

# DULUTH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



## THE HINGE

Editor Connie Andrews, November 2017

### Spiritual Advisor - Fr. Paul Fruth

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini told us "Give your tribute of gratitude often to the most loving Jesus." As we approach Thanksgiving and then the Advent season, I am lifting the DDCCW women up to the Lord and giving praise for you!

Always I have known the women who serve the Church as dedicated leaders in the work of the Council of Catholic Women. You have been so kind to everyone and worked to organize wonderful programs of your love throughout the world. In Mass I have been thanking God that the CCW has been a part of my years as a priest. I beg God to bless each of you. You are gifts to the people of the Faith.

We of the Women's Council are blessed with a

Bishop who comes to share with us each year. I thank my Lord Jesus for giving us a wonderful servant to lead us. We need to show gratitude. I think of all the ladies who have served as president. For nearly 32 years we have had great spiritual women to encourage each one of us.

At our national meeting, the priests discussed the need to build up our groups in every parish and encourage our shepherds to get involved. We need each other! This coming year, say thank-you Lord Jesus and let's encourage everyone to participate. We need full support for preparing our special book for the 100th celebration. Please gather history and pictures.

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My dear friends, God has given me a great life and you are a part of it by your support and endless caring for me. I thank you. With each daily Mass I am praying for you. Let us be of gratitude to God. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

*Fr. Paul*

### From the DDCCW President - Connie Andrews

My dear sisters in Christ, BRRR! As I watch my grandkids come in from outside with rosy cheeks and cold fingers and toes, I remember my childhood on the farm. Lots of "Go outside and play!" directives from my parents, and now it's me saying that! Thanksgiving is near and the beginning of Advent - the Church's New Year.

I'm sure you are all getting and staying busy with holiday preparations, but take time to "**Remember the marvels the Lord has done!**" PS 105:5

Looking to the future for DDCCW:

- ✠ 2018 DDCCW Spring Convention will be held on May 22 in a joint celebration with the Diocese of Superior, WI. We will be meeting at the College of St. Scholastica, Mitchell Hall Auditorium. Our speakers have been secured and are contemporary authors Maria Morera Johnson and Dale Ahlquist. If you want to get a taste of their writing styles, we recommend that you read Maria Johnson's book, *My Badass Book of Saints: Courageous Women Who Showed Me How to Live*, and Dale Ahlquist's book, *Common Sense 101*. Books will be for sale on site after their presentations.
- ✠ Holy Mass during our convention will be in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel in the Monastery with the Sisters of St. Scholastica. Both Bishop Sirba from Duluth and Bishop Powers from Superior will concelebrate. Installation of officers will take place at the end of this celebration
- ✠ Lunch will be served in the Rockhurst dining room. During lunch, the Superior Diocese will present a special award to one of their attendees.
- ✠ There will be a silent auction, but because of space constraints, we ask that your donations be in a basket and only 10 for each diocese with a \$30-\$50 value. Please let me know if your deanery/parish will be able to make a basket for this silent auction - Thanks.

In His Love, *Connie*

*St. Joseph's Parish, Grand Rapids*

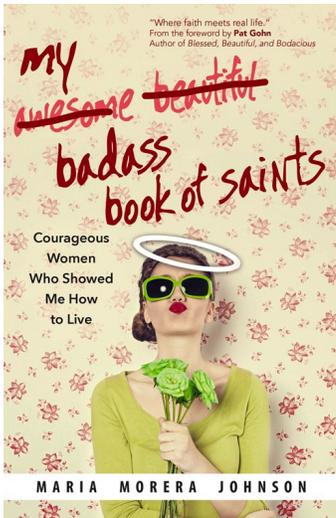
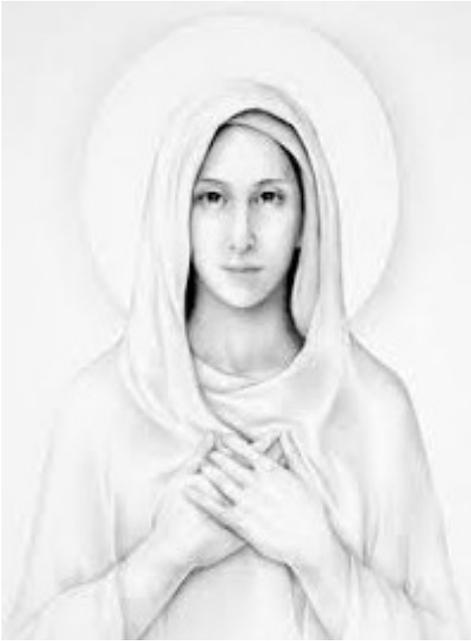
## IN SOLIDARITY

### Joint Diocesan Convention - Duluth & Superior

The Duluth and Superior Diocesan Councils of Catholic Women join together for an Annual Convention held at the College of Saint Scholastica on the cliffs of Duluth.

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Speakers: Dale Alquist and Maria Johnson



# SAVE THE DATE!

# TUESDAY MAY 22, 2108

**Please post this page in your parish.**

## Registration flyers will be out soon!

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### Spirituality Commission - Cheryl Niles

The great holiday season is beginning: Thanksgiving, Advent, Feast of St. Nicholas, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Lucy's Day, Christmas, Feast of the Holy Family (New Years day) and more!

We are so blessed to have such a rich heritage of honoring and loving our God.

Have a Holy and Joy filled season celebrating God's love for you in your own special way.

*Cherí*

*St. Joseph's Parish, Grand Rapids*

COUNT YOUR  
**BLESSINGS.**  
NAME THEM **ONE BY ONE.**  
COUNT YOUR  
**MANY BLESSINGS**  
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.

### Service Commission - Leona Barten

While at the NCCW Convention in Dallas, September 2017, we had excellent speakers on Domestic Violence. The statistics are astounding. Domestic Violence is the third leading cause of homelessness! Eight million days of paid work is missed due to abuse. NCCW has much information on the website to help. There is a new step-by-step NCCW Guide to Help End Domestic Violence.

The Catholic Relief Services had a booth at the convention. Many items of Fair Trade to purchase. It was great to be remembered by the staff of CRS! Maybe I have been to too many conventions? ☺ Ha! Cross Catholic Outreach was also there. They had information on their Box of Joy program. St. Joseph's Church in Grand Rapids participated in the Box of Joy program this year. Maybe more of us can join them next year? Start planning now.

Thank you for all the parishes that helped with the Appalachia project. The trailer was loaded and is headed south. Thanks to Brainerd girls for doing all the work on their end. You're the best!

One of the Keynote speakers talked about joy. She said "Joy is the intersection of faith, hope and love. When we live our faith, we hope and we love which equals job!" The world needs holy women. We need to draw comfort and strength from being women with unique gifts. Share your gifts this Christmas season.

We were treated to a free pre-release screening of a movie at the convention. "Same Kind of Different as Me" is an excellent movie. If it comes to a theater near you, please make an effort to see it. You won't be sorry.

The next NCCW Convention will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 29 to September 1, 2018. Get this on your calendar and plan on attending.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons here, we will have many opportunities to serve others. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver.

*Leona*

*St. Augustine's Parish, Cohasset*

## **Organization Commission - Sue Goerges**

Most of you should have completed your Membership & support Sunday activities for this year. Remember your payment is due by December 1st. Now is also the time to send in your affiliate (parish) dues to NCCW. Please contact me if you have **any** questions.

Individual dues to NCCW come due on your annual anniversary. You will receive a notice from NCCW when they are due each year. Again, contact me if you have **any** questions.

Please continue to promote individual membership. This is a very important part of our organization's continued growth.

It is time for all who receive a mailed/hard copy of the HINGE to renew your subscription. Please send a check for \$5.00 to me, Sue Goerges, 28425 County Road 4, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472. This minimal fee covers postage, paper, and printing expenses. Thank you!

*Sue*

*Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, St. Christopher's Campus*

P.S. the forms mentioned above are also included on the following pages if you need them!

## **Hibbing Deanery - Ann Johnston**

The Hibbing Deanery CCW held a successful Fall Conference on Thursday, October 19th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grand Rapids. Fr. Anthony Craig presented on the timely theme "Spiritual Warfare in the Family". There were also reports from those that attended the NCCW Convention in Dallas, Texas in September.

Our Christmas meeting and celebration will be held on November 28th at Grandma's in the Park, Hibbing, beginning at 4:00 p.m. We will then plan our Lenten Retreat and Spring Events.

*Ann*

*St. Cecelia's Parish, Nashwauk*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **December 13, 2017** - NCCW Monthly Member Call (515-739-1261) pin 703993# 7:00 PM Central Time Zone
- **May 14-15, 2018** - NCCW Pilgrimage to Ireland
- **May 22, 2018** - DDCCW Joint Spring Convention with Superior Diocese, Duluth, MN
- **August 29-September 1 2018** NCCW Convention, Pittsburgh, PA

## **Brainerd Deanery - Dolores Wickham**

Thank you to St. Andrews for hosting our Fall Conference. We had about 60 people who attended and a wonderful meal was served. All of the raffle items were in good taste.

Brenda Hadrich gave a great power point presentation about Ghana, Matilda's Project. Brenda has gone to Ghana and worked with the people, along with others to get water wells for them, help to build a school, teaching recipes to them and also learning from them.

Brenda received a beautiful dress that had been made for her. It was interesting how they knew just what size to make it. After her talk, we had mass and lunch and a couple reports from the NCCW convention.

We then had Janette Howe give us a presentation on Seven Sisters Apostolate. Their mission is "Committed prayerful support toward a parish pastor through the assurance of the offering of at least one Holy Hour every day of any given week for that pastor alone – a 'holy wasting', as it were, for the conversion and holiness of that particular priest". There is a website that you can visit – [www.seversistersapostolate.org](http://www.seversistersapostolate.org). (The mission now also serves individual Archbishops, Bishops, associate priests, retired priests, hospital Chaplains, Seminary Rectors, spiritual directors – all priests.)

It was a very thought-provoking day and my brain went into overload, but it was certainly worth it.

*Dolores  
St. James Parish, Aitkin*

### **The Prayer Process**

**Gratitude** - begin by thanking god in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.

**Awareness** - Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were not the best version of yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

**Significant Moments** - Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

**Peace** - Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.

**Freedom** - Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the best version of yourself.

**Others** - Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

Finish by praying the **Our Father**.

**We can survive without prayer, but we cannot thrive without it.**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Kelly, Matthew, *Rediscover Jesus*, Beacon Publishing, 201, page 122-123.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC  
MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT SUNDAY 2017  
FOR PARISH USE                      DUE BY DECEMBER 1**

Membership term - January 2018-December 2018

Please use this form when sending membership & support dollars to the Diocesan CCW Treasurer.

<b>DATE SENT</b>				
<b>PARISH NAME</b>			<b>DEANERY NAME</b>	
<b>CHURCH ADDRESS</b>				
TOTAL COLLECTED FOR MEMBERSHIP & SUPPORT SUNDAY				\$
MINUS <b>PARISH AFFILIATE DUES</b> TO NCCW *SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS				<b>- \$100.00</b>
SUB TOTAL				\$
DIVIDE SUB TOTAL IN 1/2 AND SEND THAT AMOUNT BY DECEMBER 1 TO:				\$
<b>DDCCW TREASURER ANN JOHNSTON PO BOX 115 PENGILLY, MN 55775</b>				
PARISH KEEPS 1/2 OF SUB TOTAL				\$
<b>PARISH AFFILIATE DUES</b>				
<b>SEND \$100.00 WITH AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP FORM TO:</b>				
<b>NCCW 200 N GLEBE RD SUITE 725 ARLINGTON, VA 22203</b>				
Thank you very much for your support! If you have questions, call Ann at 218-966-3052				



**2018 NCCW AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Member Organization** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT DUE: \$100.00 (Parish or Subdivision)**

**DIOCESE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current President or Representative to receive NCCW mailings:**

**PRESIDENT**

**ADDRESS**

**CITY, STATE ZIP**

**IMPORTANT:** *The individual listed on this form will receive ALL NCCW correspondence (e-Connect newsletter, Catholic Woman magazine, election information, and all other notifications).*

Please send payment to:

**National Council of Catholic Women**

**200 North Glebe Road, Suite 725**

**Arlington, VA 22203**

President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address for Main Contact (where the *Connect* will be sent) \_\_\_\_\_

**How will you be paying? Check Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Credit Card Type:** Visa / MasterCard / Discover **Credit Card**

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Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT.**

**Our Mission:**

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

## National Council of Catholic Women Monthly Conference Call



**Please note: There will be NO member call in November--have a great Thanksgiving!**

On the second Wednesday of each month, one of NCCW's leadership leads a conference call on a different topic. This call is open to all members. The time in our area is 7:00 p.m.

Call in number for all calls: (712) 432-0375 - Pin 505816

Times are 5 pm (PT), 6 pm (MT), **7 pm (CT)**, and 8 pm (ET)

1. If you join the call after the start time, please do not announce yourself despite the instruction to do so.
2. When you join the call, please mute your phone by pressing \*6. You can take the phone off mute if you wish to speak by pressing \*6 again.

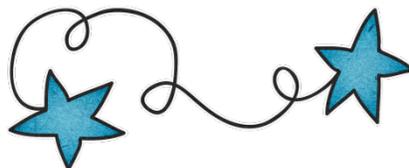
Please be respectful of all on the call and mute your end of the call and just listen. This is a great way to stay up to date on all that is happening at the National Council Level. If you are curious about past calls, there are summaries of the calls on the NCCW web page under the 'about us' button.



Have your prayer request displayed on the NCCW website for other members to pray for!

Submit your prayer request to [nccw01@nccw.org](mailto:nccw01@nccw.org) (request must be no longer than 10 words to be included on the site). Your prayer request will remain online for 30 days.

NCCW Members can access the prayer request list at  
[https://nccw.org/Public/Public/Prayers/Prayer\\_Requests.aspx](https://nccw.org/Public/Public/Prayers/Prayer_Requests.aspx)



## PRAYER

**"O God, GRANT THAT ONE OF MY SONS MAY BECOME A PRIEST! I, MYSELF, WANT TO LIVE AS A GOOD CHRISTIAN AND WANT TO GUIDE MY CHILDREN ALWAYS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, SO THAT I MAY RECEIVE THE GRACE, O GOD, TO BE ALLOWED TO GIVE YOU A HOLY PRIEST!"**  
**AMEN**

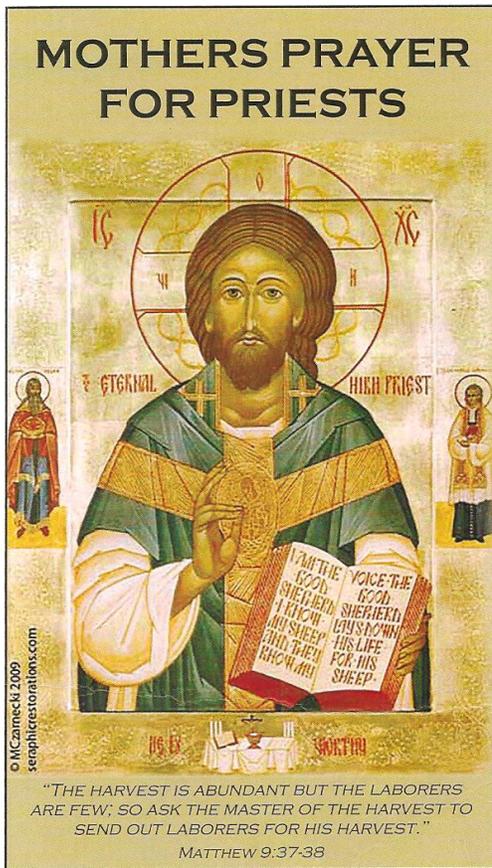
### THE POWER OF PRAYER

In the small village of Lu, in northern Italy, some of the mothers prayed a particular prayer imploring for vocations to the priesthood. Through the trusting of these mothers and the openness of the other parents, an atmosphere of deep joy and Christian piety developed in the families making it much easier for the children to recognize their vocations. From the tiny village of Lu came 323 vocations: 152 priests and 171 nuns.

**If a small village can get 323 vocations, what can an entire diocese do!!!!**

*Mothers of Priests*

*Diocese of Duluth*



...il of Catholic Women will be celebrating 100 years of service to the  
 ...a charter member (that means one of the original groups) founding the  
 ...n. We would like to publish a book telling the history of the DDCCW in our  
 ...s and photographs of the history of your parish women's groups are  
 ...group at your church - the altar society, the funeral ladies group, service  
 ...ing, projects, international, community or local groups, etc. Think about  
 ...groups have done for your parish and community. ]

...ver the years?

...ories of projects you have been involved in?

...y special projects? Remember every parish is unique!

...ona Barten, Box 173, Cohasset, MN 55721, 218-328-5520,  
 ...rendo, 5809 Rose Road, Hermantown, MN 55811, 218-729-9647,  
 ...any questions, feel free to contact either Leona or Alice. A *HUGE* thank  
 ...: already sent articles/pictures to us for the book.

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**“Perhaps above everything else,  
God just yearns to be with us.”**

**MATTHEW KELLY**

*Taken from **Rediscover the Rosary***



 **Dynamic Catholic**

**<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>**

**What would it take to have the best Christmas of your life?**

**Click on or copy the web link above and join in to find out.**

**It's a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You'll experience Advent in a whole new way - leading to the best Christmas of your life!**

**In affiliation with:**

**The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)**

**Whose mission statement is:**

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[www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)

~and~

**The World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO)**

**Whose mission statement is:**

" WUCWO's aim is to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the church in order to enable them to fulfill their mission of evangelization and to work for human development."

[www.wucwo.org](http://www.wucwo.org)

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