



The Correspondent

Spring 2022

President's Message



Hello everyone and happy spring!

I hope you were able to attend the Memorial Mass and Annual Meeting and Luncheon which was followed by our auction. A busy day, but a wonderful one! At the mass we inducted 7 provisionals into Christ Child Society of Pasadena and the auction was a wonderful addition to the luncheon! I don't have results yet to share with you but I'm sure they were great. Thanks to Mary Baxter and her wonderful team, to Jeff Throop who did our live auction and to Ann Nader and Mary Vanis who planned the Mass and Luncheon.

As we approach the end of our CCS year, I would also like to encourage you to think about friends or family members whom you think would like to be part of the CCS community and propose them for membership. Our members are our lifeblood, both financially and organizationally. They are how we fulfill our mission in the community. Christ Child Society is made up of wonderful women who share the same values, who enjoy each other's company in various social events, and, most importantly, who do a great deal of good in the community. We cannot carry out Mary Virginia Merrick's vision without members who believe in it and help make it a reality.

Keeping our founder's mission in mind, please consider nominating someone for membership.

Wishing you a wonderful summer, and see you all in fall!

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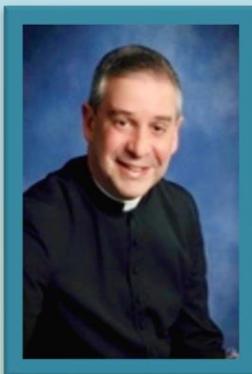
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From our Spiritual Advisor....



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May 22, 2022

Dear Members of the Christ Child Society of Pasadena,

Greetings in Christ! I hope you are all healthy and well and staying strong! I write this to you in the very busy month of May while we are in the midst of so many beautiful celebrations of First Communion, Confirmations and Graduations. We also have many weddings this time of year! But it is all beautiful and certainly a welcome change from the shutdowns we experienced in 2020 at the height of the pandemic.

It is my hope that you all will have a restful and refreshing summer coming up. All of us need some down time periodically to renew our energy so that we can work well. I know this is something the members of the Christ Child Society know well. You are all untiring in your efforts to assist the needy families in our community.

There is much in the news these past several weeks regarding the issue of abortion and the likelihood that this issue will be returned to the states rather than the federal government. This is a good first step, but we have a long way to go to ensure that all children have the right to live.

The Christ Child Society does the wonderful work of assisting mothers to welcome children into the world and thus you do beautiful pro-life work. It is important not only to prevent abortion but also to assist mothers to welcome children into our lives. You all do this on a regular basis by your care for babies and young children and it is a blessing in our lives.

I do encourage you, as part of your summer, to take some time for growth in your spiritual life. Down time is especially helpful as it can give us the opportunity to do some spiritual reading. If you are going on vacation, I encourage you to make time to visit the local Catholic churches and shrines in whatever place you may be visiting.

I hope you all enjoy your summer and I hope to see you in the Fall in the various activities of the Christ Child Society.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcos J. Gonzalez".

Rev. Marcos J. Gonzalez
Pastor

Service Projects: Spring Grants and Easter Shoes Update

“Mary Virginia Merrick would be so pleased!”



Each spring Christ Child Society of Pasadena supports our partner parish schools by granting funds to help support children in need during their second semester of school. This includes:

- funding lunch for individual children
- graduation fees
- First Communion fees and clothes
- Confirmation retreats
- registration fees for the fall semester

Thanks to the generosity of our members, **CCS Pasadena was able to contribute \$28,241 to 16 schools, which impacts the lives of more than 150 students.**



We also raised \$19,000 through the Easter Shoes appeal that allowed us to give 225 gift cards. **For the first time ever, we were able to increase the gift card amount from \$25.00 to \$50.00.**



The Christ Child Society membership is truly remarkable for their commitment to the children in the San Gabriel Valley. **Thanks to you,** we keep children connected to Catholic Education and the nurturing, loving, environment our parish schools provide. **Mary Virginia Merrick would be pleased!**

Bunco Night



Spring Bunco Night was so much fun! Our members joyfully gathered at The Clubhouse, an amazing venue. Thank you to Jennifer Gowen who did a fabulous job organizing and leading Bunco. There were a few members who had never played Bunco before and turned out to be rather skillful in the art of rolling dice. Mary Baxter was the evening's big winner! Mary attributes her big win to Jennifer Hemming's tips on rolling the dice.

Layettes

As we wind up this program year, we are especially grateful for the generosity of our members – “Thank you for your help and donations.”

Layette Assembly at St. Andrews



Layette Distribution to Agencies

So far this program year the following San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles agencies from our list requested layettes:

- Arcadia Methodist Hospital
- Catholic Charities
- El Nido Family Centers
- Foothill Family Service
- Give-Mentor-Love Foundation
- Huntington Memorial Hospital
- Nativity Catholic School
- Our Lady of Guadalupe School
- Right to Life
- St Francis Center
- St Martha’s School
- Thomas Riley High School



Layette Socials

The layette volunteers enjoyed several “shifts” of Wine and Cheese, hosted by Olga Castellanos at her home. They bundled diapers, assembled toiletry kits and the Christ Child medallion cards while enjoying some tasty snacks and refreshing beverages. Many hands make light (and fun) work!



Thank you to the layette volunteers who assembled and delivered layettes this year. We couldn't have done it without you!



Patricia Andersen
 Julieta Bennett
 Katie Bolton
 Brigid Brahos
 Rossana Cacho-Sousa
 Eileen Cameron
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 Sue Dietel
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Olga Castellanos shares a delicious hummus recipe which many volunteers requested.



5-Minute Hummus Recipe

Yield: 4 generous cups
 Time: 10 minutes (they say 5, I say 10)

Ingredients:
 ¼ garlic clove
 Juice of 1 lemon, about ¼ cup
 1 (16 oz) jar tahini
 1 tbs kosher salt
 1 tsp ground cumin
 1 to 1 ½ cups ice water
 2 (15 oz) cans chickpeas, drained and rinsed

Preparation:
 Step 1: Drop the ¼ garlic clove into a food processor and add the lemon juice. Put the tahini on top, making sure to scrape it all out of the container, and add the salt and cumin. Process until the mixture looks peanut-buttery, about 1 minute. Stream in the ice water, a little at a time, with the motor running. Process just until the mixture is smooth and creamy and lightens to the color of dry sand.

Step 2: Add the chickpeas and process for about 3 minutes, scraping the sides of the bowl as you go, until the chickpeas are completely blended, and the hummus is smooth and uniform in color.

New York Times Cooking Recipe
 5-Minute Hummus
 Recipe from Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook
 Adapted by Krysten Chambrot

Thank you to Sharon McTigue and Debi Lee for agreeing to serve yet another year on the Layette committee. We are still looking for a few more committee members.

Please consider joining us!

Fun-raising: Backyard Gift Gathering Party



The Gift Gathering Party was held Saturday, March 26th in the beautiful backyard of Jim & Becky Sarni's home. It was the perfect setting to make for a fun and successful evening. In addition to the bountiful gifts, collected from our members, we held a small, but mighty Live Auction. With the help of our extraordinary Auctioneer - Jeff Throop, \$7,500 was raised from Private Suites donated by the Sarni's, and the fun Scratch Off Lottery Ticket Baskets. We had a team of extraordinary volunteers that sold over \$1,700 in Raffle Tickets. A special "thank you" to Mary Baxter who organized such a wonderful event.



Memorial Mass, Luncheon and Auction



What do you get when you combine the beautiful Memorial Mass and Luncheon with our Annual Auction?

A Most Successful Event!

While the numbers are still being tabulated, it looks like combining these events was well received and may become a new tradition for our group. We started the day at St. Andrew Church for Mass and Remembrances with our guest presider, Monsignor Connolly. Then it was on to Annandale where we shopped at the auction, mingled, ate, and celebrated new provisional members, the induction of provisionals to full members, and an introduction of the new board and leadership for next year. Many thanks to the many hands that made it a lovely day!



Memorial Mass, Luncheon and Auction continued



A few of the items auctioned off were a Bridge Party for 8 with Ann Nader and Charlene Seley, an Afternoon Garden Luncheon with spirited conversation with host and author Mary Lea Carroll, Lunch at Loyola with Fr. Greg Goethals, Dinner for 8 at St. Andrew with Fr. Gonzalez, great tickets to Dear Evan Hansen on July 6th, as well as Dodger tickets, Lovely Della Robbias and so much more.





Many thanks to Mary Baxter and her wonderful team, our Memorial Mass and Luncheon Chairs - Ann Nader and Mary Vanis, Sara Law for handling all of the reservations and Jeff Throop, our Master Auctioneer.





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Ash Wednesday Mass and Luncheon

We are very grateful to our Chair Terry Mitchell for organizing a special Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated on March 2, 2022, at Saint Bede the Venerable Church in La Canada Flintridge. Following Mass, many members met for a lovely lunch at Mijares Restaurant on one of their beautiful patios.



Christ Child Society of Monterey Bay Chapter News

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF MONTEREY BAY HELPS UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FAMILY

On April 7, 2022, National Christ Child Society posted an article which includes a video from KSBW Action News on their Facebook page regarding members of the Monterey Bay Chapter of Christ Child Society helping an expectant Ukrainian mother and her young son who recently arrived due to the Russian invasion.

The following is the post from National Christ Child Society along with the link to the article:

This is a wonderful [#LoveLeadstoAction](#) story from [Christ Child Society of Monterey Bay](#). Because several members of the CCS chapter belong to the Church mentioned in the video, the chapter was asked and honored to supply necessities for the child and soon to be born baby of this young mother fleeing the dangers of the war in Ukraine to stay temporarily with her sister who lives in the United States. Follow the link to see the video for this touching story:

<https://12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/...>

If the link does not work, you may search for the article: Ukrainian Mother and Child Arrive in Monterey Amid Russian War by Ariana Jaso.



Photo from KSBW.com

“We were able to have a box of beautiful clothing and all sorts of other things,” said Anne Kelley with the Christ Child Society of Monterey Bay. “We have diapers coming today in his size and we have blankets, there’s a highchair, there’s a top-of-the-line car seat and everything that will help give a start.”

Jaso, Ariana (2022, April 3)
Ukrainian Mother and Child Arrive Monterey Amid Russian War
KSBC Action News, KSBW.com

Reminders

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2021-2022

2021	2022
Friday, August 20 th - The Correspondent articles due	Wednesday, January 12 th -Executive Board meeting
Thursday, August 26 th -Layette meeting	Wednesday, January 19 th -General Board meeting
Wednesday, September 8th - Executive Board meeting	Wednesday, January 19 th - Layette meeting
Wednesday, September 15th-General board meeting (and Provisional Orientation)	Thursday, January 20 th -Layette meeting
September 16-18- National Conference	Tuesday, February 8 th -Correspondent articles due
Tuesday, September 21 st - Layette meeting	Friday, February 11 th – Layette meeting
Sunday, September 26 th - Fall Mass	Saturday, February 12 th – Layette meeting
October 25 th -31 st National Day of Service (week)	March board meetings TBD
Wednesday, October 27 th -Layette meeting	Tuesday, March 22 nd – Spring Allocation meeting
Wednesday, November 3 rd - Fall Bunco Night	Friday, May 8 th - The Correspondent articles due
Monday, November 8 th -The Correspondent articles due	Auction Wednesday, May 18,2022
Thursday, November 11 th -Fall Allocation meeting	Memorial Mass, Luncheon and Annual Meeting
Tuesday, December 7 th - Christmas Open House	Wednesday, May 18,2022

Looking forward to seeing you in fall 2022. Enjoy your summer!



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