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Founder's Day Celebrations

Our founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, asked that each chapter honor the Annunciation of our Lord – the coming of the Christ Child. The National Christ Child Society uses this feast day as an opportunity to honor our founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, and to recognize the history of the Christ Child Society. Chapters across the country honored her legacy in several different ways.

The Cleveland, OH chapter held a special Mass where their spiritual director, Fr. Ralph Wiatrowski, inducted their new provisional class. At the luncheon that followed, the newest Christ Child members as well as 67 members celebrating anniversaries ranging from five to 55 years were honored. Each provisional and anniversary member were given a rose to symbolize their love and devotion to the Christ Child.

The Stuart, FL chapter held a spirituality day where they prayed together for Mary Virginia Merrick to help guide them with their mission of helping needy children. Rev. Denniston of Fordham University spoke to the group on the virtues of women over the centuries and how we should continue on the path set by our founder.

The Fort Wayne, IN chapter honored Mary Virginia Merrick by asking their members and Facebook friends to all pray the Prayer for Canonization of our founder at 12 noon on March 25th.

The Pittsburgh, PA chapter honored Mary Virginia Merrick at their quarterly March meeting. Their president, Janet Mascaro, led the group in a recommitment ceremony where she outlined the history and mission of our society. Their prayers were said for the children they serve, for their ministries and for the canonization of Mary Virginia Merrick, Servant of God.

Although this day is very special to our organization, it is important for us to **always** remember where we came from and to remember why we are dedicated to serving the little ones who need us the most!

Watch for stories of more Founder's Day celebrations in the spring issue of the NCCS newsletter, *Connections*.



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