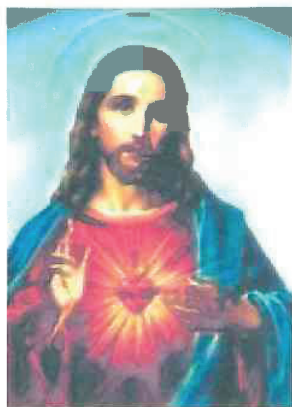


Sacred Heart Sodality

Pretoria Metropolitan

Annual Report
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SACRED HEART SODALITY ANNUAL REPORT

1. NAME OF THE METRO: **PRETORIA**

2. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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3. DIOCESES UNDER THE METRO

- ❖ PRETORIA ARCH DIOCESE
- ❖ POLOKWANE DIOCESE
- ❖ RUSTENBURG DIOCESE
- ❖ TZANEEN DIOCESE

4. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: 04

8. HOW DID YOU DEVELOP A DEEP AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH LOVING CHRIST?

8.1 THROUGH THE EUCHARIST:

- ❖ By attending Mass every possible time and receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist and through that we become united with Him. His presence in us make us grow strong spiritually;
- ❖ Most of our members are trained as Eucharistic Ministers and participate in different parishes.

8.2 THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

- ❖ Members are encouraged to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation and exercise forgiveness;
- ❖ It is important to forgive each other and to celebrate a reconciliation mass offered by our spiritual advisors at all levels, as we would like our sins to be forgiven by God. The Sacrament of reconciliation is turned into a leaving sacrifice.
- ❖ Teachings about the sacrament of Reconciliation are always given to members during the revivals and retreats.

8.3 THROUGH PRAYER LIFE:

Members are encouraged:

- ❖ to use the prayers in our constitution/informational Catholic books as in their daily life;
- ❖ Participate in the Sunday services as readers and preachers in the absence of the Priest;
- ❖ Read the Bible daily and use it for meditation;
- ❖ Visit the sick and vulnerable in homes and hospitals and pray for them.

8.4 THROUGH PERSONAL AND FAMILY PRAYER:

- ❖ Members reported that they pay visits as parishes to parishioners and non Catholic family members to pray for as one;
- ❖ Members are encouraged to hold family prayers so as to foster Christian/Religious life in their children.

8.5 THROUGH ANNUAL RETREAT:

- ❖ Retreats and revivals are organized from the local levels up to the Diocesan levels
- ❖ A theme relevant to the year is the one used.

8.6 THROUGH SPECIAL FEAST DAYS:

- ❖ Feast like the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated at Diocesan levels while other feasts are celebrated at Parish levels e.g. Christ the King or Saints feast as parishes are named after different Saints.

8.7 THROUGH HOLY HOUR:

- ❖ Members are encouraged to attend the First Friday Mass of the month, very few attend because of some commitment e.g. Work;
- ❖ very few parishes are obliged to the Holy Hour;
- ❖ Members are also encouraged to attend the Holy Week from Palm Sunday so that they can attend the Holy Hour.

9. HOW DID YOU TAKE CHRIST'S LOVE & CONCERN TO ALL PEOPLE

9.1 THROUGH EDUCATION:

- ❖ Most of our members serve as Catechists in their parishes, for children, adult's pre/post confirmation and marriage.
- ❖ They also serve as coordinators and facilitators at the Diocesan/National Family Desk;
- ❖ They also participate in the Psycho-Social programmes in their communities where they assist educating the under -privileged in getting right documents for grants and after care programmes;
- ❖ Members at different parishes are involved in awareness campaigns educating and encouraging people to be involved in evangelisation;
- ❖ Some members are youth Animators, they guide the youth towards being responsible citizens within our religion.

9.2 THROUGH LITURGY:

- ❖ Our members are committed and responsible Lay and Funeral Ministers;
- ❖ A big number is also participating in the liturgical department in their different parishes;
- ❖ Some are candidates to diaconate.

9.3 THROUGH HOME AND FAMILY LIFE:

- ❖ Pope Francis I declared 2014 as "The year of Family" relevant topics on how Christians should conduct themselves and become the loving families were conducted;
- ❖ Needy families were visited e.g. bereaved
- ❖ Members were committing themselves to pray for them.
- ❖ Members extended a hand of support to the poor, some families observed the 67 minutes during July month of doing good to others by donating food and clothing.

9.4 THROUGH JUSTICE & PEACE:

- ❖ Some of our members gave guidance, information and referred people to relevant place of need, e.g. home affairs, trauma centres, family and marriage life desk etc;

9.5 THROUGH YOUTH ANIMATION:

- ❖ Members facilitated development workshops for youth and others at parish level up to the Diocesan level.
- ❖ They provided Human development and motivations to youth;

- ❖ Some members belong to adult communities and provide supports in many aspects of life to the youth.

9.6 THROUGH HEALTH:

- ❖ Members visited the sick and prayed with them not forgetting to assist in improving the quality of their life styles and trust that God is great at all times,
- ❖ Members were also encouraged not to engage in alcoholism and drugs;
- ❖ Some of our members participated in the anti-drugs campaigns;
- ❖ Members assist in the welfare of the refugees at the transit camps in different parts;
- ❖ Our members participate in health programmes as employees of the government and as volunteers in HIV/AIDS.

9.7 THROUGH FINANCE:

- ❖ Members participated in the financial support from the local levels up the Diocesan. e.g. supporting the Priest, helping the Bishop with the money for Seminarians etc.;
- ❖ In some Dioceses a trust account is opened special for the needy.

9.8 THROUGH DEVELOPMENT:

- ❖ Developing spirituality through bible sharing, Novena's; and participation in other Christian activities.
- ❖ At some places the sodality members, has joined hands with other different congregations for developing the community spiritually.

9.9 THROUGH CONSTITUTION:

- ❖ All the Parishes have a copy of the constitution for use by members to guide them on matters of the Sodality.
- ❖ Some sections of the constitution are discussed during the Council meetings
- ❖ There is still a demand to access copies of the new constitution for individual use.

10 ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Elections were monitored in all the Dioceses
- ❖ Elections were also conducted at the Metro level
- ❖ A Rally whereby all the Dioceses took part was very successful.

11. CHALLENGES:

- ❖ Members who do not put on their proper uniform at all times;
- ❖ Absentism or very little time given to the Sodality matters;
- ❖ Dropping of members affiliation each year or subscription paid very late not according to scheduled time;

- ❖ Lack of commitment of some registered members towards other financial support for church/sodality activities.
- ❖ Members not giving each other support during the celebrations or death cases of Sodality members;
- ❖ Meetings which turn to be political platform instead of prayerful venues.
- ❖ Little knowledge and non-compliance to the constitution.

12. FUTURE PLANS:

- ❖ The Sodality at Diocesan levels to sponsor for at least two Seminarians up to the end of their studies.
- ❖ To talk about Christ mission in our meetings and avoid money squabbles maybe that will keep the members in the Sodality and not make them leave.
- ❖ Bringing dignity to our meetings especially at the Diocesan level because that is where the people learn a lot.
- ❖ For leaders to be exemplary, committed, prayerful, trustworthiness and must love Christ and His people, take His love where it is highly needed, especially to the poorest and the needy.
- ❖ Revival of parishes which have lapsed;
- ❖ Strive to work as a team from parish level to the Diocese with transparency.
- ❖ We need our Priests to supports us spiritually especially through prayers;

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