



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY® OF CLEVELAND

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CHAPTER AND VERSE

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

Spring is in the air...sunshine, warmer temperatures, longer days, green grass, and beautiful flowers. It seems like we have been cooped up for so long – and even longer than normal due to the pandemic – that it is hard to decide what to do first! So, let's open the windows and shake out the dust as we welcome this wonderful season that brings new life and new hope.



Plans are underway for our annual Red Wagon Event. While we cannot wait for the day we can all be together again, it was decided, after a great deal of discussion, that it is still too risky to ask our members to gather in a large group. So, we came up with a great alternative... **SMALL GROUPS AT FUN VENUES!** Please read about the exciting ways you can participate in the virtual Red Wagon Event in this newsletter and on our website. We need your help to make this event a success!

As we reflect on this Lenten season and prepare our hearts for spring and Easter, let us pray that we feel the presence of God all around us. We ask God to send us into the world to do His work through our thoughts, words, and deeds. We pray for peace for all those we serve and for each other. Thank you for your continued support! Happy Easter!

Blessings,
Mary Herrick

REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER RALPH

At last, Easter has come, Spring is here, the COVID virus looks like it is waning and just maybe we will be able to get back to some sense of normal! Wouldn't that be great? Just another sign that God is the One in charge and is watching out for all. But just in case this might be a faltering start and we are not "there" yet, just a taste of what had been normal is a delight. I hope this whole experience will serve to make us be wiser people, not taking for granted all that we have been given and all that enriches our lives. The greatest richness in our lives is that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and invites us to rise with Him and share that Risen Love for all eternity. Being convinced of that makes all present trials bearable and helps them be seen for what they truly are: mere "blips" on our way to a promised eternity! A most blessed and happy Easter to you all!!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS



RED WAGON EVENT *Invitations Coming Soon*

Our **2021 Red Wagon Event** is set for May 21. Invitations will be mailed to your homes and posted on our website by mid-April. To learn what **Carol Janus** and her committee have planned, please read the **2021 Red Wagon Fundraiser**, Cleveland Edition article in this newsletter. We hope that you will support this annual fundraiser which has been COVID impacted for both 2020 and 2021. Hopefully, next year we will be able to return to the luncheon format and once again gather as a group.



HELP US BUILD THE PROVISIONAL CLASS OF 2021

There is still time to recruit family and friends to join this year's provisional class. Committed new members are invited to participate on May 12 in the annual Bus Tour. We are very excited to once again be able to show off Christ Child projects in person!

Please contact **Kathy Bush** by May 10 to have a new Class of 2021 Provisional member join the Bus Tour. After that date, new members will be accepted in this year's provisional class until August 2021.

CCS CLE NEWS!

News You Need To Know **NOW!**

April 14	Executive Committee <i>via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.</i>
April 21	Board Meeting <i>via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.</i>
May 12	Provisional Bus Tour <i>Christ Child Office at 9:30 a.m.</i>
May 12	Executive Committee <i>via Zoom at 10 a.m.</i>
May 21	Virtual Red Wagon Event <i>Noon</i>
June 23	Spring Luncheon/ Annual Business Meeting



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES April/May 2021

***NEW VOLUNTEER PROTOCOL:** COVID protocols are required at all CCS volunteer sites. **Please contact the project chair listed below to confirm your participation and to verify that the event has not been delayed or canceled.** The number of volunteers will be limited due to social distancing requirements. Masks are required by the State of Ohio at all facilities. Thank you for your cooperation and know we greatly appreciate your time and talent and all you do for the Christ Child Society!

Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30

April 12, May 3

Contact: **Carla Calevich** if you wish to volunteer as number of volunteers is limited.

Euclid-St. John of the Cross Sewing Group

Fourth Thursday, 9:00-12:00 - *No sewing until further notice.*
Sewers may call Andrea Dean for fabric.

Contact: **Andrea Dean**

Independence Sewing Group

Second Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00-2:00

No sewing until further notice.

Contact: **Laura Cengic**

Merrick House Reading Enrichment

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00

No reading until further notice

Contact: **Carol Janas**

"My Stuff"

Selected Tuesdays, 10:00-12:00

April & May Dates TBD

Contact: **Kathy Moehring**

Parkview HeadStart Reading Program

First and Third Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00

No reading until further notice

Contact: **Sharon Skotko** and **Sharon Harwat**

Portable Crib Team

First and Third Tuesdays, 10:00-12:30

Contact: **Sheila Gulick**

St. Francis Library

During the school year

Tuesday 9:30-2:00/Wednesday 9:30-2:30

Reading limited at this time

Contact: **Lynn McMahon** for April and May details.

St. Rocco Library

During the school year Monday 8:30-12:00

No reading until further notice

Contact: **Laura Cengic**

Showcase

Shifts available Tuesdays – Saturday

11:00-2:00/ 11:00-4:00/ 12:00-4:00

Contact: **Mary Jane (MJ) Miller**

***Contact information can be found in our Chapter roster.**

2021 Red Wagon Fundraiser

Cleveland Edition

Calling all members...Be a part of our Red Wagon Video!

Spring is upon us and so is our chapter's Red Wagon Fundraiser! While the current state of the COVID pandemic is promising, we are still unable to safely gather the customary 400 guests under one roof for our annual shopping and luncheon festivities. So, the 2021 Red Wagon will be virtual this year – but it will be festive! We are in the process of creating a very special Red Wagon themed video, and we need your help.

The idea is to showcase some historic Cleveland landmarks while at the same time, highlight our "Red Wagon" fundraising event. We are asking you to gather your family and/or friends, perhaps those you would traditionally meet at the Red Wagon Luncheon, and go to one or more of the designated locations listed below to take some great pictures and video.

Suggestions for your photos: Make your pictures fun and exciting...let them show your enthusiasm for both Cleveland and Christ Child! Maybe you could dress in clothing that fits the theme of the location, for example, Indians gear at Progressive Field. Do not forget we are highlighting the symbol of the Christ Child Society – the Red Wagon! If you have a Radio Flyer red wagon, take it along and incorporate it into your pictures. If not, we have several red wagons you can borrow – contact **Carol Janas, Mary Herrick, Kathy Michael, or Meg Kearns** to make arrangements. If you do not have a red wagon when you take your photos, we will photo shop the picture of the wagon into your photos.

This is a safe way for us to gather outdoors in small groups while we demonstrate to our supporters that the women of the Christ Child Society are out promoting our city and Challenging Childhood Poverty in Greater Cleveland. Please be part of this important video by taking pictures and/or video on your cell phone and sending them to RedWagonCleveland@gmail.com by May 10, 2021. Our **Red Wagon Fundraiser, Cleveland Edition** will be broadcast May 21st, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. on our website and our YouTube Channel.



THE LOCATIONS ARE:

A Christmas Story House

3159 West 11th Street

Progressive Field

2401 Ontario Street

The Cleveland Museum of Art

11150 East Boulevard

Playhouse Square by the Chandelier

1501 Euclid Avenue

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

1100 East 9th Street

Cleveland Sign at Edgewater Beach Park

Shoreway

Malley's Chocolates

(pink towers)

13400 Brookpark Road

Several members have asked if they can take pictures at locations other than the seven listed above, locations that may be easier for them to access. While we really need pictures from the designated sites, if you take others, please send those pictures to us as well and we will try to use them in the video or for additional promotions.

We hope you will take part in this unique, fun way to celebrate the **2021 Red Wagon Fundraiser, Cleveland Edition**. Thank you for all you do to support our mission!

2022 – 2024 Executive Board Nominations and Applications

In June 2019, the outgoing Board of Directors elected a nominating committee of five members and one alternate. This was in accordance with Article VI, Section 1(a) of the Bylaws of the Christ Child Society of Cleveland which are printed in the roster. The elected Nominating Committee members are **Cathy Caruso** (Chair), **Meg Kearns**, **Mary Jane Miller**, **Anne Mooney**, and **Kate Toma**. **Jean Canestraro** is the alternate.

If you are interested in becoming an officer, please complete the application form found in this newsletter and on our website. The Nominating Committee will review all completed applications and develop a slate of officers for the 2022–2024 term. The slate of officers will be published in Chapter and Verse in the December 2021/January 2022 issue and the officers will be elected at the winter business meeting in February 2022. Submit the completed application to **Cathy Caruso** via email or phone (see roster for information) by September 30, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for elective office, a member must have served on the Board for at least one term, except for the financial secretary, recording secretary and corresponding secretary, who do not need prior Board experience but who must have three years of membership (including the provisional year) and/or the specific qualifications necessary for the job (such as accounting or bookkeeping experience for the financial secretary position). To be considered for any elective office, a member must be active and in good standing.

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE

For eligibility requirements and position duties, please see Article V of the Bylaws which are printed in the roster.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate any position(s) you are willing to accept.

**President - President Elect - Service Vice President - Organization Vice President
Recording Secretary - Corresponding Secretary - Financial Secretary**

Please indicate how the eligibility requirements are fulfilled: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Reports from the General Business Meeting

February 17, 2021

A quorum was established as **54 members** were in attendance by Zoom.

Wonderful News...Our chapter received an unrestricted \$100,000 donation from the Humble Heart – Gentle Soul Foundation.



Communication/PR/Social Media

Chairman Katie Camaglia continues her work to ensure the Christ Child Society of Cleveland is known throughout our community.

...Four 30 second spots are airing on radio 1260 The Rock (late February, early March) to advertise our chapter recruiting new members.

...Northeast Ohio Catholic Magazine included an article on our YouTube Reading Hour for the National CCS Day of Service. The magazine also published an ad for recruiting new members. The Informational Coffee

Zoom Meeting was advertised in the diocesan weekly e-newsletter.

...Constant Contact is up and running and being used for email communications with membership. The program graphics and layout offer an updated appearance to our messages. There is potential to incorporate other database lists for use in this program.



Development

"Development" now is an eight member committee, chaired by **Meg Kearns**. The committee will create a database of the organizations we serve, research the types of problems our programs address, brainstorm new fundraising ideas, and identify family and corporate foundations that could be potential donors.

...#WEGIVECATHOLIC was a huge success, raising \$4,050 in one day.

... "My Stuff" received a \$1,200 grant from a private family foundation.

... Our chapter was selected as a participating organization in John Carroll University Nonprofit Management Program's Capstone Project. Three students will create a "Case for Support" which will address our need for a "new" space in which to run our programs and/or possibly combine with Showcase into one location. It is a donor message that basically tells potential donors why they should invest in our work. The students will also create a "Feasibility Study Preparation Plan," providing a template to conduct a feasibility study, if necessary, to determine how to secure funding for a "new" space.



Ad Hoc Committee

Chairman Rose Dziak reported the committee has been discussing the pros and cons of our current office space and researching potential options. Focus is on a long-term solution to the question, "Where do we want to be to best serve the children?" The committee is currently on hold, eagerly anticipating the results of JCU's Capstone Project before moving forward.



Red Wagon

Chairman Carol Janas and her enthusiastic committee are planning for the 2021 VIRTUAL Red Wagon Luncheon to be broadcast on May 21 at noon on the CCS Cleveland website and our YouTube channel. There is no admission fee, but all are asked to thoughtfully consider making a donation to help *Challenge Childhood Poverty in Greater Cleveland*. There will be many opportunities for participation, including raffle baskets and a jewelry raffle featuring 3 beautiful items donated by Peter and Co. Jewelers. Members and friends can safely celebrate by joining

in a “photo hunt” -- participants will be invited to take pictures of themselves in front of designated Cleveland landmarks. The photos will be submitted prior to the luncheon and shown during the broadcast. More details to follow.



Showcase

Showcase continues to run remarkably well with an all-volunteer staff. Store profits have been supplemented by the sale of metal items not suited for sale in the store as well as special item sales on eBay. Excess books from the Christmas Book Program were happily given away in the store, and gratefully received by Showcase customers. We are currently passing along clothing items to the City Mission, and household items to I’m in Ministry and Habitat for Humanity. We are going to try instituting monthly sales events in 2021. Coming up is March Madness – everything

50% off the first two weeks in March. The semi-annual bag sale will be held March 13, 16, and half day on March 17. Changeover will occur the afternoon of March 17, followed by the entire day on March 18. **Chairman Kathy Cole** thanks everyone who has contributed to the success of Showcase.



Book Program

Building on the success of the Christmas Book Program, this effort will continue into Spring with an Easter Book giveaway. **Meg Kearns** will be organizing the distribution of Easter books to various elementary schools. The books were donated by the Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank.



Children’s Closet

Chairman Janie Nickodem and her team have been busy caring for the needs of children in many ways.



Portable Cribs

Chairman Sheila Gulick reports there was a slight increase in requests for cribs. Thirteen children received service, leaving an inventory of 193 portable cribs.



Beds Chairman

Arlene McNamara reports that through January, 94 children received beds. Contacting families has been difficult during the pandemic, but efforts will continue so that those in need can be served.



Uniforms Chairman

Loraine Wancata reports that in November, 13 volunteers helped *Shoes and Clothes for Kids* with a project that involved unpacking, sorting, and repacking 20,500 articles of clothing. In December, 9 volunteers helped with a community distribution of uniforms, school supplies, and other donated products. Another distribution will take place in March.



Winter Coats

Chairman Carole Moran, along with **Jo Ann Nally**, **Janie Nickodem** and **Julie Jerdonek** are looking for ways to expand the Coats Program, allowing for distribution through January when there is need. Increased numbers of coats and prams have been ordered for next year.



Layettes

Chairman Carla Calevich and a group of very dedicated volunteers distributed 265 layettes from November-January. Jean Boldt's group from Saint Columbkille Parish donated handmade baby blankets, hats, and booties and lovely quilts and stuffed animals were donated by the *Common Threads Quilting Guild*, all adding a special touch to the layettes. Volunteers are needed to cut fabric for blankets. Please contact Carla if you are able to help!



St. Francis Library

The first week of November was an exciting time at St. Francis School, reports **Chairman Lynn McMahon**. All grades (200 children) finally had access to the library! To keep the library as pandemic friendly as possible, students come in small groups and are asked to choose from books that are spread out on the library tables; special requests can be made by asking one of the librarians. Returned books are quarantined for a week before being re-shelved. Lynn is hopeful more volunteers will be able to return in late February or early March.



St. Rocco Library

Chairman Laura Cengic reports that while St. Rocco School is still not permitting volunteers, she was able to deliver Christmas books for the children. Principal Rene expressed thanks to the Christ Child Society, stating that the children were very excited to pick out a book.



Merrick House

Chairman Carol Janas reports that while the in-person reading program at Merrick House remains suspended, 18 children are still benefiting from our services. Carol provided 8 books for preschool classrooms, including several Pete the Cat and Dragons Love Tacos books! Carol plans to give each child at least one book to take home before the end of the school year, and she is hopeful to resume in-person reading sometime in March.



Parkview Head Start

The Parkview Head Start reading program continues to move forward even though volunteers are not yet permitted in the school. **Chairman Sharon Skotko** has supplied the book *Giraffes Can't Dance* to all classrooms for the teachers to read to their students. In the near future, each student will receive his/her own copy, along with an "Activity Packet" of worksheets and fun activities for at home use.



"My Stuff"

Chairman Kathy Moehring and a small number of volunteers have managed to serve 351 children despite being limited by the pandemic! The "My Stuff" program received a donation of hats, gloves, and mittens from St. Albert the Great school, knitted hats and mittens from Donna Kelly, and scarves and gloves from the *Common Threads Quilting Guild*. All were included in the winter packing.



Membership

Chairman **Carol Fondran** reports our chapter's membership is 358 members. Sadly, one of our members passed away since the last business meeting, but we gained another provisional.



Newsletter

Chairman Cathy Harbinak is currently working on the April/May edition of Chapter and Verse.



Provisionals

COVID and Mother Nature threw a monkey wrench into the 2020 Provisional Christmas Party. Not only did this class have to devise a way to treat the 43 preschoolers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel to the best possible social distancing Christmas celebration, they had to regroup after a snowstorm canceled school on party day. Being true to our founder’s motto – “Nothing is ever thing is ever too much to do for a child” – the party was rescheduled, gifts and games were prepared for each class and placed in bins for the teachers to distribute, and staff lunches were packaged in individual containers for all to enjoy. Next up for the 2020 provisional class is their installation on March 24 at the Jesuit Retreat Center. **Chairperson Kathy Bush hosted the annual Informational Coffee on March 3 by Zoom. Please encourage your family and friends to log on and find out more about our organization and our mission to Challenge Childhood Poverty in Greater Cleveland.**



Strategic Plan

A committee will be formed to review the current strategic plan, determine if those goals have been met, and then formulate a new plan. **Terri Parker** has agreed to chair the Strategic Plan Committee. More information will be available soon.

Organization Criteria and Approval Process

Julie Jerdonek and Meg Kearns created an Organization Information Form and Criteria for Participation for all organizations, both current and future, who participate in Christ Child Programs. The information will provide a valuable and comprehensive database of “Approved Organizations.” This information will help us learn more about the organizations we serve, enable us to communicate more effectively with them, improve our marketing ability, and help with grant writing. In addition, the information will ensure that the mission of all organizations we work with is consistent with the mission of the Christ Child Society of Cleveland – *Challenging Childhood Poverty in Greater Cleveland.*

Executive Board Zoom Meeting Photo

Though we have not been able to gather together for the past year, the Executive Board of the Christ Child Society of Cleveland sincerely wants you to know they appreciate all the work on behalf of children that our members have continued to provide during the pandemic. The Executive Board has also been hard at work. We see them here at a recent Zoom meeting. Top row – President **Mary Herrick**, Service VP **Julie Jerdonek**, Recording Secretary **Marsha Gleine**. Middle row – Organization VP **Kathy Michael**, President-Elect **Paula Conrad**, Corresponding Secretary **Liz Niehaus**. Bottom row – Financial Secretary **Denise Shafer**. Past-President **Cathy Caruso** not present for this photo.



SUCCESSFUL BOOK PROGRAM EXPANDS

The success of the Christmas Book Give-Away has been expanded to include books for Easter. Thanks to the generosity of the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank, Christ Child Society has 3,421 books to distribute to children this Lenten season. Chairperson **Meg Kearns** reports these books include Easter stories, bible stories, books about the lives of saints and other religious topics and were delivered to schools by Christ Child members in late March.

The teachers and principals we spoke with are so incredibly thankful to the Christ Child Society for providing this service to their students. One principal spoke about the need for children to have their own books and how grateful she is that there is an organization that supports both literacy and Catholic education. Another talked about how excited the children were at Christmas to receive books of their own and how wonderful it is that they will receive books at Easter. Yet another was thrilled to learn that the distribution included bible stories and books about saints that are written for children. This is an amazing project!

Books are being distributed to the following: Immaculate Conception PSR, Metro Catholic Early Elementary School, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, SS. Robert & William, St. Adelbert, St. Coleman PSR, St. Columbkille, St. Francis, St. Jerome, St. Jude – Elyria, St. Mark, St. Mary Byzantine, St. Mary – Elyria, St. Peter – Lorain, St. Rocco, St. Stanislaus, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Thomas More. The Merrick House Preschool Reading Enrichment and Layette programs also received books and over 200 *additional* books are being distributed at Showcase.

Our fabulous volunteers completed the sorting of these books in just four days! Each book received a Christ Child Society sticker and was placed in one of the following categories: preschool, early elementary or upper elementary. Special thanks to the following members who helped with this project: **Ann Marie Baylor, Grace Blazak, Karen Bush, Kathy Bush, Stephanie Byrne, Linda Cochran, Andrea Conover, Susanne Eagan, Mary Essig, Cathy Harbinak, Julie Harry, Debbie Higgins, Diane Joeright, MJ Miller, Liz Niehaus, Lorene Varley, Judy Votteler, and Robbie Wolan.** Their hard work and dedication are so appreciated.



DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Our lives are full of statistics these days....Covid-19 reporting, counting calories, tracking daily steps on our Fitbits. There is more trivia to tell about our Christ Child Society Cleveland Chapter. Presently, there are 357 giving and dedicated members. With our Legacy Celebration approaching on June 23rd at Avon Oaks Country Club, a review of membership longevity was essential. One special chapter member, **Julie Schmidlin**, caught some attention. It wasn't because she was going to celebrate a milestone anniversary this year; **it was the year she joined...1957...64 years ago!** Julie just graduated from St. Mary's College in Indiana and was making plans to marry her husband, Raymond. Following her mother's example, Julie plunged into chapter work, particularly engaging the venture of our very first **Showcase Store**. So, it is a given that Showcase was close to her heart. It has been a good life for Julie and she is quick to say her fondest memories are about our Christ Child Society Chapter. **Juliet Dittoe**, Julie's Mother, was an active member and served as CCS President from 1941-1942.

In the last Chapter & Verse article, I promised more fun facts. All of our members are unique in their own personalities. They just share similar first names. Did you know that....

44 Members named **Mary**—either Mary alone or as a derivative such as Mary Ann, Mary Ellen, etc. This count includes **Marie's** and **Maria's**. The Blessed Virgin Mary is most honored with these lovely ladies named after her.

35 Members named **Kathy** or **Cathy**.... ranging from **Kathleen** (most popular at 15 count) and including **Kathryn**, **Kate** and **Kay**.

11 Members named **Carol**, **Carole**, **Carolyn**.

11 Members named **Ann**.

This one fact is true: It takes all 357 ladies plus Father Ralph to effectively **Challenge Childhood Poverty in Greater Cleveland**. Thank you everyone for all that you do to making the life of a child a better in 2021.

Submitted by **Katie Camaglia**,
Public Relations and Communications Chair

Students Gift Christ Child Society over 2,000 Books

Christ Child Society is generously blessed and grateful to the St. Raphael Girl Scouts and a Confirmation class student for their amazing donation of over 2,000 children's books! The youth collected the books as a service project to help children, with support of Ms. Terri Telepak, St. Raphael Pastoral Associate and Ellen Grady, a St. Raphael parishioner. The huge book donation was delivered via a U-Haul truck and the students hand carried the boxes to our offices. Christ Child looks forward to distributing the books to children in our library and preschool programs.



Provisional Installation Mass and Luncheon End Pandemic Year

As she began the March 25, Provisional Installation Ceremony at the Jesuit Retreat House, Chair **Kathy Bush** congratulated the 11 of 12 new Christ Child members in attendance for their "can do" attitude. While dealing with COVID restrictions, frequently changing guidelines and health concerns of one another, the group worked together, pitching in for one another and meeting all expectations. The Class of 2020 hopes to grow more as a unified group and even meet for some fun activities once the pandemic is more controlled. The 10 a.m. Mass officiated by Fr. Ralph E. Wiatrowski was held prior to the Installation Ceremony. Provisionals removed their masks for a brief moment for this historical photo of the Class of 2020.



Christ Child formally welcomes Provisional Members of the Class of 2020: Patricia DiVitto, Adrienne Dziak, Mary Essig, Kathleen Fillar, Sharon Hensel, Debbie Higgins, Kathleen O'Neill, Marie Pompili, Pam Rable, Susan Tate, Terry Tomon, and Maria Wancata. (Not pictured in order)

SHOWCASE UPDATE

The seasonal changeover was completed March 20 and we are now stocked with Spring/Summer merchandise. Come in and bring a breath of spring to your wardrobe or home. We continue to operate with an all-volunteer staff. Consider stopping in for a deal or to volunteer for a few hours. We would love to see some "new" faces at Showcase. Showcase is blooming in April/May!!! All donations are being accepted.



2021 Spring Luncheon & Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Avon Oaks Country Club
32300 Detroit Road, Avon, OH 44011
Annual Business Meeting 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon immediately following the Annual Business Meeting

Also honoring significant membership anniversaries for 2020 and 2021
and presenting the Mary Virginia Merrick Award

No Separate Invitation Will Be Mailed

If you have any questions, contact **Kathy Michael**

2021 SPRING LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Reservation and Payment Deadline June 14

Reservations can be made online via the website

Please Reserve: _____ Tickets at \$40 each • Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Seating Requests (Tables of 6)

Indicate Member (M), Guest (G), Other Chapter (O), Provisional (P)

List your name and the names of those you have confirmed will be sharing your table.

Incomplete tables will be filled with other Christ Child members and their guests.

1. _____ M G O P 4. _____ M G O P

2. _____ M G O P 5. _____ M G O P

3. _____ M G O P 6. _____ M G O P

I have no seating preference *I prefer a vegetarian option*

Payment Options: Checks Made Payable to the Christ Child Society
- or charge my credit card -

MasterCard VISA American Express Discover

Cardholder Name: _____

Account Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Zip: _____

Mail reservation form with payment to:
Christ Child Society of Cleveland
7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Attn: Spring Luncheon

Mary Virginia Merrick Award 2021

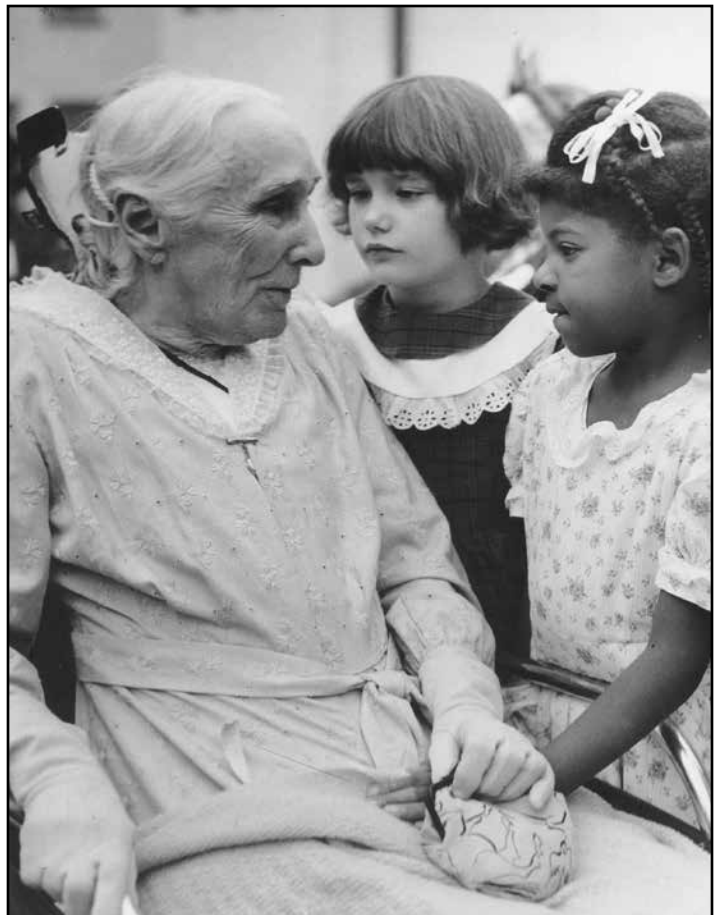
For the past 38 years, our Chapter has recognized one of its own whose spirit, values, and service exemplify those of Mary Virginia Merrick. This year, the prestigious Mary Virginia Merrick Award will be presented at the Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, June 23.

Who do you believe is deserving of this award? Who do you believe has given of herself in the name of the Christ Child Society of Cleveland? Who have you witnessed showing true love of the Christ Child in everyone? Please consider nominating a member you feel deserves this special recognition. If you've offered a past nomination and the award was not extended to your nominee, submit her name again this year to the committee. Your nomination is important... your opinion matters...your thoughts count!

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING
AND SUBMITTED BY MAY 21st**

Please include your nominee's name and tell the story of who you believe deserves the 2021 Mary Virginia Merrick Award. All nominations are confidential and are due by Midnight on Friday, May 21, 2021. For a list of past recipients, please refer to page 1-5 in the Christ Child Roster. Direct your questions and nomination letters to **Katie Camaglia** at her email listed in the Membership Directory.

Nominations can also be mailed to:
Christ Child Society – MVM Award
7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300
Cleveland, Ohio 44102



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND HOURS NOTICE

The Annual Membership Renewal Form will be in the June/July Chapter and Verse issue. The form will also be accessible on the website. This year, in order that we may print and distribute the roster in a more timely manner, the annual membership renewal cycle will run July 1 – July 15, 2021. Like last year the board has eliminated the 50 volunteer hour requirement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 due to COVID-19 closures. What this means to Active members is the \$25.00 Difference Fee is waived if you did not meet the 50 volunteer hour requirement for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. You will see \$0.00 listed for the Difference Fee on the Membership Renewal Form. We are requesting for the hours information and dues payments to be **submitted by JULY 15**. Please consider this notice a friendly reminder to start gathering and organizing your volunteer hour information so you are ready to complete the form when it is available. Also remember, your volunteer hours include traveling time to and from the projects (Provisional Members hours do not include travel time). Contact **Carol Fondran** with any questions.

Remembrance/Endowment Report

January 7 - March 3, 2021

Memory

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Ann Bell (6) | Dr. Richard Loeff |
| Julia Brutt | Jean Patterson (10) |
| Marie Cestaro | Irma Pisella |
| Patricia Chylis (2) | Gordon M. Pratt (19) |
| Bernadette Coffey | Richard Reddy |
| Roy Conrad (2) | Peter Sartschew |
| Elizabeth Curtis (8) | James Schuerger |
| Emilie Izzo | Elaine Sobecks (2) |
| Sister Marie Patrice Joyce (3) | James Tamburro |
| Ruth Kerosky (4) | Elizabeth Ward (3) |
| | Tom Worthing |

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
Masses for Christ Child members,
living and deceased and their families are:

Monday, April 26, 2021 at noon
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at noon

Honor

Mary Kleinert

In Our Thoughts

The family of former member Susan Balog upon her passing
 Janie Nickodem and family upon the passing of her mother, Ann Krouskoff Bell
 Jean Boldt and family upon the passing of her sister, Ruth Kerosky
 The family of member, Patricia Chylik, upon her passing
 The family of former member, Dorothy Kazel, upon her passing
 Joan McAuliffe and family upon the passing of her sister, Sister Marie Patrice Joyce
 Mary Cay McConnell and family upon the passing of her aunt, Sister Marie Patrice Joyce
 Kathleen Printy and family upon the passing of her father, Gordon M. Pratt

Please notify the Christ Child office regarding deaths of CCS members or their immediate family members.

Send Remembrance/Endowment checks to:

Christ Child Society of Cleveland,
7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300,
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Donations November 4, 2020 - January 6, 2021	\$4,420.00
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