



NATIONAL CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY.
WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

The Correspondent

FALL 2022

President's Welcome



Greetings ladies, hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer with the ones you love. Vacations are hopefully a time of rest and renewal, so that when we get back to work, we will have the necessary energy and drive. I hope you had such a summer, and that you're ready to help Christ Child Society achieve our mission of helping children in need in our community.

The needs of children in our community are still great. Our past year was very successful. We allocated over 500 Layettes, collected hundreds of books, and allocated over \$100,000 to children in need in our parish schools. We were also able to allocate funds to our various scholarship programs.

Our fall season was kicked off at our annual Fall Mass, which I hope you were able to attend, and soon the holiday season will be upon us. You'll receive the annual Christmas Stocking mailer, and then the invitation to the Christmas Open House. I am always amazed and moved by the incredible generosity of our members to the stocking's program and the Layette fundraiser at the Open House. I know this year will be no different.

As we begin a new year for CCS, I urge you to find a little time in your calendar to lend a hand. ***We could use some Helping Angels!*** There is no need to volunteer for a board position (though we would love to have you!) but maybe you have a day to read in a school, an evening to help assemble layettes, or a couple of hours to help us put labels on invitations and deliver them to the post office. ***There are many, many small jobs that take very little time but make a huge difference.***

Everyone is super busy, but the more people we have to take up small, short commitment tasks, the more effective we will be and the more the board can get accomplished. ***Even a short commitment will make a huge difference!***

If you are interested and willing, please contact me or our talent bank coordinator, Sarah Nowak.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Christ Child mission!

Blessings,
Elsa



You Make a Difference: Our Chapter Programs

Christ Child Society of Pasadena has specific programs catering to the needs of our own community. As we begin our new 2022-2023 year, we are always looking for additional supporters, volunteers, and Helping Angels. If you are interested in participating, the following is a short description of our chapter programs and contact information. As always, we are very grateful to you for all your support and dedication to help us achieve our mission of helping children in need.

TREASURES

The **Treasures Program** is a Manners or Etiquette Class. The program is a seven-week course – two hours per class. Each class addresses a subject such as making introductions, dining manners and thank you notes. Our members work with fifth and sixth graders at local parochial schools. Our aim is to create a positive environment where, hopefully, the students will receive a boost to their self-esteem and self-confidence. **Maureen Dinius: mdinius@earthlink.net**



LAYETTES

The Layette volunteers assemble and provide new mothers with some basic needs for Infants. Volunteers meet at St. Andrew Pastoral Center to assemble the layettes. We are thankful to have devoted knitters in our CCS who make blankets, booties, and caps that are included in each layette. The layettes are distributed to many area parishes, hospitals, pregnancy help centers, children's services, and Catholic charity organizations. **Olga Castellanos: olga_cast@mac.com, Debi Lee: dalee225@yahoo.com, Sharon McTigue: sharonmctigue@me.com**

If you would like to be a **Helping Angel** for a small job or short-term commitment, contact **Sarah Nowak: esnowak@att.net**

PALS (Pairs and Learn Session)

As **PALS 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. Program on hiatus until 2023
Greta Andre: greta@andrefamily.com

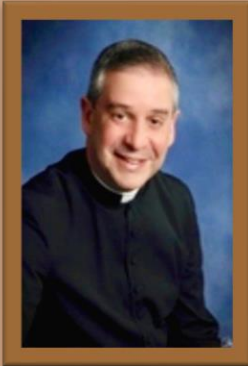


Parish Ambassadors and Service Projects

Service Projects are administered through volunteer members who are **Parish Ambassadors** and act as liaisons to designated parish schools in the San Gabriel Valley. Communicating with the schools' principals throughout the year, our ambassadors identify the needs of the most underprivileged children at the schools and invite the principals to submit requests for funds to support those needs. As a result, our **Service Projects program (Christmas Stocking Fund & Easter Shoes)** pays for items such as uniforms, registration, sacramental fees, and lunch for the neediest children at the schools. For more information see page 6 of this issue.

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From our Spiritual Advisor...



St. Andrew Catholic Church

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September, 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 after returning from a wonderful pilgrimage to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. I know many of you have been there and seen this beautiful musical drama. For those unfamiliar, this Passion Play has been performed in this small town in Bavaria for hundreds of years (every 10 years) in gratitude for being protected from the plague. Ironically, it had to be cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic, and it was performed this year. If you've never seen it, I strongly recommend it. The next one will be in 2030. We left Germany just after the beginning of Oktoberfest so we had the joy of participating in that as well.

Once I returned it was obvious that summer is now over! Even though it is still quite warm, I see all our families back from vacation, the school in full session, and the parish busy with numerous activities for this Fall. The next one here will be our wonderful Bach to Broadway Concert on October 14th. It is always a wonderful event.

The whole purpose of vacation, of course, is to rest, get a break from our usual duties and responsibilities and come back renewed to do the Lord's work. It is my hope that you all had a wonderful and restful summer and now are ready to continue the wonderful work of the Christ Child Society.

Very soon we will have our annual Fall Mass on October 2nd and I look forward to seeing all of you there. It happens to be the Feast of the Guardian Angels (although we have to liturgically celebrate the Sunday Mass) which is a wonderful reminder of these protective beings sent by God to watch over us.

October is also the month of the Holy Rosary so I strongly encourage you to make this beautiful Marian devotion a part of your daily life. I've prayed the rosary daily throughout my life and it has made a tremendous difference. Mary always brings us to Jesus!

May you have a wonderful Autumn and I look forward to seeing you all soon for our Mass on October 2nd.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Marcos J. Gonzalez
Pastor

Layettes

LAZY SUMMMER? NOT!!

The layette committee was extra busy this summer with numerous meetings and a big delivery day.



Layettes continued

Thank you to the members and their family members who helped unload one of our big orders on a hot August weekday, and to those who came to the first 2 assembly meetings!!

Mary Lea Carroll	Chris, Sharon &
Michele Coudures	Sean McTigue
Elena DeMarco	Angie Miller
Sue Fulps	Barb Mitchell
Jen Gowen	Mary Murray
Virginia Jones	Cheryl Newell
Daina Kasputis	Sara Nowak
Sara Law	Ann Sanders
Debi Lee	Pat Thiel
Mary Marthe	



We meet upstairs at **St. Andrew Pastoral Center, 140 Chestnut Street in Pasadena** as per the schedule below:

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, October 13th, 5 to 7pm

Friday, October 14th, 9 to 11am

Thursday, January 12th, 5 to 7pm

Friday, January 13th, 9 to 11am

Saturday, February 11th, 9 to 11am

Tuesday, May 9th, 5 to 7pm

Wednesday, May 10th, 9 to 11am



Our Chapter Grant Funds: LIVING OUR MISSION



A New Season, a New Reason to Live our Christ Child Mission

Families celebrate and, at the same time struggle, as every member transitions back to a life that feels back to normal yet still unsettled. Our mission to support and care for the welfare of children and youth is greater than ever.

We have two opportunities to donate to and build up our Grant funds, through Christmas Stockings and Easter Shoes. We provide Grants for 18 parish schools whose needs range from registration fees to school uniforms. We reach the homes and hearts of many families who would otherwise not be able to attend school and have the gift of a strong, Catholic school experience. The Grants allow these 18 schools to maintain their connection with Church, school, and faith community.



This would not be possible without the time, commitment, and love of our Christ Child parish ambassadors. They connect with the leaders of their assigned parish school throughout the year and guide them through the grant application process. The parish schools, especially the students, are grateful for all the dedicated and loving support of the parish ambassadors.

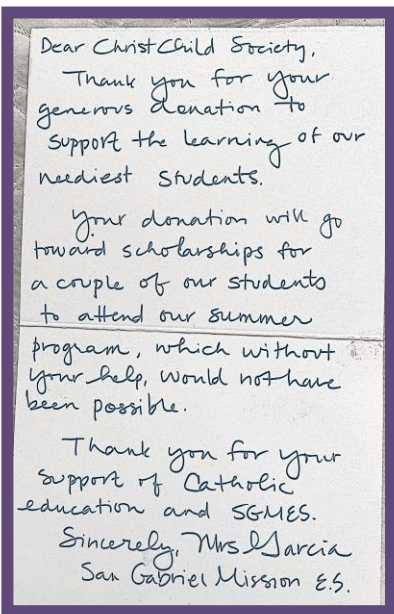
Thank you all for your continued support of our Society and of the children.

Leah McCrary and Julianne Coppersmith

The role of a Parish Ambassador gives as much to the school as it does to our members who choose to take on this responsibility. There is always a need for new members who want to live our mission. This special opportunity allows our ambassadors to see how our generosity transforms the lives of the children. If you would like to be a part of this special opportunity to provide for the children of our community, please contact:

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thank-you card from Mrs. Garcia
San Gabriel Elementary School

Save the Date for National Day of Service

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Read - Imagine - Succeed -
EMBRACE THE POSSIBILITIES



OCTOBER 24TH - 30TH

Please help Christ Child Society of Pasadena supply our parish schools with the books they need to serve and educate the less fortunate families! Let's be generous and share our gifts with them!

1 BOOK - \$15 • 2 BOOKS - \$25 • 5 BOOKS - \$50

Please donate via Zelle (treasurer@christchildpasadena.org). Make sure to designate National Day of Service in comment section. You can also mail your donation before October 30th to past presidents:

Angel Throop
622 Valle Vista Drive
Sierra Madre, CA 91024



Laura Aguirre
140 Club Road
Pasadena, CA 91105

Save the Date



Annual Christmas Stocking Fund

Letters will be mailed at the end of **October**

Your generous donations allow our Christ Child Society to enrich the lives of children in 18 parish schools.

Fall Bunco Night
Wednesday, Oct 20, 2022
at 6:30 PM
Clarita Gustafson's Home



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

Reply to Evite.

Save the Date



ACES and FACES

Monday,

November 7, 2022

at

**San Gabriel
Country Club**

Invitations have been sent



Christmas Open House

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Details to Follow

National Christ Child Society Convention

The National Christ Child Society 2022 Convention Together in Tucson – A Great Success!

Pasadena chapter president, Elsa Behney, and members Roseann Anderson, Terry Clougherty, Mary Lea Carroll, and Becky Sarni attended the National Christ Child Society 2022 Convention, as well as non-resident members Carol Pickle and Anne Kelley.



The setting was the beautiful Loews Ventana Canyon Resort which is built right into a mountain whose vista was fluid throughout the day depending on the sunlight. There was an optional tour of Tucson on Thursday morning. Highlights included a stop at the St. Augustine Cathedral and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School for the ribbon cutting of the Christ Child Society of Tucson-donated book vending machine. The students loved it! Then the tour was off to “The White Dove of the Desert” – also known as Mission San Xavier del Bac - the northernmost mission founded in 1692 by Jesuit priest Padre Eusebio Kino. The tour concluded with stops for James Beard award winning Sonora Dogs (hot dog wrapped in bacon and topped with beans, fresh, grilled onions, tomatoes, mayo, mustard, and jalapeno sauce), and dessert (shaved ice with a scoop of ice cream, fresh fruit of your choice, and

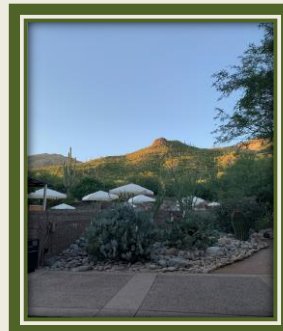
sweetened condensed milk topping). Decadent!

The business side of the convention kicked off Thursday afternoon with keynote speaker Paula Van Ness, who set the theme and tone for the weekend and a casual reception.

Friday was education day and included the annual business meeting and sessions on chapter programs, grants and donations, board development, and the use of Tradewing software. After absorbing so much information, attendees got to indulge in some delicious barbecue and entertainment by the internationally acclaimed Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus, including a few young members showing off their roping skills.

Saturday was wrap-up day where interactive sessions put newly learned skills to the test. There was a lot of sharing and laughter! The weekend wound down with a beautiful mass celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger followed by dinner.

As always, attendees walked away with valuable information, new contacts, and inspiration. All of all chapters are encouraged to attend the convention and conference.



**Next year’s Conference will be held September 29 - 30 at the Bolger Center in Bethesda, Maryland.
Mark your calendars.**

Fall Mass

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



Thank you to our gracious hosts, Anthony and Terry Clougherty for opening their beautiful home and backyard garden. It was an amazing quiet backdrop for a wonderful Holy Mass celebrated by our spiritual advisor, Fr. Marcos Gonzalez. Many of our members and their spouses attended and enjoyed the cocktails and hors d'oeuvres following the spiritual nourishment! Thank you to all the helping hands-greeters, readers, and servers and to all who came to his Fall Mass event to start our new year of Christ Child Society of Pasadena.

God bless!

Emma Stewart & Susan Stewart, co-chairs



Fall Mass continued



Fall Mass continued



Christ Child Society of Pasadena Board 2022-2023

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Pals: Greta Andre

Service Projects: Leah McCrary, Julianne Coppersmith

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Website: TBD

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Fall Mass: Emma Stewart, Susan Stewart

Fall Bunco; Jackie Halpin, Denise Clark

Christmas Open House: Elita Balfour

Ash Wednesday: Terry Mitchel, Maureen Dundee

Aces & Faces: Nancy Twist, Christine Dietrich

Spring Bunco: Mary Baxter

Connections: Michelle Coudures, Martha Leos

Christmas Stocking Fund: Brigid Brahos, Angela Ladd

Easter Shoes: Angela Ladd, Brigid Brahos

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Guests of the Board

Advisor /Past President: Becky Sarni

National CCS President: Carol Pickle

National CCS Board Member: Rebecca Sarni

NCCS Canonization Advisory Board Chair: Roseann Anderson

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Marcos J. Gonzalez

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2022-2023

2022

August 29th (Monday)-Layette meeting 5-7PM
 August 30th (Tuesday)- Layette meeting 9-11AM
 September 7- Executive Board meeting
 September 14th – General Board meeting – New provisional orientation
 September 16th -18th- National Christ Child Conference (Tucson)
 October 2nd – Fall Mass
 October 13th - Layette meeting 5-7PM
 October 14th -Layette meeting 9-11 AM
 October 20th – Fall Bunco
 November 4th – Correspondent articles due
 November 7th – Aces and Faces
 December 8th – Christmas Open House

2023

January 12th (Thursday)- Layette meeting 5-7PM
 January 13th – Executive Board meeting
 January 13th (Friday)- Layette meeting 9-11AM
 January 18th- General Board meeting
 February 10th – Correspondent articles due
 February 11th (Saturday) – Layette meeting 9-11AM
 February 15th – New member proposals due
 February 22nd – Ash Wednesday
 March 1st – 2022-23 AUCTION OBLIGATION DUE (\$100)
 March 8th- Executive Board meeting
 March 15th -General Board meeting
 March 15th - Past Presidents’ luncheon
 April 18th (tent.) – Spring Bunco
 May 9th (Tuesday)- Layette meeting 5-7PM
 May 10th (Wednesday) – Layette meeting 9-11 AM
 May 12th - Correspondent articles due
 May TBD – Auction and Memorial Mass, Annual Meeting and Luncheon
 May TBD (before Labor Day) – General Board meeting. Old board/New board
 June 15th – 2023-24 ANNUAL DUES DUE – **late fee of \$20 assessed after 8/1**

Looking forward to seeing you all at one of our events or program meetings.





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