



Young Ladies' Grand Institute

A Catholic Women's Organization

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Dear Sisters:

Please note this letter covers both **December 2023 and January 2024**. As we celebrate the joyous season of Christmas and look forward to welcoming the New Year 2024 with family and friends, let's pause a moment to remember our YLI sister members who are ill or alone. A simple prayer, a short telephone call, or a greeting sent via mail or email can help make someone's day.

BOARD OF GRAND DIRECTORS MEETING:

As you know, the Board of Grand Directors meeting was held on November 4 with the Remembrance Mass celebrated at 11:00am at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Sacramento, CA. It was a lovely mass with 2139 names of Golden Jubilee Burse card recipients carried up to the altar.

Board Meeting Highlights

- Next year's Golden Jubilee Burse Remembrance Mass has been scheduled for November 2, 2024. Please mark your calendars.
- The merchandise committee reported that membership pins for 10-year members, 25-year members, 50-year members, 75-year members, and Past Presidents are now available. All of the pins can be ordered online.
- The 2024 YLGI trip is an 8-Night Southern Caribbean cruise October 19, 2024 - October 27, 2024 on the Celebrity Beyond. This is a new date from the one that was announced at Convention in July. The original date was September 7, 2024, but the cruise line changed the ship and itinerary so the change had to be made. The new flier with all the information has been posted on the YLI website.
- The Board approved a request to host the 2025 Grand Institute Convention at the Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada on July 21-24, 2025. Thank you to the ladies in District 19 and 8.
- The Board approved a revised Expense Voucher + Instructions. A copy of the new voucher is attached for your use. It must be used, effective January 1, 2024. The previous form, dated 6.1.17, will no longer be accepted as of January 1, 2024 and will be returned.

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the quarter ending **December 31, 2023** are due **January 31, 2024** with the quarterly Per Capita Tax of \$3.50 per member, Grand Institute Assessment of \$0.25 per member and Death Assessment of \$1.05 per beneficial member. The check should be made out to Young Ladies' Grand Institute and two (2) copies of the report sent to this office within 30 days after the end of the quarter.

DISTRICT/INSTITUTE DEPUTIES AND GRAND INSTITUTE COMMITTEE LISTS: Please note that Grand President Esther's lists will be mailed to each Institute, Grand Officer, and Past Grand President. Please review the information and let the Grand Secretary know of any changes. All changes will be posted in the Grand President's letters so that the lists can be updated. Thank you.

GOLDEN JUBILEE BURSE PRESENTATIONS: Institutes are continuing to support the Golden Jubilee Burse. Institute donations must reach the Grand Secretary's office in a timely manner.

Any donation presentation before March 31st must reach the Grand Secretary's office at least thirty days ahead of the planned presentation (i.e., February 10 by January 10; March 7 by February 7).

If your presentation is after March 31st, your contribution must reach the Grand Secretary no later than March 1st so the funds can be accounted for prior to March 31st which is the end of our fiscal year.

Please contact the Grand Treasurer if there is a reason your donation will be late reaching the Grand Secretary's office. We will work on a solution together.

VOICE OF YLI SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS: As a reminder, all renewals must be sent to the Voice of YLI circulation chairman Pat Fontana.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS – The Board of Grand Directors meeting will be held **Saturday, March 9, 2024** beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the YLI Clubhouse, 1400 – 27th Street, Sacramento, CA. The Grand President and Board Members will be staying at the Courtyard by Marriott Sacramento Midtown, 4422 Y Street, Sacramento, CA 95817. All hotel reservations must be made through the Grand Secretary's Office no later than **February 9, 2024**. Blocked rooms not reserved by this date will be cancelled.

The hotel and lunch reservation forms will be sent/mailed to Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, Institute Recording Secretaries, Committee Chairs and District/Institute Deputies the first week of January. Please note the reservation deadline of February 9, 2024.

Information from the hostess committee will also be emailed/mailed in January.

The Board Meeting is open to all YLI members. We urge all those who can attend to join us.

Grand Institute has an open position for a Grand Secretary Assistant: The assistant administrative and clerical support to the Grand Secretary for the Grand Institute at Convention. The position requires performing duties such as minute-taking, collecting oral reports, and noting details on the various activities. Candidates for this position should hold strong computer skills, be organized, pay attention to detail, and have experience with using Microsoft Office programs. Inquires for this position should be made by contacting Grand Secretary Pat McGuire.

Thank you for considering this opportunity!

PRESIDENT/SECRETARY LISTS ~ Please make the following changes on your copies of the Presidents/Secretaries lists. Please feel free to email or call with any additional changes. Thank you.

- St. Sebastian's #116 meets on the 3rd Wednesday.
- St. Alphonsus #125 meets on the 2nd Thursday at 6:00pm

DISTRICT/INSTITUTE DEPUTY LIST: Please make the following change on your copies.

- Grand Director Cecelia Artherholt's city should be Sonora, CA

OFFICE HOURS: The YLI office will be closed from December 18 – January 5, 2024.

OFFICIAL VISITS OF GRAND PRESIDENT ESTHER VASQUEZ

DECEMBER	9	El Parajo No. 138, Watsonville, CA
	12	Ave Regina No. 200, Turlock, CA
	13	Our Lady of Roses No. 221, Newman, CA
	21	Sacred Heart No. 141, Dixon, CA
JANUARY	10	San Joaquin No. 118, Madera, CA
	11	Santa Cruz No. 95, Santa Cruz, CA
	16	Camillus No. 128, Rio Vista, CA
	17	St. Sebastian's No. 116, Sebastopol, CA
	20	Deo Gratias No. 218, Bakersfield, CA
	22	Antioch No. 101, Antioch, CA
FEBRUARY	1	Modesto No. 110, Modesto, CA
	6	Our Lady of Fatima No. 179, Escalon, CA
	7	Ignatius No. 85, Salinas, CA
	8	St. Alphonsus No. 125, Fairfield, CA
	10	Queen of Peace No. 91, Lodi, CA
	12	Livermore No. 44, Livermore, CA
	13	Mystical Rose No. 169, Los Banos, CA
	15	Maureen No. 136, Cupertino, CA.
	17	Holy Family No. 184, Lemoore, CA
	20	St. Patrick's No. 223, Hilmar, CA
27	Teresita No. 123, Pittsburg, CA	

OFFICIAL VISITS OF GRAND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT DEBRA RAMIREZ-CRUZ

DECEMBER	18	St. Clare's No. 119, Santa Clara, CA
JANUARY	11	Our Lady of the Sea No. 255, San Clemente, CA

May the greatest gift of Christmas bring you the Joy of Faith, the Joy of Peace, the Joy of Happiness and the Miracle of Love!

With Sisterly Love,

*Esther Vasquez
Grand President*

*Patricia McGuire
Grand Secretary*

Attachments: Revised Expense Voucher
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