

## **Spirituality Commission Annual Project Recognition Award Winners 2022**

1) The main purpose of this project is to bring parishioners of the communities to celebrate Our Blessed Mother and to be able to deepen their relationship with Mary. They approached their board, spoke to music minister, chose a presider, had Art and Environment involved with the décor and invited all the churches in the area. They used bulletin to announce, mass announcements, slide shows and also had it live streamed for those who couldn't attend. Four of the parishes participated as they entered with hymn, there was a procession of flowers which were placed at the foot of Mary. Many shared their flowers with those who didn't have any. The presiders homily during the liturgical rite was Mary and the Foundations of Discipleship. The exit hymn was Hail Holy Queen. The décor of the church was beautiful with Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on a base of flowers and blue fabric. Then there was a painting of Full of Grace on a golden trellis with blue fabric and flower arrangements complementing the other side. An arch was decorated with gold and blue fabric and a painting of Joy sat on a trellis in the center. It was spotlighted and a kneeler in front. They even had the entrance of the church with flower arrangements and a picture of Our Lady of Fatima. There were prayer cards of Our Mother of Good Council and brochures for their CCW. They felt this project had an amazing impact on so many who attended and to hear their responses was an overwhelming feeling of love and spirituality from everyone.

This project was "The Coronation of Mary" presented by Resurrection from Western Deanery.

2) This project was to show better ways of Acts of kindness and learn to be more Christ-like. The Franciscan's have a belt with knots as beads. The knots remind the wearer of his or her decision to answer God's call and bind themselves to Him with vows. They prepared this project by using facebook, email, bulleting and phone calls to spark curiosity about a challenge that they were preparing for their sisters. They had confirmation in their parish early fall so their first act of kindness was to pray for all the confirmants and they wrote encouraging scripture quotes for each person. It was a great way to let families know how many were praying for them. Another act of kindness was they gave gently used Halloween costumes to a local school. Some kids were use to just having a paper plate mask so they were overjoyed to have a real costume for their school parade. Some members even donated bags of candy. One child saw the bag of candy, when asked what she would do with that she said that she always enjoyed when others had birthdays and shared treats but she was never able to do that. This year she did! There were many way of kindness showed from cutting lawns, weeding, making and delivering meals and giving rides to the church. They felt they were able to spread kindness to so many. Imagine the final length of their prayer in action Knots of Kindness rope.

This project was "Knots of Kindness" presented by St. Thomas Aquinas in Central Deanery

3) This project was to show how inventive their council was with the help of the Knights of Columbus making a float for the parade. It had music playing and the designs were amazing. So many people were awe struck by the design and intricate ways the float was designed and how the music played throughout the parade. The float won first prize in the parade and the hard work of so many was more than appreciated.

This project was "Float with Christ" presented by All Souls in Central Deanery