

SPIRITUALITY IN ACTION

What's going on throughout the Areas of the American Association of the Order of Malta

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INSPIRATION FROM THE AREAS AND THE ORDER OF MALTA WORLDWIDE

Michigan Area: Members of the Michigan Area celebrated the annual Mass of Anointing of the Sick in the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Archbishop Allen Vigneron presided. Area Chair and new Board of Councilors member, Chris Rutkowski received a Blessing and Michigan Hospitaller Patrick Jones read the first reading.



New York Area: On February 11, 2016, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and also World Day of the Sick, members of the Order of Malta gathered for Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village. Our celebrant was His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Principal Chaplain of the Order. Concelebrating Mass were Fr. David Skoblow, ChM, and Fr. John Andersen, chaplain at The Terence Cardinal Cooke Healthcare Center. Fr. Gerry Murray was also on the altar, along with Deacon John Powers, KM.



A record 125 Knights and Dames, Auxiliary, Candidates in Preparation, Malades and guests were in attendance, along with a number of guests invited from Archcare. Cardinal Dolan spoke of the importance of Our Lady of Lourdes to the Order and of his first visit to Lourdes while a seminarian at the North American College in Rome. He also discussed the evolving nature of Catholic healthcare in NYC, noting the lamented closure of St. Vincent's Hospital but also



recognizing the changing needs of the sick and the poor. He commended Archcare for its service to New York's needy and the assistance of so many members of the Order of Malta in Archcare's facilities and on its board.

Super Bowl Party - There were a lot of Manning fans at the Mary Manning Walsh home on Sunday February 7th who were happy to see the Broncos upset the Panthers. Our Junior Committee and others had a lot of fun assisting and look forward to being there at Super bowl LI !



New Jersey Area: The Order of Malta, New Jersey Area, Newark Archdiocese, celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th with 45 seminarians at Immaculate Conception Seminary's Chapel of Christ the Good Shepherd in South Orange, New Jersey. The seminary is the largest of its kind in the United States and draws men from an international population.

Several Knights and Dames participate at the seminary, donating their time to assist in fundraising, teaching and other endeavors. The seminary made their facilities available to the Order of Malta for the celebration.



The seminary chapel provided a serene setting for the Solemn Mass celebrated by Monsignor William Fadrowski, Magistral Chaplain, with 20 members of the Association in attendance along with the seminarians. During his homily, Monsignor spoke of the

Order of Malta's mission to defend the faith and serve the poor and sick. He made particular note of the Order's generous contribution last year to Syrian Christian refugees.



Refurbished in the last three years, the chapel has intricate stained glass windows and antique mahogany pews, which provided a solemn setting for the celebration of Our Lady's feast day. The seminary choir sang several songs during the Mass.

Mass was followed by dinner in the seminary dining room where the seminarians entertained their guests with lively conversation and a beautiful rendition of Salve Regina.

The evening was, according to Katherine Suplee, DM, organizer of the event, "A wonderful opportunity for Association members to become better acquainted with the seminarians and offer their support, encouragement and prayers for their success now and in the future."

Please check the Association's website to read all Area and Association updates and read news from Rome. Members can also check the calendar of events, visit the members only section and find interesting information about the history and spirituality of the Order.



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