

Presentation of Candidates

Fr. Rene: Santa Cruzan 2014 will take place in our Parish this coming May 31, 2014.

The objectives for this year's celebration are:

- Community catechesis on the religious-historical meaning and significance of SantaCruzan;
- Community-building;
- Stewardship: to raise funds for the improvement of our church sanctuary and maintenance of our facilities.

Our goal is to educate participants and supporters alike. The event celebrates the founding of the Holy Cross by Empress Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine; and it celebrates the lives of great Biblical characters such as Judith of the Old Testament; the Samaritan Woman of the New Testament, and many others.

It is important to remember those characters such as Queen of Peace; Queen of Heaven; Queen of Stars - **are all Marian titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary** as recited in the Litany of the Rosary and are all equal to each other. **No title is greater than the other.**

It is our mission to bring back the religious meaning of this celebration. In this way, the fundraising aspect of the event can be conducted in the true spirit of stewardship and collaboration.

Today I am pleased to present, the nominees who have graciously agreed to accept, the nomination for candidacy, for this event.

Candidates, as I call you name, please come forward and face the Congregation. *(Father calls the candidates by name)*

Fr. Rene: My dear candidates, do you willingly accept your candidacy to Santa Cruzan 2014?

Candidates: I do

Fr. Rene: Do you accept the responsibility of stewardship and promise to participate in the spirit of collaboration?

Candidates: I do

Fr. Rene: This event is not merely a fund raiser but an incentive for all the faithful of the Church to grow in faith; may you be inspired by the lives of these characters that you will embody.

Today we bless the name of the Lord for giving us co-workers such as your selves. We pray that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary; you will receive the grace you need, in your service to the Church.

Brothers and Sisters let us continue to pray for these generous women. Let us give them our full support, as they begin to share their time and talents with our parish.

Let us give them a big round of applause!

Tickets are \$1 each.

All proceeds will go toward the improvement of our church sanctuary and maintenance of our facilities.

The first canvassing will be on Sunday March 30th - **Let the voting begin!**

Thank you my dear candidates. You may now return to your seats.