



Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

The HINGE

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Connie Andrews, Editor

Reflections from Convention – Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Tony Wroblewski

Anyone who knows me, knows that I am always looking at how something I am responsible for might be improved, or done better, or be made to look better. My mind seems always to be going nonstop. That comes both with blessings and burdens. Nonetheless it is who I am. I say all this because I am writing this article while at the National Convention of the CCW. It has been at least a few years since I had attended my last NCCW Convention. And what I saw and experienced both energized me, and at the same time concerned me. Let me explain.

It is always a joy to reacquaint myself with people I have met at previous meetings or conventions. It's good to be able to hear about local CCW councils that are doing something successfully. I think the evening that we gather as a province for dinner is usually a highlight as well. And when the NCCW engages nationally known speakers to inspire us at the convention, I am so very grateful. So, for all these reasons, I can be energized.

But then there are the concerns. It had been about 4 or 5 years since I had been to a national convention for the CCW. I was saddened to see how the numbers attending had decreased. Certainly, there were a variety of topics that attempted to address these concerns. One of the sessions dealt specifically with the lifecycle of groups, including the CCW. I found it very helpful. Fr. Blake Rozier, who attended the convention for the first time as the Brainerd

Deanery Spiritual Director, agreed that this tool would be very helpful to use by the CCW at all the various levels. In fact, it's a tool that could be employed in any parish or church group.

But as Spiritual Advisor, I was struck by how often it was suggested that the health of any church group, especially each CCW group, was directly related to how well they encouraged each other to grow their relationship with Christ and His Mother. So, some good questions for each of us, especially any of us who hold leadership positions: Does my guild and/or parish CCW devote plenty of time of communal prayer at our meetings? Do we help other women in the parish know Christ and His Mother better? What spiritual formation programs are we sponsoring for women? And am I, as an individual member, doing everything I can to deepen my relationship with Christ?

I am convinced that if we pay attention to this important pillar of the NCCW, the Lord will bless each CCW, not just with new members, but with a renewed purpose, and a desire to follow Jesus and His Mother ever more closely

Fr. Tony

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC  WOMEN

President's Report of NCCW Convention

Carol Wohlers

We just came back from the National Council of Catholic Women Conference in Atlanta Georgia. Our flight was good and we had excellent speakers. There is a focus on saving our earth. Climate change is a problem. Pope Francis has a Doctorate in Chemistry. More carbon is causing Global warming. We need faith, Science and religion. Patricia Kathryn reports temperatures rising 46.3 degrees over 50 years. Ice becomes water. We need collective action to get rid of garbage. People are at the center of everything we do. Turn off computers. Turn off lights. We need to care for our soil and earth for our common good.

We watched a skit on bullying. We need to turn our fears into friendship. Bullying is a learned behavior. Suicide has increased over 35 years. The highest number of deaths is suicide. Bad economy, sickness and struggling with the family is a problem. Smart phones are used too much. Losing a child is very hard. We need to support them, attend the funeral, pray and be kind. Use a rain barrel. Rinse produce in a bowl. Take shorter showers and run the dishwasher only when full. There is too much garbage in the ocean, especially near California and Hawaii. A whale died with 64 pounds of trash in his digestive system. We need to reduce, reuse and recycle. We need to volunteer, clean up, educate, conserve water, more. Fishing line found in water lasts 600 years. Plastic bags last 500 to 1000 years. Cigarette butts last 18 months to 10 years. Pope Francis says "Listen to the cry of the earth". choose sustainable, use long lasting light bulbs, plant a tree, choose non plastic, bike and walk

Oceans are heating up. Increased heat causes storms. Houston had 240 billion gallons or 36 inches of rain in 24 hours. Bangladesh was destroyed. Wild fires have increased. A car fire burned a whole city. In Moscow a fire killed people due to inhalation. In January Mediterranean fires were worse than ever. Mosquitoes carry the zika virus. It hits the poorest people.

There is a Golden Rose award for students who make a difference. Gold=value and Rose = love. Contact Catholic High Schools, recognize female students who make a difference. Select a student, sign by the pastor, write a letter to the pastor. Identify students who are spiritual leaders. Advertise NCCW and Duluth Diocese CCW the Golden Rose Award. Feature a girl in the Connect or other publication. Golden Rose starts at the parish level.

Our next NCCW Convention will be in Arlington Virginia. NCCW will be 100 years old. We hope a lot of people will be prepared for a great Convention. Mark your calendars for August 26-29, 2020. We enjoyed have Fr. Tony and Fr. Blake with us this year. We miss Fr. Fruth, who has stepped down as our moderator.

Carol Wohlers



Fall Assembly
Our Lady of Lourdes, Pine River

ALL ARE INVITED

To attend a presentation about **Domestic Violence**

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pine River

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

9:30 a.m. PRESENTATION

Speaker(s) by Mid Minnesota Women's Center

October is the month CCW dedicates to the
prevention of **Domestic Violence**.

You can save someone's life...even future generations!

You may not think you know someone affected by **Domestic Violence** but you probably do and just don't know it. It could be a family member, a person in your church, a friend, or your neighbor.

Not knowing doesn't save lives, information can.

Members of the Council of Catholic Women are woman of faith striving to live the Word of God. Through our united efforts and prayers, our goal is to provide education and resources to make ending **Domestic Violence** a reality.

Refreshments Served

Ed. Note: This is a local parish event. An example of what Our Lady of the Lakes parish CCW is doing to promote October as domestic violence month. Your parish could do this, too! Lots of help and information is available on the NCCW website, nccw.org. Also, the May 2019 Member conference call was on domestic violence awareness. Go to this link and listen to the discussion. <https://www.nccw.org/may-member-call-domestic-violence-awareness/> This is a huge – yet silent – issue!

Brainerd Deanery

Pat Walsh President

Greetings! Let me begin with an introduction of the new officers for the BDCCW. The following women said “Yes” when asked to take an office. Photo of the installation ceremony conducted by our new Spiritual Advisor; Fr. Blake Rozier is below.

President – Pat Walsh, St. Francis, Brainerd
President-elect – Sharon Rosburg, Immaculate Heart, Crosslake
Secretary – Lisa Poirier, Immaculate Heart, Crosslake
Treasurer – Linda Braynard, St. Joseph, Crosby



Brainerd Deanery Installation of Officers l-r: Pat, Linda, Sharon and Lisa.

Brainerd Deanery Spring Convention: Tuesday, May 19, 2020. St. Andrew’s in Brainerd is the location and the speaker will be Fr Tony. He will talk on End-of-Life Challenges in the morning and Health Care Directives in the afternoon. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Pat



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Anniversary Mass and Dinner: Saturday, September 28. Couples from the Diocese of Duluth celebrating their marriage milestone of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or more...are invited to our 6th annual Anniversary Mass and Dinner. All are welcome at Mass at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral, but dinner seating is limited to those who reserve in advance limited to the first 125. Dinner is free for celebrating couples and additional family members are \$10 (\$15 after September 16). For more information visit www.dioceseduluth.org department of Marriage and Family Life or call 218-724-9111.



Hibbing Deanery

Renee Nelson, President

The Hibbing Deanery held its Spring Convention at St Mary's in Deer River. Our theme was "JUST FAITH" and our presenter was Patrice Critchley-Menor who is Director for Office of the Social Apostolate for the Diocese of Duluth. She is very passionate about the faithful Catholic response to a wide variety of timely social issues. We were also blessed that Deacon Steven Schuler was able to lead in Adoration, prayer and Benediction. Our new officers were installed to begin their leadership of the Hibbing Deanery. It was a joy filled day!!



New President Renee Nelson along with l-r Connie Andrews, Province Director, Leona Barten Deanery Treasurer, Patrice Critchley-Menor, Duluth Diocese, and Ann Johnston Immediate Past Deanery President.



Pictured l-r: Leona Barten, Treasurer, Renee Nelson President, Deacon Steve Schuler, Ann Johnston Immediate Past President, and Connie Andrews St. Paul/Minneapolis Province Director.

Hello, I am Renee Nelson. Just letting you know a little about myself. I am the new Hibbing Deanery President. I have taken over the position from the former President Ann Johnston. I live south of Deer River so my home Parish is St. Mary's. I play the organ at my Church and have been President of our CCW for almost 20 years. I enjoy taking care of my flowers and garden. I am very excited about being Deanery President, we have a very good and active Deanery. So, I can't wait to get a chance to meet you! God Bless You.

Renee



Catholic Rock Fest returns with Nashville priest as headliner

Built Upon a Rock Fest, the free outdoor Catholic rock concert, is back Sept. 14 for its third year on the grounds of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary in Duluth, and there is one big difference between this year's headliner and those of previous years — he's a priest.

Father Kevin McGoldrick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Nashville, where he works as a chaplain for Aquinas College, in addition to using his music to engage the culture with the Gospel, with the support and encouragement of his bishop.

"He was a musician before he was a priest," said Marie Mullen, chairperson of the festival.

In fact, he's been a priest for 10 years and a musician for more than 30.

Mullen described his music as "very eclectic," drawing from a number of different styles.

Things will kick off with Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Sirba. Confession and adoration will be available throughout the event.



Father Kevin McGoldrick

In fact, this year the offerings for confession will be expanded, taking place both in the outdoor confessional near where the concert is being held and in the Cathedral itself.

One important change this year is the time, which will be earlier. This year the Mass begins at 4 p.m., and concert gates open at 5 p.m., with the whole event wrapping up at 8 p.m. No registration is necessary.

For more information on the concert and the artists, visit the website at www.builtuponarockfest.com. You may also want to follow the organization on Facebook, where there are recurring Rugged Rosary giveaways in the lead-up to the concert.

Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

**Duluth Diocesan CCW Fall Conference
Tuesday, October 29, 2019**

Hosted by St. Isidore Catholic Church
9010 Main Street Sturgeon Lake MN

- 8:30 – 9:15 Registration and coffee
- 9:15 – 9:45 Opening prayer, welcome, short business meeting
- 9:45 – 10:45 Chris Heiderscheidt, NCCW Nominating Committee
- 10:45 - Break
- 11:00 - Mass
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:15 - Helen Grutkoski , Peru
- 2:15 – Closing prayer, raffle drawing and door prizes

The Mass collection is designated to the Peru mission.

Deaneries and parishes are encouraged to bring bag raffle donations.

Banners may be brought by deaneries and parishes to be displayed.

PAID IN ADVANCE RESERVATIONS

\$20.00 IF POSTMARKED BEFORE OCTOBER 22, 2019

Reservations postmarked after Oct. 21, 2019 or on site will be \$25.00

Make checks payable to DDCCW

Mail check and this registration to:

Ann Johnston 29617 E. Shore Dr., PO Box 115, Pengilly MN 55775

Name _____ Parish _____

City _____ Deanery _____

** Gluten free will be available. Check if you need gluten free food. **

ATTENTION ALL DULUTH DIOCESAN BOARD MEMBERS:

The DDCCW will have a Board meeting on Oct. 28th, 2019. This is the night before the Fall Conference at St. Isidore's in Sturgeon Lake. For those staying overnight, reservations can be made at the Days Inn of Moose Lake. The cost is \$109.00. If you have AAA or AARP you will be eligible for a discount.

We will have dinner at 5:00 p.m. at Gampers in Moose Lake. We will order off the menu. The board meeting will be held at Gampers in the room where we will be having dinner. Let Alice know if you will be having dinner at Gampers so they can set up enough tables for us. She can be reached at a501alice@yahoo.com or 218-729-9647.



Looking for a 'Fun-Raiser'? St. Joseph's in Grand Rapids held a **Chocolate, Cheese and Wine (CCW!)** gathering in May to celebrate all the YES's that were a part of the past year. The celebration noted all of the events at which CCW presided, helped, and funded. Northwoods Candy Co-owner Sandy Gauwitz explained the many different varieties of candies they produce and shared with us. Look at that platter! Thanks to Cheri Niles for organizing this fun night for a second year in a row, and **THANK YOU** to all the women of St. Joseph's CCW for all you do!





World Day of the Poor

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

THIRD WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

*34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 November 2019*

The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever

“The hope of the poor will not perish forever” (*Ps* 9:19). These words of the Psalm remain timely. They express a profound truth that faith impresses above all on the hearts of the poor, restoring lost hope in the face of injustice, sufferings and the uncertainties of life.

The Psalmist describes the condition of the poor and the arrogance of those who oppress them (cf. 10, 1-10). He invokes God’s judgment to restore justice and overcome evil (cf. 10, 14-15). In his words, we hear an echo of age-old questions. How can God tolerate this disparity? How can he let the poor be humiliated without coming to their aid? Why does he allow oppressors to prosper instead of condemning their conduct, especially in the light of the sufferings of the poor?

The Psalm was composed at a time of great economic development that, as often happens, also led to serious social imbalances. The inequitable distribution of wealth created a significant number of poor people, whose condition appeared all the more dramatic in comparison with the wealth attained by a privileged few. The Psalmist, observing the situation, paints a picture as realistic as it is true.

It was a time when arrogant and ungodly people hounded the poor, seeking to take possession even of what little they had, and to reduce them to bondage. The situation is not much different today. The economic crisis has not prevented large groups of people from accumulating fortunes that often appear all the more incongruous when, in the streets of our cities, we daily encounter great numbers of the poor who lack the bare necessities of life and are at times harassed and exploited. The words of Book of Revelation come to mind: “You say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing. You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked” (*Rev* 3:17). The centuries pass, but the condition of rich and poor remains constant, as if history has taught us nothing. The words of the Psalm, then, are not about the past, but about our present, as it stands before God’s judgement.”

This small section was copied directly from Pope Francis’ letter reminding us of the next World Day of the Poor to happen on the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 17, 2019) - right before we celebrate our abundance on Thanksgiving Day. I urge you to Google “World Day of the Poor” and read the entire 10-part letter. It is humbling and we all need to feel humble. ***Also, urge your parish priests to consider preparing their homily on that Sunday with World Day of the Poor in mind.*** I grew up hearing my parents say, “There, but for the grace of God, go I.” As an adult I now understand how easily and quickly a life can be changed by a simple event or tragedy. The poor are not poor by choice. We need to help.



100th Anniversary Convention

August 26-29, 2020

Washington D.C. Area

Crystal Gateway Marriott

1700 Jefferson Davis Highway

Arlington, VA 22202



HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS!

THE 2021 NCCW NATIONAL CONVENTION
IS SCHEDULED IN

MINNEAPOLIS!

START PLANNING NOW TO FUND ONE OR TWO
REPRESENTATIVES FROM
EACH PARISH TO ATTEND! **NO EXCUSES!**
STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

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

Membership term - January -December

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

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





NCCW AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP Registration/ Renewal

Member Organization Name _____

Total number of members: _____

Diocese: _____

AMOUNT DUE (please circle one): High School/ College: 50.00 Parish:
\$100.00 Deanery: \$100.00 Subdivision: \$100.00 National Group:
\$200.00 Diocese: \$275.00

President (High School/ College Advisor)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ Zip _____

Phone Number _(____)_____

Email Address (where the Connect will be sent) _____

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

Please send payment and completed form to:

National Council of Catholic Women
200 North Glebe Road, Suite 725
Arlington, VA 22203

How will you be paying (circle one)? Check (Number) _____ or

Credit Card: Visa/ MasterCard / Discover Credit Card Number

_____ Exp Date _____ Code _____

Billing Address (if different from above)

City/State/ Zip _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

NEXT MEMBER CALL WILL BE SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Call in to hear from Pat Voorhes, NCCW President-Elect, who will lead a discussion about Convention 2019.

CALL IN NUMBER (NEW!)

515-606-5163

Access Code: 703993#

7PM Central Time Zone

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. This allows everyone to listen to the speaker instead of your dog barking in the background! LOL

If you miss the call it will be recorded and a link will be posted on nccw.org.

PROVINCE DIRECTOR

Connie Andrews

It was a great honor and a very humbling experience to be called forward as a new NCCW Province Director at the NCCW Convention in Atlanta on August 26.

My first Executive Board meeting was like many others – lots of information, everyone trying to help us understand our jobs and feel welcome. Board training left me with a few answers, a lot of questions, and a healthy respect for the women currently on that board and those who had been on the board before me.

Next year is NCCW's 100th birthday. It will be a busy year at all levels of CCW as we prepare for a grand celebration next August in Arlington, VA.

I have been thinking of goals for my term as PD, and the 100th birthday has inspired me to recruit 100 new individual members to join NCCW from our Province. As Catholic women we are all considered part of the CCW, however the individual member status is special. It shows that we support the mission statement and the goals that the U.S. Catholic bishops set for us 100 years ago – to provide all Catholic women a common voice and an instrument of unified action.

In order to meet or exceed the 100 new individual member goal, I figured that our five active Diocese only need to sign 20 women each...less than one per parish! I'm excited to watch this process and to welcome each new member. So, there is my challenge to you. Talk up CCW Individual Membership! If you aren't a member, start with you! If you are a Parish, Deanery or Diocesan President make sure all of your board members are Individual Members and keep track of women you sign up and let me know how we are doing as we count-up to 100! Prizes will be awarded to the Arch/Diocese/Deanery/Parish that signs up the most new members at the Province Conference in St. Augusta, MN on August 20, 2020!

In His Love,
Connie

In affiliation with:

The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)

Whose mission statement is:

"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."

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

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