

First, I am excited to report that we have a new Deanery Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Bob White who is pastor of Christ Our Redeemer Parish in Niceville.

Our deanery has been keeping pretty busy...

A convention planning team with 14 volunteers representing all four of our affiliations was assembled and has been working on convention plans. The team hosted a Deanery "12 Days of Christmas" Bunco event to raise some money to help supplement some convention expenses. It was a huge success raising over \$1200.00 with 54 women in attendance including Cynthia and Sylvia. Some photos were submitted to the website. Our *Deanery Fall General Meeting* was held in September. We welcomed guest speaker, Molly McCormick who shared her calling and her experiences ministering to children in Uganda. Worth noting, Molly was recently featured in the November/December issue of *The Catholic Compass Magazine*. And, to kick off the year, we implemented a *Secret Sisters* prayer partner program.

Our *Deanery Advent Day of Renewal* held in December featured a spiritual talk by Fr. Les Kisch who is a delightful retired priest from the north end of our county.

For our upcoming *Deanery Lenten Day of Renewal*, Deacon Gary McBride of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Niceville is set to be our spiritual guest speaker. And rounding out the year, our *Deanery Spring General Meeting* will take place in March. We will install new officers and prayer partners will find out who their Secret Sister is.

Our four affiliations are busy raising money for the Hugs campaign. We will determine and submit a recipient organization at our upcoming board meeting.

Two of our affiliations are delivering refreshments to both the Jubilee Mass and Rite of Election receptions at the Cathedral.

Finally, I would like to add that some awesome sharing of ideas is taking place:

Christ Our Redeemer women are now making pillow case dresses for Little Girls in Africa, Holy Name of Jesus women held a Santa's Mistakes raffle/auction, and an inquiry about starting a Spiritual Book Club came from a lady at a council in Pensacola. This was a "fruit" resulting from an article I submitted to the November issue of Pencil Points. So, good things are happening!

In closing, our Deanery is looking forward to seeing all of you (and then some) at our April convention. Please promote the convention, get everyone in your memberships to sell ads, extend personal invitations and beat the registration deadline!

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