



Women of St. Francis

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Dear Members,

Well, it certainly was a great 2019 – 2020 for The Women of St. Francis! With so many wonderful women making things happen, not just talking about it, but actually doing great work, our organization has become a beacon of light and fountain of love for our parish and beyond!

With a wellspring of new members joining us the past two years, we have seen many ideas come to fruition because of their tremendous enthusiasm and innovation. We, the veteran members, have received a tangible boost of energy for our long-time projects and committees as well.

This past year we have enjoyed hosting spiritual parish-wide events, including First Saturday Devotions, Patriotic Rosary, Victims of Abortion Stations of the Cross, and Mary's Way of the Cross. Several members were able to attend the 10th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference held in Greenville. We also held two Mornings of Reflection in January and March with insightful speakers.

Our December Fashion Show sold out early again in 2019 and raised another bonanza of cash, which helped us fund several contributions for local charities and our own parish school scholarship program. Its success also allowed us to add funds to our St. Clare Prayer Garden project that we hope to complete this fall. Groundbreaking will happen at our St. Clare Feast Day celebration.

Our other fundraiser, Soup for Scholarships, created a tasty parish dinner with 32 soups, decorated bowls, and a brand-new cookbook full of the night's recipes as well as salads and breads. This event benefits the Monsignor Laughlin Scholarship Fund for students at St. Francis Catholic School.

We enjoyed our most successful trip to The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women Convention just before the COVID-19 shutdown in March, where we won four awards for our sponsored Rosary Events, our Fashion Show, our International Project, Dollars for Diapers, and our 2019 Scrapbook detailing all of our yearlong activities.

Our first event for the 2020 – 2021 fiscal year will be at the 8:30 am Mass celebrating St. Clare's Feast Day on Tuesday, August 11th. We will be installing our officers at the Mass and, as mentioned above, having a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the St. Clare Prayer Garden followed by a Welcome Coffee for new and current members alike. This is just a taste of what we have planned for the upcoming year, so please consider joining us as we embark on our mission of Spirituality, Leadership, and Service. I look forward to seeing both new and current members soon.

God bless,

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