

## MEMBERSHIP

Residents of Broome, Tioga and Susquehanna counties are active members in our organization.

Although we are a Catholic group we welcome ladies of other Christian faiths.

Members are welcomed at a Solemn Reception.

Installation of Officers and Awards Presentations take place each June.



June, 2010 New Officers

Marlene Gramata Barbara Martin Eileen Stone Eileen Stone Lanie Cummings



Spiritual Advisors Rev. Gerald Buckley  
Sister Moderator Mary Anne Brawley DC

## TO SERVE RATHER THAN BE SERVED IN HUMILITY, SIMPLICITY AND CHARITY

~Work with school nurses in several area elementary schools to assist with essential clothing, underwear and other items for children in need

~Provide back to school needs and reading enrichment books



~Maintain a strong spiritual life through daily prayer and reflection

~Spiritual presentations including a Morning of Reflection and joining together for the Eucharist on several occasions throughout the year

~We assemble and distribute layettes

~We attend LCUSA regional and national meetings

~Monetary gifts annually to several local charities

## AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Annually we recognize an individual or an organization with our **Community Service Award**. Recipients have shown extraordinary selflessness in giving of their time and resources to a most worthy cause.



Two \$750.00 **scholarships** are presented annually to high school seniors who will pursue a career in service to others. Awards are based on academic achievement, financial need and service to school, church and community.



We cooperate with many other agencies in the Greater Binghamton Area to connect people to services and goods that they are in need of.

Greater Binghamton Area  
Ladies of Charity



Our History

In 1937 the bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse sent a young priest, Fr. Joseph Toomey, to establish a local Catholic Charities. One way he ensured success was to organize a group of twelve area women to participate in community services and serve on the boards of local agencies. Fr. Toomey wanted a group of Catholic women to 'get acquainted' with Binghamton area organizations that were providing needed services. This group was The Patronesses.

In 1976 The Patronesses were given a charter with The Ladies of Charity USA.

Founded by St. Vincent dePaul, patron of all charity, The Ladies of Charity responded to the needs of the poor in 17<sup>th</sup> century France.

The Ladies of Charity have possessed the charism of their founder with daily prayer and personal service to the poor. Members are asked to give the personal gifts of self, time, devotion, sacrifices and perseverance in the effort to bring dignity to each person and to respond with compassion to every human suffering.

**LADIES OF CHARITY**



**NEARLY NEW SHOP**  
100 Main Street, Binghamton  
723-0194

**Hours: Tuesday, Thursday &  
Saturday 10:00 – 3:00  
Friday 10:00 - 12:30**

**Voucher Clients: Wednesday  
10:00 to 3:30 and 6:30 to 8:00**

**Our thrift shop receives all items through the generosity of community members. From new designer clothing to gently used goods there is a nice selection. We serve those in need but also welcome the community at large, offering a wide selection of clothing and assorted sundries, at affordable prices.**

**The shop also provides clothing at no cost to 'voucher' clients who have expressed a special need.**

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[www.catholiccharitiesbc.org/LOC.htm](http://www.catholiccharitiesbc.org/LOC.htm)

Our membership application and other information is at this web site. There are also links to LCUSA and AIC

*FUNDS FOR SERVICES ARE  
RAISED THROUGH:*

\*The Nearly New Shop  
Without revenue from The Shop our work/mission would be very limited.

\*Style Shows    \*Raffles  
\*Dues            \*Special Events