



# Sodality Newsletter

## PREFECT'S MESSAGE



Dear Sister Sodalists:

October 2021

2021 is turning out to be another interesting year. We are meeting by Zoom, but we are still meeting. We are doing outreach by e-mail and snail mail, but we continue to do it. The Christian Action Committee is looking after our sick and shut-in members. Many of us are checking on each other. We are all participating in the Chemo Comfy Bag Project and donations to So Others Might Eat (SOME). We haven't been able to enjoy each other face-to-face at our monthly meetings, join the Knights in a fish fry, or have a bake sale, but we are alive and well. More importantly, God is in our simplest actions.

We have lost Sodalists this past year – some expected and others not expected. We grieve for our losses and rejoice that they are safely in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

We have an additional focus this year – studying the Bible with discussion questions for our readings. Even on Zoom, we have all participated in really interesting discussions.

*“So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.” Galatians 6:9 (NLT)*

To Jesus through Mary,

Mary Sklencar, Prefect

### In Memoriam

— Report submitted by Inez Teasley

During the past two years, we were saddened by the passing of the following Sodalists:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Antoinette Corprew	02/29/2020
Mary Monroe	04/17/2020
Josephine Harris	05/16/2020
Annamarie Castellucci	06/30/2020
Ruth Scott	09/23/2020
Beulah Sutherland	03/20/2021
Mary Marshall	05/16/2021
Dolores Dean Montgomery	09/23/2021
Elizabeth (“Liz”) Wilson	10/13/2021



May they rest in peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**THE SODALITY OF  
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SODALIST IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

— Photo and article submitted by Paulette Grady

**OFFICERS**

Moderator:	Rev. Frederick Close
Prefect:	Mary Sklencar
Vice Prefect:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Laina Ransom
Secretary:	Jean Carson
Parliamentarian:	Vacant

**COMMITTEES**

Annual Luncheon	Charmayne Browne
Bands	Mary Sklencar
Christian Action	Inez Teasley
Girl Scouts	Laina Ransom
Historian	Josephine Harris
Hospitality	Anna Mae Crutchfield
Junior Sodality	Vacant
May Breakfast	Vacant
Membership	Thomasine Washington
Nominating Committee	Scarmell Webster
Our Lady's Assistant	Vacant
Publicity	Robin Taylor-Jones
Repast for Sodalists	Sally King
Rosary for Deceased Sodalists	Sally King
S.O.M.E.	Paulette Grady
Spiritual Life	Marla Jo Bonuccelli
Travel	Reton Gaffney

**SODALITY MEMBERSHIP**

If you have questions regarding Sodality membership, please contact Thomasine Washington, Membership Chair, at 202-529-8765.  
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**SODALITY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

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**SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST**

Please pray for Sister Sodalists who are listed on our Sick and Shut-In List.

**Sodality Meetings & Events:**

- Saturday, November 27, 2021: Central Council Meeting (via Zoom) 10 AM-12 PM. Meeting details will be distributed to Sodalists in advance.
- Sunday, December 5, 2021: St. Anthony Sodality General Meeting (via Zoom) 2-4 PM. Meeting details will be distributed to Sodalists in advance.
- Saturday, December 25, 2021 (No Central Council Meeting).
- Sunday, January 2, 2022: (No Sodality General Meeting).
- Saturday, January 29, 2022: Central Council Meeting (Meeting details - to be announced).

**Anything Is Possible with God – Even If You are A Senior**

Yes, nothing is impossible when God stamps his approval on it. As many of you know, I retired from working after 45 years of serving as a public and civil servant for both the D.C. and Federal governments. During that time, I served as a secretary and an administrative assistant, until I moved on to become a statistician and eventually a data analyst. My tenure as a public servant was interesting and rewarding. I enjoyed my careers, as they challenged that side of my brain that dealt with numbers and analysis. As a child, I always liked math, or in the old days, arithmetic, or any subject that involved numbers or a need for me to think critically. However, I also liked the arts. I liked to go to museums, the theatre to see stage plays, or live shows to hear entertainers sing my favorite songs. I remember going to see The Jackson Five when Michael was a little over 5 years old at the Maryland Cole Field House and James Brown at the Howard Theatre with my older brother; dancing in talent shows; and dancing on the stage at my high school alma mater, McKinley Tech Senior High School during lunch time.



At the time of my retirement, the "artsy" side of me resurfaced. It's strange how it occurred. I was in the Saint Anthony School cafeteria and overheard a conversation between Karen Moore and another parishioner who asked her if she knew of a way to get their daughter into modeling. Karen gave them information about a casting agency. As you know, Karen Moore is a very talented woman, having herself been cast in stage plays, beauty pageants, modeling, singing, and even directing a stage production at Saint Anthony. My curiosity prompted me to ask Karen whether I could have the information, and she shared it with me. Not long afterwards, Karen shared information with me about casting for background actors for House of Cards, which was being filmed in Baltimore. I was cast and subsequently caught the acting bug. I found the lights, camera, and action exciting! Before I knew it, I was auditioning for other jobs, and my resume began to grow. I acquired an acting coach and headshots, and before I knew it, the casting calls, auditions, and bookings were coming my way. I have been in print ads for PHARMA, AARP, Seneca, and Erickson Living. I was recently cast in two short films in which I have dialogue with other actors, and in two recent films, one as a background actor for Rushtin, and in We Own This City, in which I am a featured cast member.

For those who may not know it, the late Dorothy Steele portrayed the grandmother of the late Chadwick Boseman in Black Panther. She began her acting career at the age of 88 and was 91 when she was cast in Black Panther. Besides my mother, she is one of my role models. I never thought that I would be doing this now. As a background actor, the days could be long, and as a character performer, they could be challenging because one scene might take forever. What you eventually see on the screen might have taken a half day, or longer, to shoot. I want to share something that one of my theatrical acquaintances said, and I take it with me every time I go on set. It's not the exact words; I changed them up..."when you do what you love, you roll with whatever." Trust God and go with your instinct on the path he has for you. And most of all, have fun!!



# Sodality Newsletter Special Feature

## SODALIST IN ACTION

— Photo and article submitted by Patricia Smith

### October 2021– Breast Cancer Awareness

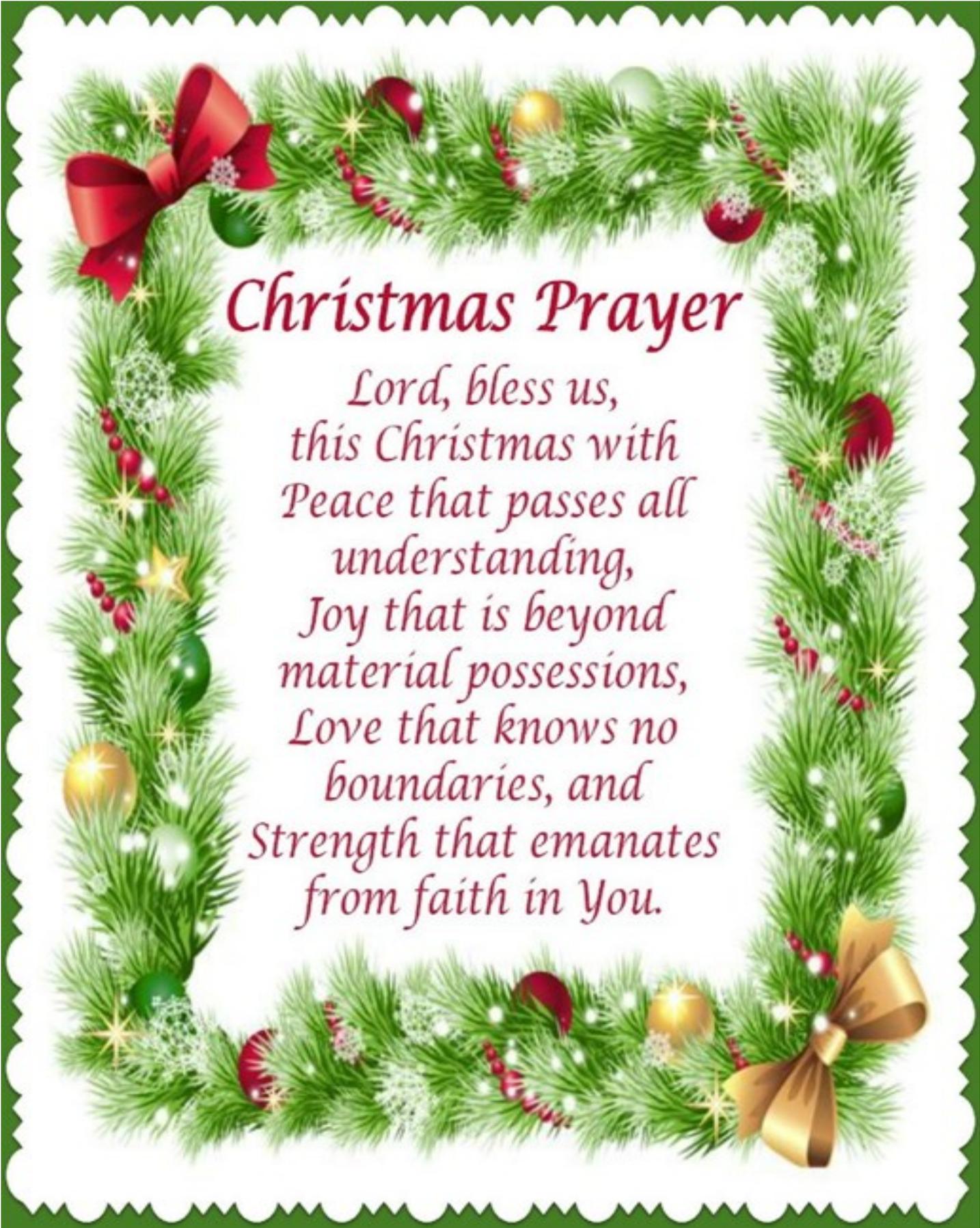
The Fall season is noted for its changing colors. The leaves turn from green to red, gold, and brown. In October, the color also turns to pink in commemoration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This time of the year brings awareness to the disease and spotlights those who have been diagnosed with the disease -- the survivors. For those who have been diagnosed and are undergoing treatment, this can be a difficult time. Not only do they have to deal with this disturbing medical diagnosis, but they must also endure medical treatments that could have overwhelming side effects.

In recognition of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Sodality's outreach project donated 39 Chemo Comfy Bags to Howard University Hospital Cancer Center for their cancer patients. The bags are white with the pink breast cancer ribbon logo and with "St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Sodality" written on the bag. The bags are filled with articles that are useful during chemotherapy treatment, such as, throws, hand sanitizer, non-scented lotion, socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, puzzle books, pens, journals, Kleenex, and peppermint candy.



Kimberly Higginbotham (Patient Navigation Coordinator, Howard University) was grateful to receive the bags. Pictured (left to right) are Paulette Grady, Patricia Smith, Katherine Jiles, and Kimberly Higginbotham.

The Sodality has made this an annual event since 2016. Over the past six years, the Sodality has donated over 180 Chemo Comfy Bags to Providence Hospital and Howard University Hospital Cancer Center. Not even the Covid-19 pandemic could stop the Saint Anthony of Padua Sodality from continuing this annual expression of caring.



## *Christmas Prayer*

*Lord, bless us,  
this Christmas with  
Peace that passes all  
understanding,  
Joy that is beyond  
material possessions,  
Love that knows no  
boundaries, and  
Strength that emanates  
from faith in You.*