

ESTABLISHMENT OF “THE FRIENDS OF OUR LADY’S GROTTO”

You may remember that last year a group of stay-at-home moms and their husbands, many children, some single moms, some senior citizens, as well as other parishioners gathered together to clean up Our Lady’s Grotto in the playground behind our church. It was a great success. The grotto was cleaned up, flowers were planted, and those dedicated individuals even went so far as to bring containers of water to keep the flowers alive through what proved to be a very hot summer.

This year, in order to involve more people, rather than set aside a specific day for the clean-up, we are asking simply for people to volunteer when they are able and that their contribution of time and work be arranged ahead of time with Father Kolenkiewicz.

In addition to the usual raking and picking up, planting and watering of flowers, weeding, we would be looking for the possible retreating of the trellis with wood preserver as well as the kneeler. Watering this year should be much easier since we can run hoses from the new rectory to the grotto for more thorough and less frequent watering.

You may have noticed that because of aging wood and glue some of the mysteries of the rosary have become detached and even broken. We are working on getting prices to have them replaced and even the possibility of acquiring and displaying the new Mysteries of Light. To this end we hope to establish “Our Lady’s Grotto Fund,” which will cover the cost of some much needed repairs and supplies to ensure that the grotto will remain a peaceful sanctuary and prayerful refuge for years to come.

If anyone would like to make a donation to the Grotto Fund in memory of a loved one or for some other intention, you can do so by putting your donation in an envelope marked “Grotto Fund” and dropping it in the collection or at the rectory.

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