



The Correspondent

FALL 2023

President's Welcome



Dear Christ Child Society Members,

Happy Fall and Happy Birthday to the Christ Child Society of Pasadena!

Started by Mother Mary Borromeo at Mayfield Senior School in 1933 with 15 members, our wonderful organization now has close to 400 members supporting 15 underserved Parish schools in the San Gabriel Valley, delivering 500 layettes each year for infants in need, and blessing families with gift cards at Christmas and Easter. We are so incredibly blessed, and our greatest blessing is to share our gifts with children in need.

The Christ Child year kicked off at the Fall Mass on Sunday, September 24th, under the lovely oak trees in George and Ana Raptis's backyard. It was a magical evening, carefully planned by Aline Cacho Sousa and Eileen Cameron. Father Marcos Gonzalez, our Spiritual Advisor, celebrated the Mass. Ana Raptis's niece Catherine Kenny performed a solo of "Ave Maria". Cantor Andrew Heath, music director of St Kateri Tekawitha in Santa Clara provided musical accompaniment during Mass. Father Gonzalez blessed our current board, and we concluded Mass inspired and ready to celebrate.

Members, husbands, and guests reunited and met new friends while enjoying food and wine at candlelit tables under the stars. There was a birthday cake to celebrate our 90th anniversary. Thank you to all who helped create this beautiful event, including our hosts George and Ana Raptis; Alfredo Cacho-Sousa and Curtis Cameron, husbands of our Co-Chairs; our finance team members Sara Law and Patti Brugman; and

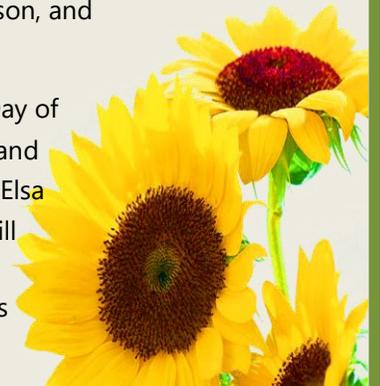
VP of Fundraising Julieta Bennett.

Exciting things are happening this Christ Child year. Layettes has already held four assembly sessions. Jacky Samartin, the new Layettes Chair, has an enthusiastic committee of Debi

Lee, Sue Fulps, and Brigid Blackledge. We invite all members and guests to participate in our signature activity. Each layette includes a handmade item such as a blanket, booties, or hat, and we welcome donations. The handmade items are a reminder to the parents of the precious new baby that the Christ Child community cares about them and blesses this new life. For social activities, Sharon McTigue is planning Fall Bunco for, Thursday, October 19th. It will be a fun evening for everyone; first-time players and guests are welcome. The Aces and Faces Chairs, Nancy Twist and Christine Dietrich, are busy planning their morning of bridge and lunch at the San Gabriel Country Club on November 8th. This will be the 30th year that Christ Child has hosted this event.

On November 2nd, we will celebrate our founder Mary Virginia Merrick's birthday with a Connections coffee planned by Martha Leos, Clarita Gustafson, and Linda Van Dyke.

NCCS has renamed National Day of Service to "United in Service", and over the month of November, Elsa Behney, and past Presidents will collect donations to provide books for the 15 Parish schools we support.



President's Welcome continued



This Fall we welcome 14 Provisionals guided by Provisional Chairs Luisa Rengifo and Linda Van Dyke. Their first group event will be to provide and deliver groceries for the families of the Good Shepherd Shelter on Saturday, November 18th in the morning. All members are welcome to participate. The morning will conclude with a tour of the Shelter which is a transitional shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence. Sharing the abundance of our blessings is a wonderful way to begin the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. Please join us!

Soon the holidays will be upon us. Margaret Quigley and Cecelia Miles are mailing the Christmas Stocking Fund letter. As is our tradition, we will provide Target gift cards to designated families in the Parish schools. These families will then be able to provide their children with Christmas gifts and clothing. Christmas gifts were an early project of our founder Mary Virginia Merrick. She asked poor children in her neighborhood to write letters to the Christ Child for Christmas gifts, and she and her friends, the original Christ

Child Society, fulfilled those Christmas wishes.

Finally, plans are underway for the Christ Child Christmas Brunch on Thursday, December 7th, at the home of Christ Child Society of Pasadena past President Nancy McDonald. This is a festive way to celebrate the holidays with Christ Child friends and guests. Laura Marcin and Kerry Plumer are Co-Chairing the Christmas Brunch this year.

All the service projects and activities of the Christ Child Society of Pasadena require lots of planners, volunteers, and attendees. You are all welcome to join in and participate in any way that is meaningful for you. Being part of the Christ Child Society of Pasadena is such a wonderful blessing. We look forward to seeing you soon.

God Bless you and your families. Let us all pray that the peace of the Christ Child may embrace every corner of our planet and bring tranquility to countries in conflict, including Israel and Ukraine, so that all people, especially children, may live without fear of war.

Cheryl

Making a Difference



On September 12, 2023, filled with boundless energy, unwavering enthusiasm, and a deep sense of purpose, our chapter's chairs and co-chairs gathered at their first board meeting for the 2023-2024 term. Led by our chapter's new president, Cheryl Newell, they passionately and meticulously charted the course for upcoming events and programs. We are grateful for their collective dedication to honor Virginia Merrick's enduring mission of helping children and families in need within our community.



Volunteers Needed

Treasures and Pals are very special programs that cater to the needs of children in our community. We are actively seeking Chairs or Co-chairs to lead these valuable programs. There is also an opening for a Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURES

The **Treasures Program** offers a seven-week Manners/Etiquette Class, with two-hour classes. Each class covers topics such as making introductions, dining manners, and thank you notes. Our members work with fifth and sixth graders at local parochial schools, aiming to boost their self-esteem and self-confidence in a positive environment.



PALS

As **PALS (Pairs and Learn Session) volunteers**, our members read aloud to the children in grades K-3 at St. Andrew and Nativity Catholic Schools. Our goal is to help children develop a love of reading, stimulate the imagination, and spark a desire to learn. Our CCS volunteers also offer tutoring in grades 1-3. Subjects include reading, and basic math.



If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Angel Throop at angelthroop@gmail.com

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The **Corresponding Secretary** is responsible for creating and the monthly CCS event calendar, titled "HAPPENINGS". While this is not overly demanding, it serves a significant purpose in ensuring our membership remains well-informed about our monthly activities.

Save the Date

Christ Child Society of Pasadena Ladies Luncheon, Auction, Fashion Show & Shopping Party

March 16, 2024
at
The Imperial Palace

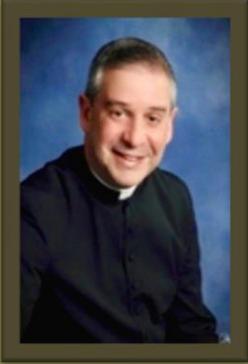
Details to follow



Committee Volunteers Needed

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From our Spiritual Advisor...



Dear Members of the Christ Child Society,

Greetings in Christ! I hope you are all healthy and well and staying strong! Summer is most definitely over now, and we are quickly approaching the end of this calendar year. It was great to see so many of you at our Fall Mass on September 24th. It was a beautiful celebration.

November is traditionally known as the month of the Poor Souls since we celebrate All Souls Day on November 2nd. This follows the beautiful celebration of All Saints on November 1st. These two great feast days really speak to us of the Communion of Saints. We celebrate the Church Triumphant in heaven on November 1st as we admire the lives of the saints and ask for their intercession. Then, the following day, we remember the Church Suffering in Purgatory as we pray for those souls still awaiting to enter heaven but assured of salvation. And we, the Church Militant, assist them with our prayers. As members of the Christ Child Society, we do this every year at our Memorial Mass. It is a very beautiful and worthwhile practice to remember those who came before us and to pray for their souls.

This year we must especially pray for peace in the Holy Land. The horrific attacks which took place by terrorists in early October and the subsequent war is simply devastating. In the midst of so much hatred and division and the terrible loss of life, we as Christians must redouble our efforts to pray for all the inhabitants of the Holy Land.

November also brings the national holiday of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is always a wonderful day to spend with family and friends and give thanks to Almighty God for His many blessings. Even though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, the church is always packed on that day for Mass. There is something very strong in each of us which compels us to be grateful for all we have received. It is a gift from God that we express our gratitude to Him because it makes us better persons. I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

And then, Christmas will soon be upon us. It is a bit of a challenge this year as it falls on a Monday. This means we have the shortest possible Advent season: only 3 weeks. By the time we get to the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we already begin celebrating the Christmas Vigil Masses that day. Remember, though, that we must attend Mass twice: once for Sunday and once for Christmas. Also remember that the best way to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts is by making a good Confession during Advent. There will be plenty of opportunities to do that.

Please be assured of my prayers for each of you during the grace filled seasons of Advent and Christmas.

May the love of the Holy Child Jesus always compel us to serve!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Marcos J. Gonzalez
Pastor

Our Chapter's 90th Year of Service



Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Christ Child Society of Pasadena!

By Sarah Towne-di Cicco

October 2023 marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of Christ Child Society of Pasadena. During this 90th anniversary year, The Correspondent will feature articles on Christ Child Society, Mary Virginia Merrick, and Mother Mary Borromeo. This is the first in this series.

The Beginnings

The spirit of the Christ Child society must partake of the Divine Child Himself, the Incarnate God., whom we wish to make better known and love. Love in the heart of a child for Christ...was the inspiration which gave birth to the Christ Child Society.



Thus wrote Mary Virginia Merrick when she reflected on those early days when, in 1885, the Christ Child Society was but a sewing circle of her friends and family making layettes and clothing for the new mothers and children living in the slums of Washington, D.C. Even then, she envisioned this work, in service to the Christ Child, would grow beyond this vital, but limited effort. At that time, she was not alone in establishing services for the poor. The increasing influx of new immigrants and economic stresses made life in poor neighborhoods increasingly desperate for the existing residents and newcomers alike. In response, all manner of groups were formed to succor the impoverished, especially the children and new mothers. Yet, the Christ Child Society was different because of Mary Virginia Merrick herself.

Mary was born in 1866 to the Merricks, a well-known Washington, D.C. family, the second of six children. Her early life was carefree, yet even then she was profoundly spiritual. She noted in her autobiography she gave herself to God before her First Holy Communion while alone and praying in

a wheat field. Then, when she received this sacrament, she "pledged to serve Our Lord in the poor". Just three years later, her life would change dramatically, and the test of this commitment would begin and continue for the rest of life: a fall from the roof of her summer home's playhouse, coupled with tuberculosis of

the spine would leave her in constant pain and permanently disabled. Soon thereafter, both her parents died.

After such devastation, Mary could have easily taken to her bed and lived the life of a pampered invalid. Undaunted, she held true to her vow and dedicated herself to ameliorating the lives of the poor in her community in the name of the Christ Child, the Giver of Gifts. The Christ Child Society would become Mary Virginia Merrick's living prayer throughout the rest of her life. Her inspiring leadership would transform her home sewing circle into a spiritual and temporal blessing for thousands of children and their families across the country.



Our Chapter's 90th Year of Service



By 1898, membership had blossomed to include 352 members, with 2,200 garments, including seventy-five layettes for infants sewn and delivered: Additionally, the Society had a panoply of programs which provided two-week "Fresh Air" stays in the countryside for ailing children during the summertime, sewing classes for aspiring dressmakers, English lessons for immigrants, preparation for the sacraments, and a lending library, complete with librarians.

Almost twenty years later, the Society comprised 4,000 members in twenty-four cities as far west as Davenport, Iowa, as far south as Jacksonville, Florida and as far north as Chicago, Illinois. The scope of the Society's outreach encompassed, according to Mary: "all material, social, and spiritual needs of the individual child". She further detailed the object of the Society "[It is] ...to bring home to children a knowledge of our Lord's life, to stir them to love and to imitate Him; to brighten their homes; to care for their bodily needs; to save the neglected, the ignorant and the criminal; to visit the sick and the imprisoned; to care for them in delicate health; and to promote good reading". To accomplish all this Finance, Housing, Relief, Visiting, Fresh Air Work, Christmas Work, Sewing Schools, Religious Instruction, Libraries, Italian Work, Aid of Child Placing, and Court Work committees coordinated the efforts.

Through the economic, social, and political upheaval following the Great War and continuing through the Roaring Twenties to the early years of the Great Depression, the work of the Society expanded under Mary's constant prayer and attention. **By 1932, the Society had chapters in thirty-three cities. In 1933, Pasadena would make it thirty-four. By then, the long-desired private Catholic School, Mayfield, had put down roots and with it came Mother Mary Borromeo. For Mother Mary, the Christ Child Society was a natural fit.**

Indeed, what was written of Mother Mary Borromeo so beautifully expresses the life of Mary Virginia Merrick,



"If it is true that holiness is doing the ordinary in an extraordinary way, then Mother Mary Borromeo fits this definition. What extraordinary intensity of faith and union with God were masked by the ordinary in her life, one can only surmise."

She, too, lived what was the daily prayer of Mary Virginia Merrick: "Pick up the meshes and make a noble life and a perfect one in His eyes at least. He who looks not at the imperfection of the instrument, but at the result. By His grace He can do all things." A new chapter of the Christ Child Society story would begin with continued Divine inspiration.

Next: The Christ Child Society comes to Pasadena and Mother Mary Borromeo.

Layettes

“Layettes are Up and Running for the Fall.”



Layettes are up and running for the fall. We had a last minute, early summer assembly meeting to help transition our new team. Olga Castellanos who has been the layette leader for the last few years, graciously arranged a layette assembly to help our new 2023/24 team train and transition smoothly. We had a fun evening and assembled another 100 layettes which our new Distribution Chair Brigid Crane arranged delivery throughout the summer.

Many thanks to Sharon McTigue for assisting in helping Brigid get up to speed. Brigid is new to our group and has happily jumped in to be a tremendous help. We had our first fall layette meeting/assembly on August 29th and 30th. We had a very productive time, and it was wonderful to see old friends and meet some of our new Provisionals. We were able to assemble another 100 layettes and get organized for our October meeting.



We are so very blessed to have Debi Lee staying on to do all our ordering and work her magic on our budget.

Debi spends much time hunting down supplies and getting us the best deals so we can continue to expand this ministry.

We are also very grateful to Sue Diatal, her knitters, and quilters for providing us with handmade items for our new moms. What a special item for them to receive for their sweet babies.

Thank you always to Sue Fulps, my partner in crime for always helping and supporting everything we do. As always, thank you for the kindness and hospitality of St. Andrew's parish.



Lastly, we lost our dear member Kay Fitzpatrick in August. She has been my good friend for nearly 40 years. I was chatting with her daughter, and we believe she was one of the members who started the layettes program with Christ Child so many years ago. Happy to follow in her footsteps.



We meet upstairs in the Pastoral Center of St. Andrew's, 140 Chestnut Street in Pasadena as per the schedule:

- Saturday, November 4, 2023, 9:30-12:00



Fall Mass

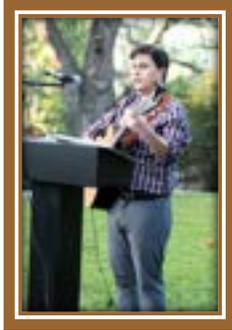
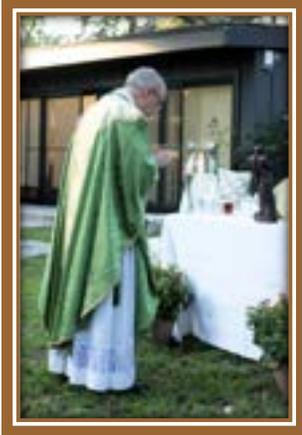
Beginning a New Year for Christ Child of Pasadena with a Beautiful Fall Mass Celebration!



Thank you to all who attended the Fall Mass. It was a wonderful season kickoff and commemoration of Christ Child Society Pasadena turning 90 in October. The evening was heavenly as we celebrated under the picturesque oak tree canopy at the beautiful home of George and Ana Raptis. Father Marcos Gonzalez's homily enriched the evening as it filled our hearts. We are grateful for the generous hospitality of the Raptis family for opening their home to us. Aline Cacho-Sousa and Eileen Cameran, Co-chairs



Fall Mass continued



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National Christ Child Society Conference Update



The National Christ Child Society Conference was held in Potomac, Maryland on Friday September 29, and Saturday, September. 30, 2023

The NCCS Conference is biennial, and the NCCS Convention will be held next September 19 to 21, 2024, in Omaha, Nebraska. Please mark your calendars now! There are 44 Chapters of the National Christ Child Society, and every member is invited to attend.

We began the Conference with a tour of significant sites in Maryland and Washington, D.C., related to Mary Virginia Merrick. I felt transported into Mary Lea Carroll's book, Somehow Saints, as I boarded the bus with Christ Child members from around the country. We drove by Mary Virginia Merrick's home in Chevy Chase, and then visited the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The Shrine is the largest Catholic Church in the United States, and there is a stained-glass window dedicated to Mary Virginia Merrick, Servant of God. One of the docents met us near the window to describe the history and connections of Mary Virginia Merrick to the Shrine, and a priest blessed us and reminded us that we, the lay people, are the Catholic Church.



We took group photos at the Lincoln Memorial and shopped at the Christ Child Opportunity Shop in Georgetown. The tour ended at the gravesite of Mary Virginia Merrick. We prayed the canonization prayer, and placed roses at her tombstone.

It was an overwhelming moment to realize that through our prayers and our work in the Christ Child Society, we can participate in Mary Virginia Merrick's journey to sainthood.

The afternoon comprised workshops on storytelling, an important theme of the weekend, and "FUN" draising. Chapter representatives described their favorite events such as a summer "Pink Party" in a member's backyard, a Pickle Ball Tournament, a baby bottle fundraiser with the local parishes for cash contributions, and a Community Theatre fundraiser. It was invigorating to share ideas to raise money for Christ Child community while building community.

That evening, certificates were awarded to chapters celebrating milestone anniversaries. Cheryl Newell along with Carol Pickle and Anne Kelley, both former Christ Child Society of Pasadena Presidents and former NCCS Presidents, accepted a certificate on behalf of our chapter, which turns 90 this October.



On Saturday, the NCCS held a formal meeting to vote on bylaw amendments, showcasing members' professional expertise. A panel titled "Boomers to Zoomers" focused on strategies to recruit younger members, including high school initiatives like Christ Child Club or Junior Christ Child Society. High school students participate in Layettes or other service activities and receive service hours. Not only is this a way to connect with young women, but it is a means to draw their mothers in as well. A Zoom call on this topic is scheduled for October 25, 2023. Interested members can contact Cheryl Newell for the link.

National Christ Child Society Conference Update continued

Another panel shared their key service projects, including The Clothing Cottage of the Western Reserve Chapter in Mentor, Ohio; the Christmas Project of the Annapolis Chapter in Maryland, which supplies gifts and clothing to 400 children every year; and the Hugs Program of the Toledo Chapter in Ohio, which provides educational workshops for parents of infants or infant caregivers. (hugyourbaby.org).

Heidi Johnson, a longtime Christ Child Pasadena member, delivered the afternoon talk, "Be the Light: Inspiring Others to Lead and Serve". Heidi, who hosts a podcast, "Charity Matters" as well as serving as the executive director of The Association of Catholic School Councils (TACSC), told her story of enduring personal tragedy (the loss of her mother in a car accident and the subsequent long-term recovery of her father) and ultimately healing through serving others. At the time, Father John Ziegler, a priest at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, reached out to Heidi and her friends to support his struggling chaplaincy.

Heidi doubted her ability to serve amidst her personal devastation, yet she did so, and embraced the words, "One spirit, one soul, one child at a time". This was the beginning of the Spiritual Care Guild at CHLA, which now has chaplains of all faiths serving patients and families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Heidi observed that Mary Virginia Merrick did not set out for greatness or canonization. Despite her teenage paralysis, she embraced a life of service rather than succumbing to tragedy. She, too, embodied the words, "One spirit, one soul, one child at a time." Heidi also shared stories of individuals who started charitable organizations, motivated by a single experience or person, driven by the intention to help, often unaware of the challenges ahead, yet forging ahead anyway.

Heidi noted that there are four pillars of leadership, 1) having a vision and creating a plan; 2) communicating the story, 3) bringing people up by lifelong mentorship, and 4) embracing servant leadership. Her talk was inspiring and impactful to her audience, and the room embraced her with a standing ovation.

The evening concluded with a lovely Mass and a celebratory dinner. Angela Sarni, daughter of Christ Child Pasadena member, Past president and NCCS Board Member Becky Sarni served as the event's photographer. Angela created a photo montage with music, followed by a video welcoming the National Christ Child Society to the National Convention in Omaha next September 19 to 21, 2024. Mark your calendars, ask your husbands to join in, and prepare for an amazing weekend in Omaha!



The Opportunity Shop celebrating 85 years in Georgetown.



Former Presidents of NCCS, including CCS Pasadena members, Ann Kelley and Carol Pickle (3rd from right and 2nd from right)

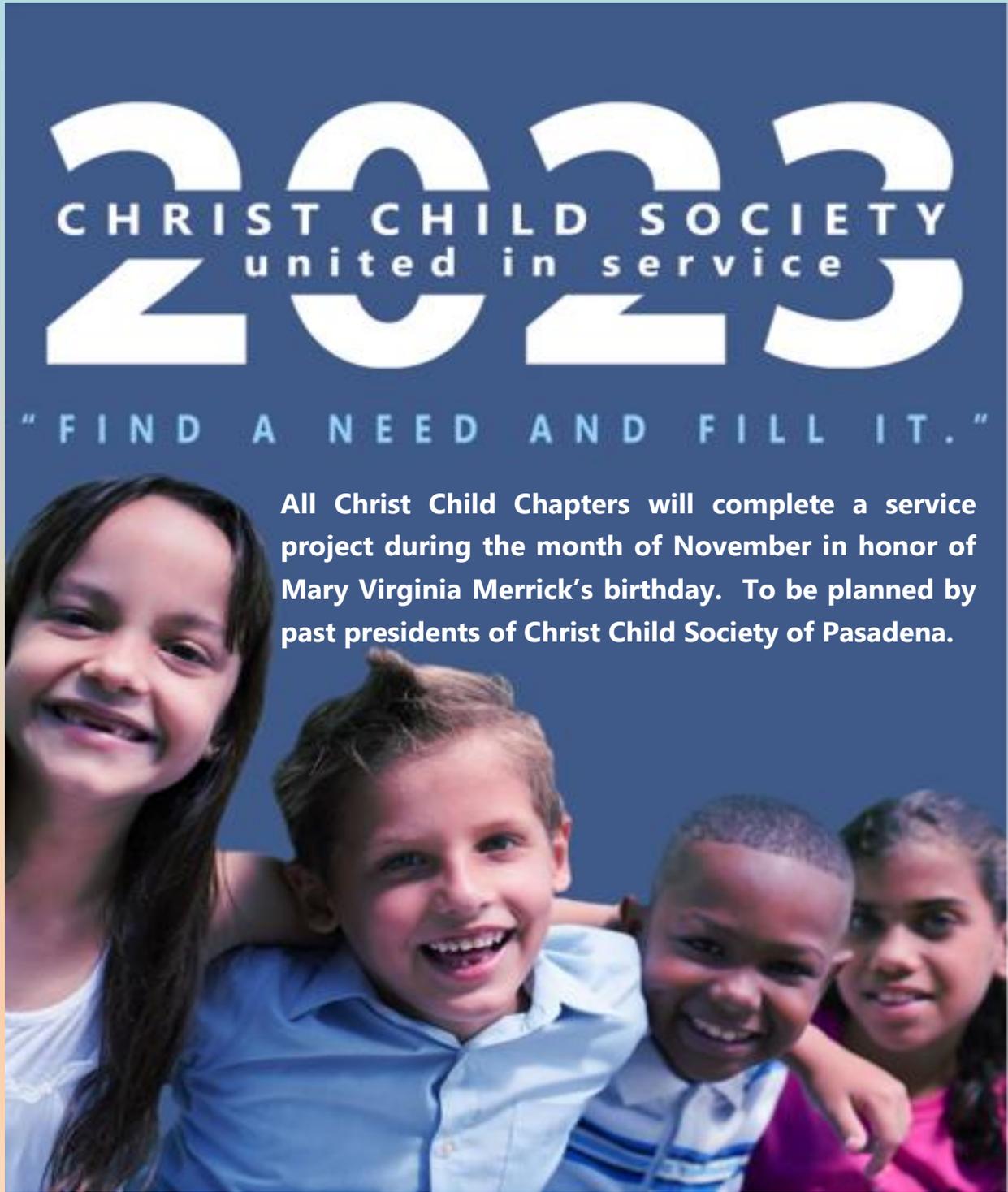


Mary Virginia Merrick's tombstone



Group photo at the Lincoln Memorial

Coming Soon in November: United in Service



All Christ Child Chapters will complete a service project during the month of November in honor of Mary Virginia Merrick's birthday. To be planned by past presidents of Christ Child Society of Pasadena.

Save the Date



*Fall Bunco
Thursday,
October 19, 2023*

A fun evening of fellowship, food, drinks, and game playing!

Evite to follow

ACES

**Wednesday,
November 8, 2023**

9:30 AM- 2:00 PM

**San Gabriel Country
Club**

AND

FACES



For new
bridge
players interested in
joining the Christ
Child Society group
or inquiries please
contact: Chris
Dietrich 626-570-1478
or Nancy Twist 626-
282-6852

Evite to follow

Save the Date

Shop for a Cause

PRIVATE SHOPPING NIGHT at SAVOR THE FLAVOR

Tuesday, November 14

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM



Join us for an exclusive event featuring award-winning food samples, wine, and champagne. Shop for Thanksgiving essentials or get a head start on our Christmas shopping. Savor the Flavor has been hosting these successful events for 18 years, offering tastings of International-winning foods, A-list gifts, home d é cor, and housewares.

10% of sales will benefit the Christ Child Society of Pasadena.

Evite with all the details to follow



Christ Child Society of Pasadena

Christmas Brunch

Thursday, December 7, 2023

10:00 to 12:00

At the home of

Nancy McDonald

Evite to follow

November 2: Mary Virginia Merrick's birthday:

To commemorate Mary Virginia Merrick's birthday, please participate in the cause for her canonization. Go to this link: <https://maryvirginiamerrick.org/pray>.

Prayer for Canonization

Lord God, in your special love for children, you chose to raise up Mary Virginia Merrick to be the servant of the poor children. In laboring to serve the young and those without hope because of the crushing weight of poverty, she proclaimed the love of your Son. She made her life's work a demonstration that "nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

Grant that her example of selfless charity and courageous virtue in the face of her own suffering will inspire us to be as generous in the service of others. We humbly ask that your servant Mary Virginia Merrick be numbered among the Church's canonized saints for the edification of your holy people, in accord with your most holy will. Through her intercession, please hear and answer my request (state intention).

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Save the Date

Connections Coffee

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Join us for coffee and
conversation in celebration of
Mary Virginia Merrick's Birthday

Evite to follow



Christ Child Society of Pasadena Board 2023-2024

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Layettes: Chair: Jacky Samartin Debi Lee (Ordering), Bridgid Blackledge, Ginny Doyle (Jan. -June)

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Service Projects: Julianne Coppersmith, Brigette Floyd

Provisionals: Luisa Rengifo, Linda Van Dyke

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Christmas Open House: Nancy McDonald, Laura Marcin, Kerry Plummer

Ash Wednesday: Terry Mitchell/Maureen Dundee

Aces and Faces: Nancy Twist, Christine Dietrick

Fall Bunco: Sharon McTigue

Spring Bunco: Mary Murray

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Easter Shoes: Katie Litwin-Bolton

National Day of Service: Past Presidents

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Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Marcos J. Gonzalez

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2023-2024**

2023

August 29 – (Tuesday) LAYETTES meeting 5-7 pm

August 30 – (Wednesday) LAYETTES meeting 9 am-11 am

September 8 – (Friday) Executive Board meeting 8:30 am

September 12 – (Tuesday) General Board meeting and Provisional Orientation 9 am

September 21 – (Thursday) Correspondent articles due

September 24 – (Sunday) Fall Mass 5 pm

September 29-30 – (Friday, Saturday) National Christ Child Society Conference in Potomac, Maryland

October 3 – (Tuesday) LAYETTES meeting 5-7 pm

October 4 – (Wednesday) LAYETTES meeting 9-11 am

October 19 – (Thursday) Fall Bunco

November – “Christ Child Society: United in Service 2023” All Christ Child Chapters will complete a service project during the month of November in honor of Mary Virginia Merrick’s birthday. To be planned by past presidents of Christ Child Society of Pasadena.

November 2 – (Monday) Mary Virginia Merrick’s Birthday (1866-1955)

November __ -- Correspondent articles due date TBD

November 4 – (Saturday) LAYETTES meeting 9-11 am

November 8 – (Wednesday) Aces and Faces 9:30 am -2 pm

December 7 – (Thursday) Christmas Open House

2024

January 16 – (Tuesday) LAYETTES meeting 5-7 pm

January 17 – (Wednesday) LAYETTES meeting 9-11 am

[January __ -- Executive Board meeting]

[January __ -- General Board meeting]

[January or February – Gift Gathering Party]

[January or February __ -- 2023-2024 Auction Obligation Due (\$100)]

[February __ -- Correspondent Articles due]

February 14 – (Wednesday) Ash Wednesday Morning of Recollection and Mass (at Mater Dolorosa in Sierra Madre?)

February 15 – New Member proposals due

[March __ -- Executive Board meeting]

[March __ -- General Board Meeting]

March 12 – (Tuesday) LAYETTES meeting 5-7 pm

March 13 – (Wednesday) LAYETTES meeting 9-11 am

March 16 – (Saturday) Annual Auction Luncheon Fashion Show at Imperial Palace

[April -- Spring Bunco]

[May __ -- Correspondent articles due]

[May __ -- Memorial Mass, Annual Meeting and Luncheon]

[June __ -- General Board meeting Old Board/New Board]

June 1 – (Saturday) 2024-2025 Annual Dues Due – Late fee of \$20 assessed after June 1.



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