

Silver Rose Prayer Program
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council #11815
July 20, 2009

The program began a few minutes late but proceeded in orderly fashion. There were approximately thirty five Knights, Ladies Auxiliary, parishioners and guests in attendance. Deacon Larry opened the service with welcoming remarks followed by a brief history of the Silver Rose program.

Our Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno Assembly #3162 Color Corps, commanded by Dick Tymoch, supported by SK Joe Kowal and SK Joe Berdini, provided an Honor Guard in the beginning and at end of the ceremony by escorting Father Mike, Deacon Larry, and the Grand Knight, who carried the Silver Rose and placed it in front of Our Lady of Guadalupe Statue on the table set up in the area at the foot of the altar.

We then moved to recite the Rosary with the following Knights' family members each taking a decade as follows:

1st decade: Tom Wood
2nd decade: Joanne Fraser
3rd decade: Ken Greene
4th decade: Dan Sipe
5th decade: Maggie Norris

In the Liturgy of the Word section of the program, the first biblical reading (1 Cor 9:24-27) was spoken by Deacon Larry and then the Gospel (Luke 1: 26-38) was read by Father Mike followed by his homily.

Next was the Act of Consecration; then the Litany which was sung by Brother Tom DeBoy, accompanied by Dr. Norman Endlich at the piano. It was beautiful and all participated in the sung responses.

Lastly, everyone was invited come forward, put on the provided white gloves to pick up and hold the rose while saying a private short prayer.

To all that were able to attend or participate in the Silver Rose Prayer Service I say thank you and I'm certain Mary was pleased by your devotion to her!

Tom Wood, GK