



QUEENSHIP OF MARY SODALITY NEWS

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As most of you know, Carolyn Mers, QMS President, has relocated to Texas. We send our best wishes for much joy in this transition and express our appreciation for her support and enthusiasm for our Sodality mission and activities.

The past year and a half, COVID restrictions have significantly affected every aspect of our lives, including our ability to schedule regular Sodality programs. We have been able to continue some of our “non-contact” community service activities: Advent collection for nursing home residents, Lenten collection of layette items for Pregnancy Care Center, and our current school supply collection for the Griffin Center. QMS coordinates these services but could not succeed without participation of our whole parish family and we want to thank everyone for their generous support.

We are encouraged that we have been able to resume some “normal” activities such as weekend Mass attendance, and we have decided to schedule a Sodality meeting for **Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.** We understand that many individuals, including some active QMS participants, are still limiting their activities outside their homes, but we ask you to consider attending this meeting if at all possible. We will make every effort to maintain a safe environment for the gathering. Our goal is to allow members the opportunity to visit with each other and to share ideas for future Sodality activities: meetings; worship opportunities (retreats, day of reconciliation, Rosary service, etc.); group trips (when travel restrictions are lifted); continuation/resumption of social ministry activities (collections, Project Linus, etc.) Any other ideas for ongoing direction of the Sodality will help us to plan ways to keep QMS viable in meeting the needs of our members and our parish family.

An envelope for QMS dues is included in this mailing. All women of the parish age 18 and above are members of QMS and are included in prayer intentions and blessings. Dues paying member (\$5.00 per year) support our basic operating expenses and allow us to continue our parish and community support. Please return your dues payment to the rectory or in the weekend collection.

While we would typically elect a new slate of officers in June, COVID restrictions made this impractical. It was decided that the remaining three officers will continue in office at least through the end of 2021 or until members can actively resume regular in-person meetings. We hope to see you at the August 17th meeting or to hear any suggestions, questions or ideas you might have regarding QMS. Officers are:

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