



Order of Malta South Florida Area

Fall 2013

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Sr. Lucia Ceccotti, third from left, pictured with her beloved Sisters from the Marian Center.

In Prayerful Remembrance:

Sister Lucia Ceccotti, SGBC

May 5, 1920–September 17, 2013

Founder of the Marian Center October 21, 1963

"Be sure that Divine Providence Never Fails"

(S.G.B.Cottolengo)



Upcoming Events for the Order of Malta, South Florida Area

October 2

Camillus House
2735 NW 5th Ave,
Miami, FL 33127

11:30 am -1:30 pm

We will celebrate our 900th Anniversary with a Service Day at Camillus House in downtown Miami. Our members will serve lunch to the homeless at the Shelter. Please feel free to bring a friend.

November 14-16

Investiture Weekend, New York City. Andy Vissicchio will take his vows of Obedience and two new members Lawrence Karlson and Kathleen da Graca Pinto will be Invested into the Order.

November 23

5:00 pm

White Mass

St. Patrick's

3716 Garden Ave,
Miami Beach, FL
33140

Miami Beach

A White Mass will be celebrated for those with Disabilities and Special Needs. The Order of Malta will Process and assist the physically challenged at the Mass

December 8

5:00 pm

Advent Mass

Kayal Residence

Annual Advent Mass and Party. This year the celebration will be hosted by Ray and Loraine Kayal at their home. A Light Buffet will be served.

For all events please

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“we will remain true to our guiding principles of serving the sick and poor”

Sean Clancy, K.M.
Area Chair

Dear Knights and Dames,

Many thanks to all members who participated in the funeral procession for Sister Lucia Ceccotti, founder of the Marian Center, at St. Mary's Cathedral last week. It was a fitting tribute to a woman who embodied the mission of the Order of Malta and was a living example of service to individuals who are most in need.

With many good memories of Sister Lucia fresh on our minds and in honor of the 900th Anniversary of the Order of Malta, we will remain true to our guiding principles of serving the sick and poor by working at the

Camillus House on October 2nd. We will serve lunch and offer goodwill to the homeless in Miami who are in need of our prayers and assistance. This is how we have chosen to celebrate this historic anniversary and I am very proud of our involvement in this most worthy cause. I am hoping to make this a regular day of service for us moving forward. We still have room for five more volunteers so let me know that you can join us in fellowship. Keep in mind our participation in the White Mass on November 23rd and the Annual Advent Mass

and Party at the home of Ray and Loraine Kayal on December 8th. We have some exciting new events planned for next year and we very much look forward to your active involvement with our Order of Malta, South Florida.

Yours in Christ,

Sean Clancy

900th Anniversary

October 2, 2013

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Camillus House

2735 NW 5 Avenue

Miami, FL 33127



The Order of Malta, South Florida Area will celebrate in a very special way the Order of Malta's 900 years of serving "Our Lords the Sick and the Poor" by serving lunch to those in need at Camillus House.

This project is the first of a new initiative to deepen our long-standing commitment to Camillus House and begin a hands-on involvement in serving the homeless of our community.

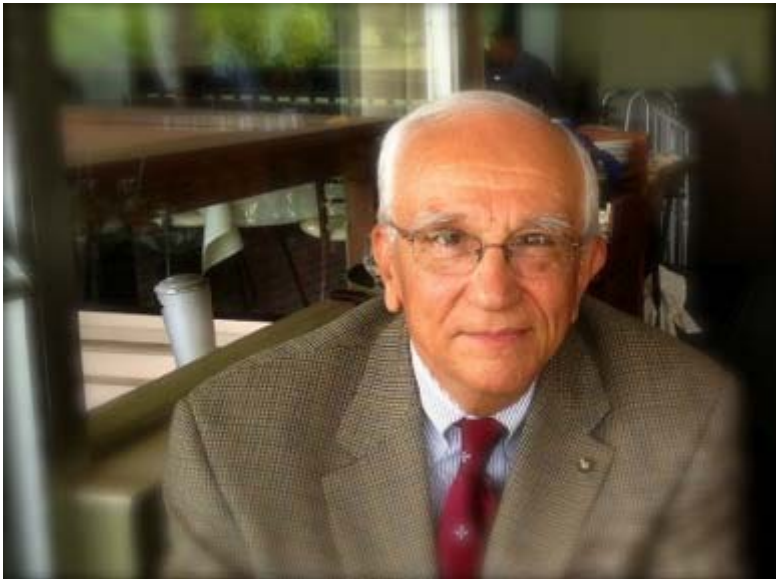
This quote from Camillus.Org explains their mission.

"Camillus House has provided humanitarian services to the indigent and homeless populations of Miami-Dade County, Florida for more than 50 years, growing from a small overnight shelter into a full service center offering a full **System of Care** for persons who are poor and homeless. Every service offered at Camillus is carried out with the deeply held belief that every human being is precious in the eyes of the Lord and deserves love, respect and a chance to live a dignified life."

Their mission is one we share.

Malta Aprons will be provided, casual clothing recommended. Parking is available onsite.

Members may bring a guest to help serve and please RSVP: sean.clancy@ubs.com



Prison Ministry

“I met with two classes at Barry University in September to review the necessity and requirements for a state-wide mapping of public, religious and private resources that are available to ex-felons, the homeless and working poor, for the purpose of helping them regain equilibrium in society. Dr. Laura Finley will be the coordinator for the project at Barry University and The Order will provide the vision, administrative and distribution pieces. This project could last three to four months.”



Some of the materials distributed by the Prison Ministry

The White Mass

The White Mass, begun in the Archdiocese of Washington in 2010, is a Mass of distinction, honoring the gifts of persons with Special Needs.

This year the Archdiocese of Miami will hold its first White Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Miami Beach. The

White Mass is being organized by the organization Best Buddies and the Order of Malta, South Florida Area has been invited to participate.

Our members will process in robes and offer assistance throughout the Mass to those with special needs.

The White Mass will be on November 23 at 5:00 pm. Please arrive at 4:30 in order to robe and provide assistance.

St. Patrick's is located at:

3716 Garden Ave.

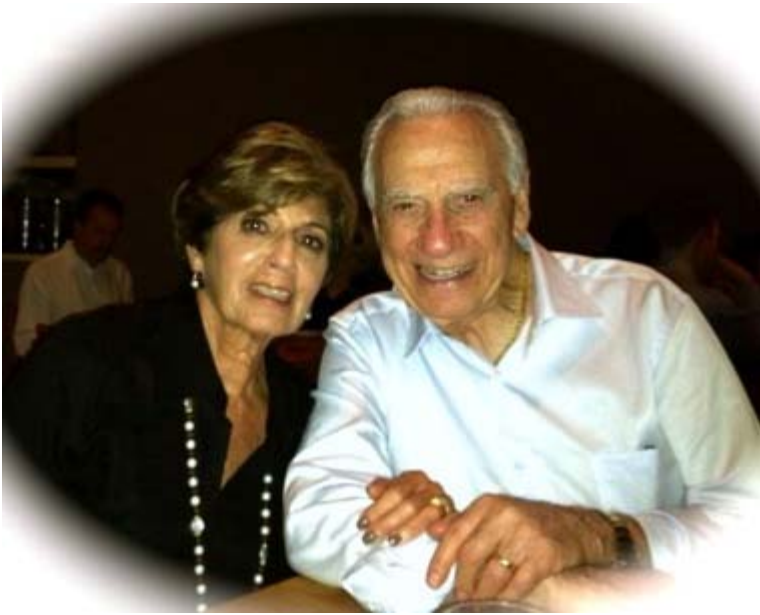
Miami Beach, FL 33140



St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Miami Beach, FL



2nd Annual White Mass, Archdiocese of Washington



Annual Advent Mass

Kayal Residence
December 8

Ray and Loraine Kayal, K.M. D.M.

This year's Annual Advent Mass will be a particularly special event. Our hosts Ray and Loraine Kayal will bring together the Christmas traditions of the Middle East and America through both liturgy and music.

A light buffet featuring some of the most iconic foods of Lebanon will follow.

Invitations with the address will be sent out to all members



Christmas in Lebanon



Photo Roundup Summer 2013



Mass to Celebrate the Feast of St. John the Baptist, celebrated by Fr. Patrick O'Neill, K.M. at Barry University Chapel on June 26, 2013



Annual Meeting and Dinner: June 26, 2013
Barry University



Kathleen da Graca Pinto, Prep, South Florida Area, with members of the Lebanese Delegation at the 30th International Order of Malta Camp for Disabled Youth in Ireland, August 2013