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“The Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary includes every kind of service that is undertaken by different religious bodies. ... All will consider it a duty to refuse nothing to their neighbor that they can do.”

[From the Rule of Conduct II, p. 3. See Notes 30 in DHM Constitutions, p 92.]

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... light and leaven

Paula, Lan and Anita Baird attended LCWR's General Assembly in Atlanta, August 12-25. It was truly a motivating and spiritually enriched experience. Addresses and presentations are online at the LCWR Website <https://www.lcwr.org/calendar/2025-lcwr-assembly>. – Anita Baird, Provincial

The Website Committee asked via the LCWR Listserv for designer/developer suggestions. Blustery Blue Designs had 5 recommendations and so we got in touch by asking for information. They only develop new websites, taking 5-9 months and charging \$30,000 to \$50,000. Once done they train a sister on how to update the site. There are more suggestions which will be looked into by the committee. – Paula Gaudet, Website Committee Secretary

Our Come & See Committee had a fantastic and fruitful in-person and Zoomed weekend retreat based at the Marian Center, July 26-27. We processed our team mission, style of presence and interaction, and concrete next steps together as we practiced working together as a team. Fr. Warren Savage celebrated the Vigil Mass for Sunday with us, and our Provincial Anita Baird joined us as well. – Renee Dewhurst, Committee Chair

We hold the passing of Linda Selaya into eternal life in our hearts and prayers. During our Zoom meeting September 20, 2025, Anita Baird will lead us in some moments of remembrance and gratitude.

Adelaide's Place – has had a busy summer beginning in June with high school junior boys from LaSalle College High School doing service here over a five-week period. Different boys each week did various activities such as weed whacking, power washing the building, alphabetizing and organizing video tapes, DVDs, and books. They also took several bags that needed to be shredded to a local sheltered workshop to be shredded, stuffed envelopes for our annual fundraiser, and straightened and took inventory of the attic contents. The boys ate lunch with us, and the ladies loved that. This was the third year that they volunteered with us. The ladies have benefitted from a variety of gourmet lunches and a BBQ prepared by area churches. We have a volunteer who comes once a month to offer guided imagery with the ladies, which is calming. We were busy in July making baskets for our annual August fundraiser, which went very well. Volunteers assembled 50 baskets of items donated by local businesses. Our area had a hot end of June and all of July, with 95-degree weather and a heat index of 105. This was hard on some of our ladies. They left each day with 2 bottles of water and snacks to keep up their strength as they walked to the local shelter for dinner. We continue to be blessed with many donations, including the water and snacks which we could provide for them. – Patty Prendergast, Director. Visit: www.facebook.com/adelaides.place



DeCicé Hall Ministry – is continuing in its mission “to provide a hospitable center for spiritual and religious development, a respectful space for ecumenical growth, and a seedbed in which our common humanity may be nourished.” Over the summer we have been hosting Al-Anon meetings, Irish Musician sessions, and the US DHM Come & See Committee while making reservations for the fall with Al-Anon facilitators, the Irish musicians, Sisters of St Joseph Justice & Peace Committee, and Behavioral Health Network. Beginning on September 12 our Friday night spiritual conversation circle resumes, with “Sacred Fire” by Ron Rolheiser OMI and “The Lives We Actually Have” as our common texts. Beginning in November we will host “What Do You Fear: Insisting on Hope this Advent (& Christmas & Epiphany)” with Jan Denney. Invitations to join these programs will be widely posted, as well as issued to the DHM. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/DeCice.Hall>



Nardin Academy – is moving forward in its mission “to inspire hearts and minds to do amazing things for the world through faith, character, academic excellence, and service.” Dr. Eric Miles began his service as President on July 1, and the Academy’s Strategic Plan 2024-2027 is well underway – see www.nardin.org/about/the-strategic-plan. Beginning this fall, Renee Dewhurst will co-chair the Board’s Mission Integration & DHM Legacy committee with Director of Campus Ministry Tom Whalen. Renee will also offer more DHM presence to the Nardin community throughout the year. Board of Trustees meetings resume in September. Daughters serving on the Board: Anita Baird, Vice Chair; Chris Clark, Renee Dewhurst, Paula Gaudet, and Pat Lucas. Visit: www.nardin.org



NativityMiguel Middle School of Buffalo – continues to grow and develop in its mission “to provide a faith-based, single-gender education to economically disadvantaged students in Buffalo, nurturing their academic, social, emotional, moral, and spiritual development within a supportive family partnership model” from its new location in the school building at St. Stanislaus Church on Townsend Street in Buffalo. NMMS is implementing its Strategic Plan for 2024-2028. Anita Baird serves on the Board of Members; Chris Clark is on the Board of Trustees; Anita Owens and Samba have been invited to join the Board’s new Mission & Identity Committee. Visit: www.nativitymiguelbuffalo.org



St. Joseph’s School for the Deaf – has begun a new chapter as well. Its new Superintendent, Mark Patrick, is working with the Board, staff, students, and community to identify the strengths and to explore opportunities for growth at SJSJ. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will resume in September. Daughters serving on the Board of Directors are Anita Baird, Board President; Pat Lucas, Treasurer; Chris Clark, Renee Dewhurst, and Anita Owens. Visit: www.sjsdny.org/home



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