End Report

**“I can do things you cannot and you can do things I cannot.
Together we can do great things” Mother Teresa**

Greetings Father Fabio Refosco, CO, VF, Sr. Sandra Makowski, SSMN, Members of South Carolina Council of Catholic Women and Friends:

It is my privilege to once again share my love and appreciation to our Charleston Affiliates - St. John the Beloved Women's Club and St. Patrick Women's Guild. You have done an awesome job continuing to serve our church and community through Leadership, Spirituality and Service. Even though we had to adjust our ways of meeting throughout the year in small gatherings and virtual teleconference calls, the ladies never stopped doing His works!

During 2020 and 2021 we had a tremendous task in the Pandemic and Covid-19. We made many contacts with our members, elderly, youth, and church families to make sure they were doing fine. Thank God we survived! However, on another note, it is with great sadness and understanding that our affiliate, St. John the Beloved, retired as a member of the Charleston Deanery on December 31, 2021. Thank you for your untiring commitment and loving presence that you gave in being our wonderful sisters over these many years.

St. John the Beloved Women's Club Activities for the Year 2021:

January began with a host of new officers as co-presidents Gayle Hizendager and Tori Walters were installed along with co-secretaries Barbara Brown and Barbara Burns.

Our Woman of the Year – Karen Hiott – was selected to represent the Charleston Deanery on the state level at the 2021 SCCCW Convention.

The Annual Valentine Luncheon and Bingo Party at Pine Ridge Elderly Housing community was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. As an alternative to the party, the club members voted to fill gift bags with candies, chips, cookies, and cards at the February meeting to deliver to the 74 residents of the community in lieu of the party. Handmade cards were sent to each resident every month for a total of 891 cards.

The Angel Tree Project sponsored by the Women's Club helped 41 families. Parishioners purchased clothing and toys for 228 children. Angel tags included requests for grocery store gift cards (\$300.00) and donations to St. Vincent de Paul (\$300).

Treasury funds were donated to the following organizations: Ancient Order of the Hibernians in SC to help support our seminarians, DCCO Home of Hope, DCCO Hope's House, Cross Catholic Children Ministry, DuBose Middle School, Help of Summerville, Meals on Wheels, SJB Food Pantry, Summerville Catholic School Scholarship Fund, and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

St. Patrick Women's Guild Activities for the Year 2021:

January began with President Marcella Holmes and Secretary Beverly Buford serving as SCCCW Service co-chairs. Barbara Y. Birds and Joan Mack, Past SCCCW Presidents, continue serving on the Board of the SCCCW.

During the entire year of 2021, St. Patrick Women held Virtual Club meetings which was very successful. They also sponsored their Annual Virtual Tea collecting \$2,562.22. The Guild donated \$500 to Dr. Marvella Ford Foundation at the Medical University of SC. Two hundred dollars (\$200) was also donated to the South Carolina Legal Services. These funds were to assist in purchasing school supplies.

For three months we supported the Charleston Neighborhood House Program by purchasing food and beverages to give to those in need. Monetary funds were also donated to the cause.

Two High School Graduating Students were rewarded \$250 each totaling \$500. Jalia Bennett, attending A&T University, and Tylene Powell, attending North Carolina University.

The Spirituality Church Commission and Chair, Beverly Buford, organized donated meals after the 5pm Sunday Mass for the College of Charleston University Newman Students. The Women's Guild Ladies prepared home cooked meals which was well received by all.

Leadership Commission Chair, Elease Amos-Goodwin has been very successful increasing Individual members to join the Guild. Our members have been very committed in supporting our activities, our youth, and SCCCW!

Beverly Buford and Marcella Holmes, SCCCW Commission Chairs, were again very successful in supporting the Cross Catholic Boxes of Joy. Many thanks for the gifts of joy keeping a smile on the faces of the children in the Children's Ministry.

- Elease Amos-Goodwin, thank you for the job well done on the SCCCW Resolution Committee.
- Joan Mack, job well done on chairing the SCCCW Nominations and Elections Committee.
- Donna Waring is the Charleston Deanery Catholic Woman of the Year for 2022. We are delighted to place her name now for the SCCCW Catholic Woman of the Year in March.
- Barbara Young Birds was invited to be on the cover of the National Council of Catholic Women's Magazine, March 2021 Edition. What a thrill! My topic was "How Can I Serve You".

Barbara Young Birds

Barbara Young Birds
Charleston Deanery President

St. Patrick Women's Guild

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

Members of the Guild and Parishioners are aware of and support bills in accordance with Catholic teachings on social justice. We are made cognizant of issues that may occur at any given time. Legislation on abortion ruling is in the forefront.

We have women in the parish who are members of the League of Women Voters and other political groups to promote justice for all. Several of our members work the polls during voting time. Voting information is available to all parishioners during the year. Members are encouraged to know their district and council members and engage in issues that affect their community. We are still challenged by the pandemic and encouraged to stay abreast of legislation that is ongoing such as the Clementa Pinckney Bill in SC H3620 that is in the Senate.

The Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) attracts many members of the Parish. This Organization is supported by 37 churches, Christian and Non-Christian, and non-profit organizations throughout the tri-county area. The main objective is to address problems that affect the communities. Resolution to the problems requires extensive research. We have approximately 50 parishioners who are network members or leaders. We continue to address the four problems that have been identified over the past two years with some positive results. In 2021, two additional problems identified in house meetings are healthcare in rural areas and environmental concerns. We have representation from our parish on several of these research committees. We have been meeting virtually and zoom to continue the mission of promoting justice in our communities. The Nehemiah Action in April with thousands present either virtual or in person will hold elected officials accountable to make effective change to resolve the issues affecting our communities.

Spirituality/Legislative Special Project

The Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) had the most impact. We are addressing problems that affect the communities, like housing, health care, and environmental concerns.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- Updated and provided Membership Directory to all members.
- Provided Guild Notebook with documents to new members—Guild and Deanery Bylaws, Membership Directory, Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Membership Solicitation Form, Budget, Commissions/Committee Assignment Roster
- Coordinated and facilitated committee to select Catholic Woman of the Year
- Chaired Nomination and Election Committee
- Identified members to run for office

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Due to the pandemic, we are unable to have in person meetings. The members of the Guild are excited to have teleconferences and zoom meetings to stay in touch with each other and handle the business of the Guild.

Service/Community Activities

Our members fulfill work under the Community Commission through the Blessing Box. The Blessing Box is in different communities throughout Charleston, N. Charleston, Goose Creek and James Island, and usually in areas with a lot of foot traffic. The box is labeled and anyone can pick up items they need. We fill the box with non-perishable food items as well as toothpaste, hand sanitizer, a warm hat or scarf.

Service/Community Special Project

The Blessing Box is most impacted by the community. It was well used and we continue to stock items in as many communities as we can to help others.

Service/Family Activities

Under the Family Commission category, members participated in the following projects/initiatives during the 2021 year:

- During the month of April, Christian Action Week, members assisted in the calling of Parish members to inquire about their welfare and asked if they were receiving the emails from the church. This initiative was important due to the pandemic causing social isolation and was supported by our Priest and the Parish.
- We also participated in the "Feed the Hungry" project at the Neighborhood House. Members took groceries to the organized drop off locations.
- Family Commission participated in our Annual Tea fundraiser, August 2021, by making donations to help in funding our annual programs.
- During December 2021, we participated in the Box of Joy Project by donating gift filled boxes for children and donating funds for the purchase of gifts along with fees for postage.
- Many of our members experienced illness personally and within their immediate family in addition to the challenges presented by the pandemic but we were able to participate to some degree in the programs of our beloved organization.

Service/Family Special Project

The most impacted was the "Feed the Hungry" project at the Neighborhood House where we dropped off groceries to the organized drop off locations.

Service/International Activities

Members supported the International Commission work through the 2021 Boxes of Joy, which we participate in yearly. With this project we serve children in need by packing boxes with toys, personal hygiene products, socks, gloves, clothes, games, and lots of love. Monetary donations were given, as well.

Service/International Special Project

Our most impactful activity for 2021 was participating in the Annual Cross Catholic Outreach yearly Boxes of Joy project.

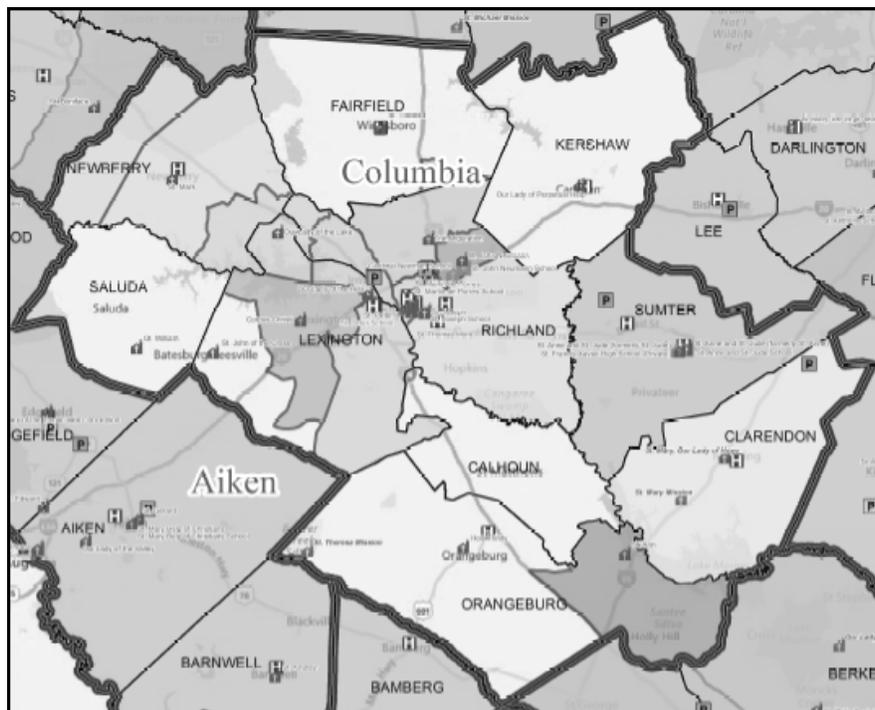
Columbia Deanery

*Corpus Christi Catholic Women's Group,
Corpus Christi Catholic Church,
Lexington*

*St. Joseph Women's Society,
St. Joseph Catholic Church,
Columbia*

*St. Martin de Porres Rosary Alter Society,
St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church,
Columbia*

*WinGs (Women in God's Service),
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church,
Chapin*



Columbia Deanery President's 2021 Year-End Report

This past year has been a trying time for all of us! COVID and the Pandemic has slowed down some of our efforts to provide services, however we continue to remain steadfast to our church and parish community. The affiliates of the Columbia Deanery have continued to remain active in Spirituality, Service and Leadership, despite the circumstances surrounding COVID. They provided needed service to the Church, community and parish families, while taking care of themselves and remaining as safe and healthy as possible. Here is a list of some of the services provided. We are so thankful to have these ladies in the Columbia Deanery, for they are ALL servers of God with a cheerful heart!

St. Martin de Porres

- Participated in webinars offered through the Diocese Catholic Ministries
- Family Game night
- Participated in the Walk for Life
- Made donations to Birthright of Columbia
- Prepared backpacks for Lighthouse for Life
- World of Prayer
- Made donation of health kits to Church Women United
- Zoom meetings monthly
- Representation on Parish Council
- Continue to keep Altar linens clean and cleaning of the Church
- Restock Soup Kitchen and serve lunches to homeless
- Serve at Repast
- Decorate the church for Christmas
- Serve on National Level of NCCW (National Council of Catholic Women)
- Members serve on Deanery and State level
- Recite the Rosary as a group monthly
- Completed **47 Boxes of Joy**

St Joseph Women's Society

- Members serve on state and Deanery level
- Held the "Devine Kitchens" fall sale as fundraiser
- Presented Birthright of Columbia a check in the amount of \$1,700.00 through generous donations from Parishioners
- Have a Rosary Ministry
- Clean the Church weekly
- Donated toiletries to Catholic Charities Clean of Hearts
- First Annual "Christmas Cheer", members of the Parish and ladies of the Parish were invited to join SJWS members for an evening of fellowship
- Participated in Birthright Prayer Warriors
- Provide food for the bereaved in the parish
- Prepared backpacks for Lighthouse for Life

Our Lady of the Lake

- Meet monthly
- Provide outreach for membership and brought on a new member
- Ornament sales
- Contacted local representatives to voice their concerns regarding Abortion
- Completed a Christmas card project
- Donated to Clean of Hearts
- Collecting and stuffing stockings for Clean of Hearts
- Involved in the Seafarer Ministry which provides compassion and relief to isolated mariners at Christmas
- Donated items to Heritage at Lowman House for bingo prizes
- Prepared backpacks for Lighthouse for Life

Corpus Christi

- Meet monthly via Google Meets
- Contributed \$300.00 to Oktoberfest
- Giving Tree Project and was able to donate up to \$2,500 in gifts and cards and donated to the men at the Goodman Dorm on Broad River Road in Columbia
- Held their first Face to Face gathering and 24 members were in attendance
- Supported Birthright by collecting items for the organization
- Prepared backpacks for Lighthouse for Life

I truly appreciate the work and devotion of our ladies and am sure the parishioners and others in each church community who have benefited from the many works of these awesome women and their talents also do...Thank You!

As I come to the end of my tenure as President, I wish for you all many blessings, love and Peace! May God continue to bless you for your work you do in the name of The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women It will never go unnoticed!

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Pygatt

Yvonne W. Pygatt, President
Columbia Deanery

Corpus Christi Catholic Women's Group

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Due to Covid restrictions this year our meetings were held the second Monday of each month via Google Meet.
- There was an Outreach Committee appointed monthly to send comfort packages and cards to our sick and struggling parishioners.
- Prayer requests are submitted at all meetings and also sent out by email to all members.
- Christmas Giving Tree to prison ministry was such a blessing to all the inmates. A prayer card bookmark and our prayer intentions were given to each male and female inmate. This was a very spiritual and touching event for the inmates and also the CCCW members who presented the items.
- We are hosting the Columbia Deanery Meeting on January 30, 2022 at 12:00 in the parish hall.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The Giving Tree project for Prison Ministries was the most rewarding activity. Members who delivered the items were so touched by the appreciation shown by the people involved. It was truly the Christmas spirit for those who are not as fortunate as we are. We plan to do this project again in 2022.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- Since this was an unusual year due to Covid our meetings were all held virtually.
- The new board was elected and did not start to serve immediately. Several meetings were jointly attended by the old board and the new board so that an easy transition was made. The new board felt comfortable at that time with the responsibilities for each officer.
- Documents and folders were shared on Google Drive so that all materials were readily available to past and current board members.
- Since many members and officers were not familiar with Google Meet, training was offered for all members and the board.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

The Google Meet training and virtual meetings were very valuable to all members. Many of our members did not feel comfortable attending fact to face meetings because of widespread Covid. This enabled everyone who wanted to be involved in the organization to stay up to date and involved.

Service/Community, Family, International Activities

- In September a gift of a spiritual keychain was given to each individual receiving Confirmation.
- In October we supported Birthright by collecting items for the organization. This organization helps women who are pregnant and in crisis.
- In October we contributed \$300 to the church-wide Octoberfest celebration. This was the first social gathering of our congregation because of Covid.

- At the November meeting we started our Giving Tree Christmas ministry.
- Through the Corpus Christi Catholic Women's parish-wide Christmas Giving Tree Project, we were able to donate 350 postage-paid envelopes, gift cards totaling \$2,500, and Christmas bookmarks to the women at the Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institution. We also provided 250 personal hygiene bags with Christmas cards and bookmarks to the men at the Goodman Dorm on Broad River Road. In addition, we have enough remaining personal care items to duplicate this donation to the Goodman Dorm once again during the Easter season. The donated travel-size items and other items that did not meet prison regulations were donated to the Corpus Christi Assistance Ministry.
- There was an Outreach Committee appointed monthly to send comfort packages and cards to our sick and struggling parishioners.
- Support was given to the Corpus Christi Assistance Ministry by contributing food and also plastic bags.
- We are hosting the Columbia Deanery Meeting on January 30, 2022 at 12:00 in the parish hall.

Service/Community, Family, International Special Project

- Since this was such an unusual year the Giving Tree project for Prison Ministries was the most rewarding activity. Members who delivered the items were so touched by the appreciation shown by the people involved. We plan to do this project again in 2022.
- The contribution to Birthright is also such a rewarding experience for all of our members.

St. Joseph Women's Society

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Participate in “Smite Kits” ministries. This ministry enables SJWS members to send cards or make calls to homebound members monthly.
- Participate in Birthright Prayer Warriors. SJWS members get emails requesting prayers for mothers-to-be who are struggling physically or emotionally with their pregnancies.
- SJWS members decorate the Church for Easter and Christmas as well as decorating the Christmas Tree at Church.
- Provide food for the bereaved of the parish...either a reception after Mass in the Ministries Building or meals taken to families' homes.
- Masses are requested for deceased family members and SJWS members who have passed.
- Because of COVID protocols, Monsignor Harris' annual Memorial Mass of Remembrance reception sponsored by the SJWS has not been able to take place. In lieu of the reception, the SJWS opted to pay towards the cost of the altar flowers.
- Attend weekly Adoration of the Holy Eucharist and Benediction.
- Members voted to designate \$1500 for three outreach programs – nationally and locally.
- Hosted a welcome reception after all Masses in September for Father Frei.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

Spirituality is an important part of all the SJWS ministries. This past year we have been able to collect and donate much needed items to “Clean of Heart” (Catholic Charities) twice. These items collected such as toiletries, gift cards, warm gloves have touched the lives of Columbia's homeless who are helped by Catholic Charities. We have all been so blessed with so much that being able to help those that are most in need of these simple items is not only heartwarming but spiritually uplifting.

“Cam's Caring Heart” has also impacted us as a group of Catholic women, mothers, sisters, daughters. Knowing that through our donations we are able to put a smile on a child's face and let a parent know that others care and are praying for their family has given the members of the SJWS much joy and peace.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Follow Legislative activity through the email promptings from the Diocese of Charleston.

Spirituality/Legislative Special Project

The SJWS Legislative committee chair keeps us updated on current legislative issues that impact us as Catholic women. The one issue that is concerning right now is the abortion issue going on in the Supreme Court. With all of us joining in prayer, we hope that this will be resolved in a manner God would want it to be.

Leadership/Organization Activities

Because of continued COVID protocols, we were unable to meet in January, 2021. Although we had to adjust our calendar we had a very successful, productive year. Our members work tirelessly for our ministries both at church and in the community.

- In February we had our monthly meeting. This was our second annual “Share the Love” get together where members donated items for Catholic Charities “Clean of Heart”. Through our members’ generosity we were able to once again this year donate two carloads of toiletry items to Clean of Heart”, our Diocesan ministry for the homeless.
- The SJWS continues to have members that serve on the Affiliate, Deanery, and State levels.
- Through the generosity of the SJWS members and parishioners, we were able to present Birthright of Columbia with a check for \$1700 and two carloads of baby items. This is one of our yearly outreach projects and one that helps mothers-to-be with some of their needs.
- The annual “from the Devine Kitchens” fall sale was offered online again this year. Our members made casseroles, baked goods, canned items, and crafts for the sale. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and through everyone’s hard work and generosity, the SJWS made approximately \$4700. This is the highest total in the past five years. The money raised through this sale is used for the SJWS outreach programs and also a donation is made to Monsignor Harris to use for parish needs.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Members of the St. Joseph Women’s Society (SJWS) are leaders in all that they do and continue doing to support our efforts and ministries.

One of the most important activity the SJWS participated in was “Cam’s Healing Heart”. Our Affiliate Secretary, Rebecca Rotureau, had a baby boy, Cam, in January. Cam was hospitalized at Prism Children’s Hospital in Columbia in the ICU/PICU unit. Cam spent the first three months of his life in the hospital and through God’s grace, many prayers, and the incredible kindness of the medical staff at Prism Children’s Hospital he was able to go home and is healthy today. While in the hospital Cam was baptized in a beautiful christening gown, which had been made especially for the ICU/PICU unit patients.

This incredible series of events inspired the SJWS members to collect needed items, including hand-made baby christening gowns and baby pillows to pay it forward for the patients (newborn-age 18) in the unit...hence, “Cam’s Caring Heart”.

The SJWS members are so blessed to be Sisters in Christ!

Service/Community, Family, International Activities

- SJWS members collected toiletry items in February to “Share the Love”. All items were donated to Catholic Charities for the “Clean of Heart” ministry.
- One of our members is heading up the “Make a Rosary” ministry. All rosaries are made and sent to mission churches in Africa and Latin American countries. The SJWS has begun to make monetary contributions to enable this ministry to purchase materials for the rosaries and for shipping cost. We have a few SJWS members participating in making the rosaries.
- “Cam’s Caring Heart” ministry enabled the SJWS members to donate much needed items to the Prisma Children’s Hospital ICU/PICU units.

- Birthright of Columbia was gifted with \$1700 and two carloads of baby items thanks to the generosity of SJWS members and the St. Joseph Church parishioners.
- In August we celebrated our second annual “Women 2 Women” Last Call Before Fall event. This is an evening of fellowship, sisterhood, and fun for the SJWS and all ladies of the parish.
- In December the SJWS sponsored the first annual “Christmas Cheer”. All ladies of the parish were invited to join the SJWS members for an evening of refreshments, fellowship, games, and giving! We asked attendees to bring items (gloves, deodorants, gift cards) to donate to Catholic Charities. Sister Angelita has put together Christmas gift bags for the homeless.
- SJWS members clean the church weekly and also wash and press the altar linens.

Service/Community Special Project

“Cam’s Caring Heart” is one of the activities that meant the most to the SJWS. Being able to donate much needed items for the children in the ICU/PICU units at Prisma Children’s Hospital was something that touched each of us as Catholic women, mothers, sisters, daughters. Knowing the care and love the medical staff shows these children and families inspired the SJWS to contribute items that would bring joy to so many children.

Service/Family Special Project

Working together to acquire monetary donations as well as baby items for Birthright of Columbia was a heartwarming and touching activity for the SJWS. It is a blessing to know that through our efforts there will be new moms who will be able to pick our clothes and other baby items for their newborns.

Service/International Special Project

Through our efforts to make monetary donations to the “Make a Rosary” ministry, the SJWS will ensure that Rosaries are sent to children and adults to missions in Africa and Latin American countries.

St. Martin de Porres Rosary Alter Society

Spirituality/Church Activities

Due to Covid restrictions our services were limited. However, we still managed to serve in the areas of Church and Legislative in the following ways:

- Continue to keep the Altar linen clean
- Serve as lectors during Mass
- Provide support to the church school by serving as Volunteer readers
- Teach CCD Classes
- Teach and prepare children for First Communion
- Help restock the Soup Kitchen
- Pack lunch and serve for Soup Kitchen
- Gave donation to the Priest, Deacon and School for Christmas
- Gave donation to School
- Provide meal for Vacation Bible Study
- Serve meal for Repast
- Shared updates from NCCW during the RAS monthly meetings
- Crowning of Mary
- Decorated the church for Easter and Christmas

Spirituality/Church Special Project

One activity that meant the most to the members was the continued service to the church in terms of making sure the Altar was clean and providing teaching to the young children and getting them prepared for First Communion, while making sure we were in accordance with the Covid Guidelines.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Continued to share updates regarding elections and contact information for Legislature in State and Senate.
- One member of the RAS serves on the Legislative and Advocacy Committee for NCCW and wrote two (2) articles on obtaining information regarding legislative issues around the world and in the Nation.

Spirituality/Legislative Special Project

The one thing that stands out in Legislative service is the fact that a member of the RAS served on the NCCW Legislative and Advocacy Committee and was able to share firsthand information regarding legislative issues being shared by the US Congress of Bishops on a monthly basis. Also, that our member wrote two (2) articles sharing information regarding contacting your Legislators. This information was published in the Catholic Woman Magazine in 2021 and seen by Catholic Women and others around the world.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- Served as officers of the Columbia Deanery
- Hosted and participated in Deanery meetings and projects
- Participated in South Carolina Council of Catholic Women activities
- South Carolina Council of Catholic Women board members
- Attended South Carolina Council of Catholic Convention
- Served on National Council of Catholic Women Nominating Committee
- Represented at National Council of Catholic Women National Convention
- Representation on Parish Council
- RAS Zoom meetings

Leadership/Organization Special Project

The leadership activity that meant the most was being able to continue regular meetings via zoom. This enabled us to maintain our commission activities and involvement in RAS, SCCCW and the NCCW.

Service/Community Activities

- Walk for Life
- Birthright of Columbia
- Doubled donations to Catholic Charities through Boxes of Joy project
- Donation to Deanery Projects
- Donations to Church Women United for homeless projects
- Prepared backpacks for Lighthouse For Life

Service/Community Special Project

The **Community** project that meant the most to us was collecting items for the local shelter for victims of domestic violence.

Service/Family Activities

- Parishioners and youth participated in Catholic workshops and webinars offered through the Diocese Catholic Ministries for CCD and Confirmation.
- Parishioners, youth and school celebrated Black History Month
- The youth of church in grades Pre-K through high school participated in CCD classes weekly after Sunday Mass.
- Youth game night
- The junior high and high school students participated in service projects

Service/International Activities

- World Day of Prayer
- Made donations to Church Women United health kit project in lieu of the kits(as requested)
- Donation to Catholic Charites through Boxes of Joy Project

Service/Family, International Special Project

Our **family and international** activity that meant the most to us was participation in Catholic Charites “Boxes of Joy” project for children around the world. Children and families of St. Martin School, our youth group, and members of RAS filled 47 boxes (almost doubling last year’s donations) with toys and essential items. We really appreciated the opportunity to share blessings with others during these stressful times. It was joyful to be able to bring happiness to children during Christmas time.

WinGs

(Women in God's Service—Our Lady of the Lake)

Spirituality/Church Activities

- WinGs has incorporated “Spiritual Spotlight” into our monthly meetings. This is a time when a member provides a glance at interesting places, possible things to do or a particular prayer need, on a local, national or international level.
- WinGs continues to have ornament sales to parishioners and the community from our beautiful stained glass windows which represent the joyful mysteries.
- WinGs members have been encouraged to let their voices be heard in the fight against abortion by contacting local representatives.
- WinGs members have joined in on the rosary call.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

- Ornament sales to parishioners and the community
- Prayerful intentions against abortions

Leadership/Organization Activities

- Two members of the WinGs affiliate attended the National Council of Catholic Women Convention in Washington, D.C. this year. They brought back valuable information regarding future ideas and endeavors for WinGs to take on.
- WinGs continues to grow and develop and meets monthly to stay organized and mission focused. WinGs recently brought on a new member and we continue to provide outreach for membership on a regular basis.
- WinGs has a member who is the Vice-President of the Columbia Deanery.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

- WinGs continues to meet throughout the pandemic via ZOOM and the level of involvement and motivation continues to be very high.

Service/Community, Family Activities

- WinGs continues with ornament sales to parishioners and the community. The ornaments are a series and the 2021 is the second in a six part series. The ornaments are images of the beautiful stained glass windows of the Joyful Mysteries in our Lady of the Lake Church in Chapin.
- WinGs completed an Easter Card project for the senior residents at the Heritage at Lowman Senior Campus.
- WinGs is also planning a Christmas Card project for the senior of the Heritage at Lowman as well.
- WinGs has donated monies to the Lighthouse for Life which addresses human trafficking.
- WinGs has donated time and items to Catholic Charities “Clean of Heart” project and to the

- clothing closet. Additionally, WinGs will have a stocking cap program for Catholic Charities as well.
- WinGs anticipates working with the prison outreach program when it becomes available again.

Service/Community, Family Special Project

- The ornament sales represented a deeper understanding of the Joyful Mysteries for families in the parish and the community.
- The cards for the senior residents at the Heritage at Lowman was a very special event for the group which supported our community well.

Service/International Activity

- WinGs is involved in a Seafarer ministry which provides compassion and relief to isolated mariners at Christmas. The project includes filling boxes with much needed personal items such as toiletries as well as a personal message of God's love for them. The boxes are being delivered to the Port of Charleston for distribution. WinGs filled 50 boxes.

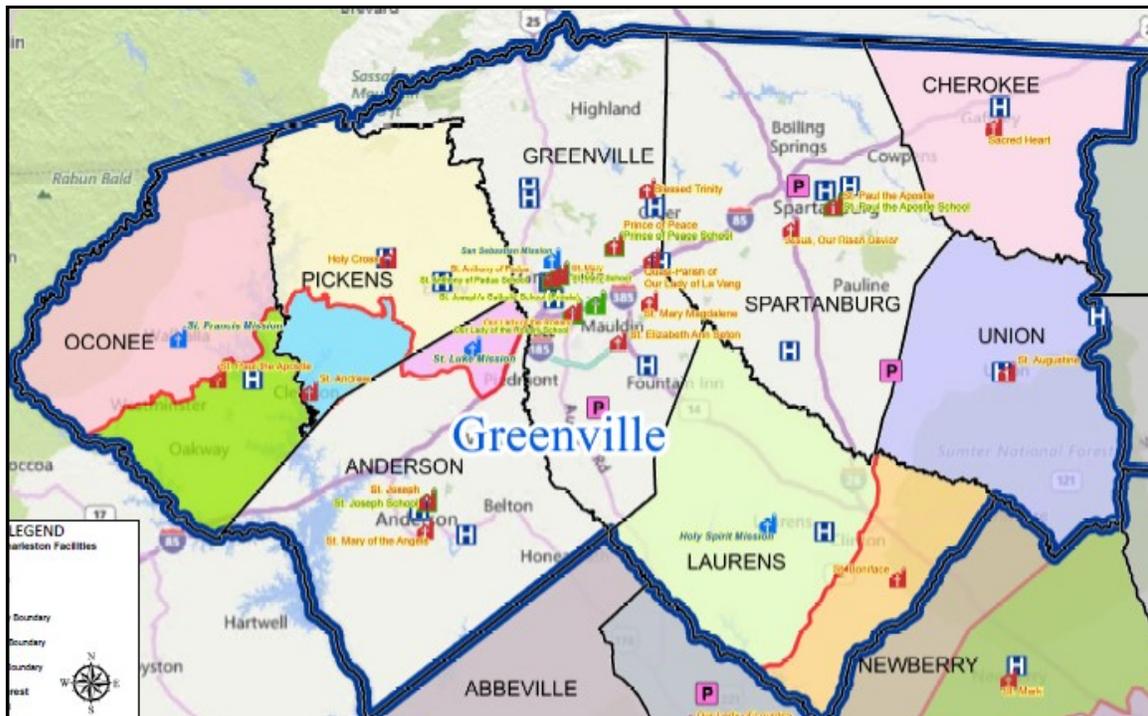
Service/International Special Project

- The Seafarer donation was a great event that was international in scope for sailors from around the world.

Greenville Deanery

*St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council,
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church,
Greenville*

*St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women,
St. Mary's Catholic Church,
Greenville*



The Greenville Deanery now includes Newberry County, however, map has not been updated by the Diocese, yet.

Greenville Deanery President's 2021 Year-End Report

The Greenville Deanery consists of the membership from two affiliated parish councils and individual members from six unaffiliate parishes. Both affiliate members and individual members were heavily involved in Council leadership and activities throughout 2021. Three of the five Deanery officers are individual members.

The Deanery Board and membership met three times throughout the year. The Board met informally during July to formulate activities for the fiscal year. A Deanery Directory was published that included the Deanery mission statement, the Bylaws, important dates, the Deanery timeline for operation, names of all members listed by affiliate and individual membership, forms, archival information and much more. It was distributed to all members. A Deanery newsletter was sent to all members in July and another in November. A Church Without Walls project identified 20 families in need. The deanery provided toiletries and household items to the 20 families over a period of four months. The Deanery sponsored a webinar on 'Open Wide Our Hearts'. A beautiful set of 12 note cards honoring of St. Joseph was created and sold. A project that promoted evangelization offered for sale t-shirts with "Our Father" printed on the front of the shirt. Periodic flash events were scheduled in downtown Greenville where the "Our Father" was sung by participants wearing the shirt. A most generous Christmas basket was given a grandmother who has responsibility for her 6 grandchildren. Many boxes were donated to the Seafarer's project and hand-made items were sent to be included in Boxes of Joy. A number of members participated in decorating a tree for the Bon Secours Festival of Trees. Holy Face Billboards were contracted and a donation was sent to support the Light and Life Foundation in India.

Activities of both parish councils in the Greenville Deanery are presented below. Their many contributions were meaningful, beneficial, and exemplary.

St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council: Under the splendid leadership of President Delores Martinez, St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council:

- Met on the 1st Sunday of each month beginning in August.
- Planned and approved the budget and calendar of activities for the year.
- Showcased a different Hispanic saint at each meeting and recited a prayer to the saint.
- Donated 2 gift baskets of over \$100 each for the school gala and auction.
- Raised and donated \$3,034 to the St. Martin Home for Children in Zambia, Africa.
- Provided teachers and students in all seven levels of St. Anthony School with school supplies through a 'Back to School Project'.
- Instituted a Prayer Partner program to keep members engaged.
- Encouraged use of parliamentary procedure at each meeting and provided content.
- Distributed pamphlets on Sickle Cell Anemia during September in observance of Sickle Cell Awareness month.
- Sent 69 new and/or used bras to Bra Recyclers in Arizona to be refurbished and distributed to needy women in observance of Breast Awareness month (October).
- Provided 5 needy families in the parish with a generously filled Thanksgiving basket of food and another 5 needy families with a similar Christmas basket of food.
- Collected and donated scarfs, hats, gloves, and socks to the St. Anthony of Padua Church food pantry.
- Held a Christmas luncheon.
- Provided meals for families following funeral Masses.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women: Under the superb leadership of President Karoline O'Rourke, St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women:

- Met on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- Finalized the calendar and budget for the year.
- Prepared and distributed a SMCCW Directory of members that included needed information and pictures of members.
- Offered an excellent retreat featuring Linda Jackson on the book "Return"
- Promoted 40 Days for Life activities.
- Held a very successful bake sale.
- Offered for sale a beautiful ornament that replicated a stained-glass window at St. Mary's Church.
- Met in August to brainstorm activities for the new fiscal year and to complete the calendar of activities for the year.
- Organized a coat drive to benefit DSS children.
- Continued to recruit members and involve younger members in leadership positions.
- Provided a 'meet and greet' for the new members on Aug.10.
- Published a St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women cookbook in early 2021 and continued the sale of the cookbooks during 2021.
- Participated in the Boxes of Joy and Seafarer's programs.
- Donated money to provide a Generations Group Home Star Party at the Movies.
- Decorated a tree in the Bon Secours Festival of Trees under the name of SMCCW.
- Donated bag lunches for participants in the Home Works program. Funds were provided by the generous member.
- Invited Kathy Schmutge to speak at the October meeting and Michael Acquilano to speak at the November meeting..
- Had representation at the Nov. 20 'Our Father' flash event.
- Through the sewing ministry, donated scrunchies and dresses for Boxes of Joy.
- Through St. Anne's Stitchery, donated hats for Seafarer's boxes and for Boxes of Joy.
- Gave to the sisters at the St. Clare Monastery hats, scarfs, and afghans handmade by the St. Anne's Stitchery.
- Donated Christmas gifts to Clergy of St. Mary's Church and sisters at the Monastery.
- Had representation at each of the 'Our Father T-Shirt' flash events.
- Held a Christmas luncheon.
- Offered live streaming of some meetings using a phone which led to investigating the purchase of a Zoom pack for the year.
- Presented a \$1,000 College Scholarship Award to a graduating high school female parishioner.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Yockey

Veronica Yockey, President
Greenville Deanery

St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council

Spirituality/Church Activities

The Church Committee of the Spirituality Commission of the St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council had one ongoing project throughout 2021. At each monthly meeting of the Council, a Saint of the Month was introduced, a bit about his/her work was presented along with a prayer. Emphasis was on Hispanic saints to increase awareness of the number of Hispanics that have been canonized.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The activity that was most meaningful was the introduction of a Hispanic Saint at each meeting of the Council with a prayer to that saint said by the membership. This ongoing activity increased awareness of Hispanic saints among attendees at meetings and it highlighted their many contributions throughout the world.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

Frequent updates were given on SC legislative committee considerations of bills or actual bills coming before the SC Legislature.

Leadership/Organization Activities

The Organization Committee of the Leadership Commission of the St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council were involved in the following activities during 2021.

The Committee Chair:

- Encouraged proper parliamentary procedure in the affiliate meetings.
- Encouraged proper meeting decorum to ensure smoothly run meetings.
- Encouraged revision of by-laws.
- Shared information from NCCW Convention.
- Encouraged affiliate members to attend both the NCCW and SCCCW Conventions

The Membership Committee sponsored a "Prayer Partner" program. The purpose was to keep members engaged on a personal and spiritual basis. Each member of the organization was paired with another member for prayer and support.

Planned events follow:

- At monthly meetings, members were encouraged to find ways to interact with their Prayer Partner on a personal level.
- Prayer Partners reported that they met for coffee, some met for walks in the park, while others kept in touch with greeting cards and phone calls.
- For Easter, one set of partners prepared small 'pamper me' bags for the ladies at Step-By-Step Ministry, a local transitional house for women.
- In July, Debra Drennon facilitated a mini retreat based on "The Woman With An Issue of Blood" from the Gospels of Mark and Luke. It was well received.
- Prayer Partners exchanged Christmas gifts and continue to stay connected.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

ORGANIZATION: The activity that meant the most to members was that of teaching about and encouraging proper parliamentary procedure during meetings. That kept meetings running smoothly. In addition, it provided a knowledge base for those who wanted to continue in leadership.

MEMBERSHIP: The Prayer Partner program had the greatest impact on participants for it drew individuals together who may not have known each other previously to develop a personal, caring relationship with spiritual dimension within the Council structure.

Service/Community Activities

The Community Committee coordinated the following activities during 2021:

- Members collected school supplies for students at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic school.
- Pamphlets on Sickle Cell Anemia were distributed and individuals were encouraged to make marrow donations in September as that was Sickle Cell Awareness Month.
- Assisted in organizing and providing bake goods for the Annual Advent Wreath, Candle, and Bake Sale in November.
- Ruffled a Fall Basket that netted \$877. The proceeds from the raffle were given to the Gala Committee that raised money for the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School
- Provided 14 throws, 57 pairs of men's gloves, 68 scarves, 46 hats, 20 blankets and 275 pairs of socks to the St. Anthony Church Food Pantry for distribution to individuals who come to the Pantry. This project is ongoing throughout each year.

Service/Community Special Project

The Community Activity that has the greatest impact on the area surrounding St. Anthony of Padua Church is that of making donations to needy individuals who come to the Food Pantry requesting food and items to keep them warm during the winter months.

Service/Family Activities

The Family Committee gave to each of five needy families in the parish a large basket of food that would feed six for a Christmas dinner. It included all makings for a dinner including a large ham and a turkey.

Service/Family Special Project

The Family Committee activity that had the greatest impact was that of distributing a basket of food for a Christmas Dinner to five needy families in the St. Anthony of Padua parish.

Service/International Activities

The International Committee raised \$3,034 through a bake sale and other means that was given to the St. Martin Children's Home in Zambia, Africa. The home is run by Sister Petronella Luvanga of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist order. The orphanage is located in the home country of the Pastor of

St. Anthony of Padua. The Children's Home cares for 24 orphans ranging in age from infancy to fifteen years.

Service/International Special Project

The most profound activity of the International Committee was that of working together to raise money through a bake sale to benefit an orphanage and sending the profit of \$3,034 to the St. Martin Children's Home in Zambia, Africa. The home is at present caring for 24 children ranging in ages from infancy to fifteen years. The Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua is from Zambia and has first-hand knowledge of the fine work of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist in running the Home.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Spirituality/Church Activities

The Church Committee of the Spirituality Commission of the St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women supported the following activities during 2021. It:

- Provided a trifold display with information on the SMCCW at the St. Mary's Church Ministries Fair
- Encouraged members to participate in the 40 Days for Life Spring 2021 Campaign
- Encouraged members to participate in the 40 Days for Life Fall 2021 Campaign
- Sponsored a Fall Retreat given by Linda Jackson, director of Catechesis at St. Mary's Catholic Church, on the excellent book titled *Return: How to Draw your Child Back to the Church* by Brandon Vogt. It was very well received.
- Assisted with set-up and serving at a reception for individuals making their Confirmation and attendees after the service at St. Mary's Church.
- Encouraged the observance of Advent by distributing a flier with ideas for advent activities.
- Lead the Rosary before all SMCCW Meetings

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The activity that had the most impact on members of the affiliate was the Retreat given by Linda Jackson, director of Catechesis at St. Mary's Catholic Church, on the excellent book titled *Return: How to Draw your Child Back to the Church* by Brandon Vogt. The presentation covered many of the reasons why people have left the church and gave guidance for how to draw them back. The hearts of many parents are saddened because their children have either rejected the faith or have become inactive. This retreat provided comfort and information that gave hope.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

The Council operated without a Legislative Chair this year. However, a guest speaker provided an update on many of the legislative issues that were of interest regionally.

Leadership/Organization Activities

ORGANIZATION: As chair of the Organization Committee, I assisted the President in executing events throughout the year. They follow:

- maintained supplies needed for meetings.
- organized the sign up of volunteer to provide food for monthly meetings.
- spearheaded the set up and clean up for monthly meetings.
- organized the sign up of volunteers to help with bake sales.
- set up the facility for two bake sales.
- assisted with the sale of our affiliate's Cookbook and its rollout.
- organized the sign up of volunteer to provide food for deanery meetings.
- spearheaded the set up for and clean up afterward for deanery meetings.
- assisted in planning and setting up for annual May Luncheon.
- assisted in planning and setting up for annual Christmas Luncheon.

- assisted in keeping the Council storage cabinets organized.
- assisted in keeping the linens used at meetings cleaned and organized.
- spearheaded the organization and set up for the funeral reception for the spouse of a member.
- assisted the President as needed.
- attempted to decrease the use of disposable items when possible.

Additional Council activities and resources that assure the successful organization and management of the council follow:

Recognition: The affiliate Catholic Woman of the Year is selected by a selection committee in the spring and announced at the annual May Luncheon. A CWOY medal is given to the recipient. A scholarship is advertised in the Church bulletin, applications are received from young women in the parish, a recipient is determined by way of a blind review, and a \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to the recipient at the Spring Luncheon. A Christmas Angel, one who is an exemplary Council worker, is selected by the Council President and is recognized with the gift of an angel pin at the Christmas Luncheon.

Resource: The most valuable resource to the membership that the Council provides is an annual SMCCW Directory. It is indexed and it includes elected officers, the spiritual advisor, members of the Board of Directors, a calendar of events, policies, bylaws, standing rules, past presidents, past CWOY recipients, past Christmas Angels, photo directory of members, membership forms, and much more!

Meetings: Vibrant, stimulating, and efficient monthly meetings attract and keep members. Meetings are conducted according to parliamentary procedure. Name badges are worn. New members are recognized. The meeting room is decorated and refreshments are served. Council projects are presented and voted on by the membership. Lastly and most important, interesting speakers are invited to share information on relevant topics.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

As members like to enjoy a lunch of delectable food during or after a meeting, I feel that the activity that meant the most to the affiliate was the coordination of volunteers to provide food for meetings and events. A food event brings people together. It provides a time for socialization and of course esteem building for the cooks of delicious food are lavishly complimented.

Service/Community Activities

The Community Committee of the St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women participated in the following activities:

- Hosted at Generation Home for Boys Star Party on 4/16/21. (A facility/program for sexually abused young boys.)
- Hosted a Generations Home for Boys Star Party on 9/24/21.
- Collected and delivered needed items to the Generations Home for Boys and Catholic Charities Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.
- Hosted a "Baby Shower" Pot Luck Dinner to support Catholic Charities' Mother's Closet
- Put in the parish bulletin a message encouraging parishioners to donate blood.
- Coordinated throughout the year the collection of thousands of pull tabs to help St. Mary's School
- Collected throughout the year thousands of card fronts for St. Jude's Ranch for Children.
- Collected throughout the year toiletries for various shelters including Catholic Charities' Mobile

Shower Unit.

- Distributed bibs, burp cloths, and other baby supplies to Birthright of Greenville and baby blankets and tote bags to Catholic Charities that were made by members of the Sewing Ministry.
- Distributed knitted and crocheted hats, scarfs, and afghans to Catholic Charities and the Sisters at St. Clare's Monastery, and baby items to Birthright that were all made by St. Anne's Stitchery.
- The Council members decorated a tree at the St. Francis Festival of Trees using ornaments created by members of the Council.

Service/Community Special Project

Providing materials for the Generations Star Party was very meaningful for our Counsel as we were helping young men who are working very hard to overcome many issues which could affect their futures. The Star Party rewards good behavior and making good choices and lets the young men know that there are people in the world who care about them and want them to succeed.

Service/Family Activities

- Collected 300 recipes from members: current and past and published a Cookbook during the pandemic when other fundraisers were not possible. We have recouped our expenses and are producing a profit at present. Cookbooks are \$20.
- The Family Committee collected toiletries to support the Deanery Christmas Basket Project.
- The Family Committee collected toiletries for a Christmas basket to be given to a grandmother who by herself carries the full responsibility of raising 6 grandchildren.

Service/Family Special Project

The most meaningful activity was contributing material items such as toiletries for a Christmas basket to be given to a grandmother who by herself carries the full responsibility of raising 6 grandchildren. The activity instilled in the participating members how blessed they were and how such acts of kindness can be a lifesaver for another in need.

Service/International Activities

- Boxes of Joy - We collected over 35 Boxes of Joy; St. Anne's Stitchery crocheted and knitted hats and scarves to accompany the boxes; The Sewing Ministry created scrunchies to accompany the boxes
- SeaFarer's Christmas at Sea - with the assistance of the Hibernians we collected over 150 boxes which were distributed to the seafarers at the Port of Charleston, SC; St. Anne's Stitchery knitted and crocheted hats and scarves for the seafarers.

Service/International Special Project

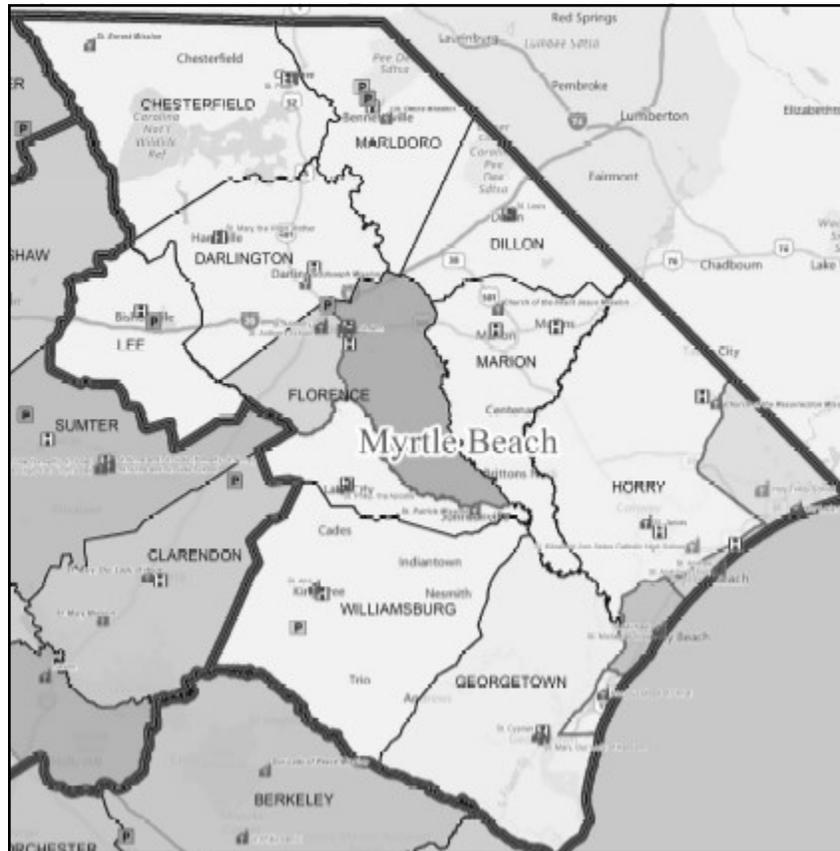
Decorating a Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees was very meaningful. The ornaments were made with a group of members offering fellowship we don't usually get during our meetings. This year our tree was located in front of a painting which accentuated the ornaments and our tree topper. Decorating the tree also offered fellowship, cooperation and working together toward a goal.

Myrtle Beach Deanery

*Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies Guild,
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church,
North Myrtle Beach*

*St. Andrew Women's Club,
St. Andrew Catholic Church,
Myrtle Beach*

*St. James Ladies Guild,
St. James the Younger Catholic Church,
Conway*



Myrtle Beach Deanery President's 2021 Year-End Report

Myrtle Beach Deanery had a rough beginning with coming to an end with the pandemic. A retreat was planned in January, "Who Do You Say I Am", but was canceled as the speaker was not comfortable being around crowds.

Our service project "Purses for Pride" went very well, over 1000 purses were distributed to women in need. The project was to collect old purses in good condition and fill them with toiletries, scarves, gloves etc., plus a rosary. The purses were then taken to shelters, violence shelter, schools for teens, and soup kitchen, A rosary and a book on how to say the rosary were put in some. Maybe it would bring them hope and prayer.

People were very generous with Boxes of Joy again this year. We managed to collect 456 boxes to distributed to the children.

We had guest speakers at our meetings this year. We had a women from Catholic Charities and informed members about Catholic Charities and what they do. We had a speaker from J.O.Y in Surfside Beach who runs a program for disabled adults and children. The program has many activities such as games, arts and crafts, even a drama club for the clients. This gets them out of the home and gives the caregiver some free time and they can interact with others. Our last speaker was from Fostering Hope. This program helps children who are being moved out of their home. When a child is placed out of their own home, and in some cases in an emergency, they bring nothing with them but the clothes on their back. So this program helps them get those things we take for granted as well as hope that there is a better life for them.

Our Affiliates have been keeping busy trying to get membership up as well as back together. The ladies never gave up and if they could do anything from home to help then it was done.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Maggio

Jane Maggio, President
Myrtle Beach Deanery

Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies Guild

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Ongoing:
 - Members participate in serving the church by taking part in Bible Study, serving as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, taking Communion to home bound, Ushers, prayer chains, and Grand Strand Citizens for Life.
 - Members make rosaries to distribute; make prayer shawls for the sick; hats & scarves for homeless; lap robes for local nursing home; blankets for babies; and so much more.
 - Members attend rosary before funeral services for members of the parish. Attend funerals for members of parish. When a member of the Guild passes, a candle light vigil is held for the procession to walk through to the final resting place.
 - Many members have been corresponding and sending cards to residents in nursing homes.
 - Every year we have a Christ Child baby shower where members of the parish are asked to participate by bringing in baby items which we deliver to the Felician sisters in Kingstree.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

Candle Light Vigil for our deceased members is our way of sending our member through the light with love and respect from members. A Pascal candle is lit for funerals to denote the appearance of the light out of darkness through the Resurrection. So, in turn, we line up in the center aisle with candles lit before Father's final blessing. Then the procession goes through our lighted path. We then follow at the end if they are being put in the columbarium for her final resting place. Families and friends are deeply touched with the love and support we give with the ceremony.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Ongoing:
 - participate in Catholics Freedom of Religion
 - encourage people to vote and participate in elections.

Leadership/Organization Activities

Organization:

- Mentoring board members
- Attending deanery meetings and retreats
- Speakers at meetings such as Bonnie O'Brien, N. Myrtle Beach Women's Club, Grace Williams and Mary Hager for Current Transitions
- Hosted Deanery meeting

Membership:

- Zoom meetings were held when we were unable to meet in person. A copy of the Minutes was sent all member. Those who do not have computer access get a copy mailed to them.
- Revised Membership Book
- Organized our end-of-the-year Christmas party which is when a check for the proceeds from the annual craft fair is given to Father Ray.

Public Relations:

- All meetings and events are posted in the church bulletin.
- Several Quilts of Valor are made by members each year and presented to those who have served in the military. Name recommendations are supplied by the Quilt of Valor Foundation.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Having guest speakers from different organizations has helped many members. The variety of organizations has helped make our members aware of the help that is needed in our own community and important information for us, in general. For example, how to handle different types of emergencies and how to take care of personal issues for ourselves and our spouses. We are very fortunate that people are willing to come out and talk to us.

Service/Community Activities

- Collecting purses and toiletries for Deanery project, "Purses for Pride", and donating them to those in need.
- Craft fair fundraiser which raised \$15,000 and was given to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.
- Donated: Bold and Beautiful Wigs for Cancer, Coastline Women's Center, coats for Kids, Current Transitions, Family Justice Center, Felician Center, OLSS Outreach Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Veteran's Welcome Center, Mobile Meals of the North Strand, Camp Kemo, Quilt of Valor, Holy Trinity Catholic School, and 3 scholarship awards to graduating students.

Service/Community Special Project

Meetings during the beginning of the year were zoom meetings. Although we were not meeting in person, the ladies were still working at home making lap robes, prayer shawls, hat and scarves, so they used their time to serve the church and others. Every year we have a craft fair and all the proceeds go to our church. This year was the largest donation of \$15,000 given to Father Ray.

Service/Family Activities

- Three scholarship awards were given to graduating students
- Donation to Holy Trinity Catholic School

Service/Family Special Project

We were able to present 3 scholarship awards to graduating students to further their education.

Service/International Activities

- Donation sent to sponsor child, Emerita, through Unbound, a non-profit sponsorship organization.
- Boxes of Joy project

Service/International Special Project

The International project which meant the most to us was sponsoring Emerita, who is now a young adult. We have sponsored her for many years and watched her grow. She also corresponds with us.

St. Andrew Women's Club

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Ongoing - members take part in the church Bible Study program, serve as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, Ushers, at Prayer Chains, Grand Strand Citizens for Life
- Ongoing – make rosaries for distribution
- Ongoing – members attend funeral masses for members of our parish
- Ongoing – run and manage the St. Andrew Church Gift Shop
- March – attended the SCCCW Convention Virtual Retreat through Zoom
- March – Honoring St. Joseph Day March 19th and the year of St. Joseph with information, spirituality and a bread sale. Each of these loaves were prayed over and designed into the shape of braided crosses.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

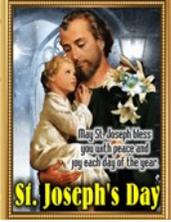
St. Joseph is the patron saint of the universal church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people. His life is recorded in the Gospels. In honor of St. Joseph, Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of St. Joseph, December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021.

The feast day of St. Joseph is March 19th in honor of the husband of Mary and stepfather of Jesus. St. Joseph is described as a beloved, tender/loving, obedient, accepting, courageous father; a carpenter and a father in the shadows. In him, Jesus saw the tender love of God.

In order to celebrate St. Joseph's Day, the St. Andrew Women's Club baked bread in the shape of braided crosses. Each batch of bread was prayed over and designed with the following theme offering to the Lord.

- 1.) Strength and Growth of the Catholic Church;
- 2.) For Catholic Education;
- 3.) For Special Needs Children;
- 4.) For the St. Andrew Women's Club in their efforts to be the hands and feet of the Lord;
- 5.) For an end to the Covid Pandemic;
- 6.) For an increase in all Religious Vocations; and
- 7.) For all souls in purgatory.

After shaping the loaves of bread, they were baked, cooled and placed in cellophane bags with a ribbon tied on them. A total of 160+ loaves were sold for \$5.00 each to parishioners after all masses the weekend before St. Joseph's Day. Along with each loaf of bread, parishioners received a handout in honor of St. Joseph and to bring awareness to this wonderful patron saint of the church. (An example of this handout is below.) Needless to say, all the bread sold out. In conclusion, the St. Joseph bread project brought awareness to this beloved saint and brought many hands and feet together in a spiritual atmosphere. (See next page for handout copy)



St. Joseph's Bread Celebration

In honor of St. Joseph Day March 19th, the St. Andrew Women's Club are selling loaves of bread. St. Joseph, the adoptive father of Jesus, a humble carpenter, a faithful protector of Mary and Jesus, dedicated his life to become one of the greatest saints in the church. Pope Francis has declared the "Year of St. Joseph" from December 8th, 2020 to December 8th, 2021. As a reminder of St. Joseph's work and dedication to his faith, the Women's Club will be using the proceeds from the bread sale to support our ministries in the church, community and all God's people! Each of these loaves were prayed over with an offering to our Lord.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Ongoing – participate in various events for Catholics for Freedom of Religion.
- Ongoing – encourage voter registration and participation in elections. (*Be informed!*)

Leadership/Organization Activities

Organization:

- Ongoing – mentoring new Board Members
- Ongoing – attend Deanery Meetings and Retreats
- Ongoing – NCCW active members
- Speakers at meetings:
 - March – Lions Club, Deputy Director
 - April – Our Lady Undoer of Knots presentation
 - May – Red Cross, representative
 - June – Joy School presentation
 - October – Children's Recovery Center, Louise Carson, Executive Director
 - February – appointed a committee to nominate the Catholic Women of the Year, Carol Jean Walters, who became CWOY for the Deanery.
 - May – revised Bylaws
 - May – presented new Slate of Officers for 2021-2023
 - June – End of Fiscal Year Potluck Supper and Installation of Officers
 - August – change over meeting for old and new Board Members
 - November – reported, paid dues and submitted roster for 61 members.
 - December – hosted Deanery Meeting and Brunch

Membership:

- Ongoing – acknowledged members' birthdays in the Women's Club Newsletter and at meetings.
- April – held Mass and Communion Breakfast in honor of the Catholic Woman of the Year.
- August – held a membership drive after all Masses, distributing flyers and answering questions.

Public Relations:

- Ongoing – all St. Andrew Women's Club events were published in the church bulletin, mailed/ email to other churches in the Deanery when appropriate and publicized by word of mouth. They were also advertised in the Women's Club Newsletter.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

One of the many goals of the St. Andrews Women's Club is to educate the members by providing speakers at their monthly meetings. Although 2021 was a very difficult year with the pandemic, the following is a list of speakers who informed members of their organizations work.

March – Lions Club, Deputy Director

April – Our Lady Undoer of Knots presentation

May – Red Cross, representative

June – Joy School presentation

October – Children's Recovery Center, Louise Carson, Executive Director

At the October 11, 2021 meeting, Louise Carson, Executive Director of the Children's Recovery Center spoke about the work that is being done in the community. The objective of the Children's Recovery Center is to provide a safe place where children who are victims of abuse can receive a coordinated child abuse investigation. Children who come to the CRC receive a forensic medical exam, forensic interview, advocacy, and education. Each child is assigned a child advocate who will ensure they are kept safe and that their rights are protected. The goal is to empower children and their family/caretakers with the tools they need to recognize the signs of abuse and prevent it. They want the children who come to their building a chance to grow from child abuse victims to strong healthy survivors. The CRC has grown from a one room house serving 41 children to two buildings serving nearly 400 children in 2020. Nationally, one in six children are victims of abuse.

On another note, by working with the local police department the Children's Recovery Center is the only facility in Horry County that helps trafficked individuals to become a thriving member of the community. A few years ago, the Children's Recovery Center received a donation from the SCCCW Convention Project.

The Children's Recovery Center is a nonprofit community organization, which completes its work using public donations. The members of the Women's Club were amazed and excited by the work being done by the Children's Recovery Center. The members were so inspired that monetary donations were collected on the spot. The member's enthusiasm was taken one step further. A donation drive was put on the Women's Club calendar for March of 2022. Through education the St. Andrew Women's Club is helping to make a difference in the lives of children in our community.

Service/Community Activities

- Ongoing – participated in Deanery Project by collecting gently used purses, filling them with toiletries and donating them to the poor in the community.
- Fundraisers to support Women's Club projects, such as, donations to Catholic Charities, Kingstree Felician Sisters bath towel sets, Coastline Women's Center, and Family Justice Center (Through Book and Bake Sales-2, Harvest Festival Craft Fair and sold St. Joseph Day bread with a prayer to St. Joseph.)
- February - distributed over 160 Valentine Bags to residents at Eagle Crest Nursing Home and Myrtle Beach Manor.
- December – held Christmas Luncheon and collected layette items for Coastline Women's Center.

Service/Community Special Project

The St. Andrew Women's Club worked hard to help those in need in the community. The Women's Club has sponsored many fundraisers such as two Book and Bake Sales, the St. Joseph's Bread sale and participated in the parish Harvest Festival.

Women's Club members worked tirelessly by being the hands and feet of God to fundraise in order to fund various projects and donate items to the following organizations.

- Catholic Charities – monetary, clothes, and purses filled with toiletries for the homeless and knitted hats
- Catholics for Freedom of Religion – monetary, meeting participation, monthly rosaries
- New Horizons – purses filled with toiletries for the homeless and knitted hats
- Pro-Life – monetary, prayer chains
- Kingstree Felician Sisters – monetary, donations of bath towels, face towels, wash cloths and clothes
- Coastline Women's Center – monetary, Layettes at Christmas
- Family Justice Center – monetary
- St. Andrew School - \$500
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton High School - \$300
- St. Andrew Church - \$4,000

The members of St. Andrews Women's Club are a group that helps whoever is in need. A group that is dedicated to helping their church and community!

Service/Family Activities

- Ongoing – participates in the “Box Top for Education” program, which earns money for the parish school.
- Donation of \$500 to St. Andrew School and \$300 to St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton HS.
- Donation of \$4,000 to St. Andrew Catholic Church.

Service/International Activities

- Donations to Sister Deepa's Foundation, “Life for Light” for widows and orphans in India.
- October/November – sponsored Deanery wide Box of Joy project, collection and was a Drop off Center.

St. James Ladies Guild

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Members take part in the church's Holy Hours, serve as readers of scripture, praying the rosary and reflection.
- Members attend funeral Masses for members of the parish.
- Upon request, members provide funeral luncheons for the families and friends of deceased.
- In March, 2021, we attended the SCCCW Convention Virtual Retreat through Zoom.
- Ladies of the Guild reverently read "Mary's Way of the Cross" at the Stations of the Cross on a Friday of Lent
- A member baked and distributed a loaf of bread to each member after our March meeting to pray to St. Joseph for an intention when eaten. (This was in honor of the year of St. Joseph proclaimed by Pope Francis.)
- Meditation Garden – members take responsibility for upkeep of this garden outside of St. James Church.
- Members prayed the rosary in October for the month of Mary.
- At the May crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary, members participated in prayer by saying a decade of the Rosary in her honor and other prayers.
- Members pray for people needing prayers through a prayer chain.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

Through our Funeral Ministry, one of our Guild members has accepted to be the responsible person in the Guild who notifies the ladies who have taken charge of organizing repasts for families of a deceased members of our parish who may or may not have families in the area. After the funeral Mass is arranged and upon request of the family, they are notified of approximately how many family members to prepare for a meal. The two Guild members in charge go into action and email the ladies to ask for volunteers to create a variety of side dishes for after the funeral Mass. Prepared dishes are made from the kindness of their hearts. The repast is held in our Parish Hall for the grief-stricken family and friends. The Guild provides the main dishes which may consist of fancy sandwiches from local grocery store delis or other entrees. We feel invigorated to know we are helping.

Many of the ladies attend the funeral Mass and then the members of the Guild offer to set up the tablecloths and place settings with a nice centerpiece. They then prepare the buffet table with plates, napkins, silverware, food, desserts, and drinks. This activity is all volunteer from preparing the tables, to providing the drinks, food, and cleanup after the meal. Participants help serve any people of the family who are handicapped, when necessary. We never worry about whether there will be enough food to go around. We pray that our Lord will provide what the family needs. The Guild members are all very happy to assist the grieving family.

The members of the deceased family and friends are very appreciative of what we organize for them, and sometimes provide us with a small donation for our thoughtfulness and kindness.

Leadership/Organization Activities

Organization:

- Members participate in welcoming/mentoring new members and mentoring new Board members
- Members prepare bulletin board in Church hallway to attract new members and to let parishioners know what the Guild does.
- Members attend Deanery Meetings and Retreats
- Guild members sends cards monthly to other members who are sick or have had surgeries, etc.
- February – hosted the Deanery meeting and brunch.
- Members formed a small group to update and revise our Bylaws.
- General membership selected a CWOY from our Guild, which was Suzanne McDonough, however, the conference was postponed due to the pandemic.
- New Officers were installed in September
- In June, we celebrated a patriotic end of the year potluck luncheon.
- November – reported and paid dues for 36 members.
- November – Members sent 400 cards to veterans in hospice for Christmas to thank them for their service to our country.

Membership:

- Acknowledged members' birthdays in the Ladies Guild Newsletter
- Acknowledged members who provided baked goods after each of the 10 general meetings of the year.

Public Relations:

- All St. James Ladies Guild events were published in the church bulletin. For Ladies Guild major events, they were emailed to other churches in the Deanery and publicized by word of mouth. In addition, all events were publicized in the Ladies Guild newsletter.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

One of the main goals of our Guild is to invite new members to our organization by providing them with a New Member Packet when they join. This packet contains information on the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW), and the Myrtle Beach Deanery, as well as a copy of our bylaws, overview of our accomplishments for the last few years, and our annual budget, if available. We provide anything about volunteers. We welcome them by name, encourage them to participate in our activities, and have social interaction after our meetings.

In addition, we update our Bulletin Board with information about our Ladies Guild and make it attractive so that it will increase their interest. We are very pleased when the lady considering joining the Guild tells us they wanted to join because of our attractive bulletin board and also to meet new ladies that belong to a vibrant organization.

Service/Community Activities

- A member formed a group called the Divas of Myrtle Beach that meets about once a month.
- Provided 75 gently used purses filled with toiletries to Catholic Charities for giving out to needy women.
- Donation of \$200 each for Alzheimer's and Donate Life SC.
- Members prepared food for the ladies as they worked the week of the Rummage Sale.
- Our Guild's major Fundraiser Rummage Sale was held the first week of November. We held a fundraiser for our Christmas Cookie Sale the weekend before Christmas to help with our programs.
- Members provided baked goods for the Kermes event and helped serve them to help raise funds to pay the artist who did the artwork on our Founders Center to honor our policemen who were killed in the line of duty, and other religious scenes as well.
- Three Members prepared meals for the College students in November and December after their Sunday evening Masses at the community Newman Center (CCU).
- December – held Christmas luncheon at a restaurant for the Ladies Guild.

Service/Family Activities

- February - provided a donation of \$200 for food to Carolina Coastal University (CCU) who was hosting missionaries for a weekend conference.
- Members crochet/knit hats for school children
- Donation of \$2,000 to St. James Catholic Church
- Donations of \$200 each for Fostering Hope and Disabled American Veterans

Service/International Activities

- Donation of \$200 to St. Jude's Hospital for Children
- October and November – participated in Box of Joy Project for Cross Catholic Outreach.
- Provided financial assistance to a young child through the UNBOUND Program

Service/International Special Project

- Through our UNBOUND Program, we have adopted a young child and provide annual financial assistance for her well-being as well as gifts and group pictures. We send cards of encouragement from the members.
- She does not speak English but we did receive a letter in the Spring of the year from her mother expressing how pleased she is for the help. The little girl expressed she would be so happy to be entering school in the Fall. This has been a very satisfying and rewarding endeavor, especially when we receive personal replies with updates on her progress and activities.

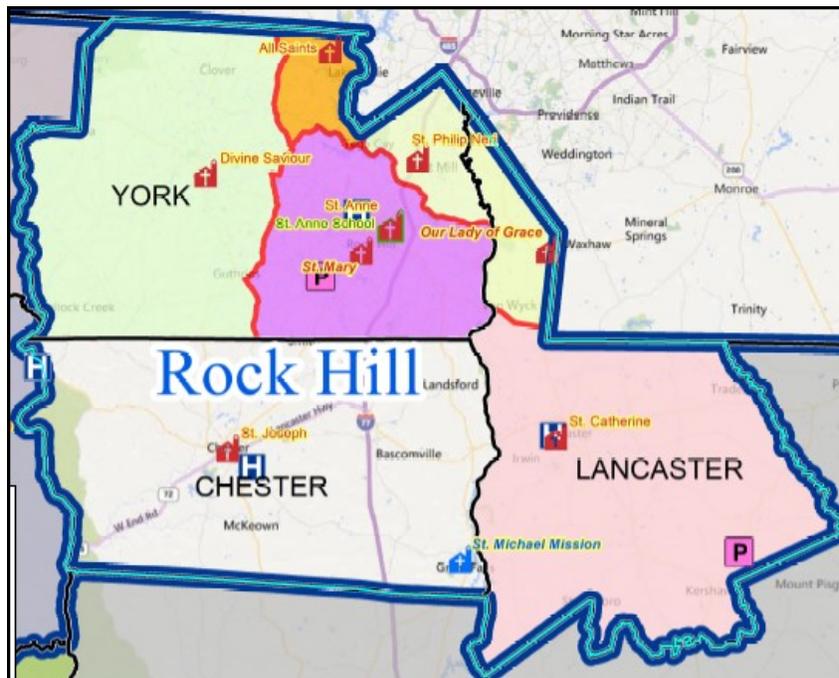
Rock Hill Deanery

*All Saints Women's Organization,
All Saints Catholic Church,
Lake Wylie,*

*St. Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild,
St. Catherina of Sienna Catholic Church,
Lancaster*

*St. Mary Rosary & Confraternity Society,
St. Mary Catholic Church,
Rock Hill
(No report submitted)*

*Women of Divine Saviour,
Divine Saviour Catholic Church,
York*



Rock Hill Deanery President's 2021 Year-End Report

The Rock Hill Deanery underwent a transition of officers, mid-term, after President Ann Williamson resigned for personal reasons. As the vice president, I assumed the office and appointed Karen Howze, from St. Mary, to fill the role of vice president. I would like to thank Ann for her time, service, and leadership to the Rock Hill Deanery.

Our ladies have been very busy preparing for the convention. I am grateful for all the help they have given Jeannette Altenburg and me, as convention co-chairs. We feel blessed to have the support, guidance, and generosity of Fr. Fabio who has not only helped us navigate through the challenges presented by the pandemic but offered the use of St. Philip Neri Church and facilities to host most activities, meals, and worship. He has been our “rock” since the formation of this deanery. Thank you, Father Fabulous!

Covid-19 has certainly changed the way we do things, but it hasn't prevented us from being active in our communities in areas of Service, Leadership and Spirituality. I would like to thank our affiliate presidents for their support and remaining steadfast in their leadership roles during these trying times. You and your dedicated members have proven that nothing can stop us from doing the Lord's work. Deanery service projects included Box of Joy and “Bags of Hope / Sock it to Me.”

All Saints Women's Organization (ASWO), Lake Wylie – Lidia Sundberg, President

Annual Activities: Members led Stations of the Cross, held a School Supply Drive, and hosted a Chili Cook-off. Apple Pies were sold to benefit The Oratory and charities. Ladies attended the MiraVia Banquet. The parish was a Box of Joy Drop-off Center.

Parish Services: They assisted at Fr. McDevitt's 50th anniversary of ordination and a dinner fundraiser for the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. They assisted and provided food at funeral receptions. The ladies held a bake sale to raise funds for a 12 yr. old parishioner who suffered a stroke. They began “Feed the Flock,” a new ministry that provides meals to parishioners and families in need, including the homebound.

Retreats, Outings and Prayer: ASWO hosted the SCCCW Spiritual Retreat held at St. Philip Neri Church. They attended a retreat at The Rock Hill Oratory, “The Labyrinth(s) of our Lives.” A pilgrimage to Belmont Abbey celebrated the end of the Year of St. Joseph. Other activities include a Pro-life program at Our Lady of Grace by Obianuju Ekeocha, America Needs Fatima Public Square Prayer, Las Posadas Christmas Novena, and Sidewalk Prayer outside of abortion facilities.

Notable Mention: Lidia Sundberg was presented with the Jim Poto Respect for Life Award, by the Knights of Columbus. Tena Bougar made masks for Confirmation and First Holy Communicants. The “Saintry Sew Crew” donated thousands of masks to first responders, local, state and national organizations, school employees, veterans, and the elderly.

Women of Divine Saviour, York – Cheryl Guzman, President

Annual Activities: The ladies hosted the fund-raising Spaghetti Supper. Members volunteered at the church Golf Tournament and donated funds for participants' lunch.

Parish Services: Woman of Divine Saviour donated funds for supplies to decorate the church and altar each season of the liturgical year. Easter lilies were provided for the altar in memory of parishioners' loved ones. The sale of decorative palms, crafted by the ladies, benefited the Society of Saint Vincent DePaul.

Retreats, Outings and Prayer: Members attended the SCCCW Spiritual Retreat held at St. Philip Neri Church.

Community: Two yard sales raised \$1500 which supported the following charities: Tender Hearts Ministry, Holy Angels, The Divine Saviour Food Pantry, Children of Mary Camp, and P.A.T.H. Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach luncheons provided meals to the needy in the community.

Notable Mention: Debbie Mitchell works closely with Fr. Adilso to ensure the church is appropriately decorated to honor feast days and each season of the liturgical calendar.

Saint Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild, Lancaster – Bridget Mulcahy, President

Parish Services: They decorated the church for each liturgical season and distributed Matthew Kelly's book, "Life is Messy," to parishioners. Refreshments were provided for First Holy Communicants and families. They held a Christmas party for all ladies of the parish. Food was provided for parishioners after hospitalization and at funeral receptions.

Retreats, Outings and Prayer: Members attended the SCCCW Spiritual Retreat held at St. Philip Neri Church. They went on a pilgrimage to Mepkin Abbey. The Ladies Guild maintained a Bible Study group via Zoom throughout the year. They prayed the rosary daily via Zoom and led the rosary before Mass on Sundays.

Community: The ladies held two community Yard/Craft Sales. Donations supported the parish and local charities including the Women's Enrichment Center, HOPE, Isadore Farms Food Pantry and Missionaries of the Poor in Monroe, NC. A Christmas luncheon was held at the Women's Enrichment Center. They sold Ladies Guild Cookbooks. A \$500 college scholarship was offered, but there were no applicants in the parish. The ladies donated items to help furnish an apartment for a new parish family.

St. Mary Rosary and Confraternity Society, Rock Hill – Gwen Finley, President

Annual Event: The ladies participated in the Emancipation Proclamation and supported the Legend of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Parish Services: Members presented cards to Confirmation candidates. They held two fundraisers, donating \$500 to the parish. They prepared meals for Vacation Bible School.

Retreat: Ann Williamson attended the SCCCW Spiritual Retreat at St. Philip Neri Church.

Community: Members served meals at a men's shelter and provided hygiene items to a women's shelter. Toys were donated to the Salvation Army. They helped seniors with Covid-19 testing / vaccines and distributed packages with gift cards and food. They shared literature on housing, utility, food, and burial assistance, as well as the Federal Living Donor Protection Act of 2021. Ladies handed items out during Mental Health Awareness month. They called Wes Climer regarding the SC Heartbeat Bill.

Notable Mention: The affiliate nominated Gwen Finley for Catholic Woman of the Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Lintner

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Rock Hill Deanery

All Saints Women's Organization

Spirituality/Church Activities

- We organized a Pentecost novena, visiting various houses, praying a rosary together.
- Promoted and attended the retreat at the Rock Hill Oratory, The Labyrinth(s) of Our Lives (A Retreat for Women), Sept 25th, 9 am to 4:30 pm, Four members of our group made the trip to the Oratory for this day of meditation and reflection.
- America needs Fatima public square prayer on Oct. 16th. A little over 50 parishioners came together in prayer. We were divided in 4 groups and stood alongside the sidewalk of the church, praying as the passing traffic drove by. We had positive signs, some thumbs up were seen from the drivers.
- We had a trip to Belmont Abbey on Dec. 8th to celebrate the end of St. Joseph. A group of our ladies joined for Mass, adoration at the St. Joseph chapel and Lunch afterwards. It started as a cold and rainy day, but after mass, we enjoyed a beautiful blue sky and warmer day. We had an amazing time!!
- Finally, as we prepared to receive our Lord this Christmas, we started Las Posadas Christmas Novena on Dec. 16th. This year we are making a special prayer for our priests, so they can be healthy and strong. We visited 9 homes, and had an average of 6 persons each day.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

- The public square rosary for America Needs Fatima has the most impact in our members as well as in the community. Thanks to the location of our Church we were able to reach many people on the street, cars passing by, as well as our own parishioners.

Service/Community Activities

- We continue to have a presence outside of the abortion facility in Charlotte, NC; 3 of our members are constantly witnessing to life on the sidewalk. This year we had the birth of 3 babies saved from abortion; one was born in January and twins in June. Our group provided temporary shelter for one of the moms and transportation to and from doctor's appointments.
- Since July 3rd, the abortion facility where we regularly counsel has been closed, no abortion has been performed since then, Praise God!! The group Sidewalk Advocates for Life has started to pray outside of Planned Parenthood in Charlotte, NC.
- A group of ladies attended the annual MiraVia Banquet fundraiser. ASWO hosted one lady, who unfortunately couldn't attend, but we sent the donation.
- On Dec. 3rd we attended a prolife talk at Our Lady of Grace by Obianuju Ekeocha. It was a great talk. She emphasized that we are all called to be part of the prolife movement. Respect to every life from conception to natural death. Covid didn't stop the pro-abortion industry, and sadly many laws were passed around the world to increase the access to abortion. We cannot be too comfortable and just let the abortion industry overtake our towns. Every individual effort counts no matter how small.

Service/Community Special Project

- Being a witness of the greatness of God in allowing the abortion facility to close, there are no words to describe the joy felt when we kept going week after week and seeing nobody there. We haven't seen a "for sale" sign but we continue to visit and make sure that abortions are not occurring.

Service/Family Activities

- We procured a freezer for our parish. This has been used all year for a new ministry called "feed the flock" this ministry was started by members of our group, and it provides meals for people from our parish who are shut in.
- We started our summer with sad news that Judy Miglorini, mother of past president Melinda Bumber, passed away in August. Judy was a member of ASWO for many years and was a very active and helpful member for our group and our parish. Our group provided desserts for the funeral as well as prayers and company to Melinda.
- We also organized and fulfilled 2 weeks of meal deliveries for the Bumber family. Sadly just one week after the passing of Judy, her beloved husband joined her into eternal life.
- Provided deserts for the fundraiser for the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul held at the Parish Life Center on Sept 25th. The Sisters have been a blessing to our parish and we are very thankful for them. They are raising funds for the building of their new home.
- This year our Priest asked us to keep fundraising to a minimum, so we have only 2 activities planned for the year. One of them is our famous Apple pies. We get together at church to assemble pies and our group loves coming together for this occasion. This year we were able to make over 100 pies. The funds collected will help support our group and local charities.

Service/Family Special Project

- We are a church family, our past president lost both parents in a short period of time, having the group come together to show support to her family in the difficult moments has had the most impact in our ASWO family.

Service/International Activities

- We distributed and collected 260 Boxes of Joy from All Saints parishioners. We also functioned as a drop off center for parishes around our area. Altogether there were 16 master cartons! We had monetary donations of over \$2000 for Cross Catholic Outreach! We are so blessed to have a wonderful group of strong women who helped shop, pack, and sort the boxes. It was a hard task but they poured all their love into this activity.
- We had a drop off location to collect items for the Rock Hill Deanery initiative of Sock it to me / Bags of hope. We can't wait to see what great outcome we'll have.

Service/International Special Project

- The whole parish community was very happy to see the Boxes of Joy project being back this year after the limitations with Covid. We had great response. It was as if everyone was just anxious to help wherever it was needed.

St. Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Fr Javier Heredia asked the Ladies Guild to lead the Divine Mercy Sunday prayer service at the church. We provided light refreshments and fellowship after the service in our parish hall.
- Fr Javier Heredia asked the Ladies Guild to lead the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary every Sunday at 10:30 before Mass.
- The Ladies Guild continued to offer opportunities for spiritual growth by hosting zoom Bible studies throughout the year for the women of St Catherine of Siena. We met from January through June and from September until December. We studied the book “Strange Gods, Unmasking the Idols of Everyday Life,” by Elizabeth Scalia; the Gospel of St Matthew; the book “Hail Holy Queen,” by Dr. Scott Hahn; and finished the year with the book “Twelve, The Lives of the Apostles After Calvary,” by C. Bernard Ruffin.
- The Ladies Guild offered a daily zoom rosary at 2:00 p.m. since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 for our members through the end of January 2022. We would conclude the rosary with Pope Francis’ prayer to end the pandemic.
- To promote the Rosary during the month of the Holy Rosary in October, the Ladies Guild held an intercessional rosary on October 3, 2021. A light reception was held in the hall to promote fellowship.
- The Ladies Guild organized a pilgrimage to Mepkin Abbey in early Advent to experience the Holy family and the wonder of Jesus Christ’s nativity. We toured the beautiful Creche display.
- Matthew Kelly’s book, “Life is Messy” was given to every family in St Catherine by the Ladies Guild for a Christmas gift.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- The St Catherine of Siena Ladies Guild was busy in 2021. We hosted two community Yard and Craft Sales. One in May and the other in October. Numerous crafters participated. The Ladies Guild sold lightly used household goods and clothing and homemade baked goods. We had a great turnout! The fellowship our parishioners showed was outstanding. These fund raisers enable us the opportunity to support St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church and local charities such as Women’s Enrichment Center, HOPE, Isadore Farms Ministry and the Missionaries of the Poor in Monroe, NC. We also offered a \$500 college scholarship, unfortunately we did not have anyone apply.
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- The St Catherine of Siena Ladies Guild continued to provide meals for parishioners returning home from hospitalizations.
- The Ladies Guild hosted luncheons for families after funerals.
- In the spirit of the Christmas season, the Ladies Guild hosted a Christmas party for the ladies of St Catherine of Siena parish

Service/Community, Family, International Activities

- Fr Javier Heredia asked The St Catherine of Siena Ladies Guild to decorate the church for the liturgical seasons. The ladies would use flowers, wreathes, banners and appropriate holy day decorations. Knights from the Knights of Columbus Christ the King Council would give their assistance when asked to help.
- The Ladies Guild collected food for Isadore Farms food ministry throughout the year.
- The Ladies Guild held a drive-by box lunch Christmas party for the mothers-to-be and new mothers and their families on December 15, 2021 at the Women's Enrichment Center. Opportunities to take photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause were available.
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- The Ladies Guild provided a light reception for the first communicants and their families in August 2021.
- The St Catherine of Siena Ladies Guild participated in the Rock Hill Deanery service project Socks of Joy. We collected enough women's care items to fill over 40 tube socks! The items were donated to Isadore Farms food ministry.
- The members of the St. Catherine of Siena Ladies Guild donated household goods and furniture so a new parish family could furnish an apartment before Christmas

Women of Divine Saviour

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Debbie Mitchell serves the church like no other. She works closely with Father Adilso to ensure that the church is decorated in a way that honors each season of the liturgical calendar. Her décor draws the congregation closer to Christ as we follow the year from his precious birth to his 40 days in the desert, crucifixion, and joyful resurrection. We feel as though we are there with him through the scenes she sets on the altar and throughout the church. She is truly a blessing to us.

Spirituality/Leadership Activities

- While the uncertainty of COVID continues we realized that our community still has needs. We held both our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach luncheons as a drive through option again this year, providing meals to those in need. This year Debbie, who always leads this effort along with several of our other members contracted COVID right before the Thanksgiving luncheon and we feared that we would not be able to offer it. Barb Cody, who has always been a solid contributor to the luncheons, stepped up and took over leading the luncheon. Thanks to her the community still received this blessing!

Service/Community Activities

The women held two yard sales this year to earn funds for our annual giving to local organizations. The following donations were made:

- Tender Hearts Ministries - \$100.00
- Holy Angels - \$200.00
- The Divine Saviour Food Pantry - \$400.00
- Children of Mary Camp - \$300.00
- Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$100.00
- St. Vincent De Paul - \$300.00
- P.A.T.H. - \$100.00
- Total Donations - \$1500.00