

# BULLETIN BOARD

## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST

Immunization Awareness Month

- 15 Early Bird Registration deadline, NCCW Washington, DC Convention**
- 15 Feast of the Assumption
- 27 Convention Program member ads and payment deadline**

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 Labor Day
- 8 Rosh Hashanah
- 17 Yom Kippur
- 18 NCCW Leadership Training Development program, Cape Coral, FL**
- 19 National Catechetical Sunday
- 22-10/31 40 Days for Life campaign

### OCTOBER

**Celebrate National Council of Catholic Women Sunday**

Respect Life Month

- 2 NCCW Leadership Training Development program, Bloomfield, CT**
- 6 NCCW Leadership Training Development program, Lafayette, IN**
- 9 NCCW Leadership Training Development program, Adams, MN**
- 15 Final Discount Registration deadline, NCCW Washington, DC Convention**
- 24 United Nations Day

## Dear Readers:

Please plan to join us for the National Council of Catholic Women Convention in Washington, D.C, November 10-13, 2010. Inspiring speakers are confirmed and special activities are planned for **Celebrating 90 Years: Rejoice and Renew**.

At our educational sessions, you'll learn about the touchstone issues of our Human Dignity Campaign, including John Paul II's call to holiness, Theology of the Body, the scourge of human trafficking, climate change, and ways to protect families from the prolific attacks of pornography.

Get new perspectives on your search for holiness and personal journey to prayerfulness from leaders of our Church. Learn from experts in the field about the needs of immigrants, women and those with disabilities, the protection of God's environment, and our call to a Christ-like response to these issues in our communities. Share in a special NCCW liturgy at the resplendent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. And, you won't want to miss the 90th Anniversary Gala— a celebration of our rich history and bright future!

Our prayer is that each diocesan and parish organization will send two members to join in the fellowship and gain inspiration at the Convention. Since our Convention is in November this year, there is still plenty of time to host a fundraiser so that many of your council representatives can join us in Washington, D.C! If you haven't already done so, go to the NCCW website and register today.

It's a banner year for Council. Join us to rejoice and renew in it! You'll leave inspired and equipped with new tools and ideas for your programs at home. We look forward to seeing you there!

Karen Painter, Service Commission Chair  
Joanne Pohland, Spirituality Commission Chair  
Judy Powers, Leadership Commission Chair

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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## Church & Legislative Concerns

**foryourvocation.org** This new website is an initiative of the bishops of the United States and is meant to be a resource for men and women in discernment, as an aid for promoting a vocation culture within the home, and a range of tools for educators, youth leaders, and vocation directors. Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are tremendous and essential gifts to the Church, and it is the bishops' desire that their two goals for this initiative are achieved:

to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life,

to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations.

### National Housing Trust Fund



NCCW President Patty Johnson has submitted a letter of support by NCCW for this effort to appropriate \$1 billion for the housing trust fund. You can find out more about this at <http://www.nhtf.org> While the vote by the U. S.

Senate was expected in mid-June, this important issue can be followed at this website.

**The National Theology of the Body Congress** was the most expansive gathering of experts in the history of this teaching. Recently held in the Philadelphia area and hosted by The Theology of the Body Institute ([www.tobinstitute.org](http://www.tobinstitute.org)), the worlds' leading experts and members of the Church hierarchy gathered to teach and network with educators and activists to apply this teaching to many facets of the Catholic faith and everyday life. The theme of the gathering was "Receiving and Proclaiming the Gift." The call to be a "gift," as one of the central teachings of the Second Vatican Council, became one of the hall-

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

#### August 2010

The Unemployed and the Homeless

General: That those who are without work or homes or who are otherwise in serious need may find understanding and welcome, as well as concrete help in overcoming their difficulties.

Victims of Discrimination, Hunger, and Forced Emigration

Missionary: That the Church may be a home for all people, ready to open its doors to any who are suffering from racial or religious discrimination, hunger, or wars forcing them to emigrate to other countries.

#### September 2010

The Word of God as Sign of Social Development

General: That in less developed parts of the world the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people's hearts, encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress.

The End of War

Missionary: That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the numerous wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.

marks of Pope John Paul II's pontificate. Several speakers at this event will also be presenting at the NCCW Annual Convention in Washington, DC, in November.

**Legislative Updates** Watch for the NCCW Legislative Update coming later this summer. Also go to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website, <http://www.usccb.org>, for more information on legislative issues.

**Immigration Reform** Justice for Immigrants Campaign has developed a series of resources that discuss a wide range of topics related to immigration. These educational tools include information on how to reach out to the media, tips for pastors who are developing homilies on immigration related issues, and a fact sheet debunking commonly held myths about immigration. We encourage you to use these resources to educate yourselves, to educate others, and prepare your community on the upcoming debate on comprehensive immigration reform. Find more information at <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org>.

### Mother Teresa Stamp

In September, the U.S. Post Office will release a stamp honoring Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, known as Mother Teresa. CatholicVote.org has confirmed the news, noting that the campaign they organized in



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February to support the stamp collected a total of 138,000 virtual signatures. A statement from the president of CatholicVote.org, Brian Burch, noted that Roy Betts, a spokesman for the Postal Service, confirmed that "the stamp will be dedicated September 5 [at] the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC."

### Book Shelf

*The Human Person According to John Paul II* by J. Brian Bransfield explores John Paul's response to the 20th century social revolutions and how the Theology of the Body leads us to live the fullness of the Christian life. Published by Pauline Books & Media. \$19.95.

## Plan to Make a Connection!

As you make plans this summer consider how your organization is connected to NCCW. This *Bulletin Board* offers ideas for making the connection with a wider circle of Council sisters.

## NCCW Day of Prayer and Fasting to End World Hunger

This day is observed annually on the Thursday before Thanksgiving. This year that day falls on November 18. Here are some suggestions to use this day to engage your Council and your parish community to pray specifically for those who are hungry and to fast from food or another specific item or habit. Speak to your Pastor about putting a special prayer in the bulletin and about collecting food for a local food pantry after the Masses the weekend before November 18; create a flyer to raise awareness about the problem of hunger and suggestions for how individuals can work to make hunger and poverty a thing of the past (especially CCW Programs), and/or hold a special prayer service on November 18.

## Campaign for Human Dignity

The new *Building a Campaign for Human Dignity Resource Manual* is now available to members. Download the manual from the [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) for use in planning programs for the upcoming year. The packet offers many ways your organization can participate in the Campaign for Human Dignity. Take the opportunity to raise awareness within your parish and local community that your CCW is a leader in proclaiming "that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society." [www.usccb.org/sdwp/projects/socialteaching/excerpt.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/projects/socialteaching/excerpt.shtml).

## Connect Your Members to the NCCW

NCCW is utilizing technology to communicate with the membership. This technology is "greener" and allows faster distribution of information. Members no

## Leadership Training Development

Plan now to attend one of the scheduled training programs. For information and registration details, email the Leadership Training Development team: [LTDTeamChair@q.com](mailto:LTDTeamChair@q.com).

Saturday, September 18, 2010. Cape Coral, FL. Host: St. Katharine Drexel Parish CCW.

Saturday, October 2, 2010. St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT. Host: Hartford DCCW.

Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Lafayette, IN.

Saturday, October 9, 2010. Adams, MN, Parish CCW (near Iowa border). Host: Winona, MN DCCW.

Wednesday, November 10, 2010. Washington, DC. Pre-convention workshop. Register online: <https://www.letsmeetregistration.net/NCCW/2010.php>.

Saturday, April 30, 2011. Location to be announced. Host: Pittsburgh DCCW.

longer need to wait for mail delivery of information that could be obsolete by the time they receive it. There is, however, a segment of the membership that does not have regular access to the Internet. Suggestion: Appoint an e-secretary to print out current issues of *Bulletin Board* and bring them to your next meeting for members who do not use the Internet. The e-secretary can also send out notices when new information is posted to the NCCW website to encourage members to visit the website on a frequent basis.

## Seeking the Best Ideas for Attracting Members!

Send your best membership recruitment ideas to Judy Powers—[jepowers@bellsouth.net](mailto:jepowers@bellsouth.net) The members of the

Leadership Commission will choose the best ten ideas and the organizations will be recognized at the NCCW Convention in November. What better way to connect with NCCW and your Council sisters across than nation than through the sharing of ideas. Come on and share your ideas and be recognized for your creativity!



## Council Recognition Month

has traditionally happened in October. The May/June 2010 *Catholic Woman* provides information on how to hold a Council Recognition Day which may be held on any weekend in October. This year presents a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Council Recognition Day with a focus on the 90th Birthday of NCCW. NCCW offers many items which will raise your visibility and show your connection to NCCW. Your kit could include the new NCCW scarves, the new NCCW Membership brochure, and Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer cards. Add your affiliation's and/or diocesan council's brochure, membership forms, a calendar of events, and an invitation to your next Council event. Many councils hold a membership tea or pot-luck dinner soon after Council Recognition Day. Give out the invitations to every woman after Mass. They may not have time to stop after Mass to chat with you, but with an invitation in hand, they have another opportunity to come and learn about CCW. Create displays celebrating 90 years and serve cupcakes. Have members ready to answer questions and to share their experiences with potential members. Make this day a fun and inviting experience!

## Family, Community & International Concerns

### iCare about Protecting

**Children** What every parent needs to know about Facebook changes.



With changes made to Facebook, many believe the social networking site will become less private.

Buttons with the word “like” and a thumbs-up icon are beginning to show up on Internet sites. When clicked, users indicate they find the content interesting, relevant, or helpful, basically endorsing the site. Depending on the user privacy settings, this content then may become part of the Facebook profile and visible to friends or everyone. The end result is the Facebook user and their friends profile pictures will begin to show up all over the web.

#### ACTION STEPS

Visit the Facebook site tour of “Social Plugins and Instant Personalization” for more detailed information. This new application is already activated on Facebook user profiles. To turn it off:  
Go to Account in the upper right hand corner after logging in.  
Select Privacy Settings.  
Select Applications and Websites.  
Select Instant Personalization.  
Un-tick the box at the bottom.  
Under the Applications and Websites listing, also consider editing under What Your Friends Can Share About You.  
Share and discuss this with your teens, family and friends.  
For more information contact:  
[www.nationalcoalition.org](http://www.nationalcoalition.org)

### Cyber-Bullying: Protecting Young People from Technology Dangers

The Online Urban Dictionary defines a bully as a young hoodlum who revels in making peoples lives miserable during school years. Cyber-bullying is defined as using the Internet, cell phones, or other electronic devices to send or post text messages or visual images intended to hurt or embarrass another

person. Cyber-bullying can take many forms, such as:  
Cruel instant messaging  
Threatening emails  
Mean, repeated cell phone text messages  
Pretending to be someone else by using someone’s online screen name.

The victims of cyber-bullying often suffer anxiety, loneliness, depression, and a lack of self-esteem. Some teens have even committed suicide as the result of cyber-bullying. Contrary to popular belief, the school age victims of cyber-bullying are not always the unpopular loners, but just regular kids. The biggest problem today is the constant connection between victims and cyber-bullies by virtue of cell phones and computers.

Talk with your children and encourage them to be cautious opening any emails unless they are familiar with the sender. If your child receives an email or text message that is hurtful or from a cyber-bully, tell them NEVER to respond to it. Instead the victim should save the email, text, or message and then tell a parent or a trusted adult. Internet service providers can often block cyber-bullies. Finally, if a child has been threatened with harm, the police should be notified immediately. (National Catholic Retention Group, Inc. [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org))

**House of Mothers helps pregnant women** survive in rural Guinea-Bissau which is considered one of the worst places in the world to be a mother. The small West African country has soaring infant and maternal mortality rates and consistently ranks at the bottom of economic, development, and health surveys. These bleak figures could change thanks to a place called the House of Mothers—a haven for pregnant women that provides life-saving pre-natal care. One in 13 women in Guinea-Bissau dies from complications during pregnancy and

childbirth. Only a third of babies are born in hospitals. And one of every five babies born will die within a few weeks of birth. The House of Mothers cares for pregnant women with the most severe complications. The women can stay anywhere from one month to the time they give birth, depending on the severity of their case. This is just one more example of your charitable dollars work through CRS. Please continue to support Catholic Relief Services. For information on this and other programs contact: [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).



**1 John 2:17** The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

**Stewardship** “Stewardship is not simply making donations or taking care of the building and grounds. It is a spirituality—hence a way of life—made of four parts: receiving the gifts of God with gratitude, cultivating them responsibly, sharing them lovingly in justice with others, and standing before the Lord in a spirit of accountability.” U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, [www.usccb.org/stewardship](http://www.usccb.org/stewardship).

**Family Life Center International** provides articles and resources on parenting and offers information for Catholic married couples, as well as Catholic singles, working to build or strengthen their Catholic family, [www.familylifecenter.net](http://www.familylifecenter.net)

**Catholic News on Twitter**  
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American Papist (@americanpapist)  
OSV Daily Take (@johnnortonosv)  
USCCB media office (@usccbmedia)  
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