



# Catholic Women's Guild Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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## President's Message

June - July- August 2022



Thank you, board members -

Thank you for bringing your passion, talents, and time to serve on the 2021-22 Women's Guild board. Our collection of shared life experiences, skills and knowledge helped move our organization forward during our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. I would like to begin by saying thank you to my Executive Board.

Vice President Carrie Uva's commitment to connect with the Aquistapace Foundation resulted in matching Christmas donations for our OLPH school students. Recording Secretary Julie Bosdachin took on the task of launching and maintaining the Guild website; an ever-increasing form of communicating with our members and parishioners. Ruby Gaytan's creative talents produced our monthly newsletter keeping all members connected and assembled the Past President's PowerPoint presentation. Dianna Hampton, Treasurer, undertook the responsibility of converting our monthly treasurer's report into a digital format utilizing Excel. Terry Ramirez, Altar Chair, refreshed our oldest ministry ensuring God's house was kept tidy. Ways and Means co-chairs Lucy Solares and Heidy De La Rosa surmounted the challenges of planning two major events in a post pandemic period. The annual Christmas Luncheon and Mad Hatter Tea events were smashing successes.

The Executive Board was also instrumental in creating and implementing the Guild's annual budget and event summary reports. Budgets keep organizations accountable and transparent in all fiscal matters. My heartfelt appreciation to Julie Bosdachin and Dianna Hampton for serving on this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas-Adopt-A-Family Committee.

Reservation chair Linda Malme expertly managed all RSVPs for our general meetings, Christmas Luncheon and Spring Tea. She kept all event coordinators up-to-date. Rose Douglas, Membership Chair, seamlessly oversaw our annual membership drive and administered this year's Disbursement Program. Julie Bosdachin assembled a five-star Scholarship Committee that included Irene Segura, Melodie Santana and Sylvia Gardner. These ladies updated Guild policy and procedures for the awarding of scholarships.

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### **OLPH Women's Guild Mission Statement**

A group of united, inspired ladies dedicated to enriching the lives of others through spiritual, social and charitable activities in our parish and community guided by the Blessed Mother.



Installation Mass: Lucy Solares, Julie Bosdachin, JoAnn Ramirez, Monsignor Lorenzo Miranda, Dianna Hampton, Margie Delgado and Lourdes Pena.

## MEMBERSHIP

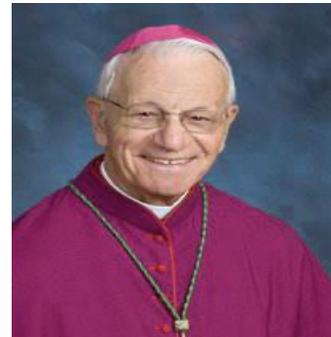
Rose Douglas

The Guild has ended this year with 200 members of which 33 are new. We are coming back strong, and our events are a testament to this. I was so happy to meet many of our new members at the Tea. It was a delightful event, and everyone had such a good time.

Just a reminder to patronize the businesses in the center of your Directory and let them know you are from the Guild. We are grateful for their support.

It was my pleasure to serve as the Disbursement Chair this year. I am so proud that the Guild was able to honor all grant requests. Thank you to all our members for making this possible. Our ministry is doing amazing work for our Parish and community.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.



**Say HELLO! He would love to hear from us!**

Change of Address

Send correspondence to

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**Maycrest Manor**

**10664 St. James Dr. Room 317  
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**President... Jo Ann Ramirez Vice**

**President... Carrie Uva**

**Recording Secretary...**

**Julie Bosdachin**

**Treasurer... Dianna Hampton**

**Corresponding Secretary...**

**Ruby Gaytan**

**Altar Chair... Terry Ramirez**

**Ways and Means...**

**Heidy De La Rosa**

**Lucy Solares**

**Editor...Ruby Gaytan**

**Reservation Representative...**

**Linda Malme**

**Historian... Vicki Carnevale**

## 2021-22 Grant Disbursements

At its May 4, 2022 board meeting the following disbursements were approved by the board:

OLPH School Music Program	\$1,100.00
OLPH School TK Program	\$ 330.00
OLPH School TK Spanish Program	\$ 525.00
OLPH School TK Classroom Manipulatives	\$1,645.00
OLPH School TK Playground Equipment	\$ 850.00
OLPH Church Environment	\$ 425.00
OLPH Church Ministry of Consolation	\$
700.00	
St. Dominic Savio Food Pantry	
\$1,000.00	
St. Gertrude the Great Reading Curriculum	
Grades 3-8	\$1,000.00
Friends of the Downey Library	
Supplies student & children's programs	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,575.00</b>

This year's disbursement program was capably coordinated by Rose Douglas. All ten applications received by the Guild were honored. The Women's Guild is pleased to serve our parish and community with these disbursements during our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

A special thank you to Friend of the Guild member Robert Brazelton for his restricted donation of \$5,000.00. His donation was used to fund the five OLPH School applications only. We are grateful for Bob's commitment to serve the youth of our parish school.

If you are interested in contributing to the Guild's disbursement program, please contact Jo Ann Ramirez at 714-932-3449. All donations are tax deductible and the Women's Guild is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 organization.

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23 Suzan Wilson  
25 Chris Baumann  
28 Pat Wilson

2 Gloria Ver Halen  
5 Yolanda Medina  
7 Lucy Solares  
9 Josette Antonelli  
10 Jeanne Henson  
13 Paula Mayfield  
Mary Mulrooney  
14 Joan Smock  
15 Jeanette Cox  
16 Lisette Grizzella  
20 Margie Delgado  
21 Laura Vazquez  
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Durga Baumann  
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22 Stephanie Basurto  
Theresa Ford  
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Melodie Santana  
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Shirley Lawrence  
29 Julie Goodus  
Winnie Hopkins  
31 Helen Kakuk



Longtime Guild member **Louise Niewiarowski** will celebrate her **99<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 15**. Let's send her 99 birthday cards wishing her a happy birthday. Mail your greeting card to:

**Louise Niewiarowski**  
8222 5<sup>th</sup> St. #B,  
Downey, 90241

## ***Parliamentarian***

*Armida Lugo*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who joined in the celebration of the Installation Mass and Reception.

\*To **Paula Mayfield** and **Margie Delgado** who became part of the Nominating Committee who began the task of selecting vacancies of the Executive Board to the election and installation as well as the preparation for the reception.

\***Patty Unzunza** for arranging the Carey Center for the reception

\***Paula Mayfield**-served as Eucharist Minister at Mass

\***Monsignor Lorenzo**-Officiant and gave the blessing to newly elected officers

\***Bonnie Beall** - prepared the flower arrangements

\***Rose Douglas** - presented the flowers at Mass to the installed officers

\***Yolanda Ramirez** - presentation of President's book

\*Potted Hydrangea plant and gift card - from the Women's Guild

\***Nancy Lopez, Mary Ellen Dunn, Paula Mayfield, Linda Malme**(also donating the water)

\*4th Grade readers under the direction of **Mariajose Gomez** (Dual Language Teacher)

**Sophia, Luna, John and Bellarose**

\***Ruby Gaytan** - for writing the requested articles for the newsletter

It was my honor to present and install the Executive Board for the OLPH Catholic Women's Guild with the "sunflower" symbolizing faith, peace, friendship and God's love. Representing loyalty to others and the power to bring joy to people.

Peace, love and smile, it's good for the soul,

## **Executive Board News**



The vacant Ways & Means co-chair position has been filled by **Lourdes Pena**. She will join Heidi De La Rosa in working with the vice president in planning Guild events and/or fundraising projects. The Guild welcomes Lourdes as our newest Executive Board Member.

## RESPECT LIFE INFO

### Do you Know What Canon 915 is?



**Canon 915** is the Catholic Church's teaching about the Holy Eucharist which states: "Those....obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion." Please pray for all in the Church, especially our politicians, who persist in legislating and supporting the funding of abortions in our land. Pray for our Bishops to speak out with clarity and conviction and lead their flocks in this matter.

of our local Crisis Pregnancy Center, LivingHelp, which is hoping to purchase an ultra-sound mobile van of its own. During the summer months, when donations are typically fewer, it would be lovely to visit the office at **8345 Firestone Blvd., Suite 300**, and support them with funding or baby items. Visit their website at [livinghelpcenter.org](http://livinghelpcenter.org) for more information, and spread the word to young people who may need counseling, or who want to volunteer. Pray for the director, Mari Wingate, and for all they do to be a light in this city.



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## ALTAR COMMITTEE

**Terry Ramirez**

A huge THANK YOU to the wonderful ladies who have spent their Thursday mornings cleaning our church this past year - Pattie, Theresa, Elenita, Eva, Mayda, Rosaura, Tanya, Margie, Rose, Patricia, and Lourdes!! They have done a great job! Thank you also to the Guild Board for their support. The year has flown by and June 1st brings a new Altar Chairperson. Thank you to Margie Delgado for taking over this very worthwhile and rewarding job. Everyone is welcome to join the Altar Committee any Thursday at 9 a.m. We will be happy to see you even if it is just one time to see what is being done.



## Continued President's Message

Publicity Chair Margie Delgado competently wrote and submitted Guild press releases promoting our events. Blood Drive organizer Paula Mayfield successfully led this year's annual blood drive despite the challenges of COVID-19. Parliamentarian Armida Lugo and her Nominating Committee members Margie Delgado and Paula Mayfield presented the membership with a slate of officers for 2022-23 and organized this year's Installation Mass and reception for the newly installed executive officers. Yolanda Ramirez, Downey Coordinating Council rep, capably served as our liaison with the City of Downey.

Decorations Chair Bonnie Beall's fall centerpiece raffle was a big hit at our October general meeting. Historian Vicki Carnevale hand crafted this year's President's Book while Mary Ellen Dunne's Telephone Committee informed members of funeral services. Bev Baumann's monthly inspirational messages, featured in the newsletter and at our monthly board meetings, contributed to our spiritual development. Leila Giries continued to outreach to those members in need and Patti Sharpe kept Guild members updated on 40 Days for Life. Gina Wormald, OLPH School rep kept us apprised of all school activities and prepared all name tags for our Christmas Luncheon and Spring tea events and Social Media coordinator Marci Mongan managed our Instagram and Facebook accounts.

Boards change from year to year and the following board members will not be returning next year. A special thank you to Carrie Uva, Terry Ramirez and Gina Wormald for their service and steadfast commitment to the Women's Guild.

To all board members, thank you for affording me the opportunity to collectively work with you in introducing our first summer in the park concert event, launching two free COVID-19 clinics, apply for an Archdiocesan CCHD grant, an Evening at The Stand Up Comedy Club, launch a digital Past President's presentation, and initiate our Mass of Thanksgiving kicking off 70 years of service to our parish and community.

Thank you for creating a safe space for me to lead our organization, serve our parishioners, community and effect change in our community.

Thank you for your service, your loyalty and your friendship. I will always be grateful.

I wish everyone long stretches of lazy days, cool breezes and fun in the sun. And, I look forward to the promise of a productive 2022-23.

*En todo amar y servir*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**June 2022**

Beginning Balance Feb. 1, 2022.....\$18,069.98

### **Deposits**

March.....\$3,328.19

### **Expenses**

March.....\$2,561.47

**Ending Balance March 31, 2022.....\$18,836.70**

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