

The HINGE

Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

MARCH 2022

Connie Andrews, Editor



**God never tires
of forgiving us;
we are the ones
who tire of
seeking his
mercy.**

--Pope Francis

Almighty and ever living
God,
you invite us deeper into
your world, your people,
your Lent.

May this time be one of
outward focus;
seeking you in those we
often ignore.

Help us live a Lent
focused on freedom,
generosity, and
encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to
serve you
and those who need what
we have to give.

- Author Unknown

Photo by Teri Spinler, OSB

Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Spring Convention

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Hosted by St. Raphael's Catholic Church
5779 Seville Road, Duluth MN

Schedule:

8:30 – Registration and coffee

9:30 – Welcome: Alice Parendo

Opening Prayer: Cheri Niles

Pledge of Allegiance

9:45 - Short business meeting

10:00 – Bishop Daniel Felton:

Evangelization

11:00 – Mass

12:00 – Lunch

1:00 – PAVSA (program for aid to victims of sexual abuse/trafficking)

2:00 - Closing prayer, raffle drawings, and door prizes



Masks are optional at Holy Mass.

The Mass collection is designated to PAVSA.

The raffle proceeds are designated to the Duluth Diocesan Seminarian fund.

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 ARE REQUIRED

\$20.00 if postmarked before April 18.

Reservations postmarked after Apr. 18, or on site will be \$25.00.

Make checks payable to DDCCW.

Mail this registration and check to: **Ann Johnston PO Box 115 Pengilly MN 55775**

Name _____ Parish _____

City _____ Deanery _____

Email _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

** Do you have any special food needs? ** _____

Copy this poster and invite a friend to come with you!

BRAINERD DEANERY WOMEN'S SPRING CONFERENCE



Schedule

- 9:00 - 9:45 Registration, Coffee, etc
- 9:45-10:00 Welcome – Jenny Thesing
Opening Remarks – Pat Walsh
Opening Prayer – Karen Reither
- 10:00-10:45 Speaker, Fr. Tony
Wroblewski,
“End of Life Challenges”
- 10:45-11:00 Break
- 11:00-11:30 Mass
- 11:45 - 12:30 Lunch
- 12:45-1:30 Speaker, Fr. Tony
Wroblewski,
“Health Care Directives”
- 1:30 Closing Prayer, Bag Raffle Drawing

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Hosted by Immaculate Heart Church,
35208 Co Rd 37, Crosslake, MN

Fr. Tony Wroblewski

Rector of Our Lady of the Rosary in Duluth and Pastor of St. Mary
of the Sea in Duluth.

Diocesan Spiritual Advisor for the Duluth Diocese Council of
Catholic Women.

For 13 years, Fr. Tony has been a member of the Ethics Committee of Essentia Health St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd, MN. In that capacity, Fr. Tony has dealt with a variety of moral and ethical issues that patients and their families confront in a Catholic Health Institution. His experience led him to request formal education from Bishop Sirba in the field. In 2018, Father Tony completed his Certification in Biomedical Ethics from the National Catholic Biomedics Center in Philadelphia, PA. The topics covered are important for Catholics in all seasons of life. The discussions will cover end of life issues and principles that all Catholics must be aware of to be faithful,



even in the most difficult of circumstances.

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY

to help us plan for materials and food for the day! Please complete and return this portion by **May 9, 2022** or call your parish president to register and pay at the door. Cost is \$15.00 to include registration, meal, and education materials. Please make checks payable to **BDCCW** and send to:

Linda Braynard, 500 8th Avenue, #111, Ironton, MN 56455.

Parish Presidents, please bring your banners and a gift for the Bag Raffle.

Parish Presidents, call Linda Braynard at 218-546-5568 with the names of the women who contact you.

Questions? Call Pat Walsh at 218-831-0580.

Name _____ Parish _____

City _____ Special Food Needs _____



In seven short months the NCCW Convention will be happening in Minneapolis! I'm soooo excited!

A great team of women, mostly from the Archdiocese of St. Paul, are working closely with our staff in Washington to get all the 'T's crossed and the 'i's dotted! There are a LOT of details!

I'm hoping you are already planning on attending and helping out for a short while as a volunteer at convention.

We will need all-hands-

on-deck to keep things running smoothly. Tasks such as helping with registration, guiding delegates to the various meeting and seminar rooms, helping with liturgies and clergy, the silent auction, purse auction, luncheons and other ticketed activities, fund raisers, meditation/adoration room monitoring and being a general "Ask Me" person throughout the hotel. All volunteer opportunities are meant to end in time for you to attend the activities so you won't have to miss anything. We want to show off that Minnesota Nice everyone talks about!

Stay tuned! As November gets closer we'll be sending out more information and how you can volunteer.

MINNEAPOLIS – HERE WE COME!

2021 Support Sunday Report

As many of you may already know, Support Sunday is the primary fundraiser for the Duluth Diocese Council of Catholic



Women. A special thank you goes out to Bishop Daniel Felton and to the Priests in all our parishes for their continued support of CCW and of this additional collection.

This collection is divided between the local parish CCW, the Deanery CCW, and the Diocesan CCW. Half of the total collected is kept by the parish, and half is sent on to the DDCCW. Of this half, the DDCCW returns one fourth to each deanery.

In order to help you promote this collection we will provide your parish with specialty envelopes to use for the collection. Each parish should report how many envelopes your parish needs to your deanery president. She then, can report to me the number of envelopes needed in her deanery. Then I will place an order; have them printed and ready for delivery to the deanery presidents at the DDCCW board meeting that is scheduled for August 16, 2022.

That way you will have them on hand in plenty of time for the annual fall collection. If you have any questions regarding Support Sunday and/or the envelopes please feel free to contact me by phone or email. Cell: 218-838-3657 email: skgoerges@gmail.com

By: Sue Goerges, 2nd Vice-Pres.

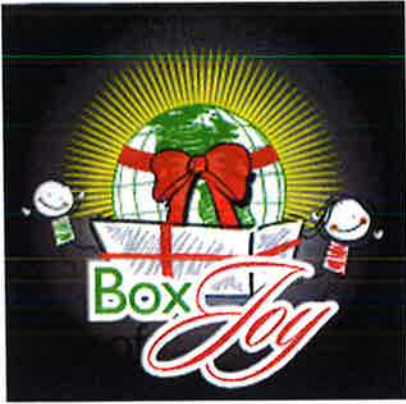


Brainerd Deanery President-Sharon Rosburg -218-851-2363

Duluth Deanery President-Alice Parendo-218-729-9647

Hibbing Deanery President-Renee Nelson-218-566-2374

Virginia Deanery Vice President-Jackie Parks-218-290-0457



For the past 5 years, St. Joseph's parish and school in Grand Rapids have been filling shoeboxes with toys and necessities for the Box of Joy program with Cross Catholic Outreach. We filled 700 this year!

In December, 2021, Melissa Erb (Box of Joy coordinator at St. Joes) and Tonia Johnson travelled to Miami, FL to the Box of Joy processing center. We enjoyed meeting the staff and volunteering our time to process the boxes. This consisted of examining every individual box to make sure each one was packed with appropriate items and inserting a Rosary and Storybook of Jesus. Any inappropriate items such as liquids and food are removed and replaced with other approved items.

After the boxes leave Miami, they are shipped to the receiving countries of; Colombia, El Salvador, Haiti, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua. All that for just \$9 shipping cost per box which *includes* \$2.00 that goes to the local ministry (Priests, schools, local communities)



Distant, Not Divided. At a time of necessary social distancing, it is important to show the world that the Church is still united. Our commission to love others, share the Gospel and provide for the poor is still critical. In fact, it may be more necessary than ever before. The world is searching for hope — and it desperately needs the extra measure of mercy only Christ can provide. Our global family will be safer when we provide for the poorest of the poor.



Box of Joy by the Numbers

God bless you for your generous participation in the Box of Joy 2021 season. Here is a breakdown of the accomplishments made possible by compassionate Catholics like you:

- 106,276 children received a Box of Joy.
- Seven countries served: El Salvador, Haiti, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.
- 1,124 participating organizations, including 208 schools, 487 parishes and 429 groups!
- 48 participating states.
- 172 participating dioceses across the U.S.
- 228 Drop-Off Centers.
- 855 screening center volunteers.



Please join NCCW for Virtual Stations of the Cross “Mary’s Way of the Cross” by Fr. Richard G. Furey, C.Ss.R at 12:00 PM (PT), 1:00 PM (MT), 2:00 PM (CT), and 3:00 PM (ET)



We will host Virtual Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent (please note that there will be no virtual stations on Good Friday).

“Mary’s Way of the Cross”. We will also be projecting the meditations on the screen throughout the Stations for you to follow along.

Join Stations of the Cross Zoom Meeting

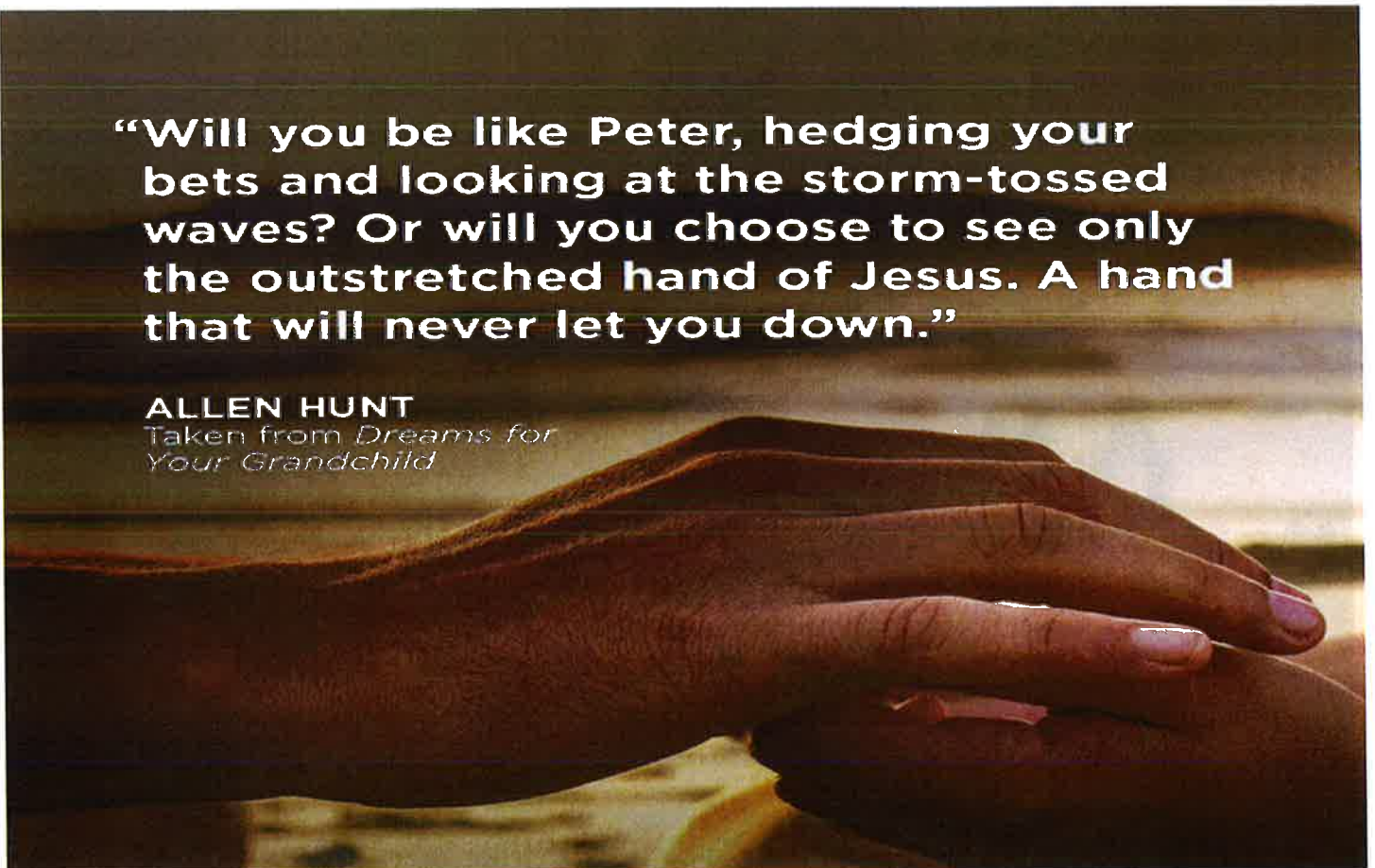
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Meeting ID: 814 3734 3677

“Will you be like Peter, hedging your bets and looking at the storm-tossed waves? Or will you choose to see only the outstretched hand of Jesus. A hand that will never let you down.”

ALLEN HUNT

Taken from Dreams for Your Grandchild



Greetings and how is your Lenten journey progressing?

(From Fr James Stembler, past chair of the NCCW Spiritual Advisors)

The Gospel has raised several good questions this week:

On Monday, we were reminded that whatever we do, or don't do, to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do, or don't to, to Jesus. So...how have you treated Jesus these past days?

On Tuesday, we were reminded that forgiveness is a two-way street. So...if we are open to showing mercy, we are open to receiving mercy. So...do we believe that God is merciful to us? The best way to test that would be to ask ourselves: How merciful are we to others?

On Wednesday, we were reminded that it is an evil generation that searches for a sign. So...what signs are we searching for? We should always bear in mind, that when we are searching for signs, we are not searching for God. What do we seek?

And today, we are reminded that prayer is not a wish list, but it is an opportunity to open ourselves up to the Creator of us all. Prayer is seen as a conversation with God. A conversation has two parts: speaking and listening. SO... we speak to God when we pray, but are we listening to God when we pray? Another good question: Can we be too demanding with God?

And so, the Lenten journey continues...

Judge with true judgment and let each one be merciful and forgiving to his brother [and sister].

If you forgive the sins of others, your Father in heaven will also forgive your sins.

Zechariah 7: 9; Matthew 6: 14



Very Rev. James G. Stembler
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Social Media users
take note!

COMMITTEE UPDATE

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Are parents unintentionally putting their children at risk?

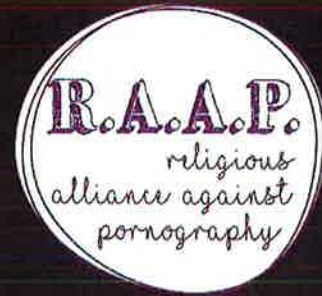
Think twice before posting photos

Many parents post cute photos of their children on social media showing the "first day of school," highlighting accomplishments in sports or extra-curricular activities. But when parents inadvertently share too much information, even a single photo with personally identifiable information, it can be used by a sexual predator or trafficker to track and harm that vulnerable child or teen. As an extra precaution be sure to set social profiles to "private" or "friends" mode only.

Do not share identifying details about a child when you post on social media, including:

- Age or birth date
- Address (either written out or easily identifiable in a photo)
- Name/location of school/teachers (this includes clothing showing school name)
- Sports/hobbies that point to locations where your child spends time
- Location sharing/"check-ins"
- Child's email or phone number
- School uniforms

* PARENTS ARE THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE to protect children online and must ALWAYS implement both commonsense measures - "rules" and technical "tools" - on EVERY internet-enabled device and online platform. Visit www.Enough.org and www.InternetSafety101.org to download your copy of "Rules 'N Tools."



BY KAREN PAINTER

NCCW Representative to Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP)

3 VICTORIES!

- ✓ Apple to scan iPhone for child sex abuse photos
- ✓ TikTok to add privacy protections
- ✓ Instagram unveils new safety settings for kids under 16

Each represents a big win, but as long as children and teens continue to be exploited on social media platforms, there is much work to be done. (Information taken from www.Enough.org and www.InternetSafety101.org.)



LTD's 10 Amazingly Simple Membership Recruitment Ideas



#1. Wear your parish CCW nametag to mass every Sunday. Carry your NCCW tote bag or other NCCW branded items. Get our name "out there!"



#2. List every parish in the deanery/district/subdivision roster! Identify the parishes which are still unaffiliated. Suggest to affiliated parish CCWs that they begin to build relationships with the women of the nearest unaffiliated parish:

- Personally invite a friend who attends an unaffiliated parish to come to a meeting.
- Reach out to women who serve in the same ministry you do (RCIA team, Eucharistic Minister, Pro-life Committee, Religion Teacher, etc.)
- Attend an event at that parish and make contacts. Every person you meet is a new opportunity!
- If meeting space is not an issue, send announcements of your CCW's special events/meetings to all the unaffiliated parish's secretary and ask to have an open invitation put in their bulletin.



#3. Post a listing of NCCW Individual Members from each parish affiliate at EVERY Diocesan and Deanery/Subdivision and Diocesan meeting. Give recognition to this growing list!

Invite one woman to share her "JOIN US! BE COUNTED!" story at each meeting.



#4. Keep Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer cards handy to enclose in birthday, anniversary, thank you and get-well cards. Better yet, order some OLGCB blank cards from NCCW!



#5. Increase your own parish affiliate membership

- Personally invite a friend who attends an unaffiliated parish to come to a meeting.
- Reach out to women who serve in the same ministry you do (RCIA team, Eucharistic Minister, Pro-life Committee, Religion Teacher, etc.)
- Attend an event at that parish and make contacts. Every person you meet is a new opportunity! (These same ideas from #2 can work just as well "at home!")



#6. Carry Parish and NCCW Membership forms with you:

- in your purse
- in your car
- in your copy of the current NCCW Book Club selection
- in your laptop bag or briefcase
- in your NCCW shoulder bag

Always be prepared when the subject of Council Membership comes up!

MEMBERSHIP

JOIN US...

BE COUNTED!

NCCW



#7. Have one "contact me about membership" person listed at the end of all Council articles in the Diocesan Newspaper (all levels, any event, report, etc.). She will then contact the appropriate Parish CCW President and diocesan commission chairs as appropriate. In addition, the contact person will send out an A/DCCW and NCCW membership brochure or form. (This can be done via e-mail whenever possible to save money!)

Tagline to every published article: Contact MARY ELLEN SMITH about MEMBERSHIP in the COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN. Phone () or e-mail _____@_____.



#8. Having a speaker about Church Teachings, Scripture, or Mary? Planning a Day of Reflection? Issue a special invitation to all parish catechists---and be sure to contact your Director of Religious Education (DRE) to determine the correct method to receive "credit" towards Catechist Certification in your diocese.

Be sure to have a handout ready with information about upcoming meetings!



#9. Every fundraiser is another recruiting opportunity!

- If you are selling tickets to the fashion show after mass, have membership forms available on the sign-up table. If someone shows an interest, you are ready!
- Post a BIG SIGN at the bake sale or pancake breakfast listing all the charities your group supports. You never know which will invite someone to help!



#10. PRAY FOR YOUR MEMBERS!

- Have a Sunday Mass said for Living and Deceased members of your Council each month.
- Find a prayer partner for every member of your council---we are first and foremost, women of PRAYER. Be certain that when a membership form is turned in, a prayer partner is assigned.

LTD brings Council Enrichment Programs to you via Zoom right in your own home!
LTD ZOOM seminars connects and helps members utilize their strengths, communicate with members and reach their goals through COVID time.
Spend 3 hours of your morning, afternoon, or evening with us. We work with you to choose topics that benefit you and at a time convenient to you. No transportation costs!
Please contact us at NCCWltdcontact@gmail.com or Suzie Harting 407-314-0307.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Listening Sessions

- ✓ February 16 Overview with Father Miguel González
- ✓ February 23 Dialogue in Church and Society
- ✓ March 9 Listening
- March 16 Speaking out
- March 23 Discerning and Deciding
- March 30 With Other Christian Denominations

All sessions will be on Wednesday evenings

4pm PT, 5pm MT, 6pm CT, 7pm ET

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82481387803>

Meeting ID: 824 8138 7803



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NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS

First, thank you all for supporting NCCW this past year, not only financially but spiritually. My first year as NCCW Treasurer has been a little different than expected, but I have enjoyed the challenges.



Here are some facts and figures for you to take back to your affiliates. The full audited financial statement report can be found on our website at www.nccw.org under *About Us, Financials*. You can find our 2020 Form 990 tax return there as well.

BY MARLA JOHNSTON
NCCW Treasurer

Some highlights...

- * Many of you who planned to attend convention in 2020 donated your 2020 convention registrations to NCCW to the tune of **\$25,418.56**.
- * You also contributed **\$31,780.76** to NCCW's 100 for 100 Campaign.
- * When we asked for your help to sustain NCCW, you stepped up again with **\$61,016.56** in donations.
- * You also continued helping through our NCCW Annual Giving Campaign. The 2020 Annual Giving Campaign raised **\$25,418.55**.

You didn't stop there!

- ↘ * Our Vocation Purse Club partnership with the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations generated **\$11,924.22** in 2020 and **\$12,471.33** in 2021.
- * We sent Catholic Relief Services **\$24,273.54** in 2020 for the programs we support.
- * Many of you participated in our Walk to Convention 2020ONE through walking and prayer - many miles, and many prayers. As of Oct. 4, we collected **\$12,334.03**, and there is still money coming in. We went **over our \$10,000 goal**. Thank you to all who participated or who pledged to a participant.

Legacy Circle and Birthday Club

Through the generosity of many of our members over the last 10 years:

The Legacy Circle Donations, as of Sept. 8, 2021, are \$274,576.36. This campaign is still active. Legacy Circle is for donors who pledge \$10,000 over a 10-year period. So, if you feel the call, please contact NCCW to set up contributions.

The Birthday Club Donations to date are **\$114,709.99**.

Have you heard about our new **DECADE CLUB?** \$100 per year for 10 years. (Begin in any year and donate for 10 years.)

As of Sept. 29, we have 61 donors pledged. A big thank you to those who have already pledged.

For those of you who are still on the fence, I have a challenge for you. With just \$8.34 per month for 10 years, you, too, can be a part of the Decade Club. You can help us with our mission and programs and...you get a really cool pin.

Just call the office to set up an automatic draft - monthly at \$8.34 or annually at \$100 - whichever works best for you. I would also ask you to challenge your friends and affiliates to do the same.

Lastly, don't forget to use Amazon Smile when you do your shopping on Amazon. Add National Council of Catholic Women as your Amazon Smile charity. NCCW gets a nickel for every \$10 you spend. It adds up!

Again, thank you for supporting NCCW and keeping us on track to fulfill our ongoing mission into the future.

Mission Statement

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership 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.

Good
Job 😊

In affiliation with:

The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)

Whose mission statement is:

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www.nccw.org

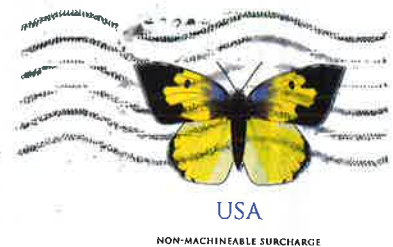
~and~

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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