



# Columbiettes Auxiliary 8104

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## 2025 Newsletter Summer Edition



The Columbiettes, an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses: Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese, the Little Flower, and St. Joan of Arc, are comprised of affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils.



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## **OFFICERS 2024-2025**

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**CHAPTER** 1. Pat Gramer    2. Mary Ann Whalen

3. Cristina Duvall    4. Jackie Loadholtz

Alternate: 1. Sandy Paxton    2. Maureen Gregg



## Message from The President



Dear Sisters,

Summer is upon us, many of you will be on vacation, going to graduations, weddings, new members of the family and just visiting family and friends. I wish you all a happy summer. Even though we did not have a Fashion Show we were still able to raise over \$3,600.00 for our scholarship. We had three very worthy winners: **Lillian Bridges** will be attending Salve Regina University in New Port, RI., **Skylar Lee** is in her second year at Pasco Hernando State College and **Mary Beth Wilson** will be attending the University of South Florida. Congratulations to these young ladies of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Thank you to our members who chaired the fundraising committees: Jackie Hussey, Vacation Raffle; Pat Loar, Harvest Tea and MaryAnn Stewart, Fish Fry Dessert Table. Without your dedication and sacrifice the Auxiliary could not have raised the funds for our scholarships. I want to thank all my sisters who stepped up and supported our fundraising this year by volunteering to sell the raffle tickets, sponsoring a table at the Harvest Tea and all the ladies that worked at the dessert table and brought desserts. There are too many to name in this letter, but I want you to know your dedication to our auxiliary is truly appreciated.

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## Message from The President



Finally, I want to thank the sisters that chaired our many committees that keep our Auxiliary running.

Memberships and Retention: Helen Strakos, Nancy Coulter and Betty Montgomery

Audit: Mary Straw, Jackie Arendes and Ari Vitale

Catholic Action: Susan Lee and Susan Maffeo

Sunshine Committee: Dottie Orndorff

Newsletter: Nida Liwanag, thank you for your beautiful newsletters.

Hospitality: Pattie Norris and Jenny Manley. These two ladies work hard all year. They are the first ones at the meeting location setting up for the snacks and cleaning the kitchen afterwards. This is a very demanding responsibility.

February Baby Shower: Jenny Manley.

Lenten Fish Fry Hosting: Jackie Arendes

I am looking forward to another successful year in 2025-2026. God bless you all and have a wonderful summer see you in September.

*Your President,  
Clare Kaminski*



## *A Past President's Message*



*Summer is upon us, so now we reflect on the past year: a year of charitable and loving service. We have seen the loss of sisters, family members, Knights, and property. We responded to all with generosity, giving to those in need in a spirit of love and faith, and our reliance on the guidance and intercession of our Patronesses, the Blessed Mother, St. Therese the Little Flower, and St. Joan of Arc, courage personified.*

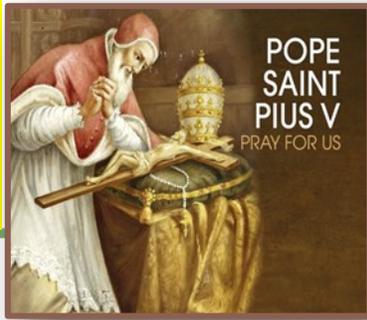
*This end of year message is a tribute to all my sisters for your untiring efforts to be of comfort and service to all you meet.*

*May our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, bless you now and always.*

*May you enjoy a great summer! Bon voyage to those traveling, a relaxing book and siesta to those at home, and a time of fun and frolic for all!*

*Blessings,*

*Claire Thompson*



## SAINT of the MONTH of APRIL

Source: The CATHOLIC Company

**Pope St. Pius V (1504–1572) was born as Antonio Ghislieri** to a poor yet noble family in Bosco, Italy. He worked as a shepherd until the age of 14, after which he joined the Dominican Order and was ordained a priest at the age of 24. He taught theology and philosophy, spent long hours in prayer, and fasted regularly. Due to his great intelligence and reputation for holiness he rose to a number of prominent positions in the Church, including Inquisitor and Bishop.

In 1565 he was elected Pope and took the name Pope Pius V. As Supreme Pontiff he was a great reformer and worked to implement the decisions of the Council of Trent following the Protestant revolt. He reformed the clergy, supported the foreign missions, published a catechism, revised the breviary and missal, and named St. Thomas Aquinas a Doctor of the Church.

In his alliance with Venice and Spain, and ***with the aid of a rosary crusade among the faithful***, he defeated the Ottoman Turks in the famous and decisive ***Battle of Lepanto in the Mediterranean Sea on October 7, 1571***. This miraculous victory saved Europe from being ruled by the Ottoman Empire.

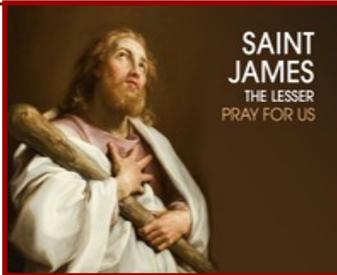
The Holy Father afterwards instituted the ***feast of Our Lady of Victory (now Our Lady of the Rosary)*** in thanksgiving to Our Lady for leading the Christian forces to victory, and to encourage a greater devotion to the Holy Rosary throughout the universal Church.

For this he is known as **the "Pope of the Rosary."** His feast day is April 30th.



This is a photo of the Rosary made by Nida Liwanag while watching Live the Inauguration of Pope Leo IV and blessed by Fr. Tony Bawyn at St. Madeleine Sophie

Church in Bellevue, WA.



## SAINTS of the MONTH of MAY

Source: The CATHOLIC Company



St. James the Lesser (1st c.), also called St. James the Just, was one of the Twelve Apostles and the cousin of Jesus. Both James and his brother, St. Jude, began to follow Jesus in the second year of his ministry.

*St. James the Less was the first of the Twelve Apostles to whom the risen Christ appeared.* After Jesus' ascension into heaven, James was given charge as bishop of the Church in Jerusalem, making him an important leader of the early Church. He was well-known for his prayer life and holiness.

*It is described that his knees and forehead were calloused due to long hours spent prostrate in prayer.* His sanctity was such that he was respected by the Jews and considered by many to be a holy man.

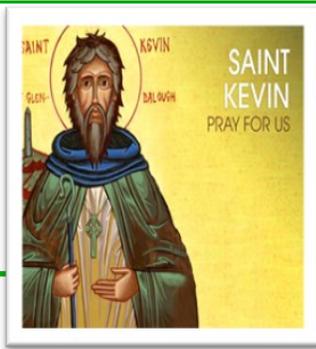
*James the Less is the author of the New Testament epistle that bears his name.* He was martyred by being thrown from the roof of the Jerusalem temple and then stoned and beaten to death as he prayed for his murderers. He died in the year 62 A.D. during the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero. *St. James the Less is the patron saint of pharmacists and the dying. His feast day is May 3rd.*

**Blessed Antonia Mesina (1919-1935)** was one of ten children born to a poor family on the island of Sardinia in Italy. Being the second oldest child, she had to leave school to help with the family chores after her mother became bedridden, a task which she accepted with obedience, humility, and joy. Antonia's mother referred to her daughter as "the flower of my life." **Antonia was also active in her parish, joining the Young Women of Catholic Action organization at the age of ten and encouraging others to do the same.**

On May 17, 1935, while in the forest with a friend gathering firewood, Antonia was assaulted by a teenage boy who attempted to rape her. Her friend ran for help while Antonia bravely defended herself against her attacker. The young man, unable to achieve his goal due to her continuous resistance, brutally attacked Antonia with dozens of blows with a rock. By the time help arrived, it was too late. Antonia died at the age of sixteen.

The entire town accompanied her body to the site of her burial. She is considered a martyr of sexual purity, and was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1987. Her story has been likened to that of St. Maria Goretti.

**Blessed Antonia Mesina is the patron of rape victims. Her feast day is May 17th.**



## SAINT of the MONTH of JUNE

Source: The Catholic Company

### St. Kevin Of Glendalough

**S**t. Kevin of Glendalough (498-618 A.D.) lived in Ireland during the age of the great early Irish saints, many of whom were his contemporaries. He was baptized by St. Cronan, and from age seven was taught by St. Petroc. From age twelve he studied under the Irish monks as a student of St. Eonagh, and eventually became a monk himself.

**A**mong his friends were St. Comgall, St. Columba, St. Cannich, and St. Kieran. After his ordination he lived a penitential life as a cave-dwelling hermit for seven years.

**W**ord of his holiness spread, and he attracted a group of followers which led him to found the famous monastery at Glendalough. Because of his fame this remote spot became a town and then a city, with offshoots of several other monastic foundations rising up around it.

**H**e served as abbot at Glendalough, and once the monastery was well-established he withdrew to live as a hermit again for four years. He was then called back to Glendalough, and *continued to serve as abbot there until his death at age 120.*

**S**t. Kevin has many legends surrounding him involving wild animals obeying his commands, seeking him for refuge, and helping him feed others.

**S**t. Kevin is the patron of blackbirds, Glendalough, the Archdiocese of Dublin, and he is one of the patron saints of Ireland. *His feast day is June 3rd.*





## What did Joan of Arc mean when she said, “I am not afraid...I was born to do this”?

Source: The Catholic Company



Joan was just about to start her mission of saving France from the English. With a tiny escort of three men, she prepared to ride from Vaucouleurs to Chinon where she would meet the Dauphin. Her perilous route lay through English-watched territory.

Before she set out, a woman approached her and cried, “How can you make such a journey when on all sides are soldiers?”

“I do not fear the soldiers, for my road is made open to me,” Joan instantly replied. “And if the soldiers come, *I have God, my Lord, who will know how to clear the route that leads to my lord the Dauphin. It was for this that I was born!*”

“*I have God, my Lord.*” Joan was not boasting about her own bravery or empowerment—quite the opposite! She was humbly expressing her total confidence in God.

She knew that she—an illiterate peasant girl—could not protect herself, let alone save her country. God watched over and guided her, and that is why she had nothing to fear. He had entrusted her with the mission of saving France, and He would enable her to carry it out.

This complete trust in God marked the whole of Joan’s life, military action, and infamous trials. She didn’t rely on power, status, or even personal confidence—only on the certainty that God had called her and would provide the strength she needed.

That kind of courage never goes out of style.



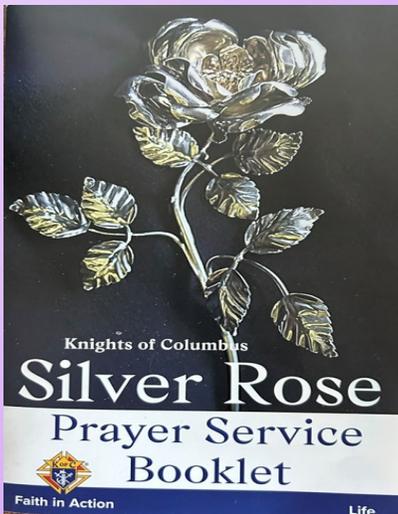
# Extra Special Issues

VATICAN CITY, the smallest country in the World. A Pontificate who is adored and respected by Catholics and Non-Catholics. The Inauguration of Pope Leo IV on **May 18, 2025**. A sight to behold!



**May 23, 2025**

Mac and I attended this service at St. Louise Church in Bellevue, WA.



Today, eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every US State, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Mexico. This tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent.

### History of the Silver Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe did so much for her people in Mexico that, in 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, wanted to give something back to her.

The group of young men in Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

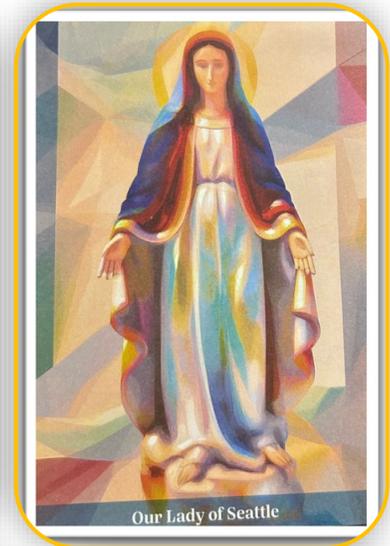
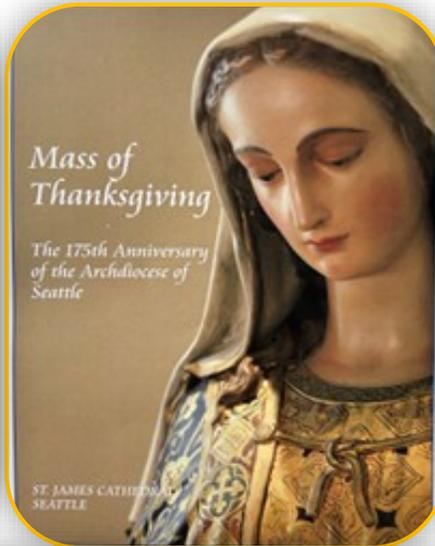
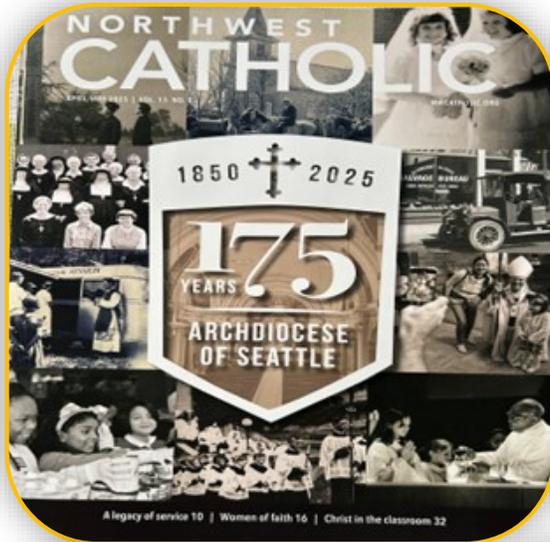
The first rose was a natural rose and was blessed by Bishop John C. Cody of London. It was then flown to New York where it was received by Grand Knight Joseph Thomassen, who in turn, took it to Dallas, Texas. There, Texas State Deputy Jack Collierin received the rose and took it to Laredo, Texas, where it was finally given to the Squires from Monterrey, Mexico, at the International Bridge in Laredo. They ran the rose from the International Bridge through Sabinas Hidalgo N.L., Mexico, to Cienega de Flores and on to the Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico, on December 12, 1960.





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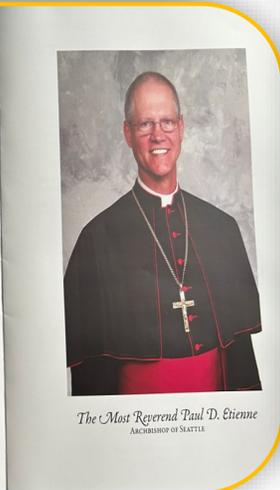
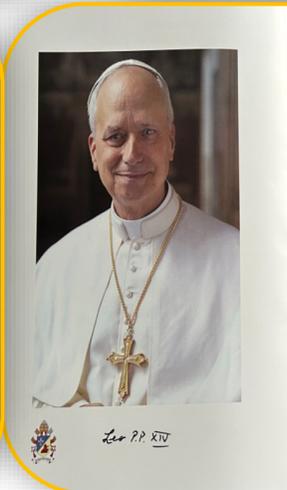
Source: Mass program May 31, 2025



**Prayer in honor of the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Seattle**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you are the beginning and the end,  
Lord of time and history.  
We give you thanks for this local Church,  
and for these 175 years of faith and challenge.  
Give us the grace we need  
to respond to the needs of our time  
with wisdom and compassion.  
Make us one in mind and heart,  
and show us how to love all people as you love them.  
You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.  
Holy Angels of God, pray for us.  
St. James, pray for us.  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.  
St. Frances Cabrini, pray for us.  
All holy men and women, pray for us.

*ON THE COVER: This statue of Mary was placed in the pioneer church of this city, Our Lady of Good Help, around 1869, making her the first image of Mary to be publicly venerated in Seattle. When the old church had to be torn down in 1949, the statue was brought to the Cathedral and has been venerated here ever since. Because of her significance in the history of our local Church, she has for many years been honored with the name OUR LADY OF SEATTLE.*



# COLUMBIETTES IN ACTION

By Belinda Montes de Oca

*In Loving Memory of Jackie Loadholtz*

I attended Jackie's funeral and celebration of life at OLOR. There was a large number of Columbiettes who attended. The picture does not include everyone. Father Christian Galvin did a beautiful sermon and recognized the Columbiettes and the wonderful representation we have at OLOR. He addressed us as Jackie's friends. The reception was very nice.

The Columbiettes attended to those coming into the church and followed Jackie's coffin into the church. Not in picture: Claire Thompson.

*When the power of love  
overcomes the love of  
power, the world will  
know peace.*

- Jimi Hendrix





# COLUMBIETTES IN ACTION

By Clare Kaminski

2025 State Council Columbiettes Convention in Lake Mary, Florida



Supreme President Jeanne Mucci

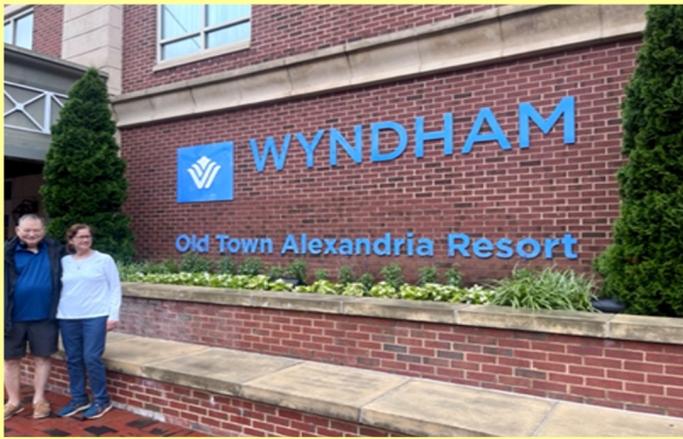




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**2025 Columbiettes Raffle Winner**

*Congratulations, Margaret Smith!*



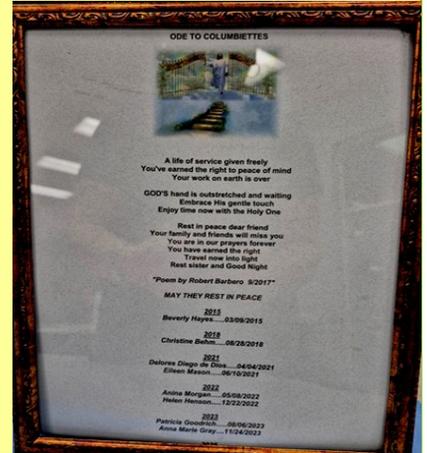
Margaret and husband, David



David, Fr. Kyle and Margaret

Contributed by Clare Kaminski

Memorial for  
our Deceased  
Members and  
The May  
Crowning of  
Mary



Columbiettes Auxiliary 8104 Officers

Contributed by Sophie Llewellyn



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Contributed by Claire Thompson

## 2025 OLOR Memorial Day Service – *GOD BLESS AMERICA*



Over 20 of our sisters attended the Mass and memorial service for our deceased service members. Our priests, deacons, and choir, along with the Scouts, the American Legion, and our Knights participated in this moving memorial.



## End of Year SOCIAL ... a lively event!

This year the Auxiliary members enjoyed tasty food, camaraderie with our Knights, Father Christian and two of our scholarship winners (Skylar and Marybeth) and their families. The following pictures give only a glimpse of the evening. It made the year end on a high note!



MMJM Awards

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Pres. Claire with Skylar and Marybeth / scholarship winners

Standing Officers

PP Claire with Marybeth



Sentinel Maureen with her sisters Columbiettes

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Carol Gray and PGK Dennis Thompson

Skylar Lee, family & friend



GK Matthew and Knights

Columbiettes 8104 and Guests





**Quarterly Newsletter**

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This Newsletter is published end of each Quarter:

**January-March**

**April-June**

**July- September**

**October- December**

**Announcements**

The 67 th Annual Supreme Council Columbiettes Convention will convene on **August 22-24, 2025** at the Embassy Suites in Piscataway, NJ. The **deadline for reservations is June 20, 2025.**

The Supreme Council 2025 Support Club Raffle will be drawn on Saturday, August 23<sup>th</sup>, during the Convention.

**All returns must be received by August 15, 2025.**

Mail Your Tickets & Check (Made Payable to “**Supreme Council Columbiettes Support Club**” or “**SCCSC**”) at your earliest opportunity to: *Supreme Council Columbiettes Support Club*  
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