



Saint Paul & Minneapolis
**Archdiocesan Council of
 CATHOLIC WOMEN**

From the Desk of our President . . .

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Greetings ACCW Friends,

I am Betty Berge, your new ACCW President for the next two years. I'm an active member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Faribault. My husband, Gene, and I have three married daughters and six grandchildren, all of whom live within one hour of our home — close enough to enjoy and far enough away so as not to smother. My term began following the annual convention held in early May and my days have been full since that time.



I want to welcome our new members to the ACCW Board of Directors: Tracy Velishek as Liturgy Vice-chair; Cathy Carson as Marriage and Family Life Vice-chair; Georgine Gansen as SW Deanery President and Our Lady of Peace Vice-chair; Sue Stanich as NE Deanery President; and Cathy Healy as St Paul Deanery President. Thank-you for stepping up to the task and accepting these offices.

Congratulations to Denise Haaland who will be joining the NCCW Leadership team, and to Debbie Keller who was elected as a member of the nominating committee.

I am proud to announce that the St.Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocese has 16 people attending this year's National convention in Atlanta, Georgia Aug. 20 to 24. Be sure to read their reports in an upcoming edition of this newsletter.

Ten ACCW Board members attended a Retreat hosted by Marcia Simon at a cabin on Shields Lake near Faribault on June 30 and July 1. We attended Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Shieldsville with Fr. Michael Ince presiding. Great brainstorming sessions took place as well as good food and a little laughter.

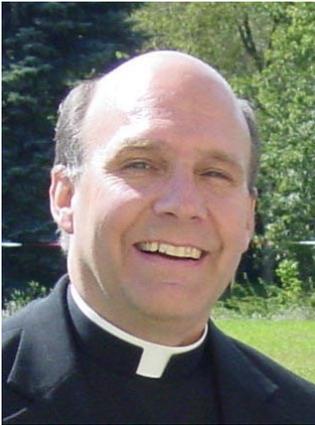
Clergy appreciation is recognized during the month of October. Consider doing something special for your clergy. CCW recognition Sunday is also held during October. Pat yourselves on the back. October is also Domestic Violence month. Please say an extra prayer for victims of abuse and be aware that no community is immune to this problem.

The date for our Advent Retreat this year is Sat. Dec. 7 at St. Patrick's Church in Edina. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Please take time to check out our new and fresh website at accwarchspm.org and let us know what you think.

In the seasons of the Catholic Church Liturgical year we are now in Ordinary Time which varies from 33 to 34 Sundays each year. This time refers to the parts of the (Continued on Page 10).

Spiritual Advisor's Corner



The image to the right, taken from our parish bulletin in August, speaks of a nation mourning the tragic and senseless loss of life based on the latest of a rash of violent and deadly acts that seem to be escalating both around the nation and even in the metro area. I will admit that I have no particular insight or wisdom as to the solutions to solve this epidemic of violent behavior in the form of mass shootings or individual acts of

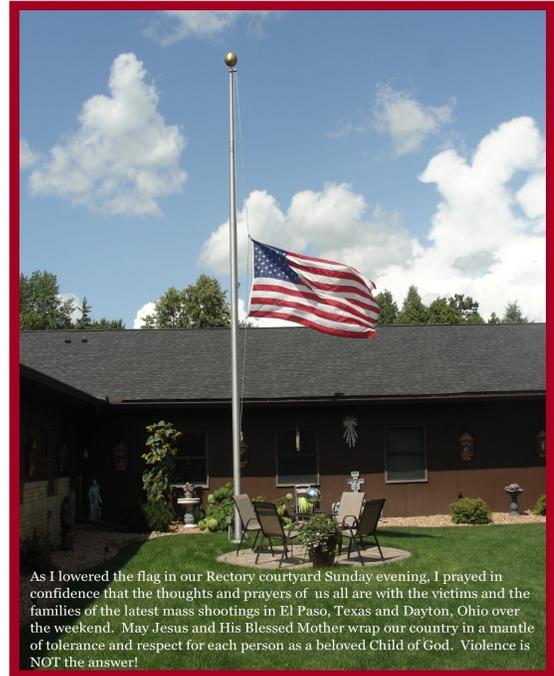
neighborhood violence, but I have been asking myself “what things have changed in our society that might be contributing to this behavior?” I will name a few that I have noticed.

Perhaps one of the most troubling trends that has spread throughout the nation in the last quarter century is the conscious and deliberate attempt to push God or any reference to religion out of the public square. In my opinion this orchestrated attack focuses primarily on the Judeo-Christian faith and justifies itself with the cry “separation of Church and State”. How ironic that this very principle of “separation” was actually set up by our nation’s founders to protect churches from encroachment by the government such as took place in Great Britain. Nowadays any appeal to religion is either ignored, declared harmful, discriminatory and off limits, or relegated to the fringes. Yet it is the Judeo-Christian values of freedom, tolerance, and respect for all people that are the foundation of our system of law (although not always well implemented). Once we remove or minimize God and religion from our society, nobler aspirations can easily give way to personal greed or survival of the fittest.

A second troubling trend that I’ve noticed is the movement away from respect for others, especially the weakest and most vulnerable in need of our care, coupled with a growth in an attitude of what I call “aggressive individualism”. This attitude is typically characterized by an approach which says “*I want what I want when I want it and I have a right to it. I don’t care if my wants conflict with the good of others. I come first.*” Such a mindset can easily result in hate-filled talk, intolerance, labelling or even demonizing those who don’t support our point of view. All of these traits seem present in abundance on all sides of our current political and societal scene. I hear very little talk of compromise, concern for the common good, or respectful discussion. Entrenchment seems more the order of the day.

Finally I am troubled by entertainment which seems to be increasingly saturated with images of violence. I notice it in movies (even just watching the movie trailers), television programming, and video games. Although I am not a gamer myself, I worry about the ever more realistic portrayals of eliminating “my enemy” by a push of the button or a pull of

Fr. David Kohner ACCW Spiritual Advisor REFLECTIONS UPON A CHANGE OF DIRECTION



As I lowered the flag in our Rectory courtyard Sunday evening, I prayed in confidence that the thoughts and prayers of us all are with the victims and the families of the latest mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio over the weekend. May Jesus and His Blessed Mother wrap our country in a mantle of tolerance and respect for each person as a beloved Child of God. Violence is NOT the answer!

the trigger. Poof! They are gone, the threat to me is ended and they disappear from the video screen. However that is not the case in real life. Real death has all kinds of tragic consequences that ripple outward through the lives of persons, families, communities and societies. We are linked to one another and a de-sensitization to violence is harmful to all.

It is my belief these three trends have crept into the fabric of our society slowly over time and have drawn us away from and put us in tension with the Christ-centered values we as Catholics profess, which our country was founded upon, and which have brought us to a society which is the envy of many around the world. So, as much as I pray ever more fervently for holy guidance and God-centered wisdom for our legislators, I know that even the best laws cannot legislate a change of heart and attitude – a change which I believe is needed and will attempt to restore 1) God and God’s precepts as the center of our lives and relationships with others, 2) a God-given respect for all human life, especially those most in need, a desire for the common good over individual or collective special interests which tend to fragment and divide people, and 3) a thoughtful use of the “OFF” switch to stop filling our minds with unhealthy images.

It’s not too late, but change needs to happen so that the flag no longer needs to be lowered to mourn the useless loss of life. Mary, patroness of these United States – pray for us!

It's Official!

Archdiocesan Council of
Catholic Women
Office hours are Tuesday
through Thursday
8:30 –1:30 651-291-4545

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

13 ACCW Clergy Appreciation
Sunday
10-26 to 11-7 Appalachia
Mission Christmas Collection

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www.accwarchspm.org

And follow us on Facebook

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In appreciation of clergy, please
remember to thank and celebrate
all priests in our lives.

2019 DEANERY FALL MEETINGS

Minneapolis Sept 23	Kathy Williams St. Raphael, Crystal	763-544-0072
Northeast Oct 24	Sue Stanich St. Mary, Stillwater	651-331-6215
Northwest	Betty Thomes	763-443-9452
St. Paul Sept 19	Cathy Healy St. Odilia, Shoreview	651-483-1549
Southeast Sept 12	Maggie Langenfeld St. Mary, New Trier	651-343-4614
Southwest Sept 26	Georgine Gansen St. Mary, LeCenter	952-873-6324
West	Mary Jo Sherwood	612-669-0450

For more information about deanery meetings in your
area, call your deanery president as listed above.

The Saint Paul and Minneapolis ACCW is a non-profit
religious organization that acts through its affiliated or-
ganization to support, empower and educate all Catholic
Women in spirituality, leadership and service. ACCW pro-
grams respond with Gospel values to the needs of the
church and society in the modern world.

2019-2020 Membership Dues

Parish Affiliates

ACCW Dues \$40.00

Individual dues:

ACCW \$10.00

For information on NCCW dues -
check their website www.nccw.org

MAIL MEMBERSHIP DUES TO:

ACCW
777 Forest Street
St. Paul, MN 55106

Leadership

Organization Commission

Florence Schmidt, Chair

A new year has started for ACCW....one filled with hope and enthusiasm as women of the Archdiocese come together to do the very important work that God has set forth for us. As of Aug.1, I have taken on the role of Organization Commission Chair and will try to fill the shoes as Lucy Johnson has so wonderfully done. She has set the bar high! Organization Commission consists of the following main areas:

- Membership Committee – under the direction of the Deanery president vice chairs
- Historian Committee – Judy Beaudry, vice chair
- Mentoring – Lucy Johnson, vice chair
- “On the Road” – Vice chairs include Laurie Otte, Denise Haaland, Debbie Keller, Flo Schmidt and Lucy Johnson
- Promotional Items – Vice chair Elaine Monitor

Each of these positions is important to the development of ACCW. Obviously, membership encouragement is needed of all ACCW members....not just the deanery presidents. To further our good work, we need to involve good women. Help your deanery president by inviting women to join CCW. Help plan events that spotlight women in

your parishes and deaneries.

Mentoring has already been started this summer. Deanery presidents have met and also CCW presidents who attended the Presidents Forum during the ACCW convention in May met in June. Many new ideas were shared. Lucy Johnson is also working on other programs to begin this year. When she calls you, just say YES.



Need ACCW items for your groups? Contact Elaine Monitor. She keeps a very good supply of promotional items at the office. What better way to promote ACCW than to wear an ACCW apron when working funeral luncheons or other events. Or where the blue ACCW scarf to let everyone know about our organization.

Have a blessed year!



Four women were the recipients of the Lay Woman Award at the annual ACCW convention this past May at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Eagan. They are, front row, from left, Barb Ernster, St. Charles Borromeo; Jean Shields, St. Raphael; Bonnie Polich, St. Ignatius and Nancy Johnson, St. John the Evangelist. Presenting the awards were, back row from left, Fr. David Kohner, ACCW advisor; Fr. Charles Lachowitz, Vicar General; and Debbie Keller, outgoing ACCW president.

Executive Committee

President: Betty Berge, 507-332-8796
Immediate Past President: Debbie Keller
1st VP: Judy Beaudry
2nd VP: Cindy Prior
Secretary: Doreen Hogan
Treasurer: Karen Vanney
Parliamentarian: Pat Reymann
All Commission Chairs



Debbie Keller
Past President
Synod Executive Team Member

**Archdiocesan Synod: Preparatory
Process to Begin This Fall**

At the June 8 Vigil Mass for Pentecost at St. Peter's in Mendota, Archbishop Hebda formally announced the beginning of a two-year Synod process involving prayer and consultation in our Archdiocese. This multi-phase process, designed for all Catholics to come together as a People of God and share views on the pastoral needs of the local church, will culminate in an Archdiocesan Synod, May 2021.

The first phase of Prayer and Listening sessions begins this fall, continuing through March 2020 and will be conducted at 20 parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Check out the Synod website for specific dates and locations in your area and plan to attend, inviting others to join you: archspm.org/synod

The Parish Consultation process will mark the second phase in the Autumn of 2020, with parish small groups praying and discussing synod topics. A Deanery Consultation process will follow in the winter of 2021, when parish representatives gather at the deanery (regional) levels to continue prayer and synod topic discussion. The Pentecost Archdiocesan Synod Assembly will take place May 21-23, 2021, comprised of invited delegates from across the Archdiocese to meet and discern synod topics and vote on recommendations for the Archbishop. In conclusion, it is anticipated on November 21 (Feast of Christ the King) that the Archbishop will publish a Pastoral Letter, addressing the synod's topics with a pastoral plan to shape the following 5-10 years for our Archdiocese.

Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens personally encourage each CCW member to actively participate and thoughtfully pray for the fruitful success of the Synod process by invoking the Holy Spirit to guide our local church in a pathway forward. Come Holy Spirit, Come!



Cindy Prior
2nd Vice President

I write this as your new Second Vice-President of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. I am very honored to be selected and to serve this wonderful Catholic organization that lets women have a voice in their Catholic faith.

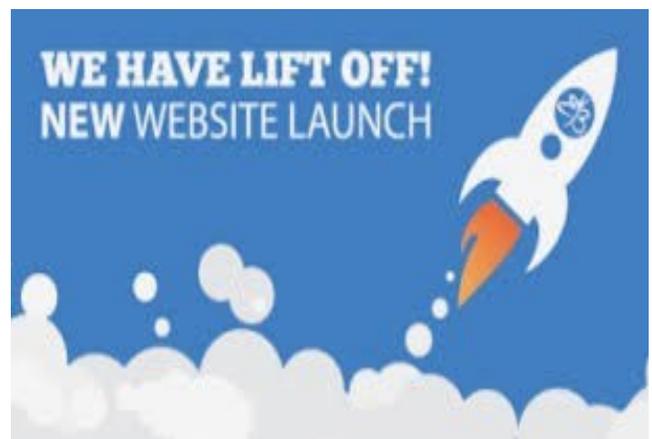
I look forward to attending the National Council of Catholic Women's conference coming up in Atlanta, Georgia at the end of August. A wonderful opportunity to collaborate and network with other Catholic women on important church issues.

A wonderful event coming up at my Transfiguration Catholic Church in Oakdale is a lecture series honoring our dearly departed pastor, Fr. Bill Baer. Our lecture series has some featured speakers that share the Gospel with clarity, force and joy. The event is called the Father William Baer Memorial Lecture Series, which honors Father Baer, as he always encouraged all of us to embrace and preach the faith. The lecture series starts at 7 p.m. each evening at Transfiguration Church in Oakdale, starting Aug. 1 with Fr. Francis "Rocky" Hoffman, executive director and CEO of Relevant Radio of Green Bay, Wisconsin, speaking on the topic of "Faith: Praying Well".

On Aug. 15, Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt Torres of Hartford, Connecticut, former vice rector of St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity, will speak on the topic of "Hope:Dying Well".

On Aug. 29, Auxiliary Bishop, Andrew Cozzens of the Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St Paul, will speak on "Charity: Loving Well".

Come join us for any or all of these spiritual speakers.



It's updated regularly
Come visit us!
accwarchspm.org

Doreen Hogan Secretary

Parliamentarian Report Pat Reymann

As your newly elected secretary, my duties include keeping an account of all meetings of the council. It also includes performing other duties as delegated to her by the President.

Here are some pointers for preparing your minutes. They should be a record of what is done by action of the group. Minutes should be brief as possible. The minutes should be recorded according to the order in which the business is presented at the meeting. Personal opinions or comments are not included. Minutes should record what is done by the organization, not what is said by the members.

The following outline is generally used –

- The first paragraph should include the kind of meeting, the name of the organization, date, time and place of the meeting
- Minutes from the previous meeting will be corrected, if necessary and approved
- Minutes should contain the Treasurers report.
- The body of the minutes should contain a separate paragraph for each subject matter and should show all motions.
- The name of the person making the motion should be recorded.
- The person who seconded the motion need not be recorded.
- The name and subject of a guest speaker can be given but no effort should be made to summarize his or her remarks.
- The time of recess, meeting resumed and adjournment should be noted.
- End the minutes with your name and title.

Leadership

Organization Commission

Chair: Florence Schmidt 651-484-8670

Membership: Deanery Presidents

Mentoring: Lucy Johnson

Communications: Open

Historian: Judy Beaudry

On the Road: On the Road Team

Promotional Displays: Elaine Monitor

Image Editor: Carol Shukle (Resource)

Legislation Commission

Chair: Denise Haaland 507-334-2781

Religious Affairs: Colleen Hogan

A MINUTE OR TWO FOR MINUTES

Secretaries are gems and deserve our thanks for their special role in keeping all the records of an organization - especially the Minutes.

As you know the Minutes are the official record of what was done at our meetings. (Note: not what was said - what was DONE.) The Minutes should be kept (forever) in a bound book, if possible; you could take a stack of the Minutes from each President's term and have them bound together at a printer.

What goes into the Minutes?

a. The date and time that the President (who is named) called the meeting to order; whether the meeting was a regular, annual, or special meeting; if the Secretary was present; and where the meeting was held, if not the usual place. All of that goes into the first paragraph!

b. All main motions - in their final form (that is, with any amendments) - and the name of the maker of the motion; the person who seconded the motion is usually not included.

c. The outcome of the vote. If the vote was counted, the number of votes on both sides of the issue or number of votes for each candidate should be recorded. If the motion was referred to a committee, for instance, that would be recorded as well.

d. The time that the meeting was adjourned.

e. The signature of the Secretary; "Respectfully Submitted" is no longer used.

f. A space for the date that the Minutes are approved.

What does NOT go into the Minutes?

Any editorial comments such as lovely, deciduous, inspiring, and the like.

b. A summary of debate or presentations, though the title of the latter would be helpful.

c. "We" or "you", as everything should be written in 3rd person and past tense. (Picky, I know!)

How are the Minutes approved?

a. By unanimous Consent, not a formal vote-even if a motion was made.

b. The President says, "Are there any (further) corrections to the Minutes?... Hearing none (no more), the Minutes are approved as written (corrected.)"

c. The corrections are made by the Secretary in the final copy that is kept.

d. The corrections to the last meeting's Minutes do not need to be listed in the current meeting Minutes.

Hats off to you, Secretaries, and thank you for your dedication!

Historian Judy Beaudry

History is a story about the past that is significant and true. Historians study the past by interpreting evidence. The historian works by examining the primary sources—texts, artifacts, photos and other materials from the time period. In the case of the ACCW, the historian composes a scrapbook for each President’s two-year term that depicts, in order, the events of the term, by inclusion of photographs, programs and news articles.

I had been tasked with preserving and recording the History of the last three ACCW Presidents and now will tackle the term of Betty Berge. I find history intriguing and so worth the time to record the events of this important organization in our Churches.

On the Road Laurie Otte

On the Road is an ACCW-sponsored training program that provides on-site training to deaneries and Council of Catholic Women (CCW) groups, when requested. The training program is designed to be site specific.

We have a team just waiting to help your deanery or CCW. For instance, do your new officers need to know what’s expected of them or how to do their job? **“On the Road”** training. Is your membership dropping? **“On the Road”** training. Need more fun at your meetings? **“On the Road”** training. Let us know your wants or needs and we will make it happen. Contact me and let’s get **“On the Road”!!!**



Laurie Otte, left, and Chris Allie, ACCW office secretary, welcomed 2019 ACCW Convention attendees.

Mentoring Lucy Johnson

The work of ACCW is organized under six commissions headed by a commission chair. Within each commission are various vice-chair positions and topics. While the commission structure is outlined in the bylaws, the vice-chair positions are not. According to the ACCW Bylaws, it is the duty of the President to appoint all commission chairs and vice-chairs for her tenure choosing the topics or areas of focus. This year, Mentoring is a new topic of focus under the Organization Commission, and I will serve as the vice-chair.

In 2017, NCCW passed a resolution encouraging members to focus on Mentorship which they defined as *a learning and development partnership between someone with vast experience and knowledge and someone who wants to learn.*

ACCW responded by establishing the ACCW Mary and Elizabeth Mentorship Program. Still in its infancy, the goal of the program is to connect mentors and mentees for a set period of time. Initially, the focus is on the history and structure of Council which teaches our story. Mentoring, however, can cover many topics and areas of interest as well as provide practical tools. For example, some areas could include how to improve leadership skills, serve as an officer, or better understand our Catholic faith.

We all mentor others to some extent. We might just not recognize it as mentoring. Whenever we teach someone a new skill or a better way to do something, or we share our wisdom and knowledge obtained from life experiences, we are mentoring. Similarly, we are all mentees. Whenever we learn something new such as using technology or downloading an app, we are taught by someone with greater knowledge.

The ACCW Mary and Elizabeth Mentorship Program hopes to build on the mentoring that already exists and foster a relationship between the mentors and mentees.

Promotional Items Elaine Monitor

Promotional items are available thru the ACCW Office and can be viewed in the ministries booklet distributed at the last ACCW Convention. CCW scarves, aprons and pins continue to be popular. Great way to show a CCW presence at parish events. If you need a large quantity, simply give Chris at the ACCW Office a call. 651-291-4545. Your cost would include shipping, but items may also be picked up at the ACCW Office during regular office hours.

Legislation Commission

Denise Haaland, Chair

If you have been listening to the Twin Cities news you may have noticed that some city councils do not start their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. This surprises me as the pledge represents an act of patriotism to our country that has been a tradition to say before important meetings or events. To keep this tradition going we all need to be role models for our communities and our families. We need to remember that our country was founded on the right to freedom of religion as well as the freedom of speech.

Our Catholic faith teaches us to welcome immigrants to our country, to help them learn a better way of life so they may one day become American citizens. We need to reach out to them and be understanding during their time of transition. There are many programs set up to assist with learning our language etc. We, in turn, should become aware of the cultural differences between us. Imagine how it would be for anyone of us to travel to an unknown country; the acclimation might be very difficult, especially if we did not know the language. We keep traditions within families and communities to celebrate our heritage and we are thankful to have the freedom to do so. Changes take time and often generations to blend diverse populations. However I believe we can be welcoming and inclusive and still maintain our patriotic traditions.

The National CCW has included Spanish to many of their promotional materials. I believe this to be a step in the right direction for the Hispanic culture whom we wish to help and include. So, never take your country for granted. It is a positive step to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag to start meetings as we do prayer in honor of our God and our Country.



Province News

Irene Schmidt, Province Director

As my time as Province Director comes to an end, I just want to thank all of you for the privilege of serving in this position. Connie Andrews from the Duluth Diocese will be installed as the new PD at the NCCW Convention in Atlanta later this month and I know she will do a fantastic job.



My last duty as PD is to organize the Province conference for next summer. The date will be Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2020, in St. Augusta at Mary Help of Christians Church. With 2020 being the 100th Anniversary of the NCCW, we have chosen the Theme “Honoring Our Past-Living Our Present-Hopeful For Our Future”.

The agenda so far is “Women of the Bible” by Jeanette Fortier; Gertrude Gavin Hill by Joan McGrath; a video tape of Past NCCW Presidents from Minnesota; Mass or Liturgy of the Hours; banquet and a fun evening. Saturday will include Mass with the Bishop and additional speakers, including Jean Kelly, the President of the NCCW. I hope you mark your calendars and plan on attending this event.

Connie Andrews Province Director-Elect

Hello! I’m Connie Andrews, your Province Director-Elect. I will be installed at the NCCW Convention in Atlanta in August. Here’s a little about me. I’m a cradle Catholic and a 30-plus year member of St. Joseph’s Church in Grand Rapids, MN. I reside in the Duluth, MN Diocese, which serves all of the arrowhead region of Minnesota. I have held offices in the St. Joseph’s parish and Diocesan CCWs and have been on the Province Board as Diocesan President. (continued





PROCLAMATION

Whereas,

This year of our Lord, two thousand and nineteen, marks the one hundred sixty ninth anniversary of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis; and

Whereas,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women has been a vital organization in the Catholic life of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis since the time of its formation on March 25, 1933 by Archbishop John Gregory Murray; and

Whereas,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women continues to encourage affiliates to work closely with their respective parishes in meeting spiritual and human needs by creating a spirit of unity through prayer, enrichment and service in fulfilling the Mission of Christ; and

Whereas,

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis wishes to recognize the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's immeasurable contributions to the progress and welfare of families, parishes, communities and the poor of the world; therefore be it

Resolved,

That October 13, 2019, is hereby designated as Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "+ Bernard A. Hebda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

*Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis*

Spirituality

Church Commission

Jane Rosner, Chair

The days of September and October fill us with renewed energy and many must-do activities.

There are all those chores at home and then, parish and deanery volunteer needs, commitment to parish ministries, church dinners, bake sale help, visiting with senior citizens and people with disabilities and those that cannot get to Mass and need help.

How can we do it all??? Evaluating the choices, our choices will come easier with prayer. And it need not be complex. St. Francis told his friars to say the Our Father that Jesus taught us.

Autumn may be the perfect time to ‘schedule’ attending a daily Mass even once a week if possible. October is the month of the Rosary. Carve out some time on your schedule to pray the Rosary daily, maybe one weekday

and a half hour for family rosary. Mark out time – perhaps before bed? Any of these efforts will lessen the stressful moments – BUT prayer will help you to know and serve God better and be happy doing it.

SAVE THE DATE!! The Advent Morning of Reflection is Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, St. Patrick, Edina. Watch our website for more details!



Eastern Rite Catholics **Sue Nasseff**

A brief history of Malankara Christianity in India, founded by Thomas the Apostle in the first century. The earliest organized Christian presence in India dates around the third century. Historically, the Saint Thomas Christians were part of the Church of the East, based in Persia.

East Syriac settlers and missionaries established themselves in Kerala, India. From the Fourth century to the 14th century the “Metropolitan-Bishop of the Seat of Saint Thomas and the Whole Christian Church” of India led the church. The collapse of the Church of the East (the Church of the West is Roman Rite) hierarchy in Asia left the province of India isolated and formal contact was severed.

By the late 15th century India still had no specific leadership. Authority became vested in the archdeacon. Thus, in 1491 the archdeacon requested a new bishop for India. Two were sent and they helped rebuild the ecclesiastical infrastructure and re-establish fraternal ties with the Patriarch. In 1498 the Portuguese invaded India. The Christians owned a large portion of the spice trade and the Portuguese had a keen interest in having a share. They also brought a militant, bellicose form of Christianity,

which had approval from the Pope. In 1559 a number of reforms were installed and the Latin Rite purged the East Syriac Rite of unacceptable elements. Over the next several decades tensions ran high and what remained of the native church took bold action and swore they would never follow the Latin Rite or the Portuguese again.

In 1662, out of 116 churches, Catholics claimed 84 and the Archdeacon claimed 32. The Malankara Church experienced a series of splits over the centuries, resulting in the formation of several church jurisdictions.

These five remain after many splits: Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church; Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Christian Church; Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church; Syro-Malankara Catholic Church; and Malabar Independent Syrian Church (Western Rite) a/k/a Thozhiyoor Sabba Oriental Orthodox.

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calendar that exclude the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. We resumed Ordinary time following Pentecost. During the season of Lent many Catholics take part in fasting, repentance, self-denial, meditation and spiritual discipline. So why do we stop doing these things once Lent is over? Ordinary time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. Perhaps we could set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ. Just a thought.

Vocations Kathy Zweber

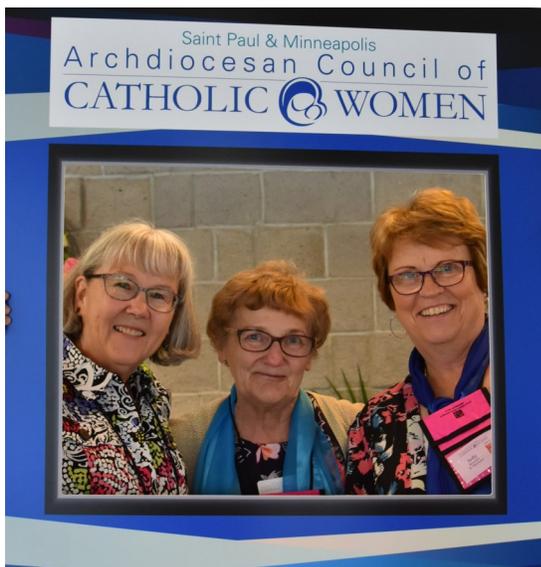
As the new Vice Chair in the Church Commission for vocations I want to share with you some resources I have recently had an opportunity to learn about. Please feel to share this information with the women in your parish CCWs and/or Women's Groups in your Deaneries. It is a Weekly Call to prayer

The first resource is "The Rosary for Priests" for all of the Mysteries. I know many of you are praying the Rosary and this may be a new opportunity to do a rosary or a decade at the beginning or end of your meetings, dedicated to your Spiritual Advisor, or your pastor and parish priest, or for all the priests in our Archdiocese. I was drawn to its prayer:

"O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen"

The link to downloading the Rosary for Priests pamphlet can be found on our new ACCW Web page: <https://accwarchspm.org/resources>. That is also where you will find the monthly "Walk with Me" calendars to pray for our seminarians.

The second resource is a Weekly Call to pray and fast from the USCCB. The one day prayer/fast intentions are often for the many individuals who are in formation for a religious vocation: The link to register for these weekly one day Bishops Call to Prayer is <http://www.usccb.org/pray>



The selfie photo frame was popular at the ACCW convention in May. Karen Vanney, Jane Rosner and Judy Beaudry pose.



Here is a sample of last week's Call to prayer which prompted me to share this with all of you:

Greetings from the USCCB. Your one-day reminder for The Bishops' Call to Prayer Friday intention is here! Thank you for joining the USCCB and thousands of Catholics praying and fasting every Friday for the renewal of a culture of life and marriage, and for the protection of religious liberty in our country. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!

Important Vocation Dates to Note: National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 3-9, 2019

If you would like additional information or would like a presentation about the many ACCW Vocation programs we support, please contact me, Kathy Zweber, at kajz@aol.com, 651-238-1110.

Holy Hours for Vocations September to November 2019

Each month, the Holy Hour for Vocations will take place at a different parish in the Archdiocese. Come spend an hour with Jesus each month to pray for an increase in vocations:

Sept. 10, Good Shepherd, Golden Valley

Oct. 8, Nativity of Our Lord, St. Paul

Nov. 12, Cathedral of St. Paul

All Holy Hours are scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m.

Visit 10000vocations.org for additional information.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women was established by a pastoral letter and with the leadership of Archbishop John Gregory Murray in 1933 to help carry out his apostolic work in the local church; and

Whereas,

The successors of Archbishop John Gregory Murray have continued to provide sponsorship and leadership support to the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women; and

Whereas,

With open encouragement from Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, clergy continue to support the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and its gospel-valued programs of educating women in spiritual, leadership and service roles to their families, parishes, communities and poor of the world; and

Whereas,

To express deep appreciation for the spiritually enriching service provided by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and all supportive priests, deacons, nuns and brothers; therefore be it

Resolved,

That the Board of Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women hereby designates the month of October as the ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION MONTH; and

Resolved,

That the Board of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women encourages each affiliate organization to manifest its appreciation to clergy publicly.



Betty Berge, President
Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

Family Concerns Commission

Marcia Simon, Chair

Welcome to the new era of ACCW President Betty Berge. I have accepted the position of Family Chair. My name is Marcia Simon. ACCW President Betty has given me a great group of Vice Chairs. I have Jean Buchmann for Respect Life, Cathy Carson for Marriage and Family Life, Colleen Dobie for Grandparent Ministry and Theresa Cermak for Religious Recognition. Please feel free to contact us with questions or help.

This is a great time to talk to Theresa about the different patches that youth are able to work on during the summer and complete with ease to receive at our Convention or special time.

Sunday, June 23, was the Rural Life Sunday Mass in New Prague, Minnesota, and Grandparent's Day was Saturday, Aug. 24. Both are important events in our Archdiocese. Watch the Catholic Spirit for information on next summer's events.

Measure your life by what you have, not by what you don't.



Respect Life Jean Buchmann

If you haven't seen the movie "Unplanned", search online to rent it or buy a copy for your parish. It's based on the book by Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood employee of the year who became a pro-life activist after watching an ultrasound of a baby trying to escape the abortionist's suction equipment before being sucked off screen. Abby Johnson also started a new organization to help abortion workers get out of the industry and find new jobs, "And Then There Were None". About 500 have left the industry with their help.

There is another area that we must keep aware of – end of life issues such as doctor-assisted suicide. Watch the debates in the state legislatures and send emails and letters

opposing this legislation. The life you save may be your own.

And then there are reports of graphic sex education in school being proposed even for kindergarteners! Get involved for the sake of your children and grandchildren!

Human Life Alliance in Blaine, Minnesota, has many wonderful materials that can be used in your parish and for sidewalk counselors. Go to humanlife.org for more information. The magazines are well-done and inexpensive.

Connie Andrews, continued from Pg. 8

I am married and the mother of three (1 girl, 2 boys), grandmother of seven (6 boys and 1 girl – all under 7 years old!). They all live within an hour of me, so I am blessed to be able to use 'grandmother' as a verb as well as a noun!

I am so excited and humbled to be asked to fill this position. I have some ideas for ways to grow CCW as your PD, but I am also excited to hear what the other PDs have done in that regard. Of course, the 100th birthday of NCCW is coming up next year and I can't even imagine what that might bring! Hang on to your hats, I think we're in for a wonderful year in 2020 and even more fun as we prepare for the NCCW Convention in 2021 as it will be in Minneapolis!

God's greatest blessing to you all and I ask that you pray for me as I begin this new journey!

Spirituality

Church Commission

Chair: Jane Rosner 651-261-2534

Liturgy/Scripture/Retreats: Tracy Velishek

Vocations: Kathy Zweber

Eastern Rite Catholics: Susan Nasseff

Naomi-Ruth Prayer Partners: Cathy Evans

Ecumenism/Evangelization/Adoration: Open

Family Commission

Chair: Marcia Simon 952-652-2998

Media Resources: Open

Respect Life: Jean Buchmann

Marriage and Family Life: Cathy Carson

Religious Recognitions: Theresa Cermak

Grandparent Ministry: Colleen Dobie

Service

Community Concerns

Kathy Halverson, Chair

September is the start of our first Image article and my first in working with Community Concerns. That said, I would like to take this time to give you a brief overview of what makes up each area of Community Concerns. I will strive to keep you informed and more aware of issues. I welcome your input on issues, events or if there are things you are aware of being done in these areas, I would greatly appreciate your sharing that with me.

Domestic Violence: We must be aware that domestic violence is not confined to a specific category as spousal abuse. Domestic violence includes both human trafficking and elder abuse. An example of elder abuse could be, if you see someone disrespecting or pushing an elder person - could we help? Our population is aging and this issue is out there and could definitely become a major issue in the not too distant future.

Our Lady of Peace Home: ACCW has been a long-time supporter of Our Lady of Peace Home. As you probably are aware, they have offered loving care in their Hospice Residence at no cost since 1941! OLP also offers other services that support comfort care of the individual such as Home Health Care and Highland Block Nurse Program. Our Lady of Peace is there for the family members too. We have the opportunity to help if the Spirit moves you, first to pray for patients and their families and if you wish to volunteer - you may go to the web site at ourladyofpeacemn.org for further volunteer opportunities. On a personal note, Our Lady of Peace is the embodiment of both Martha and Mary, don't you agree?



Outgoing ACCW president Debbie Keller received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal from Bishop Andrew Cozzens.

Environmental Concerns: This commission vice chair position focuses on a variety of environmental issues in our homes, communities and the world. This area also participates each June in the Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday.



Physical and Mental Illness Rose Anne Hallgren

Mental Illness- You can discuss the many aspects of mental illness. It is recognized as a legitimate illness. It can be very lonely, frightening and persistent, but in this century there is hope and help available and an even wider recognition that it is treatable.

I encourage you to get a card for your billfold and jot the following names and numbers of two organizations that have established their reputations for excellent care and understanding of mental illness both for the patient and their friends and family.

**NAMI MINNESOTA: 1919 UNIVERSITY AVENUE W.
SUITE 400, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, 55104
651 645-2948 NAMIHELPS@NAMIN.ORG**

**GUILD INCORPORATED : 130 WABASHA STREET
SOUTH #90, St. Paul, Minnesota 55107
651-291-0067 guildincorporated.org**

ACCW MENTAL ILLNESS PRAYER CONNECTION: If you are interested in being a part of the ACCW Mental Illness Prayer Connection, please e-mail: Rose Anne Hallgren at rahrah@usfamily.net with your 1.Name, 2.Phone number and your 3. Address.

I will be reorganizing it and hope to have it done by early Fall. It is still partially working, but needs some work done to spread the word that the prayers are needed. You will be signing up not for organizing it but to pray when the prayers are requested. Thanks for your encouragement in the past. Let's spread the word around our state.

International Concerns

Mickey Nickelson, Chair

As I begin my first year as Chair for the International Commission, I review the purpose of this Commission and my duties as Chair. Upon reading the purpose, I was struck how the phrase “to create a love for all people” was aligned with one (or perhaps all) of the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching which state “Catholic teaching promotes peace as a positive action-oriented concept.” In the words of St. John Paul II: “it involves mutual respect and confidence between people and nations.” Catholic social teaching proclaims we are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. These concepts are lived out in our work with Appalachia, Haiti, Kitui and our partnership with Catholic Relief Service that was established in the 1950’s – perhaps better known when we mention the Madonna Plan.

My “duties” as Chair also includes working with a Vice Chair for Ethnic Understanding. My thought was WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? The first duty as stated is to become familiar with the ethnic minorities in our Archdiocese. Well, okay. At our convention in April Anne Attea spoke on what she sees working at Ascension. She provided information about One Body: Immigrant Families and the Catholic Church in Minnesota, a group endorsed by the Archdiocese working to invite every Catholic in Minnesota to actively participate in encounters with immigrants and refugees in our local communities to better understand the facing immigrant families in our Church and nation. I knew I had to attend their planning meetings to better understand and go beyond what one the media provides.

Sunday, Sept. 29, is designated as World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Many parishes are planning to acknowledge this in their liturgies and other events. While Sept. 29 will be highlighted, it was very clear that this not to be a one-time experience but rather a starting point.

What could you do? Highlight the day by including a prayer

Service

Community Concerns Commission

Chair: Kathy Halverson 651-489-4801
Our Lady of Peace Home: Georgine Gansen
Environmental Concerns: Open
Domestic Violence: Open
Physical and Mental Health: Rose Anne Hallgren (Resource)

International Concerns Commission

Chair: Mickey Nickelson 651-698-3708
Works of Peace/World Peace: Madonna Russo
Foreign Missions: Mary Androli
Ethnic Understanding: Open
Appalachia: Olive Hupf (Resource)

to the faithful (i.e. For our faith community, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our worship, ministries, and in our leaders, let us pray to the Lord), let the homily and music reflect this message.

Last year I attended St. Alphonsus’ fall festival in Brooklyn Center in September. It opened my eyes to who we are and the opportunities we have to share our God-given talents. Make yourself available to join others that differ from you so we can better understand and live out the message that we are One Body.

(For more information about the Sept. 29 event contact Anne Attea at attea@ascensionmpls.org or me).



Foreign Missions Mary Androli

As many of you know, it has been a troubling summer for me, but I did make a trip to Rochester to deliver a load of baby layettes, clothing, toys, pillows, hygiene supplies, school supplies, rolled bandages, etc. to send on a recent container that went to Haiti. I found out that others from SE Deanery had been there with a load also. This shipment went to the sisters to distribute to all their covered area. An earlier shipment was from Mayo with lots of medical equipment and supplies. A shipment that was sent last fall was detained off-shore because of the political unrest and unsafe situation for the volunteers there to receive it, but it has now been received.



Newly-installed ACCW president, Betty Berge, center posed with her husband, Gene, far right, pastor Fr. Kevin Kenney and members of her parish of Divine Mercy, Faribault.

2018-2019 ACCW Madonna Fund



<u>Income</u>	\$14,910.00	
<u>Disbursements</u>		
(CRS) Madonna Clinics 75%		\$ 11,182.00
(CRS) Water for Life		1,500.00
(CRS) Help A Child		500.00
(CRS) Refugee Women Fund		500.00
Venezuela Missions—		
St. Vincent DePaul		500.00
Joseph's Coat		728.00
Total		\$14,910.00

Thank you for your generous support of this international program which directly helps mothers and their children.

Monies are raised through fundraisers of your choice such as style shows, luncheons, bake sales, penny collections, teas, raffles, etc.

Appalachia/Domestic Missions Olive Hupf

Thank you for all the donations that we receive for our Appalachia Kentucky Missions. We are so fortunate to have such generous people in our Archdiocese and the surrounding areas to give to this most worthy mission. They pray for us each day and accept all our beautiful gifts or our money donations.

Please keep the Terminal Transport Company in your prayers and thank them for their generous donation of the semi, driver and taking the gifts to Kentucky all these years at no cost to us. We could not do this Mission without that generous donation. Please make sure to write them a thank you, too.

This year the Semi will be at the Hupf farm from Saturday, Oct. 26 through Thursday, Nov. 7 and will probably leave on Nov. 8 and unload in Kentucky on Monday morning.

Last year we had a new destination for our delivery at Fr. Hopp's city and he had the high school football team to help unload. He said those young men could not believe all the gifts. Some of their families are recipients also. Fr. Hopp added, it was a beautiful day that day.

If you have any questions or need to have information sent out to you, please either e-mail me at olivehupf@gmail.com or call my cell, 507-581-2808 or my land line, 507-263-2705, and leave a message. Thank you again from the people in Appalachia and from me. This year at your Christmas you will know in your heart you have helped someone less fortunate. Have a special day on Christmas Day. God Bless all of you.



Around the Deaneries

St. Paul Deaneries

Cathy Healy, President

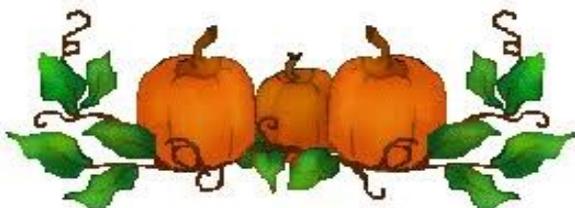
Together, under the umbrella of the St. Paul Deanery, ACCW and the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), we are able to present a unified voice for all Catholic Women and fulfill our mission to support, empower and educate women in spirituality, leadership and service to Christ, His church and society. Would you like to share your gifts of vision and commitment with the CCW? When you do share with either through your work in your parishes or at the Deanery level, you have responded to your baptismal call to be an active member of your Christian community – I invite you to take the next step to share your gifts by prayerfully considering a role on one of the St. Paul Deanery commissions.

We are off to a great start. The First Quarterly Meeting of the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held at the Church of St. Odilia in Shoreview Sept. 19 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Speakers include Father James Peterson regarding his time in Venezuela and members of the boards of the St. Paul Deanery and the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. Learn about the National Convention in Atlanta and what your own parish group should know for this year. Lunch will be served following Mass. Cost for the day is \$15. RSVP by Sept. 16 by calling Jane at 651-261-2534 or Cathy at 651-481-1012. All women of your parishes are invited to attend. The meeting will include a white elephant, quilts and book sale with lots of good bargains!

Our Nov. 21 meeting will also include a white elephant sale including Christmas items. This will be a good time donate items. Quilts will also be available. Our Lady of Guadalupe has volunteered to host for November. We have pending hosts for February and April.

We hope to host an “On the Road” leadership training session this year. We are in the planning stages.

St Odilia will be holding their 50th Fall Festival September 6 – 8.



Southwest Deanery

Georgine Gansen, President

The first meeting of my term, 2019-2021 as President of the Southwest Deanery was on July 11 at Divine Mercy Church in Faribault. This meeting was the President’s Supper. My new Board Members, Commission Chairs and President and Vice Presidents from each of the 22 parishes in our deanery were invited for Mass with our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Michael Ince. Father gave each of us a special blessing with Holy Oil to give us courage to carry out our duties. A very wonderful supper was provided by the ladies of Divine Mercy CCW.

The purpose of the President’s Supper is to meet everyone and get to know one another. All introduce themselves, by name, parish, office they hold and their favorite prayer. Many said theirs was the “Hail Mary” which was wonderful to hear, since “Mary” is our Spiritual Leader.

A Presidents pack of information was handed out that included:

A copy of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules which will be updated by April of 2020.

A sheet with Commission Duties to encourage ladies to sign up as a Co-chair. A copy of Deanery Dues to be paid by September of 2019

A copy of the “Calendar of Events”

Upcoming events are:

Sept. 26, Fall Institute at St. Mary’s at Le Center.

Oct 24, Mission Event at Our Lady of the Prairie at Belle Plaine

My goals as President are to continue the NCCW Vocation Purse Club; to encourage more ladies to sign up for the Naomi-Ruth Prayer Partnership; to continue to be involved with the Kitui & St. Paul Minneapolis Diocesan Partnership (maybe even go there); and to be on the “Our Lady of Peace Home” Community Commission.

A little about me: I was raised on a farm in Bird Island and am now retired after 22 years as a Scott County Librarian, My husband of 42 years, Carl, and I have four grown children and five grandchildren. I have been active in the CCW at Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine for 33 years and have held offices in the deanery the past four years. Other volunteer activities include the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries, Meals on Wheels, Religious Education teacher, Extraordinary Minister and Parish Festival volunteer. I love to travel and have been to Europe, the Holy Land and 29 States.

Minneapolis Deaneries

Kathy Williams, President

Our last Deanery Day was March 25 at St. Patrick's in Edina. The women at St. Patrick's did a wonderful job hosting us. Thanks again. The day included a Silent Auction as a fund raiser for the MCCW. It was well attended and all enjoyed the day.

Many women attended the ACCW Convention in Eagan. Our Deaneries received two of the Lay Women Volunteer Awards. Congratulations to Barb Ernster from St. Charles Borromeo and Jean Shields from the Church of St. Raphael. Our assigned duty was to help clean up after the event. Many of you helped and it went so fast. You are the BEST! Thank you! Thank you!

Our past Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Earl Simonson, passed into eternal life on June 11. The wake was at St. Clement's Catholic Church and the funeral at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. It was a large funeral with many priests concelebrating Mass and they served about 650 people for lunch. Fr. Simonson served as our Spiritual Advisor for about 20 years. May he rest in peace.

Our first MCCW picnic was on July 13 at Columbia Park in Columbia Heights. The weather was beautiful and we all had a lot of fun. There were 36 women in attendance. Terri Pontious, Marge Sehnert and her daughter, Nadine, did a wonderful job planning the event. We all enjoyed bingo and white elephant prizes. Other games were played and lunch was served.

Our next Board Meeting was set for Sept. 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Raphael, 7301 Bass Lake Road, Crystal.

Our next Deanery Day will be held at the Church of St. Raphael in Crystal on Monday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The International Concerns Commission and the Community Concerns Commission are planning the day. The speaker will be Henry Kisitu from the East Africa Foundation. He will talk about the Ruth Gaylord Pediatric and Maternity Hospital in Uganda.

This year we have moved our Catholic Culture Day to Oct. 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The weather should be nice and we won't have to worry about canceling because of ice or snow. We are planning to go to the Lakewood Memorial Chapel in south Minneapolis. This beautiful building was completed in 1910 and is modeled after the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. It is the only building in the U.S. with an authentic mosaic interior and it is a stunning work of art. We will also be praying the rosary together. Following the visit, we invite all to join us to lunch at Curran's Restaurant.

Southeast Deanery

Maggie Langenfeld, President

As the Southeast Deanery gathers it seems there is always something important to discuss, vote on, or to learn. This period of time was no exception. During the May meeting Nita Gadiant, a deanery member for many years, was recognized for her service. She is ready to retire from deanery meetings and be a "prayer warrior" for us. A Mass will be offered for her, she received a certificate of appreciation, a beautiful plant, and a circle blessing. Nita will be missed.

One Thousand Cranes of Hope and Healing led the speaker part of our May meeting. The creator of this organization explained its beginnings and led us in making art cards that will be given to cancer patients in clinics and hospitals. In a half hour 114 cards were designed by our deanery members. It was a different kind of service project that met with everyone's approval.

The standing rules of the Southeast Deanery have been reviewed and the yearly audit has been accomplished with flying colors. An ongoing project revolves around looking at our newsletter and deciding how to make it more appealing and more informative. An E-newsletter format is being researched. It was also decided that our deanery would start making our parish members aware of the NCCW program, Vocation Purse Club. As you may know, this program is an effort to collect change from parish members to donate to a fund that aids young women who have debt and want to enter a religious community, but can't until they are debt-free. The money collected is given to help erase these young women's financial responsibilities.

This fall two very dynamic speakers are coming to our deanery. On Sept. 12, Ruth Bachman will present at our Southeast Deanery meeting at St. Mary's in New Trier. Ruth is a national speaker, a survivor of soft tissue sarcoma, and a right-handed amputee. Her book "Growing Through the Narrow Spots" talks about intentional transformation and change. During the evening of Oct. 2, Gianna Jessen, a pro-life advocate, will be speaking at St. Pius in Cannon Falls. Gianna survived a saline salt abortion and speaks nationally about her experience. Everyone is invited to come and hear these two speakers.



Northwest Deanery Betty Thomes, President

As summer winds to an end, it seems as if our CCW groups get busier and busier. Deanery Presidents and board members gathered for a social and information sharing meeting on Aug. 21. This was a time to build relationships and get to know each other a bit better. The Northwest Deanery is blessed with great woman and CCW organizations that truly make a difference in their parishes. Some of our highlights are:

Bonnie Polich from St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Annandale was recognized as a 2019 ACCW Laywomen Volunteer. Congratulations Bonnie, we are proud of you!



St. Timothy CCW, Maple Lake, hosted the Faith Formation staff and volunteers as an appreciation of their service and good work at their spring meeting. They will host the parish and school staff this fall. The summer will round off with a bake/produce sale.

Orders for peaches are being taken at St. Francis Xavier in Buffalo. It is a sweet deal.

Many activities will be going on this fall. The deanery will sponsor an Advent Retreat at the Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo on Dec. 5. The theme is "Broken, Blessed and Sent".



St. Ignatius CCW, Annandale, sponsored a day trip to St. John's Abbey featuring midday prayer with the monks, a Bible Gallery presentation followed by viewing of the Bible exhibits, and the Assumption Chapel in Cold Spring. This was the second year of gathering for a group event. Their July quarterly meeting began with a Mass to remember the deaths of past officers. Over 50 women attended this event and it was a wonderful way to connect the past to the future of the women of our parish as the new officers were installed. (Above).

We will participate in the Appalachia Christmas Project again this year. Christmas craft and bake sales will pop up at a few parishes. Have a wonderful fall. Invite other women to join in the fun of your CCW.

Northeast Deanery Sue Stanich, President

Hello. My name is Sue Stanich and I am the new NE Deanery president for ACCW. I volunteer in several capacities, and have previously served as CCW president, at St. Michael's in Stillwater. Our deanery is still rebuilding since recently having representation again at the diocesan level.

My predecessor, Kathy Zweber, has done an excellent job of assessing and engaging with women throughout the deanery, even if they do not currently have a registered CCW group.

Moving forward I intend to build on these relationships and hope for even greater interactions between parishes. Plans are currently underway to host a speaker in Stillwater for Mental Health Awareness in October. Look for details to follow soon and I look forward to meeting many of you!



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Appalachia Christmas Project Ideas and Instructions

A SPECIAL REQUEST: PUT THE NAME OF THE PARISH AND TOWN ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BOX; IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO PUT WHAT'S INSIDE.

Our gifts are now delivered to the Appalachia Mission Center and it is harder for the volunteers to divide the boxes when they come off the semi. Do not send money in the boxes but monetary donations are always welcome. Send the money to the parish priests:

Fr. Thobias, MC
Queen of All Saints Church & Mission
90 Railroad Street, PO Box 563
Beattyville, KY 41311

Fr. Richard Watson
St. Francis of Assisi Church & Mission
147 Bryan Street
Pikeville, KY 41501-1404

Gift Suggestions (New Items Only)

Infants to 1 Year of Age:

Diapers and pins. Blankets, Sleepers, Crib mobiles, Powder & lotions, Shirts, Rattles, Teethers & Other baby toys

Toddlers:

Pull Toys, Soft toys, Cars & Trucks, Blocks, Balls, Dolls

Ages 4-12:

Games, Marbles, Jump Ropes, Coloring Books & Crayons, Cars & Trucks, Jacks, Dolls, Markers, Socks & Underwear, Basic School Supplies (GI Joe toys ok, but no hand held guns, please.)

Ages 12-16:

Cosmetics, Sports Equipment, Batteries, Music Box, Wallets, Large Sweatshirts, Fishing Equipment, Camouflage vests, Socks & Underwear, Jewelry, Radios, Watches, Purse, Belts Toiletries, Hunting clothes

Adults (18+) & Elderly:

Powder/Lotion, Slippers, Billfolds, Larger size shirts, Sweat suits, Purses, Scarves, Kitchen items, Socks/Knee highs, Jewelry, Nail clippers, Blankets & Bedding, Towels, Undies