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Spirituality in Action

May 2019



May 1st Spiritual Outreach Call



As our pilgrims prepare to depart for Lourdes, Father David Caron, OP, ChM, will pose the important question, **"Why Are Some Prayers Answered in Lourdes While Others Seem to Be Ignored?"**, on the May Spiritual Outreach Call. We invite you to call in on Wednesday, May 1st at 11 AM ET, to hear Father Caron discuss this topic. [Click here](#) for the dial-in instructions. Members are encouraged to call in for their monthly "dose" of spiritual encouragement. Can't join us live? All of our Spiritual Outreach Calls are recorded and uploaded to [the website](#).

Malade-in-Spirit Continues to Inspire after Her Death



Pray the Lourdes Pilgrimage Novena with Us



Prayer is a most powerful tool in seeking God's

high school as a freshman when she was diagnosed with a severe form of bone cancer. Last year, she was excited to travel with us as a Malade on the 2018 Pilgrimage to Lourdes, until her condition worsened and she was unable to travel. Kaitlyn was, instead, represented in Lourdes last year as a Malade-in-Spirit before her passing in June 2018. [Click here](#) to read how Kaitlyn's story is continuing to inspire people all around the world.

2015 Lourdes Pilgrimage Malade Marries



In 2015, Debbie Orrico joined us as a Malade on the Yellow Team in Lourdes. This March, she married Bradford Chonka at St. Catherine's of Siena Church in Riverside, Connecticut. Congratulations to Debbie and Bradford!

News from the Prison Ministry



[Click here](#) to read testimonials from two recent graduates of the Dismas Home Program, a faith-based organization that provides formerly incarcerated women support, recovery and re-entry services, offering them a second chance at life.

and safety of the Lourdes Pilgrimage is a wonderful way for participants to prepare for the pilgrimage and a great way for those who are not attending to be linked spiritually to those who will be there. We invite you [click here](#) to pray with us everyday.

Send Your Prayer Intentions to Lourdes



Would you like your prayer intention to be placed at the Grotto where Our Lady first appeared to St. Bernadette? Please [click here](#) to submit your prayer intention online. Knights, Dames, Auxiliary, Malades, and their caregivers will be bringing prayer intentions of the Order on the 2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage.

2020 Order of Malta Cruise to Icon of Our Lady of Philermo





The 2019 Lourdes Pilgrims from the extended Boston Area gathered together on Saturday, April 13 at St. Sebastian's School for Mass and an orientation session. [Click here](#) to read more about their day preparing for the Pilgrimage.



On Sunday April 7th, Boston members and friends gathered together at the AMC Theater complex in Framingham for a private showing of *Unplanned*. This newly released movie is about the true story of the transformation of Abby Johnson from Planned Parenthood's youngest executive director to one of America's most outspoken pro-life witness. [Click here](#) to read more about this private screening.

Order of Malta Cruise to the Icon of Our Lady of Philermo. President Peter J. Kelly, MD, GCM, and Principal Chaplain, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, invite you to join the American Association on a cruise of a lifetime to the Mediterranean August 21 - 31, 2020. [Click here](#) for more information.

3rd Summer Games



The 3rd Summer Games is a sailing competition organized by the Grand Priory of Naples and Sicily that will be held on June 13-16, 2019. This competition raises funds to support the works of the Order. If you are interested in joining, please [click here](#).

Wisconsin Pilgrimage: You're Invited!



Will you be joining us on our 4th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is now



For almost 4 years, members and volunteers in the Boston Area have been coming together every other Wednesday evening to assemble and distribute care packages for the homeless in Copley Square, Park Street, Downtown Crossing, the Boston Common and elsewhere in central Boston. If you would like to learn more about this local activity, please [click here](#).

Dallas



Knights and Dames from the Dallas Area prepared and donated 15 large food baskets and 15 freezer food bags benefiting the Outreach Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Arlington. The baskets were distributed to the needy in the church community in Tarrant County in an effort to spread the joy and blessings of Easter. [Click here](#) to read more about this Dallas Area work.

Michigan

members, Year of Formation Candidates, and your families are invited to join us on August 1st - 4th as we meet in Green Bay, Wisconsin and travel to the only Marian apparition site in the United States approved by the Catholic Church. Please [click here](#) to register.

Upcoming Association Events

May 1

[Spiritual Outreach Call: Why Are Some Prayers Answered in Lourdes While Others Seem to Be Ignored?](#)

May 1 - May 7

[2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage](#)

May 15 - 16

[Board of Councillors Meeting](#)

May 30 - June 2

[Annual Subpriory Retreat](#)

Are You Going to Lourdes?

Will you be joining us in Lourdes? If so, be sure to take photos and share them with the New York Office. We will be featuring Area photos from the 2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage in the upcoming Spirituality in Action: Monthly Update. Please email Tiffany Mazza at tmazza@orderofmaltaam



Michigan Area members traveling on the 2019 Lourdes Pilgrimage [joined together for a Lourdes Orientation](#) to help this year's new pilgrims to prepare for the trip. The Knights and Dames in attendance were blessed to have both of the Michigan Area's Malades, Tom Cousino and Matt Gumbel, along with Collen Gumbel, Mr. Gumbel's wife and Caregiver on the Pilgrimage. Archbishop Allen Vigneron was also able to attend this event and be with the pilgrims as they prepare to travel to Lourdes, France in less than a month.

New Jersey



On Saturday, April 13th, [members from the New Jersey Area](#) gathered at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church for their annual Lenten Day of Recollection. This spiritual and fellowship event was conducted by Reverend Owen Moran, ChM, and Reverend Monsignor Sylvester Cronin, ChM.

New York City

sentence recap of your time in Lourdes.

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Forward

Members of the New York City Area gathered on Monday, April 1 in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral for its regular First Monday Mass with the added blessing of a Lenten Reflection by Msgr. Robert Ritchie, Assistant Principal Chaplain of the American Association after Mass. [Click here](#) to read more about Msgr. Ritchie's reflection.

Northeast Florida



The Knights and Dames of the Northeast Florida Area were privileged to plan, procure, prep, cook and serve a substantial Sunday dinner at the Sulzbacher Homeless Shelter in downtown Jacksonville on March 31. All residents of the shelter and the at large homeless population of the area were served. [Click here](#) to see more photos from this meal service.



The Northeast Florida Area participated in the Florida Eucharistic Congress in Jacksonville on March 29th and 30th. Members processed before the Blessed Sacrament with members of the Federal Association and presented an exhibit on the Baby Steps Camino. [Click here](#) to read more.

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