

## CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN DEANERY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JANUARY, 2020

Happy New Year!!

Cumberland Deanery General Meeting was held on October 19, 2019 at Christ the King, Tazewell. By-Laws were updated and a Standing Rules Committee was formed. We voted on two service projects for the next two years. They are Adult Community Training and Second Harvest. They will be supported one year each.

The affiliates in Cumberland Mountain Deanery have been very busy.

**Blessed Sacrament** held a day of reflection and a children's Christmas party in December. They also did Boxes of Joy for the first time and felt it was very successful. They continue to support a child in Kenya and several local Roane County charities.

**Christ the King** hosted the Cumberland Mountain Deanery General Meeting in October. They are continuing in their endeavors of community outreach. They held a parish Christmas dinner for those without family plans for the day. They will be having a Chili Cook-Off in January.

**St. Alphonsus** has increased participation of working women and the Hispanic community by changing up some meeting times. **GOOD NEWS!** They continue to support local charities through womanpower and collection of supplies. These include Bread of Life, Highland Regional Hospital (Psychiatric Ward), The Avalon Center, and SACS. They helped at the parish level by supporting the Knights of Columbus with Octoberfest, organized and served Thanksgiving Parish Dinner, and gave parishioners blessed mini loaves of bread for Thanksgiving. In January they are having a half day retreat and their annual Scholarship Card/Game party.

**St. Francis of Assisi** will be having a fashion show this month using items from their annual rummage sale. It will be to promote this year's rummage sale in March and to show how to repurpose and recycle clothing. They held a Christmas luncheon that included a silent auction and donations of stuffed animals. The stuffed animals were given to the Knights of Columbus to donate to the Hilltoppers for developmentally challenged adults who love soft, cuddly toys.

**St. Joseph** hosted a community presentation by Jill Ferrie of the Community Coalition December, they had an Advent Prayer Service and provided stockings with names for all children in the parish. Each Sunday it held a new surprise. This month, Paul Simineau and Sister Marianna spoke on end of life issues from Catholic perspective. They are now planning

Celebration of Love Dinner for couple married 50 years (or almost 50).

**St. Mary** had an Advent by Candlelight/Christ Child shower that was very successful. They also had a good turnout for their Patriotic Rosary. Their next event is the women's retreat put on by the diocese, and in March will have a tea for the ladies to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

### **LOTS OF GOOD THINGS**

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