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2023-2024 DISTRICT DEPUTY ORGANIZATIONAL/TRAINING MEETING

July 2023

Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center

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WOMEN'S RELIGIOUS ORDERS (WRO) SERVICE PROGRAM (NUNS AND SISTERS)

Presented by:

Noel Panlilio, PSD

Chairman

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What is “Women’s Religious Orders”?

- Impression of “In the world but not of the world” - backbone of the formation and proliferation of Women’s Religious Orders.
- Called to proclaim God’s Heavenly Kingdom in so many different ways.
- Devout women - in contemplative way of life, wearing traditional habits, and living in communities balanced with private prayer, silence, studies and service to humanity.
- Dedicate their lives to Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

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What is “Women’s Religious Orders”?

- Offer their precious time and effort - attending to the needs of elderly from different walks of life of every race and religion and caring for them with dignity until their last breath.
- Practice indiscriminate charity by wholeheartedly giving free services to the homeless, abandoned children and young adults, unwed mothers, and indigent sick and disabled.
- Evangelization of our youth by providing proper education while deepening their respect for human dignity.

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What are the different “Women’s Religious Orders” in California?

- Every woman embodies the spirit of Faith through apostolic endeavors based on their devotion to the Catholic Faith.
- There are thousands of people who are in great need for spiritual, emotional, and physical support specifically in California.
- For this very reason several hundreds of Women’s Religious Orders in the State of California had been established.



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What are the different “Women’s Religious Orders” in California?

- To list a few from the Southern-most part of California:
 - Missionaries of Charity (San Diego), Discalced Carmelites (San Diego),
 - Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart (Chula Vista),
 - Community of the Holy Spirit (Santa Ana), and
 - Sisters of Servants of the Blessed Sacrament (Bonita).



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What are the different “Women’s Religious Orders” in California?

- The following are some of the Religious Orders located in Northern California:
 - Congregation of the Holy Family of Kerela (San Francisco), Cannosian Daughters of Charity (San Francisco), Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady of Peace (San Francisco), Little Sisters of the Poor (San Francisco),
 - Congregation of Sisters of Nazareth (San Rafael),
 - Missionaries of Charity (Pacifica), Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul (Daly City),

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What are the different “Women’s Religious Orders” in California?

- The following are some of the Religious Orders located in Northern California:
 - Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (Belmont),
 - Society of Helpers (San Bruno),
 - Daughters of Carmel (Menlo Park), Daughters of St Paul (Menlo Park),
 - Sisters for Christian Community (East Palo Alto),
 - Daughters of Mary and Joseph (Mill Valley), and
 - Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose (Fremont).



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Why do they need our Support?

- Decline in membership, nuns are vanishing at an alarming rate, physical and financial hardship as they struggled to survive, and difficulty supporting the needs of the community they serve.
- According to recent studies made by the US National Religious Vocation Conference, there had been a 66% significant drop of nuns in the United States over four decades.
- If no one will act and help the present trend, women's religious life as we have known will just remain a memory.

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Why do they need our Support?

- Catholics and communities need to step forward and help preserve Women's Religious Orders.
- Our Nation need them as much as they need us. We have to continue to work together for God's greater Glory.
- We have to carry on the work that Pope Francis initiated for us - Lead the World's Catholics along a journey of intensified action in caring for God's creation.



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What are the different ways we can support them?

- Meet with the WRO's leadership and discuss how we can assist.
- We can help provide financial assistance to their planned activities.
- We have all the manpower to aid them with food donations and distributions in their respective communities.
- We can provide any help needed in the shelters run by the religious orders.



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What are the different ways we can support them?

- Volunteer to help in any way we can to assist every Women's Religious Order in our Councils, Assemblies and Chapters.
- Prove to them that they are not alone in serving those in need.



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How do we track/document support?

- To monitor our assistance, either financially or physically, we need to track by documenting them regularly.
- Each council must document and show the kind of assistance they offered and provided to all the different Women's Religious Orders in their respective communities.
- This documentation should be submitted like any other Service Program activity to the State Council under the Faith Category.



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"As long as you did it to one of these My least brethren, you did it to Me."

Missionaries of Charity
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July 7th, 2023

Greg Marracq
State Deputy
California Knights of Columbus

Dear Mr. Marracq,

We are very grateful for such prompt and spontaneous generosity on the part of the Knights of Columbus of California in providing funds for two refrigerators at 'Gift of Love' - our facility in Pacifica which serves homeless and disenfranchised men who require hospice-level care. Both of our old refrigerators were not cooling properly and there was an urgent need which the Knights met promptly. May God bless you for your availability, generosity and thoughtfulness! We keep you and all the Knights in our prayers with deep gratitude.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. John Marie, m.c.

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Local Superior of Missionaries of Charity in Pacifica

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Greg marracq]

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- donation in kind - total value of 2 new refrigerators

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Gift of Love

DATE 7/5/2023

Hospice,
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Let us support this program and
Always remember what Mother Teresa said:

*“I can do things you cannot,
you can do things I cannot;
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*"Not all of us can do great things.
But all of us can do small things
with great love!"*

Mother Teresa



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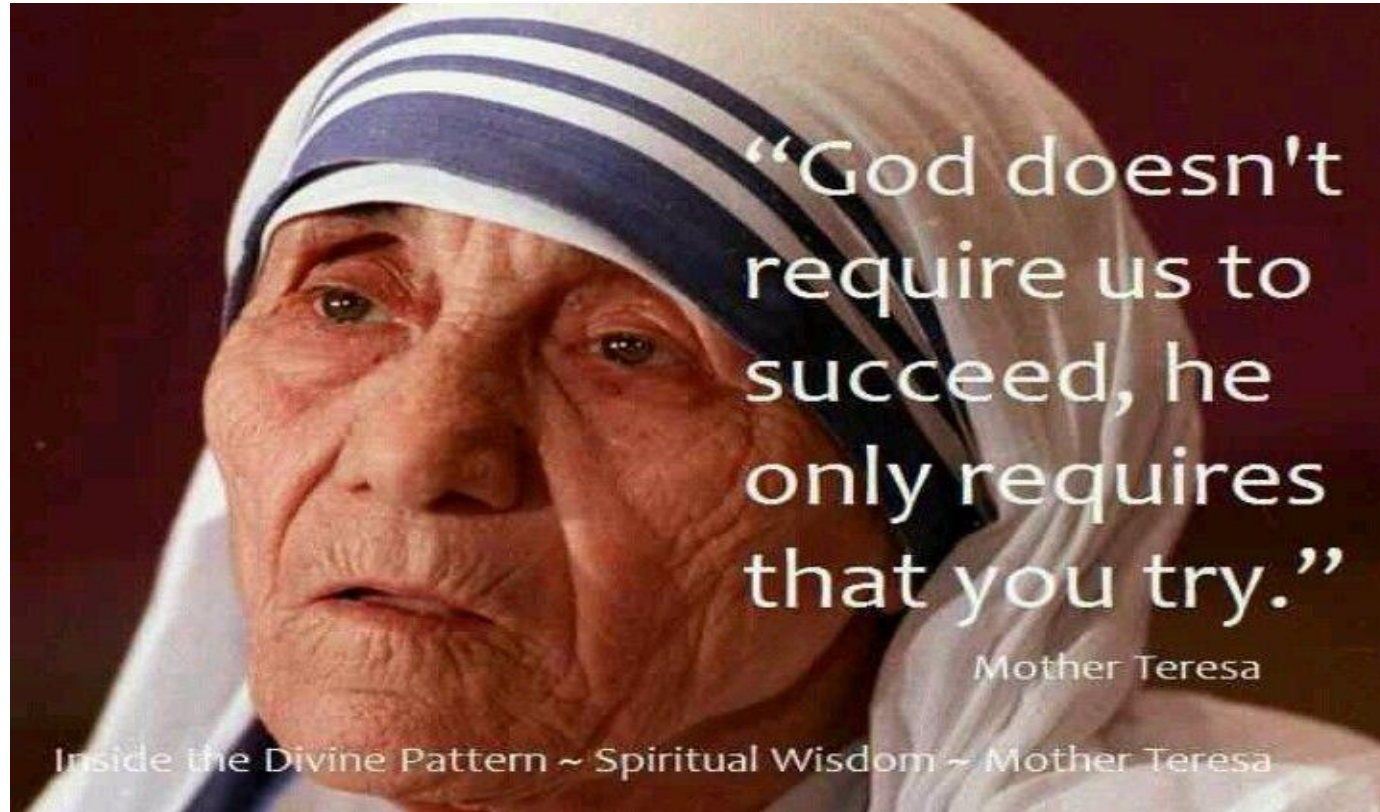


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