



# MALTA CROSS

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## President's Report

For many years, the Bay Area Auxiliary of the Western Association has had the honor of supporting the the expenses of the companions of malades on the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. It has been made primarily possible by the success of our annual fundraiser , the "From the Heart" cocktail reception. The event, which follows the Thursday before Valentine's Day, was held at the Olympic Club in San Francisco this year. Among our honored guests this year was H. E. Archbishop George Niederhauer.

After expenses this year, we had net proceeds of \$17,000. Much of this came from our generous donors, mostly knights and dames of the Order, either directly or through bids on our silent auction. We are overwhelmed by this generosity.

The From the Heart fund has been running a bit of a positive balance for the last few years. In the face of the economic downturn, it seemed reasonable to make it possible for more companions to attend their loved ones at Lourdes this year through this balance.

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## Auxiliary Monthly Masses

This month's Mass is most exciting and coincides with the Lourdes reunion day dinner at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. The monthly mass is a chance to share the most valuable experience of faith, prayer.

### Future Monthly Masses

#### April- Monthly Mass, Cathedral of the Light, Oakland

Sunday, April 18, 12:00 PM

Host: Christiaan Klieger

#### May- Monthly Mass, St. Thomas of Canterbury, San Jose

Sunday , May 31, 11:00 AM

Host: Anthony Ordon

### June- to be Determined

## UPCOMING EVENTS

FAITH	<b>LOURDES Pilgrimage</b> April 28-May 8
WORKS	<b>St. Anne's Memorial Day BBQ</b> Monday May 25 St. Anne's Home, San Francisco

## President's Report Cont.

Therefore, it is my pleasure to report that the Auxiliary will send eight companions this year, rather than the usual two or three. We are delighted to be of service to the Order, and I think each of you who so generously supported this year's "From the Heart" event.

A special thanks goes to Victoria Terheyden who was our Silent Auction Committee Chair this year, plus our Hospitaller Asher McInenery, Anthony Ordone, Peter Johnson and all the members of the Auxiliary who worked especially hard this year.

## Orange County Auxiliary Report

2008 was a busy year for the OC Auxiliary. We have only been an active group for two full years, yet we feel like we have come a long way!

### Service Hours

2006 151 hours  
2007 288 hours  
2008 446 hours

Works: Our main charities we support are Mary's Kitchen and the Second Harvest Food Bank.

We have expanded our activities to include Faith and Friendship activities. Last year we had our first as a group arranged by Doug and Lelia Cesario. We attended mass together and then went out to brunch. Looking forward to 2009, we had our first planning meeting, focusing on a balance of Faith, Works and Friendship. We hope to have our first retreat together early this year! We are encouraged by the numbers of members we have and their enthusiasm for charitable works and excitement for the New Year.

Michelle Navarro  
President, Orange County Auxiliary

## About the Auxiliary

The Auxiliary is a group of Catholics committed to extending the reach of the Order of Malta according to the following three tenets.

1. To extend the reach of the Order of Malta through direct volunteerism and hands on service to the poor, the sick and the unborn.
2. To provide spiritually enriching activities for the membership of the Auxiliary.
3. To provide a social network for individuals with common values and an interest in service to their community.

The three main aspects of the Auxiliary are Faith, Works and Friendship. We live our faith by gathering as a community each month when we gather for monthly mass. Our works are done in such venues such as St. Anthony's Foundation, St. Anne's and Lourdes. Whenever we gather be it a spiritual or a service project, we take time to renew and build friendships formed by our work together.

The Auxiliary also participates in many of the activities of the Western Association throughout the year. Some of the events include the annual Lourdes Day held every October, the annual Christmas lunch at St. Anne's and the Order's yearly pilgrimage to Lourdes held each spring. The pilgrimage is usually held toward the end of April. Auxiliary members assist the Knights and Dames as they care for the sick (malades). The Lourdes pilgrimage is spiritually enriching experience for all who participate.

If you have any questions regarding the Auxiliary, you reach us by e mail at [auxiliary@orderofmaltausawestern.org](mailto:auxiliary@orderofmaltausawestern.org)

