

# Madonna News

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From the OLPH Ladies Sodality

January—February  
2012

## Dear Sodalist,

I can't believe it is Christmas once again. It seems that I was writing this year end letter only a few weeks ago. Time is loving quickly!

Christmas brings back memories of being together with our families. It was a time to remember the birth of Christ and to celebrate that wondrous event with the people we loved. We went to church and sang our Christmas carols. We prepared and ate wonderful homemade food, nothing out of a box or nuked in the microwave. Generations gathered together and we listened to our grandparents talk about their childhood celebrations. The joy we experienced being together is what our memories are made of. Not how many presents we got or time spent running through malls; buying the latest and greatest toys. We are nostalgic for the connections we had with

each other.

I intend to take time this month to remember what brought me such happiness as a child. I will gaze at the manger scene and the angel on top of the Christmas tree and feel magic in the lights. I will sing Christmas carols and embrace the true meaning of the lyrics. I will relax rather than running around this holiday season. I will stop and take notice of what I have rather than focusing on what I want or mourning what I don't have. If you are blessed with family and friends you are wealthy. If you enjoy good health and vitality you are lucky. You also have your faith which is a priceless gift that nurtures our souls.

I have enjoyed this year with all of you. I appreciate each of you for your contributions to our organization. As Sodalist's we enjoy a special relationship with out

blessed mother Mary. She gave birth to our Savior and we are reminded of that on Christmas day. I think of mother Mary throughout this season. How young she was. How brave she was. How trusting she was. I encourage each of us to reach out and help when we can. To pray daily for our loved ones and all the suffering people in the world. Mary did her part and offers us a wonderful model. It is up to us to keep honoring Mary through our daily choices. I would like to encourage each of us to stay focused on our tag line: What would Mary do?

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year! Ardis

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## Welcome to Our New Members

**Gloria Argueso**, past President of the Old Adobe Mission      President of the Old Adobe Mission

**Ellie Jackson**, Bell Canto Choir member

**Germaine Kahover**

**Pat Mansfield**, Bingo popcorn maker

**Flossie Siczkowski**

**Johanna Warner**, current

*Welcome Ladies!*

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## Please Pray for

**Dan Millard**—Darlene’s husband

**Dome Florez**

**Victor Dearing**—Jeanne’s husband

**Sue Decovich**

**Patty Kaleff**

**Mary Jane Merklin**

**Robin Spotleson**, Dollee’s daughter-in-law

**Carmen Harris**, sister of Ruth Johannes

**Helen Hiebl**, mother of Ruth Johannes

**Cheryl Sanders**, daughter of Jane Garska

**David Knox**, son-in-law of Betty Surmacz

*May they have a speedy recovery and strength to bear their illness. Amen*

**Pray for the soul of our Sodalist**

**Ann Marie Brady**

*May she rest in peace. Amen*

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## For Your Information

Our balance in our checking account as of the end of October 2011 is:

\$7,631.19.

Sodality meetings and events and donations to our parish, school and many other organizations.

Our income is derived from membership dues and profits from the various activities we sponsor. Our expenses are the cost of hosting the



## Our Thanks to

**Delores Jakubek** and her helpers for another wonderful Christmas Party. The food, drinks and entertainment were great as usual. We all know how much time and talent is used to produce a great event. Bless you all!!!

The “**Donut Ladies**” have been ever faithful in manning the donut tables after the masses on the fourth Sunday of the month. Their efforts will help build our treasury, so we can continue aiding various programs and groups.

**Linda Rego** and volunteers again helped us all to remember our

Veterans with flags being displayed in front of OLPH. It was a beautiful sight.

The November meeting with the installation of new members was a success. We now of six new members. **Mary Ellen Campanello** as Vice Prefect met with these ladies and prepared them for the event. She and **Judy Stih** were responsible for the food and decorations. Many of our generous members provided the wonderful array of food. To top it off, our Prefect, **Ardis Ozborn**, told us about her profession. It was

very interesting.

**Jen Donovan** set up a Christmas tree with ornaments containing wishes from some of our neighbors who need a little help this Christmas. Your generosity in making Christmas a little merrier is greatly appreciated.

Let’s not forget our **Bingo Teams**, headed by **Linda Rego** and **Pat Cramer**

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## Safe Environment Training

Please remember and attend the foundational training class, *Called to Protect* on Thursday, January 12th from 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m., in Rhoady Lee. This training is for those who have never taken this training class. Theresa, the Pastoral Secretary, is hold this special session to accommodate the Sodality. Questions, please call Theresa at (480) 874-3710.

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## Ladies...

Bring a friend to a meeting so she may see the Sodality in action, our interest in our faith, charity and friendship.

Remember to wear your name tag and medal.



## Mark Your Calendar

### January:

- No Sodality Meeting
- 9 Council Meeting—6 p.m.
- 12 Safe Environment Training
- 14 Bingo
- 22 Donut Sunday

### February:

- 6 Sodality Meeting—Mass 6 p.m.  
General Meeting to follow  
with a **\*slide show** and talk
- 11 Bingo
- 13 Council Meeting—6 p.m.
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 27 Donut Sunday

### March:

- 5 Sodality Meeting—Mass 6 p.m.  
Mary's Way of the Cross  
General Meeting to follow  
Nominations
- 19 Bingo
- 12 Council Meeting—6 p.m.
- 25 Donut Sunday

**\*Slide show:** Ann Keibler, Dorothy Young's daughter present a slide show and talk on our magnificent oceans.

## NOMINATIONS

### FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH

Just a reminder that the March meeting you will be asked to make nominations for officers for the coming year. If you or someone you know would like to serve the Sodality, please contact:

Judy Stih at (480) 807-4043

New leaders and new ideas are always needed. You will find being an Officer or a Council Member is very rewarding.

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### HELP!!!

In an attempt to reduce the cost of publishing the Madonna News, we have some questions and an idea:

1. Would you like to receive the news by email on your computer?
2. Do you want your name removed from the mailing list?
3. Would you like to keep receiving it in the mail?
4. Reducing the number of issues per year.

***Your input is important—call or email Gert Carey with you answers at***

***Gertrude.carey@gmail.com or call***

***(480) 947-0848.***