



## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SODALITY



### WHAT IS A SODALIST?

A Sodalist—derived from the Latin word *sodalis*—is a close friend, companion or someone who shares a common interest. Sodality is a sisterhood of diverse members who choose to be in service to their Catholic faith and serve their Parish. At Saint Thomas the Apostle, a Sodalist is a companion of Mary, the Mother of God. The dual purpose of becoming a Sodalist is personal sanctification and apostolic work. We pray to Mary as our intermediary to Jesus. Hence our motto:

*To Jesus through Mary*

Our Lady of the Assumption Sodality was established at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in May 1951. Throughout the years, Sodality has remained one of the most significant and integral ministries at Saint Thomas, supporting not only the Parish and the School, but our community.

Membership is open to adult women parishioners. Please consider becoming a Sodality member to grow in faith and in service to others. We look forward to having you join us.

Find contact information for our representatives on the insert provided, or on our website.

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### WHAT WE DO

Our Lady of the Assumption Sodality provides service in the form of prayer, volunteer time, and financial support. Our ongoing efforts include:

- Provide food, clothing, personal care items, and monies to numerous shelters and outreach programs to include St. Vincent de Paul and Right to Life
- Prepare and serve refreshments at Parish special events, retreats, and concerts
- Provide support to seminarians
- Maintain pristine environment of sacristy, altar, and linens in the church
- Support organizations that assist people experiencing homelessness
- Annually award partial Catholic High School Scholarships for 8th grade graduates who are STA parishioners
- Offer ongoing prayer support for special intentions
- Distribute funds as needed to support our Parish and School

As a non-profit religious organization, dollars for supporting our efforts are raised by the following:

- Annual Rummage Sale
- Annual Bake Sale
- Raffles, Special Events, and Appeals
- Donations
- Bequeaths

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## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We cannot accomplish our mission without the passion and service of our registered Saint Thomas the Apostle Church members. We are always looking to expand our dynamic group. Interested women are invited to attend our general meetings held at 6:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month (September-April). Learn more about us and find a way to be involved that is meaningful to you.

## ELIGIBILITY

Catholic women interested in becoming closer to their faith and serving the community through apostolic work and a devotion to the Blessed Mother are invited to join.

Applicants must be:

- 18 years or older
- A registered STA parishioner
- Available to attend five meetings before the May Installation of new members
- Willing to donate time and talent throughout the year

We hope that you will consider being part of this dynamic and loving community.

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## OUR MISSION

To foster a like-minded community of faithful women who strengthen their commitment to Christ through the Blessed Virgin Mary—and to manifest this faith and dedication through apostolic work.



## MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession  
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;  
to thee do I come,  
before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.



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The Memorare is a prayer that reminds us that we have a wonderful advocate and protector in the mother of our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Memorare invites us to ask the Blessed Mother for her assistance and her grace, especially when we feel most troubled in our daily lives.