

SPIRITUALITY IN ACTION

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

June 2016

INSPIRATION FROM THE AREAS AND THE ORDER OF MALTA WORLDWIDE

Boston Area: Held a Mass for the sick on April 24 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Cardinal Seán O'Malley led this beautiful celebration of mercy and was joined by chaplains from across the Archdiocese, and many confreres.



Special thanks to Fr. Kevin O'Leary who welcomed us and made the Cathedral

a warm and inviting place for sick pilgrims and their caregivers; to Msgr. Moroney who provided support; to Tim McGuirk for his assistance; and to Fr. Gaspar and Craig and Nancy Gibson who initiated and oversaw the Mass.



New Jersey Area: Knights, Dames and Auxiliary of the Paterson and Metuchen Dioceses of the New Jersey Area gathered for Mass on May 23 at Christ the King Church, New Vernon, New Jersey to observe the feast day of one of the lesser-known patrons of the Order of Malta: Blessed Vilnos Apor, a Hungarian Bishop and Chaplain of the Order of Malta.

In his homily, Monsignor William Fadrowski, Ch. M. of New Jersey commented that, unlike most of the saints and patrons of the Order, Bishop Apor was a 20th Century man who served the poor during the privations and adversities of World War II, relinquishing his life in 1945 protecting refugees. He lived the motto he espoused: "The Cross strengthens the weak and makes the strong gentle." As Monsignor Fadrowski observed, that motto is ours to adopt.

NYC AREA: On May 19th, George and Jeannie Irish were honored by Pregnancy Help Inc. for their contributions, and those of the Order of Malta, to the Pro Life movement. Pregnancy Help, on whose Board sit a number of Order of Malta members, provides counseling to pregnant women and material help to mothers

after the birth of their babies. PHI has been the recipient of NYC Area Malta grants for a number of years.



As in previous years, Maggie Ludwiczak DM is owed great thanks for organizing the Malta Circus at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center. The severely disabled children living at TCC were treated to an enthusiastic celebration of Spring with the arrival of the Malta Circus, complete with the opening Parade, animal balloons, real clowns and a big tent. The children were entertained by music and engaged in a rousing game of musical chairs. A great time was had by children and volunteers.



This year, the NYC Area hosted two receptions for prospective candidates interested in learning more about the Order of Malta. On Wednesday May 18th, over 20 prospects attended a reception at the home of Rory & Camille Kelleher, co-chairs of NYC Area Membership; another 8-10 attended a smaller reception in Forest Hills co-hosted by Bishop Paul Sanchez, Roger Aguinaldo KM and Gregory Oussani KM in the rectory of Our Lady Queens of Martyrs. Hopefully, many of those attending will follow up with applications to join the Order in 2017.

Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage

NYC members and Auxiliary were well represented as participants in this year's annual Order of Malta pilgrimage to Lourdes. As always, weather in Lourdes proved unpredictable and, at times, challenging, but it did not dampen the uplifting mood generated for members by accompanying malades and their caregivers on a journey of spiritual healing. This year, in recognition of the Year of Mercy, a Door of Mercy was created in the Domaine through which the Eucharistic Procession traveled en route to the St. Pius X Underground Basilica.



Website: Please remember that the website is updated on a regular basis with more news and events. There is a Members Only section and a Spirituality section in addition to other sections that can keep all Knights and Dames informed of all the activities of the Association. We ask that you bookmark it and turn to it frequently.



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