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Spring 2017 NewsFlash

If it seems that winter passed without much notice from the Order of Malta—NYC, you would be correct---to a point. Our Mass and reception in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick had to be cancelled due to a snow storm, but our members have continued to serve the sick and the poor quietly: every Sunday at TCC; monthly at the children's sing-along at TCC, the Dwelling Place and Malta Walks. Some even helped organize a Super Bowl party at the Mary Manning Walsh Residence.

Malta Walk Reception

Kicking off Spring, on March 21st, the NYC Area hosted a reception at the new Archbishop Hughes Center at the Basilica of Old St. Patrick's Cathedral prior to the monthly "Malta Walks" homeless outreach. Over 40 members, auxiliaries, candidates, and guests who were invited from the parish and the Archdiocesan Young Adult community came and met while Fra' Nicola Tegoni and Michael Espiritu gave a brief overview of the Order and the various local works of the Order that need volunteers. Afterwards, Francesca Tempesta led the guests in preparing bags of sandwiches, toiletries, and other supplies before spreading out through Manhattan to engage and help the homeless.



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Lenten Morning of Recollection

On Saturday morning, March 25th, the NYC Area co-hosted a morning of Lenten Recollection with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Our homilist was the American Association's Principal Chaplain, His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan who, in recognition of the Feast of the Annunciation being celebrated that day, spoke eloquently about the implications of the doctrine of Christ's incarnation. Because of his Incarnation, Christ understands our suffering and sanctifies us by filling our souls with his life. We should see Christ in suffering humanity and sense the divine in all natural things.

After concluding his remarks, the Cardinal departed to preside at a funeral Mass of a fallen EMT worker, but after an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our Chaplain Msgr. Bob Ritchie celebrated Mass to end the morning.

Thanks to all who organized the morning and to all who participated.





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Upcoming Events

TCC Circus -- On Saturday, **April 22nd**, all are welcome to participate in the annual Order of Malta Circus for the Severely Disabled Children at TCC. Come to TCC from 10:00 am to about 1:00pm. If you have never participated, it is an experience not to be missed!

Carolina Herrera Boutique—On Tuesday evening, **April 18th**, The Junior Committee has organized a reception at the CH Boutique, 802 Madison Avenue (67/68th St). A portion of the proceeds from any sales made that evening will be generously donated to the Order of Malta by Ms. Herrera. For more details, contact nycaux@orderofmaltaamerican.org or Mike Espiritu (Michael.Espiritu.MD@gmail.com) **All are welcome!**

New Prospects Reception--In May, after members return from Lourdes, we will hold a Prospective New Members Reception (date to be confirmed). Please send names and emails of individuals you think would be interested in becoming members of the Order to Camille Kelleher (camillekelleher@aol.com), chair of the Membership Committee.