



# Columbiettes Auxiliary 8104

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## 2025 Newsletter Fall Edition



*Jesus* said: “Come to me...because I am meek and humble in heart.”

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you!



“May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others.” - St. Therese of Lisieux



“Whoever wants to please both the world and God leads one of the most unhappy of lives.”

- St. John Vianney Curé d’Ars



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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Clare Kaminski

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Claire Thompson

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Nida Liwanag

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Source: The Catholic Company

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## Message from the President



Dear Sisters,

Welcome to a new, busy Columbiettes year. We started our 15th year on July 1, 2025 offering support to our sister, Cristina DuVall in the death of her mother, Martha Richardson, at her funeral at Our Lady of the Rosary. Our prayers for others continued as we remembered our deceased sisters and brother Knights at the beautiful Memorial Mass on July 24, 2025. Our Pastor, Father Justin Paskert, officiated over the Mass. Even the weather conveyed the sorrow and loss with a thunderstorm emphasizing the somber occasion.

Staying busy in the summer, many of our members attended the field trip, hosted by Divine Mercy Cenacle to Mary Help of Christians Church and enjoyed a presentation about nearly 700 relics on display in the church. There were Second and Third-Degree relics along with a few First-Degree relics. *I got to see and pray over my own patron saint, Clare.* After the presentation of the relics, we attended daily Mass in the chapel.

On August 6th we said goodbye to our dear sister, Jenny Manley and her husband, brother Knight, Jack, at an open house, hosted by the many ministries of Our Lady of the Rosary that the Manley were members. They have moved to Oklahoma to be close to their family. We will truly miss them.

Before we had our first meeting of the year, we lost one of our Charter members, Carol Stuczynski. We participated in her funeral service on August 28, 2025, with our Honor Guard. Carol has been ill for several years and unable to participate in our activities. Remember her in your prayers.

There are many activities planned for the year, let's make this happen through our participation and support, growing new friendships and building our old friendships. *May God bless you. Let's make this the best year yet.*

Your President,  
Clare Kaminski





## ▲ Past President's Message ...

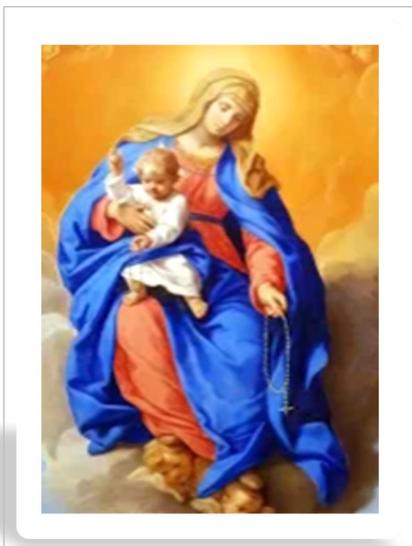


Can you believe that we have had fifteen awesome years of sisterly camaraderie, faith driven service to Our Lady of the Rosary parish, the community near and far and our Knights of Columbus?

On October 30, 2025, we will celebrate this auxiliary milestone with Mass, offered by our Chaplain, Fr. Raju Chebattina, and a special scrumptious breakfast. Therefore, let us rejoice with one another as Sisters: as we start another year using our talents and resources to help those in need, thereby being living examples of the Charitable Works of Mercy.

O Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, be with us always as mother, patroness, example and intercessor, this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*With prayers and love,  
Claire Thompson*



The incorruptible body of St. John Marie Vianney, Patron Saint of the Priests, at Basilica of Ars.



The Sister gave us the tour and history of the Shrine.



The newly rebuilt Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, outside and inside.

The altar as it looks now after surviving the fire.



The Book containing the Prayer Intentions.



Normandy Landing Beaches and Memorials



Rue de Bac, Shrine of the Miraculous Medal with the incorruptible body of St. Catherine Laboure.



Normandy American Cemetery



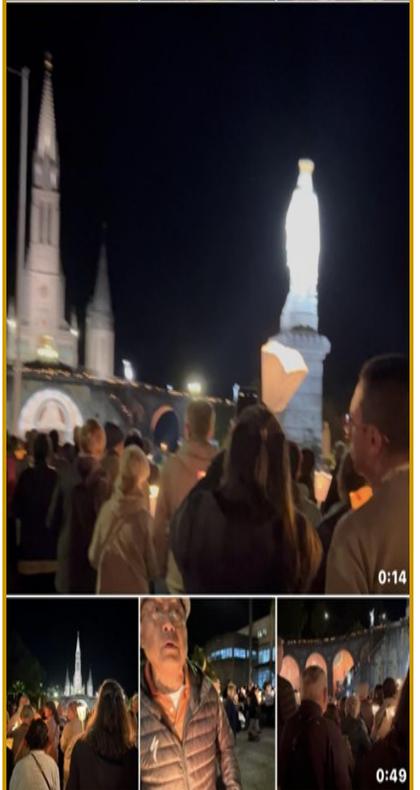
Convent and Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower.



Procession of the Presider, Archbishop of Seattle, and the concelebrants before the Mass at the Grotto.



Candlelight evening procession around the Grotto's campus.



By Nida Liwanag

*We made it back home safely in the grace of our Lord Almighty. Thanks for all your prayers! It was Heaven on Earth! We were blessed and grateful to God for the chance to visit these places of worship; for the homilies of the Most Rev. Archbishop Paul Etienne and Fr. Justin Ryan; for the awesome time and laughters in the company of new friends; for the inspiring life stories of the Saints; the narrative histories of the places we visited by our dynamic and charismatic Tour Guide. May we imitate St. Vincent de Paul and St, Therese, their simple, humble way of life, and overwhelming love of the poor. This was one of God's plans for moving me and Mac to Washington State, otherwise we would have not seen or known about this pilgrimage advertised back in November last year at St. James Cathedral in Seattle.*



*Our Lady of Chartres Cathedral which houses the Sancta Camisia, a tunic that tradition says belonged to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*



*Our group's photo after the "Baths" and rosary procession, taken across the river in front of the Apparition Grotto.*





St. Zoe of Rome (d. 286 A.D.) was a noblewoman married to a Roman court official during the reign of the infamous Emperor Diocletian.

*For six years she suffered from a condition that left her unable to speak; when she met St. Sebastian she fell at his feet so that he would heal her. St. Sebastian made the Sign of the Cross over her, and from that moment her speech miraculously returned.*

As she was being healed she had a vision of an angel standing next to St. Sebastian holding a book in which was written everything that St. Sebastian preached. Her first words were ones of thanks and praise to God, and many witnesses of the miracle were brought to faith in Christ.

Zoe and her husband then received baptism, along with many others who had come to believe in Christ through St. Sebastian's miracles. **Of this new group of Christians, St. Zoe was the first to be martyred for her faith.** *She was greatly devoted to St. Peter the Apostle, and was arrested while praying at his tomb. She was martyred by being hung from a tree by her hair, with a fire lit under her feet. After her death her body was thrown into the Tiber River.* She then appeared in a vision to St. Sebastian, who was in prison awaiting his execution, to tell him of her martyrdom and subsequent glory.



Blessed Jane of Aza (12th c.), also known as Joanna or Juana of Aza, belonged to the Spanish nobility. At a young age she married a nobleman and together they had five children. She was a pious woman known for her life of prayer and generosity to the poor. When her two eldest sons were given to the priesthood, she went to the nearby church of St. Dominic Silos, a miracle worker and a patron saint of pregnant women, to pray earnestly for another son who would carry on the succession of the family.

*In a dream the saint appeared to her and said that she would bear a son who would be a shining light to the Church. She also dreamed of a dog that leaped from her womb carrying a torch in its mouth, lighting all the world on fire. She gave birth to a son in answer to her prayers, and in gratitude named him Dominic.* She brought her son to the altar of St. Dominic Silos and there offered him to God. At the child's baptism his godmother saw a star shining from his forehead. All of these signs were taken to mean that the child would be great. Jane brought her son up with the utmost care, and as the child grew he evidenced uncommon sanctity and virtue. When Dominic turned age seven Jane generously gave him to be educated as a priest, leaving her family without a male heir. **St. Dominic went on to found the famous Order of Preachers, or Dominicans, who became known as the "Hounds of the Lord", a great preaching order against heresy and in defense of the Catholic faith.**



St. Giles (7th c.) was born to a wealthy and noble Greek family. He devoted his life to the things of God and grew in sanctity, but found that his material and spiritual riches drew unwanted praise and attention. **To escape prestige, he sold all of his possessions, gave his wealth to the poor, and moved away to Gaul (present day France) to live in solitude in the wilderness as a cave-dwelling hermit. He lived in this way without companionship for many years while practicing severe penances.**

St. Giles became one of the most popular saints in the Middle Ages, and is the patron of many causes including lepers, hermits, cripples, epileptics, cancer patients, the mentally ill, the disabled and the poor.

He became so impoverished that God sent a deer to be his companion and to nourish him with its milk. One day a royal hunting party in pursuit of the deer chased it into the saint's cave. A hunter shot an arrow into the cave, and instead of hitting the deer, he injured the saint. St. Giles was discovered and soon became known throughout the countryside as a holy hermit, the king himself often coming to visit him. St. Giles consented to receive disciples who desired to imitate his way of life. The king built a monastery for these followers, who lived as monks under the Rule of St. Benedict with St. Giles as abbot.

**St. Giles was known as a miracle worker during his life, and his monastery and the town that grew around it became a shrine and place of pilgrimage, especially for crippled beggars.**

## Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



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OLOR Church hosted the St. Carlo Acutis' exhibit, Miracles of the Eucharist. It was a moving and educational experience for those of us who attended it on August 21, 2025.

*International Exhibition*  
**MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 ACROSS THE WORLD  
 What is a Miracle of the Eucharist?



Miracles of the Eucharist are miraculous divine interventions that are aimed at confirming faith in the real presence of the body and blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. We are familiar with the Catholic doctrine relating to this real presence; with the Words of Consecration, "this is my body" and "this is my blood", the substance of the bread becomes the body of Christ and the substance of the wine becomes his blood. This awe-inspiring change is known as transubstantiation. In other words, the transition of the substance. Only the appearances, or species, of the bread and wine remains; these are known by the philosophical term "accidents". The dimensions, colour, flavour and odour remain, as do the nutrients, but the substance, or rather the true reality, does not remain because it has become the body and blood of Christ. Transubstantiation can in no way be experienced by the senses; faith alone makes certain of this miraculous change.

*Miracles of the Eucharist* are intended to confirm this faith, which is based on the words of Christ, according to which what seems like bread is no longer bread, and what seems like wine is no longer wine. Flesh and blood, or one or the other, appear in Miracles of the Eucharist, depending on the case. The aim of miracles such as these is to demonstrate that we should not look at external appearances (bread and wine), but at the substance, as the true reality of things, which is flesh and blood. Medieval theologians scrutinised the issue of Miracles of the Eucharist (which were very common at that time) and interpreted them in a variety of different ways. The most well-founded and reasoned of these seems to be that of the supreme "Doctor of the Eucharist" Saint Thomas Aquinas (cf. *Summa Theologiae* III, q. 76, a. 8). He says that the body and blood that appear after the miracle are a result of the transubstantiation of the Eucharistic species, or rather accidents, and that they do not affect the real substance of the body and blood of Christ. The species of the bread and wine in miracles are changed into species of flesh and blood, not those that appear. They are those that, even before the miracle, were hidden beneath the species of the bread and wine, and continue to exist hidden beneath the species of the flesh and blood. If, in fact, the flesh and blood that appear were really the flesh and blood of Christ, we would have to say that the risen Christ, who rises at God's right hand, loses a part of his flesh and blood. We must therefore say that the flesh and blood that appear in the miracles are a type of species, appearance or accident, not mere wine. The Lord unites not these miracles and

*International Exhibition*  
**MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST**  
 ACROSS THE WORLD  
 Devised and planned by Carlo Acutis  
 BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS  
 (London, 3 May 1991 – Milan, 11 October 2006)

"My life plan is to always be connected to Jesus". With these few words, Carlo Acutis, who died of leukaemia when he was only fifteen years old, outlined the distinctive feature of his brief existence: living with Jesus, for Jesus and in Jesus". To quote Carlo's own words: "Our destination must be what is infinite, not what is finite. Infinity is our homeland. We have been expected in Heaven since time immemorial". He also said: "All are born with their own originality, but many die as photocopies".



to move towards this destination and find him in any church close to our homes. In thanks to assistance from the Knights of Columbus, The Cardinal Newman Society and The Presence Association and Education, with



The little village of St. Georgenberg-Fiecht in the Inn Valley is very well known - especially because of a Eucharistic miracle that took place there in 1310. During the Mass, the priest was seized with temptations regarding the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated Elements. Right after the consecration, the wine changed into Blood and began to boil and overflow the chalice. In 1480, after 170 years, the Sacred Blood was "still fresh as though coming out of a wound," wrote the chronicler of those days. The Precious Blood is preserved intact to this day and is contained in a reliquary in the Monastery of Georgenberg.



It is possible to take a virtual visit of the sites where these miracles took place and download the panels at [www.carloacutis.com](http://www.carloacutis.com) and [www.miracolieucaristici.org](http://www.miracolieucaristici.org). The exhibition is free and can be requested by sending an email to: [info@carloacutis.com](mailto:info@carloacutis.com)

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1. (His Excellency Card. Angelo Comastri, Preface to N. Gori, Carlo Acutis, *Un giovane per i giovani*)



*When he saw that the three remarkable fish were there, almost completely out of the water, lifting the Hosts-intact with their mouths, like little trophies.*



Year-end meeting



*Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus  
8104 Memorial Mass, July 24, 2025.*

The Reading of the Names of the Deceased was done by Richard Loar & Clare Kaminski. The Screens were rotating with the names of all known deceased Knights & Columbiettes including Marie Menicola and Jackie Loadholtz . Clare Kaminski read the names of the Columbiettes who have passed since July 1, 2024, and the Ode to Columbiettes poem. Richard Loar read the names of the Knights who have passed since July 1, 2024, and the Silent Knights poem.

September, October, November birthdays ←



July  
August



Birthdays



***Congratulations! Our Auxiliary has won the Margaret Mary J. Mangan Achievement award for 2024-2025 year. Our fourteenth award in a row since our auxiliary has qualified for it.***



The Funeral Mass for our sister Columbiette, Carol Stuczynski, was held on August 28, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.



***Jack & Jenny Manley's Farewell Party***

***Photos after the Funeral Mass of Martha Richardson, Cristina Duvall's mother.***



***Columbiettes and Knights evening gathering after the Memorial Mass on July 24, 2025.***



Above: ↑  
Grand Knight, Matthew Youngster, is presenting awards to his fellow Knights.





# COLUMBIETTES IN ACTION

Installation of Columbiettes 8104 Officers

September 2, 2025



## Installation of West Florida Chapter Officers

September 27, 2025 at Incarnation Catholic Church



Helen Strakos,  
President

Clare Kaminski,  
Secretary



Sitting L to R: Jackie Arendes,  
Stephanie Brown, Clare Kaminski.  
Standing: Helen Strakos and Claire Thompson



*Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!*





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LET OUR LIVES BE FULL OF BOTH  
*Thanks & Giving*

Announcements

15th Anniversary of the Institution of Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes Auxiliary 8104 on **October 30, 2025.**

*Bible History Field Trip: Leslie Hale Teaching Center in Tarpon Springs on Thursday, **November 6, 2025.** Facilitator, Belinda Montes de Oca.*

*Advent Brunch: **December 6, 2025,** "Preparation for the Coming of Christ" presented by Deacon, Joseph Grimaudo.*

*Christmas Social with the Knights: Thursday evening, **December 13, 2025***

