



**NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

SAINT PAUL / MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

From the Desk of our President . . .

Dear Women of ACCW,

My first few months as ACCW President have been challenging and enlightening. It is admirable what CCW women do to alleviate so much pain in our world. ACCW exists to provide education, spiritual enrichment and any service that is requested from the Deanery Boards and their members. We will do our best to keep you informed at all levels from NCCW to the individual women and then back through to each organization again. We benefit from each other.



Soon after the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) Convention in May, I attended the Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in Grand Rapids. The countryside was beautiful and the women were welcoming to this newly-appointed president.

Father Paul Fruth, the Duluth Moderator told us that CCW women have the skills and the calmness to be the leaders in the changes that are taking place in our church. Understanding the tribulations that our church members are facing with the combining and closing of parish church is essential. This can be accomplished by acclaiming each other, seeking the positive and consulting with God to show us the best way to grow in our cooperation and faith.

There was a raffle at the end of the day and I won a Madonna stature and a miniature garden. In the morning as I placed my ticket in the box, I said, "This is the one I want to win for ACCW." At the ACCW Convention in May both St. Peter in Mendota and Immaculate Conception in Columbia Heights tied for the most members present. Now each parish has a Madonna to cherish for a year.

In the spring when Theresa Cermak and I visited with Archbishop Nienstedt he commented favorably on the work of ACCW. He also encouraged us to invite and mentor younger women into our organization so our mission remains fruitful.

I am looking forward to the fall Deanery Meetings and experiencing the uniqueness of each parish. I shall be noting your talents and ideas and passing them on to others. I also look forward to our next two years together. Thank you for your continued dedication. Help to increase our flock. We need many more. I solicit your yeas and nays.

Faithfully,
Rose Anne Hallgren

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Without a doubt, if you check with your local parish priest, my guess would be that he would tell you that his day to day life and duties form a tapestry of amazing variety and richness. Although each priest would differ in the roster of his daily routine, I find that for me, among that most personally fulfilling activities that form the core of my day

would be the celebration of the sacraments. The Eucharist would certainly qualify as the perfect way to begin each morning, and the bond that exists among the regular “faithful” at our daily morning Mass is hard to describe – it really must be experienced. In fact, the spirit of community that exists among the daily Mass attendees is a constant reality that I have found in most parish communities that I have served.

Under the umbrella of celebrations of the Eucharist is a very special form that has been happening with great frequency lately in my parish – namely the Funeral Mass. Funerals often contain a mixture of both sadness and joy, and they can afford a unique opportunity to minister in a very intimate and personalized way to family members – being present and sensitive to their needs and feelings in Christ’s name. There are times, however when I feel saddened by what I have noticed to be an increasingly common funeral reality – especially in the celebration of a funeral liturgy for an elderly person.

Part of the preparation at our parish for a funeral liturgy involves a meeting for our Pastoral Minister and me with the deceased’s family – children and grandchildren. In addition to walking them through the selection of Scripture readings, music and family participation, I also ask them to tell me about grandma or grandpa. It helps me as the celebrant to have a “feel” for what the person was like, and although a homily is NOT a eulogy, I try to weave examples of the virtuous life of the deceased into the themes revealed by the scripture passages chosen by the family.

What can at times emerge is the picture of a parent or grandparent who was a wonderful witness to the practice and love of the Catholic faith. Oftentimes their lives included trial and hardship, perhaps poverty and loneliness,

Fr. David Kohner, ACCW Moderator **SHARE THE FAITH-IN THIS WORLD** **& BEYOND**

either in growing up during the depression, or maybe a less than ideal marriage situation. Through these struggles it was their rock solid faith in God and faithfulness to the Church through weekly or sometimes daily Mass attendance that was the anchor and salvation of their lives. They were often willing to make great sacrifices to attend Mass, and many times combined that public form of prayer with a quiet yet consistent devotional life at home. Even I, as an outsider, am inspired and energized when I am privileged to hear these stories of heroic faith.

The sad part for me is that all too often I get the distinct impression that although children and grandchildren recognize the positive role that the Catholic faith played for mom or grandpa, it is far from their own reality or experience. They are only having a funeral Mass because they either feel guilty into it or because they instinctively know that it is expected of them. They themselves are obviously ill at ease dealing with anything religious, and may even be tempted to skip the church service in favor of having a few prayers recited at the funeral home, playing a recorded song or two and rushing off to the cemetery for the burial. It is almost as if the vividness and centrality of grandma’s lived faith, indicts the stark contrast of their lack of any role for faith, or any God-connection in their own life.

What can be done in these situations? As a Church, we can gently allow the beauty and hopefulness of our Catholic funeral liturgy to touch the hearts of family members and plant seeds of a positive experience that may one day bear fruit. We can also encourage the sharing of the stories and memories of the times where faith guided and sustained their loved one.

What can be done as parents or grandparents? Two things: First of all, make sure that your wishes for a full funeral Mass are clearly expressed, in writing, with a funeral home and/or a trusted relative. Secondly, on this side of the grave, don’t be shy about sharing your faith and spiritual practices, in a non-pushy way, with family members. Personal witness is still the most effective evangelization tool. Don’t worry, the Holy Spirit will provide the right words.

From our Province Director

Leona Barton,
Province of St. Paul and Minneapolis

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The National Council of Catholic Women Board of Directors met in Washington DC June 16th through June 17th, 2011. Here is a summary of the meeting along with my thoughts and more information from our Province Board meeting held August 8, 2011.

The NCCW **Leadership Commission** discussed methods to promote NCCW Individual Membership, ideas to recapture NCCW affiliates, promotion of the LTD program, ways to extend hospitality to convention attendees and how to increase attendance at the NCCW convention.

The NCCW **Spirituality Commission** discussed the need to promote spirituality, to be hospitable at the convention, and increased attendance at the NCCW convention.

The NCCW **Service Commission** discussed the current book list, Catholic Women and Connect articles, increased attendance at the NCCW convention.

You will note that all three NCCW commissions talked about increased attendance at the NCCW convention. Are we encouraging our women to attend? I hope everyone is. All board members were challenged to bring one new member to the Convention. At our Province Board meeting August 8, 2011, we estimated 80 women attending the 2011 NCCW Convention from our Province. WOW! Hope your name is on that list.

NCCW President Patty Johnson reported on the quality of the programs for the upcoming convention and the continued need to promote the convention. She expressed the need to promote NCCW programs, and work of the Women of Council and participating in to be faithful, loyal witnesses and participants to the their respective areas.

Kathy Jones, NCCW Treasurer, reported that she is optimistic that we are where we need to be in our turnaround

plan. We need to increase our individual membership, retain and grow our affiliates, increase convention registrations over last year and try to increase the annual giving. Going from the standard membership

\$30 to the supporting membership \$75 is a great way to help. Not all of us can do the extra funds but some of us can. If you can, please do so.

The report by Sheila Hopkins, President of the Associations of NCCW, reported that there were a record number of attendees at the NCCW Convention 2010. If you are a member of the Associates, please try to attend the luncheon at the November 2011 Convention. If you aren't a member, please think about becoming one. A website page is now available and is part of the NCCW website.

We talked about our partnership with Cross International Catholic Outreach "Women Helping Women" campaign and Catholic Relief Service "Works of Peace and Reconciliation" programs. Check out the NCCW website for more details on these projects. I would recommend giving the women in your A/DCCW an opportunity to support both organizations. If one organization fits your needs better than the other, then they have the opportunity to choose.

Resolutions were considered by the board. There will be three resolutions posted 60 days prior to the Convention and will be voted on at the convention.

At our Province Board meeting we discussed the Province Conference that will be held in June 2012. The date and place will be announced soon. Hope you make plans to attend.



It's Official!

**Archdiocesan Council of
Catholic Women**
**Office hours are Tuesday
through Thursday**
8:30 –2:00 651-291-4545

Mark Your Calendar!!

September

- 11 Annual Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance (honoring law enforcement and emergency personnel) 5 PM Cathedral
- 11 Annual Mass with People with DisAbilities St. Mary's Chapel, St. Paul Seminary 3:00p.m.

October

ACCW Clergy Appreciation Month

- 8 Annual Tree to Remember — Como Contact Agnes Dynes for more information, 651-644-9911
- 9 9 ACCW Clergy Appreciation Sunday
- 26-11/7 Appalachia Mission Christmas Collection

November

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 3 ACCW Board Meeting
- 12 Mass for Veterans Basilica of St. Mary 10 AM

Don't forget—

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www.accwarchspm.org

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Archdiocesan Council of
Catholic Women

DEANERY FALL MEETINGS

Minneapolis Sept. 26	Joellyn Soler 763-767-0563 Immaculate Conception, Col. Hgts.
Northwest	Mary Swartzner 763-682-3832 Judy Beaudry 763-497-4344
St. Paul Sept. 15	Cathy Evans 651-481-1012 St. Jerome, Maplewood
Southeast Oct. 13	Olive Hupf 507-263-2705 St. Mary, New Trier
Southwest October 6	Betty Berge 507-332-8796 Immaculate Conc., Lonsdale
West Sept. 23	Carol Shukle 952-472-6928 St. George, Long Lake

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 organization to support, empower and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service. ACCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the church and

2012 Membership Dues

Parish Affiliates

ACCW Dues \$40.00

Individual dues:

NCCW \$30.00

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

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Organization Commission

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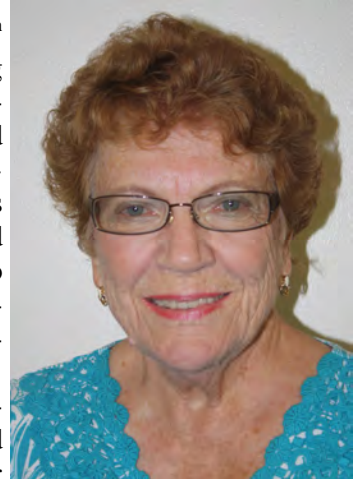
As we begin a new season of ACCW activities, many Council of Catholic Women (CCW) organizations welcome newly elected officers to their boards. You may be one of those new leaders, and are asking yourself, “What do I do now!?!” I am also the newly appointed ACCW Organization Commission Chair, and as such need to determine what my responsibilities are with regard to planning and implementing ACCW programs.

This past year, ACCW initiated the “On the Road” Program as a training aid for all Council of Catholic Women organizations. Things are rapidly changing all around us these days. Many deanery and parish organizations are facing major difficulties. ACCW studied the situation and decided to offer to take this program “on the road” to all our Deaneries.

“On the Road” has proven to be very successful in providing answers to many frequently asked questions, such as – What are the roles of officers in your organization? How do we communicate with our members and encourage attendance at meetings? How do we recruit new members to our organization? How do we communicate? In what ways can technology help me to connect members? – and much more. All ACCW Deaneries are encouraged to provide this program in their areas. I would highly recommend you make it a priority to attend an “On the Road” training program when it is held in your area. It is time well spent.

ACCW understands how difficult it has been this year for many parishes with the clustering and closing of churches in the archdiocese. As a result, some CCW organizations will cease to exist. Others may have the opportunity to combine their organizations with their sister parish(es). ACCW understands the importance of keeping communication lines open, and are prepared to offer a helping hand when needed. Names, phone numbers or email addresses of any of the ACCW Board Members may be obtained by contacting the Organization Chair at the above numbers; or contact the ACCW Office at 651-291-4545 or email: alliec@archspm.org.

As ACCW begins her 80th year, one priority is working toward the retention of existing CCW members and the recruiting of new members. The past 80 years ACCW has been supported by thousands of women who gave of their time and talents to make it the successful organization it is today. Through the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of our Blessed Mother, ACCW will continue through its affiliated organizations “to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service; and to respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.” (*An excerpt from the CCW Mission Statement*).



Communications

Natasha Cramer 612-219-3733

Submitting Articles for Media Release

Though you may or may not recall my articles last year under “Evangelization”, I’ve recently been reassigned as your ACCW Communications representative. I’ll do my very best to help you with all of your communications and publicity needs. You’ll find my contact info at the end, and please use any of those mediums to send me all of your articles, stories, event announcements and news releases you desire publicized. If you don’t want your article publicized, but just want to tell the board the cool things your organization has been doing, that’s great too! I will be submitting to multiple mediums including *The Catholic Spirit*, and the “Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women” Facebook page, as well as other regional and national papers and/or radio stations. The actual publishing/broadcasting of any submitted piece is, of course, entirely dependent on space availability and charity of the medium J.

If I may remind you of my predecessor’s article-writing

tips from last fall, please include all pertinent information: who, what, when, where, why and how; and phrase the main point of the article in the first sentence engagingly. A shorter paragraph is better than a long one, and this goes for the article too.

Finally, we need your help. If you see/hear mention of the CCW in publication or broadcast, we would like to start logging and scrapbooking records of all CCW involvements. This helps us to accurately gauge the presence and regard of the CCW in the Community. Please send or phone in the article, or the date and medium where it can be found. This would be supremely helpful.

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Membership

Mary Ann Hron 952-445-4570

Membership in CCW

Help Renew Parish CCWs

Support the Deanery CCWs and the ACCW

Belong to NCCW

These are my goals in my new post as membership. I want to help Shirley Willenbring, ACCW Organization Commission Chair and help Rose Anne Hallgren, the new ACCW President. We'll use the ACCW "On the Road" as our guide. We'll encourage individual \$5.00 ACCW memberships as much as we can for CCW, Daughters of Isabella and Knights of Columbus Ladies. I could use suggestions to get started. Thanks.



Parliamentarian Report

Pat Reymann 651-454-4702

AVOID MOTION SICKNESS

To make your business meetings go especially well this year, I have a few suggestions.

First and foremost, ask your parliamentarian to give a 5 - 10 - minute "tip" at every meeting. (If you are the parliamentarian, don't wait to be asked - just volunteer.) It's a quick and easy way to learn parliamentary procedure. Even if your parliamentarian is inexperienced, she can put together some basic information that can be very helpful during the year.

Begin perhaps with the Steps for Making and Processing Motions, which can be found in almost any edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* and in NCCW's *Guidance and Resource Manual*. Both of these books are excellent investments. (Note that the new 11th edition of Robert's is due out this fall.)

To have some fun as you learn, actually practice at a meeting - using a humorous motion to get everyone started. You might ask for volunteers to select an index card upon which you have placed directions, such as:

- Make a motion to sell doorknobs as a fundraiser;
- Second all motions;
- Speak in favor of the motion;
- Speak against the motion;
- Vote in favor;
- Vote against;
- Preside, etc.

At later meetings present the basic Rules of Debate and Methods of Voting. Try them out, as people learn best by doing, rather than by just hearing or seeing.

When the group gets comfortable with these basics, spend time other meetings introducing special motions such as Refer to a Committee, Amend and Previous Question. Practice again with another round of cards with those special motions assigned.

Soon everyone will feel more comfortable with and capable of contributing at business meetings. You'll have smooth sailing and can avoid "motion sickness"!



Facilities and Arrangements

Maureen Willenbring 651-484-3283

Scheduling speakers for meetings is one of the many duties of CCW organizations, whether it be ACCW, Deaneries, or parish CCW organizations. Educational speakers fulfill the educational aspect of our Mission Statement “to support, empower and educate Catholic women.”

It sounds easy. You have a recommended name, you place a call, you discuss date, availability, cost, topic and length of time, and confirm etc., and that’s it! Not really. Check over the list below and compare it to what you currently do. See if there are desirable courtesies you may wish to add to make a difference in your future speakers feeling more comfortable and welcome:

- Prepare the arrangements speakers have requested so all is ready prior to their arrival. That usually includes a sturdy podium, microphones, a table for other necessary items, glasses and water, or bottled water; sometimes it includes LCD projectors and screens for Power Point presentations.
- When speakers are confirmed, suggest they arrive early enough to check out the room where the presentation will take place. It can be embarrassing if you are supplying this equipment and it fails to work.
- A host should be assigned to meet and accompany speakers upon their arrival at the entry to the facility where the meeting will take place, and during the time they are there.
- If a speaker is scheduled within or at the end of your business meeting, have the host accompany the speaker to a seat, provide a agenda so she or he can keep track of what is happening. When time allows, introduce the speaker to those around them. A speaker should not be left alone, unless they request a quiet space to prepare.
- If an honorarium is to be paid, have it ready to present at the end of the presentation and before the speaker’s departure.
- Thank your speaker by letter, whether payment is required or not.
- Have the host person accompany the speaker to the exit again when leaving.

THE KEY: Make speakers feel very welcome from the time they arrive until they depart!

Historian

Madonna Russo 507-334-2781

The newly named President of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Rose Anne Hallgren, invited me to take the position of Historian. As part of the Organization Commission, my job as Historian will be to put together a scrapbook for Rose Anne’s two-year term. It will show the events of her time in office and include photographs, programs and news articles. I am responsible for arranging for photos to be taken at all major events. Another duty will be to compile a written condensed history of the year’s activities which will be available to insert in the folders at the Convention/Conference. Finally, I am the custodian of all past historical records and books for the ACCW. These are stored in the ACCW Office.

Legislation Commission

Denise Haaland, Chair 1-507-334-2781

Has your church ever taken a meal up to Sharing and Caring Hands? In July, our church served a meal for the people who come to be fed who are in need—not only physically fed, but Mary Jo Copeland gives a little sermon so they are fed with God’s word as well. A prayer of thanks is given and she wants these people to also thank those who have given to them.



Mary Jo learned the hard way that funding through the state and federal government was not there at the time of need for most people. This caused far too many restrictions on what she wanted to do for people on the streets. Her success has been years of helping people in her way and not the political way. Here is an example where government can not do it all. We do need to be vigilant for issues that come for us as Catholics to help so we can keep our moral values in our lives and laws. Keep on top of the issues and follow as news comes for legislative changes.

Please think as we have an abundance, that some of your extras can be donated to her work — food shelf items, household items, bedding, and child seats to name a few. She has turned many lives around and you can help her make the difference for one of God’s children.

CCW RECOGNITION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011 ACCW CLERGY RECOGNITION MONTH OF OCTOBER

Archbishop John C. Nienstedt has proclaimed that Sunday, October 9, 2011 is designated as ACCW Recognition Sunday.

The ACCW Board has proclaimed October 2011 as ACCW Clergy Recognition Month.

This is a time to focus on increasing membership at every ring of Council to unite Catholic Women in faith and fidelity as intended by the National Council of Catholic Bishops in 1920.

Following are some ideas the parishes could use for showing appreciation to our parish priests and administrative staffs during the month of October and for promoting ACCW Recognition Sunday in the parishes.

On a Parish level, appoint an ACCW Recognition Sunday Committee to:

- Meet with your parish priest to get his approval and select the Sunday.
- Prepare a special announcement for parish bulletins.
- Engage women of your council to serve as lectors, gift bearers, Eucharistic ministers, and ministers of hospitality at the ACCW Recognition Sunday mass that day.
- Prepare a special petition to be used at the Prayers of the Faithful.
- Sponsor a parish “coffee and donuts” or pancake breakfast, followed by the liturgy, to meet prospective members.
- Celebrate your appreciation for priests, nuns and brothers.
- Hold a luncheon for past presidents of your CCW
- Arrange to have the Archbishop’s Proclamation and the ACCW Board’s Proclamation on display in the church or at a parish event.

At the Parish event:

- Decorate tables attractively in blue and white.
- Give out Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer cards as a memento.
- Present pins or certificates of appreciation to outstanding volunteers.
- Present Marian awards to boys and girls.
- Acknowledge past officers.
- Have ACCW brochures available.
- Wear a small blue ribbon or dress in blue in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel.
- Arrange a display of ACCW past history or scrapbooks. Include a display of parish activities in which your Council has been active.

You may obtain an OLGK Prayer Care (#500) 1-49 copies @ \$0.25; 50 or more @ \$0.15 plus postage from the NCCW Office, 200 N Glebe Rd, Suite 725, Arlington, VA 22203. Orders can also be placed by phone to 1-800-506-9407.

Spirituality

Church Commission

Rita Parsons, Chair **507-364-5164**

This is a new year with new vice-chairman. We have also combined Liturgy, Scripture and Retreats with Liz Hocutt as the Vice Chair. Stella Lundquist is the Ecumenism/Evangelization Vice-Chair and new to ACCW is Cindy Prior who is the Vocations Vice-Chair. We have all revised the Job Description for the Church Commission Manual.

We celebrated Pentecost Sunday, receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. It was explained to me that receiving the gifts is like having a wrapped present in

front of you and in order to receive them you have to open it. We have to ask for the Holy Spirit gifts and use them. Just a thought!! Can we unwrap someone else's present for them?



Remember the NCCW since 2007 has declared the Thursday before Thanksgiving as a day of fasting and prayer for world hunger. This year the date is Thursday, November 17th. PLEASE publish this in your church bulletin.

Ecumenism/Evangelization **Stella Lundquist 651-552-9448**

A REPORT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION
ON ECUMENISM AND INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Some of the most interesting things discussed at the last meeting included the visit to the Beth El Synagogue by Bishop Lee Pichè. He spoke about interreligious affairs. The group attending included Jews, Catholics and Protestants. His speech was well received.

The Archdiocese is going to actively participate in Minnesotans Standing Together on September 11 which is an

interreligious expression of solidarity to combat the fear and division that can arise in conversations about Islam. Archbishop Neinstedt is planning to attend. This is organized by the Twin Cities Interfaith Network and the MN Council of Churches.

The organizers of the Christian Community Fair which is held in November are hoping that more Catholics will become involved in the planning and attendance of the Fair which is in November. It is held in the St. Paul Excel Energy Convention Center and about 10,000 Christians attend every year. It is free to the public and a \$5 voucher is available as a discount for parking. Both Natasha Cramer and Stella Lundquist will publicize to the Catholic community the vouchers for parking.

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches wants a Catholic representative. I wonder if the Minneapolis Deanery could supply someone who is interested in interfaith issues. If so, I can put her in contact with the Council. Just contact me by my number above.. In addition, a new organization called the Minneapolis Area Interfaith Network is looking for volunteers to help plan and put on programs for the public,

The St. Paul Interfaith Network is also seeking Catholic members to plan and put on a series of programs on the first four Mondays in October. When I find out more details, I will get the information out to you as soon as possible.



ACCW 2011 Convention Mass Celebrants.

Vocations

Cindy Prior 651-777-6642

Let me introduce myself. My name is Cindy Prior and I am the new board member for the ACCW representing vocations. A few months ago my friend Rose Anne Hallgren asked me if I would consider this position. After some thought and prayer I have agreed to take on this responsibility. Rose thought I would be good for this position as my oldest brother has been a Franciscan priest for the past 35 years. I have a strong bond with my Catholic faith and I have a strong dedication to promote Vocations in our Diocese.

A little bit about myself . . . I am 49 years old and my husband and I just celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary. My husband works for Parks and Recreation for the city of St. Paul. We have two children, Patrick, age 15, who will be a sophomore at Hill Murray High School in

the fall. Our daughter, Molly, age 12, will be in seventh grade at Transfiguration School. We have been members of Transfiguration for 13 years.

I was born and raised in Wisconsin and received my Bachelor's of Education degree in Elementary Education from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and taught school until our son was born. For the past 14 years I have worked part time as a substitute teacher. I am currently a substitute teacher in the St. Paul and the Oakdale/Maplewood/North St. Paul public schools. I also volunteer at Transfiguration School.

My husband, Paul, and I are actively involved in the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. Paul is currently Scout Master of our son's troop and I have been a Girl Scout leader for our daughter's troop for the last six years. Our son, Patrick, earned in Eagle Scout Award in May, 2010 and our daughter, Molly, has earned her Girl Scout Bronze Award.

Second Vice President

Debbie Keller 651-787-0266

"I Will Pray For You"

At our August Board meeting, ACCW President Rose Anne Hallgren instituted a wonderful new practice for our Board members. Near the front of the room, on a wooden pedestal, was placed a Prayer Intention Book. Before the meeting began, our moderator, Fr. David Kohner, blessed this special book for us.

It has become our practice to share our prayer requests with each other.

The words, "I will pray for you" are indeed consoling when we are in need of prayer. Recording them in a special place now, will give all of us the opportunity to pray for these intentions.

We can also look back and realize the many ways God answers prayer.



In August, I journeyed on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin, a site which recently received Church approval as a worthy apparition site. In preparation, I asked family and friends for their prayer intentions. They were recorded in a small notebook that I carried in my purse. While in the Shrine's Chapel, I prayed for the intentions entrusted to me. When I finished, I placed the slips of paper in the Prayer Intention box near the Altar and those precious words came to mind once again, "I will pray for you."

As I walked away, I had a sense that all of these intentions were now in the hands of Our Blessed Mother, and she will take them for us, to her Son.

Family Concerns Commission

Mary Alice Hargarten, Chair
952-473-9266

This article “Minnesota for Marriage” – the Marriage Protection Amendment was written by Cathy Deeds, the outreach coordinator for the Minnesota Catholic Conference. Cathy contacted Rose Anne Hallgren, the ACCW president, concerning the amendment and Rose Anne referred it to the Family Concerns Commission Chair since marriage falls under Family Concerns. This article addresses the background information on the amendment and the action that needs to be taken.

Marriage Protection Amendment

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) coordinates the Catholic Church’s lobbying and public policy activities at the State Legislature on behalf of the bishops of Minnesota. This spring, MCC lobbied successfully to have a constitutional amendment placed on the November 2012 ballot that declares: **“Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota.”** Our Bishops have vigorously promoted a state marriage amendment over the years because of many attempts to redefine traditional marriage, which is the basic building block of civil society. The Amendment prevents the vital institution of civil marriage from being redefined by either politicians or the courts.

As the Minnesota Bishops wrote in a Pastoral Statement on Marriage in September 2010:

“We, the Catholic Bishops of Minnesota, believe it is critical in our time to speak in support of marriage as a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman in an enduring bond of love. God’s word in divine revelation declares that marriage is a union ordered to both the mutual good of the spouses and to the procreation and raising of children. As a sacred institution, marriage is a constant reminder of God’s love for the human race, as well as a reflection of the permanent, faithful, and fruitful bond of love between Christ and the Church. (See Genesis 1:27, 2:22-24; Ephesians 5:31-32.)”

MCC is actively supporting “Minnesota for Marriage,” the principal ballot question campaign created to promote the amendment in a positive, pro-marriage way, and is helping to organize a grassroots network of volunteers around the state.

To become more educated and involved, please visit

MCC’s Marriage Amendment Resource Page website for helpful documents on Church teaching on marriage, frequently asked questions about marriage and same sex attraction, videos, and updates at <http://mncc.org/issues/marriage/>.

If you would like to be more involved on the issue as a vol-



unteer at the parish or regional level or have any questions, please contact Cathy Deeds, outreach coordinator, MCC at 651-256-7583 or cdeeds@mncc.org.

“In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. In today’s environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church’s moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good.” (From a summary of the U.S. bishops’ reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 2007.)



Respect Life

Jean Buchmann 651-633-1560

Thank you to the parishes that have taken the time to send in the Life Links Report for this past year. I urge you to try to keep a tally of the time you spend volunteering at Pro-Life Agencies or attending pro-life rallies or dinners and also the money raised and donated to these groups by your CCW. What a wonderful report we could compile for our Archdiocese!

I hope many of you attended “Our Lady’s Mourning of Prayer” on August 15 in St. Paul at the construction sight of the third largest abortion center in the USA.

Since Congress is in the news now and November, 2012 is coming up fast, I thought I would take a cue from Priests for Life and make some comments on voting. You’ve seen what happens when the enemies of life control the powers of government. Cardinal Raymond Burke has said “The faithful (Catholic) has a very serious obligation to vote for those candidates who will uphold the truth of the moral law which also serves the greatest good of everyone in society”. Catholics make up roughly 25% of the voting electorate in the US. We have a serious moral obligation to get to the voting booth and advance the protection of life. Yet in many elections vast numbers of Catholics vote for those committed to keeping abortion legal. As a result, we have witnessed an attack on the youngest members of our human family unlike anything this country has seen since 1973.

In 2010 we elected the “most pro-life House ever” and this past year many state legislatures have passed more pro-life legislation than at any time since 1973 and some have voted to cut off funding for Planned Parenthood. Everyone must take an active role in building the CULTURE OF LIFE!

The 2012 elections will have long-lasting ramifications for our nation. Consider how elections can shape the Supreme Court and our medical plans and our conscience laws. Elections are a numbers game. From now until November 6, 2012, rather than focus time and energy trying to convince abortion supporters to vote pro-life, focus on convincing those individuals, who we know share our pro-life convictions, to go to the polls and vote.

I would also urge you to stay tuned to Relevant Radio (1330 on your radio dial) – Catholic Radio in our area – for many programs featuring comments of the day to day issues we are all facing or scholars who discuss many issues like stem cell research in laymen’s language.

Media Resources

Muriel Failor 651-405-0459

Tune in and grow in Catholic ideas. Relevant Radio 1330 AM is delivering fresh and spiritual Catholic ideas to help from your conscience, nourish your intellect and stir your hearts for Christ in Catholic action. Listen online at www.relevantradio.com

Military Resources

Mary Ann Maggi 651-771-9976

A new year is beginning and my dedication to the Veteran and the organization is still my priority. A few Auxiliaries are vanishing as the workers are getting older. My Auxiliary ladies range from 75 to 88 and the younger ladies are busy with families, etc. We as mothers or grandmothers with the ability to do so need to get our younger daughters, etc. involved.

A new organization for the returning or deployed veteran – the Yellow Ribbon -- is becoming busy. Our area (Saint Paul) has a group in Woodbury and South St. Paul. The 27 Yellow Ribbon Communities around the state also include, in the Twin Cities, Farmington, Hastings, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Lakeville, Mahtomedi and Spring Lake Park. As I get more information on this I will pass it along.

Washington Politicians are busy with laws, but will they be for or against? I hope everything will be helpful. My group who has gone to the Veterans Home in Hastings once a month will be ending because of finances. A program that has run for 30-plus years will end in December. I’ll miss what I do for them and also the fellows!

I am looking forward to my season and hope to bring all I can on our Veteran’s Organization!



Service

Community Concerns

Lucy Johnson, Chair 651-224-7102

Recently, NCCW re-organized into 3 Commissions: Service, Leadership, and Spirituality. The ACCW has grouped our 6 Commissions under the three headings and consolidated some of the topics.

Community Concerns Commission is grouped with the International Concerns Commission under Service. We have reduced from seven vice-chairs to four. Our commission includes Vickie Dzieweczynski, vice-chair for Physical/Mental Health; Jo Petron, vice-chair of Our Lady of Peace Home; Barb Breen, vice-chair of Prison Ministry; Mary Androli, vice-chair of Environmental Concerns; and me as the Chair.

This summer, we spent some time rewording our Commission's purpose and the job descriptions for each vice-chair position. We are in the process of completing this task but have proposed the following: "The purpose of the Community Concerns Commission (CCC) is to

promote programs that respond with Gospel values to the needs of society using the Corporal Works of Mercy and the USCCB's Themes of Catholic Social Teaching as a guide."

The Corporal Works of Mercy include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty and shelter to the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the captive (prisoners) and the sick, and burying the dead. The Bishops' Themes focus on human dignity and care for God's Creation.



Three of us are new to the Commission this year. We are open to any suggestions and are willing to work with the Deaneries and Parishes as needed. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

Prison Ministry

Barb Breen 763-788-2482

Barbara Breen, Prison Ministry Vice Chair, is an associate of the Franciscan Sisters of Sylvania, OH. This article about her work appeared in the Sister's Social Justice and Peace Newsletter.

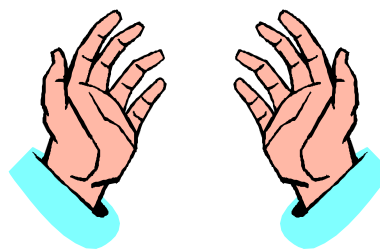
Barbara Breen, Associate, a member of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women in St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN was asked by the president of the council to be on the board for Prison Ministry after Archbishop Harry Flynn brought the need for such ministry to ACCW. That was nine years ago. Today, Barbara continues her service to the women incarcerated in the Volunteers of America Correctional Center and its Recovery area, a 90 day program for women involved in drugs, alcohol and prostitution.

"I feel inspired to use my gifts on their behalf and to give them a sense of their dignity-I call them Ladies," she says. She teaches Bible Study one day a week provides

for St. Nicholas Day and backpacks with personal items for Christmas. She also adds a touch of angel soap from our own "All Good Things" gift shop!

Barbara recommended that the women in recovery receive quilts and fancy pillows for good behavior, a project in which the deaneries from southern Minnesota also participate. A greater awareness of community concerns surfaced when she invited the Director of the Recovery Center to be a program speaker for the Minneapolis Deanery.

When you look into Barbara's eyes and hear her excitement as she talks about her ministry, you cannot help but catch her love and compassion for her 'ladies.'



Human Rights & Dignity for All

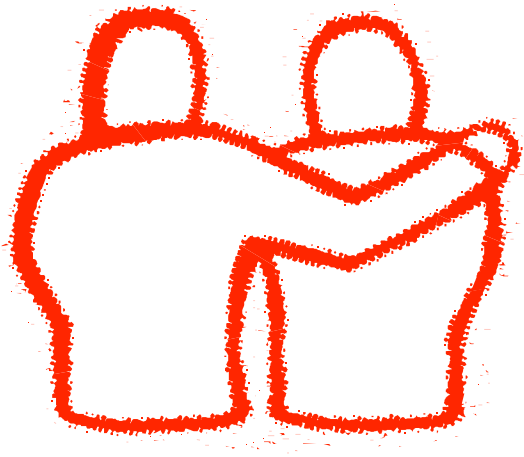
Vickie Dzieweczynski 651-644-7724

This area of concern is new this year. This new area was formed by the merger of three former areas of concern (Human Rights and Dignity, Aging, and Physically/Mentally Handicapped). There is a lot for me to learn about these topics and I will do my best to explore all the resources available to me and to bring the information to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like speakers for your Parish or Deanery Council of Catholic Women group. You can reach me at 651-644-7724.

In my desire to gain more knowledge about the concerns of mental illness I came across an article on depression. I was surprised to find that 23 per cent of the American population suffers from some form of depression in their lifetime. Sometimes we don't realize that we, or a loved one, suffer from depression because we don't recognize the symptoms. Here are some things to watch for:

- A depressed mood most of the day (feeling sad or empty, tearful)
- Significant loss of interest or pleasure in activities that used to be enjoyable
- Significant weight loss when not dieting (decrease of appetite)
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much
- Agitation or slowing of thought process
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Feeling of worthlessness or inappropriate guilt
- Poor concentration or difficulty in decision-making

If you or someone close to you have some or all of these symptoms, please see your health care professional. Be sure to openly share your feelings with him or her.



Kay O'Keefe, long-time Community Concerns chairperson on the ACCW board and the first NCCW Community Concerns Chair, has been forced by health to retire from active ACCW board participation. In a recent visit, President Rose Anne Hallgren and other board members conferred on Kay the title of "Community Concerns Chair Emeritus."



One of Kay's special projects for many years was promoting the Our Lady of Good Counsel Cancer Home.

Our Lady of Peace Home

Jo Petron 763-424-2203

On June 1, 2011, the name of Our Lady of Good Council Cancer Home was officially changed to Our Lady of Peace Home. The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne turned the operation of the Home over to the Franciscan Health Community in 2009. Part of the agreement with the Sisters was the required name change. "Our Lady" was kept in the name out of respect for the history of the Home. Because people often say they "feel a real sense of peace" upon entering the Home, the name came about.

The Home does not charge patients for the care and services they receive. Funding is provided by memorial gifts, annual donations, estate gifts and endowment funds. On May 19, several of us from the ACCW Board attended the Friends of Our Lady Fundraising Luncheon at the Prom Center in Oakdale. It was an elegant, inspirational event. Family members of former patients gave heartwarming testimonials.

Environmental Concerns

Mary Androli 507-362-4655

This is the time of year when safety issues in rural areas are on our minds for sure. Following storms we need to be especially alert to power lines that are on the ground or across property. These lines are live electricity and can cause death.

As the fall season of harvest begins farmers are moving large machinery around the yards and on the roadways. Again power lines need to be carefully watched because sometimes the machinery can pull one down on the operator or onto a roadway unnoticed. Harvest is always a time when farmers are in a hurry to accomplish all that needs to be done and the danger of not following all the safety precautions around moving parts of machinery can cause great harm. Grain bins will be filled with corn and soy beans and great caution should be taken when entering a storage bin.

Those of us who are driving in the rural areas need to use



The Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Mass at the home of Leon and Nancy Gergen in Hastings, MN June 26 was attended by President Rose Anne Hallgren.

special care to give the large machinery plenty of room on the roads as the visibility of the operator is very limited in some cases. It is a beautiful time of year to view the colors and scenery but lets all be aware of who else is on the road.

International Concerns

Agnes Dynes, Chair
651-644-9911

ACCW Mission Fund/Madonna Fund

The reason for the ACCW in front of our Fund name is National Council of Catholic Women owns this title.

We could not give any money to special organizations this year. The amount of the donations was short about \$4,000.00 from last year. We are thankful for the money received and hope to get more next year. Each year 75% is given to the ACCW Madonna Fund. We are giving the full amount. Ten percent was taken from each of the other donations. Then that was done there was \$7.46 left. That amount was added to the total of Water for Life. A copy of the report is in the Image.

The Madonna Plan was established in 1958 to empower women by improving the well-being of mothers and expectant mothers through projects in areas of health, education, and financial security. It helps provide poor women with micro-loans to expand their small businesses. The profits allow women to feed their families, and pay for school fees and medical care.

.Water for Life was established in 1978 to make safe, clean water available to women and their families. Today Water for Life Funds are used integrated water system projects. They combine construction of irrigation and /or sanitation systems with education about basic hygiene. Help a Child assists women and children in Latin America, India, Africa and Global with an emphasis on providing food and medicine, schools, and training for teachers, health care and immunization, youth centers for teens and help for disabled and vulnerable children.



We help children and women at the Venezuela Mission such as helping with day care centers. Priests from our archdioceses provide the people's spiritual needs.

Thank you for all your work to provide for our missions.

World Peace and Ethnic Understanding

Carol Rusinko 763-533-8809

World Peace/Ethnic Understanding, wow that is quite a mouthful. Where does one start? How about starting at home in the family. Mother, father, sisters, brothers all learning to live together giving and taking, sharing and caring. As the oldest of eleven, I have had a bit of experience in this area. Was my family perfect? Certainly not. I have vivid memories of taking revenge on my sisters and trying to get the boys to listen. It was terrific training for adulthood, based on the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Virtues, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, respect for our elders with the help of the beautiful St. Benedictine Nuns who taught in our Catholic school.

The National Council of Catholic Women is helping to nurture world peace through the family by partnering with **Cross International Catholic Outreach**. This organization "helps give poor rural girls in Vietnam an education and a safe, lasting way out of poverty. Helps provide safety and homes to the poorest of women and their children in Ethiopia. Helps save the lives of poor mothers and their babies in Kenya (Catholic Woman, Vol. 37, #3, May/June 2011). To learn more go to www.crosscatholic.org/nccw or [1-800-391-8545 ext.123](tel:1-800-391-8545). Get some brochures for your parish. Ask your CCW to send a donation and consider donating yourself..

World Responds to Famine in East Africa

The images of tiny children reduced to near-skeletons have been appearing in newspapers and magazines, underscoring the growing famine in Somalia and other East African countries.

The U.S. State Department has called the situation the worst humanitarian crisis in decades and estimates 29,000 Somali children age of 5 and under have died in just three months. The famine has hit women and children especially hard and some families have buried multiple children. Aid workers have been quoted as saying by Christmas, it will be too late to help.

A number of international aid organizations are attempting to respond to the crisis, including Catholic Relief Services (CRS.) A CRS-led coalition of humanitarian groups is now reaching one million people affected by the famine. For more information and to learn how you can help, visit www.crs.org.

Domestic Missions

Olive Hupf 1-507-263-2705

The Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women would like to invite all parishes in the Archdiocese to participate in the Appalachia Christmas Mission Program. This program has been going for over 30 years. The parishes that have participated prior years have sent a semi of Christmas gifts to three different parishes in Kentucky. For many years the Terminal Transport and Warehouse have graciously donated a semi and driver to take all these Christmas gifts to Kentucky. We are ever so grateful for their kindness. Mary Montgomery of Kentucky is the head organizer for these parishes. She writes the following: "The selection of items has improved every year as everyone responds to our suggestions . . . Please express our thanks to the churches and to all the volunteers.."

The semi will be at the Vernon and Olive Hupf farm from October 26 through November 7. **Please call before you bring boxes to make sure the semi is here.** Please bring help with you to unload into the semi; our family will help with stacking it to the top of the semi.

Our address is: Vernon and Olive Hupf, 4386 260th St. E., Randolph, MN 55065. Our phone number is 507-263-2705. Highway 52 south to Highway 56 exit at Hampton. Take 56 to 260th St and turn right, come one mile and our farm is on the corner of 260th and Donnally Ave, on the left hand side of 260th St. We have a rambler home, family farm sign in front, two barns and big blue shed .

Please see the insert in this Image for gift suggestions and complete directions to our farm from all corners of the Archdiocese.

We again thank you for your donations and keep all of these families in your prayers. We pray that your parish will be willing to donate to this wonderful Appalachia Christmas Mission. The priests from these parishes wrote last year to make sure to tell you we are all in their prayers and please pray for them for all the mission work that they do.



2010-2011 ACCW MISSION FUND/MADONNA PLAN PROGRAM

Through your generous giving last year to this program by doing fundraisers of your choice, the following monies were received. Style shows, luncheons, bake sales, penny collections, teas and raffles, were just a few of the fundraiser ideas. The varied and unique ideas that each parish create is phenomenal to say the least. We want to thank you for your marvelous support and efforts for this program.

INCOME FROM MISSION/MADONNA FUND	\$15,869.85
MADONNA CLINICS 75%	<u>\$11,902.39</u>
WATER FOR LIFE	\$1,357.46
HELP A CHILD	\$810.00
REFUGEE WOMEN FUND	\$900.00
VENEZUELA MISSION	\$900.00

There wasn't any money left to give to any other groups.

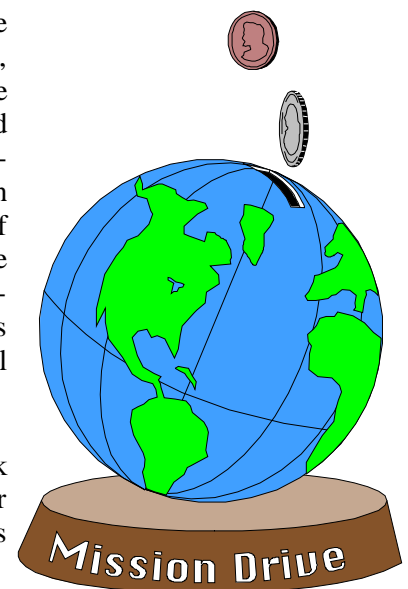
Works of Peace/Reconciliation **Millie Peddycoart 612-522-7864**

Once again we would like to thank you for the generous amount that all of you worked so hard in contributing to the Madonna Fund again this year. As you can see through, by our figure sheet the amount was down quite a bit this year.

Well, now it's time to start ANEW. As you set up your calendars for the upcoming year, be sure to put in a couple fund raiser events for the Madonna Fund. Maybe some of you can think of a new idea. Usually a bake sale after Mass or coffee and fresh-baked cinnamon rolls are always a good one to begin the year. With the Fall Festivals coming up, it would be a great way to set a table up for the Fund with flyers ex-

Let's get the year off to a good start and raise the Madonna fund amount for the coming year. If anyone needs information and what the Madonna Fund is, please contact me and I'll gladly send you some information on it. You can also read the brief descriptions of the programs in the column of Agnes Dynes, International Concerns Chair.

Once again, thank you ever so much for all your work on this special project.



Around the Deaneries

Minneapolis Deaneries

Joellyn Soller, President 763-767-0563

After much prayer I agreed to become the new President of the MCCW in April when Mary Gunderson resigned due to a fulltime job and family obligations. I was installed by Bishop Lee Pichè on May 5 at Risen Savior in Burnsville at the 79th Biennial ACCW Convention. I am grateful for our Past Presidents who are mentoring me in this new role.

The MCCW Fourth Quarterly deanery day was at St. Hedwig in Minneapolis on March 28. The Church Commission planned the day. Fr. Robert O'Donnell led the Lenten Retreat. Marge Steffens, parishioner of St. Albert the Great, was installed by Fr. Earl Simonson, our moderator, as our new Treasurer.

In April some of our board members attended the ACCW "On the Road" Leadership training day at St. Odelia's in Shoreview, where we got great tips on how to recruit members, plan fund deanery meetings and grow in our Catholic Faith. We thank the ACCW ladies for planning these very important meetings.

Our fall board meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 6 at Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the hearth room. The international Commission will provide the coffee and donuts.

Our MCCW deanery day will be Monday, Sept. 26 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Columbia Heights. Fr. David Kohner, ACCW moderator, and Rose Anne Hallgren, our ACCW President, will be there to discuss the NCCW Convention in Chicago in November. The International Concerns Commission is planning the day and the topic will be the World Youth Day in Madrid in 2011 and the history of past World Youth Days instituted by Pope John Paul II.

New deanery presidents and ACCW officers were re-affirmed or installed at the ACCW Convention at Risen Savior Church in May. From left are Cathy Evans, Joellyn Soller, Betty Berge and Dianne Krueger.

Northwest Deanery

Mary Helen Swartzner 763-682-3832

Judy Beaudry 763-497-4344, Co-Presidents

The Northwest Deanery CCW met on Thursday evening, June 15, 2011. Our event was hosted by St. Albert's CCW of Albertville, MN. We began our evening with a Communion Prayer service led by Deacon John Wallin. Following was a salad supper in the Parish Center. Our evening speaker was Kalley Yanta who spoke on "Building the Culture of Life-The Time is now". Her talk was informative and inspiring. About 75 women attended from the Deanery. She spoke to us about the Prayer walks being done at the PP building under construction on Vandavia. More information will follow on this topic.

The Northwest Deanery has set Monday, October 10, 2011 as the Fall Gathering Meeting, which will be hosted by St. Ignatius in Annandale, MN.



West Deanery

Carol Shukle, President 952-472-6928

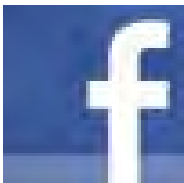
West Deanery members concluded last year with the spring annual meeting May 19 at St. Mark's in Shakopee. The business meeting included election of officers. Diane Vogel was re-elected as Historian and Mary Beckrich as treasurer. The officers were installed during Mass. The morning speaker was Sharon Wilson from the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Laity. She spoke on Project Rachel, a program for women and couples facing the aftermath of abortion. Rose Anne Hallgren, at that time newly-installed ACCW president, spoke after lunch.

Parish presidents and deanery board members met July 30 at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound for the annual President's luncheon, budget session and planning meeting for the fall meeting.

The West Deanery Fall meeting is set for Friday, Sept. 23 at St. George in Long Lake. Quite a few of the parishes in the deanery have active quilting groups so everyone is sure to enjoy the main program. Ann Zemke, author and quilter, will speak about the book she has written about her grandmother's experiences as part of the "Orphan Train" here in Minnesota, as well as the show the quilt she has made about her grandmother's life.



More ACCW Convention Scenes.



Southwest Deanery

Betty Berge, President 1-507-332-8796

I am new as a deanery officer starting my presidency in April of this year, although I have served in many officer capacities within our local parish CCW of Divine Mercy in Faribault. Everyone has been very supportive which I very much appreciate.

Our President's Supper was hosted by St. John's parish in Union Hill in New Prague on July 21st. Parish Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and Board members were invited to attend. The evening began with Holy Mass at 6 p.m. with Fr. Michael Ince presiding, during which Father blessed each officer present and thanked us for the wonderful work we do. Supper was served followed by an informative meeting. Folders were given to all present for their parish containing flyers for up-coming events, a new calendar of events, up-dated by-laws, and new Deanery/Parish directories. Due to the hot humid days we have been having, we stopped a moment to sing a few verses of "White Christmas" to cool our minds, and also to remind us how soon December will be here and all the events and activities we need to plan for in between. The event ended with prayer and drawings for door prizes.

The next event on our calendar was a Board meeting at 5 p.m. on August 18th at Divine Mercy in Faribault, followed by "On the Road" training by ACCW at 6 p.m.

A light supper will precede the training at 5:45 pm. We have extended an invitation to parishes of the Southeast deanery to attend also.

Our Fall Institute will be held on October 6th, hosted by Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale, beginning with 6 p.m. Mass followed by supper, business meeting, and a program. (Yet to be determined)

Our Mission event will be hosted by St. Wenceslas in New Prague on October 20th, starting promptly at 6 p.m. This is one of my favorite events, even though I seldom win anything. I still love going and very much enjoy the great speakers we have had in the past. Admission this year is the donation of religious items such as rosaries, statues, metals, pictures,.....no printed literature please.

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Three Presidents: At the ACCW Convention this past May, NCCW President Patty Johnson, left, the luncheon speaker, posed with outgoing ACCW president Theresa Cermak, center, and new ACCW president Rose Anne Hallgren.