

BULLETIN BOARD

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

National Family Caregivers Month
Adoption Awareness Month (National)
Child Safety and Protection Month

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
Election Day
- 10-13 NCCW 2010 Annual Convention,
Washington, DC**
- 18 NCCW Day of Fasting & Prayer to End
Hunger**
(Thursday before Thanksgiving, annually)
- 22 Feast of St. Cecilia
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence
Against Women
- 28 First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of
the Americas
- 25 Christmas

JANUARY 2011

- National Eye Care Month
National Volunteer Blood Donor Month
- 1 New Year's Day
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
World Day of Peace
Affiliation Membership Dues deadline
 - 3 Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
 - 3-9 National Migration Week
 - 9-15 National Vocations Awareness Week
 - 18-25 Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 - 21 National Prayer Vigil for Life, Washington, DC
 - 22 Day of Penance and Prayer
March for Life, Washington, DC
 - 22-23 NCCW Board of Directors meeting,
Washington, DC**
 - 31-2/6 Catholic Schools Week

Dear Readers:

This is a big year of NCCW: We're observing our 90th anniversary of service to church and society, and we're returning to the city of our birth—Washington, DC—culminating in the celebration at our Annual Convention.

It's not too late to register for the National Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention in Washington, D.C, November 10-13, 2010. You won't want to miss Friday's luncheon speaker Ambassador Thomas P. Melady who served as U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, 1989-1993. The appointment was his third as a U.S. ambassador. You can find more information about the convention, and register securely online, at www.nccw.org.

Although October is the traditional time to celebrate National Council of Catholic Women month, you will find lots of ideas for your celebration—whenever you schedule it—in Joanne's article in the May-June 2010 issue of *Catholic Woman* magazine. Share your celebration with your sisters in council by emailing a description and photos to the NCCW office: aschellman@nccw.org.

In July, NCCW launched *NCCW Connect*, a new monthly e-newsletter replacing *FYI*, for all affiliate presidents and individual members. It is available only by e-mail. If you have provided your email address in your contact information, you should have received four issues—July, August, September, and October. If you haven't received at least one issue, be sure to update your email address by sending your complete contact information to Donna Principe: membership@nccw.org.

We hope to see you in Washington for the Annual Convention. May you have a blessed fall.

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

Recognitio marks the beginning of preparation for the implementation of the Roman Missal. The Roman Missal, Third Edition, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass, has been approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Pope John Paul II announced a revised version of the *Missale Romanum* during the Jubilee Year 2000. Among other things, the revised edition of the *Missale Romanum* contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass. The English translation of the Roman Missal will also include updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.



The website <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/> has been prepared to help you prepare for the transition.

Here you will find helpful resources for the faithful, for the clergy, and for parish and diocesan leaders, so that all of us will be ready to implement the new text in Advent 2011. The receipt of the *recognitio* marks the beginning of the proximate preparation for the implementation of the Roman Missal. During the time leading up to actual first Sunday of use of the new text, pastors are encouraged to make use of the wide variety of resources available to prepare parishioners for the reception of the new text.

It is hoped that this process of the implementation of the revised Roman Missal will be a time of deepening, nurturing, and celebrating our faith through our worship and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

NOVEMBER 2010

Drug Addicts and Victims of Every Form of Dependence

General: That victims of drugs or of other dependence may, thanks to the support of the Christian community, find in the power of our Saving God strength for a radical life-change.

The Continent-wide Mission in Latin America

Missionary: That the Churches of Latin America may move ahead with the continent-wide mission proposed by their bishops, making it part of the universal missionary task of the People of God.

DECEMBER 2010

The Experience of Personal Suffering as a Help to Others who Suffer

General: That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help.

Opening Our Doors to Christ Missionary: That the peoples of the earth may open their doors to Christ and to His Gospel of peace, brotherhood and justice.

Legislative Updates



For the latest information on legislative issues, see the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website: <http://www.usccb.org>.

Here you can download the bishops' statement *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* in PDF. You can order copies of the statement and other Faithful Citizenship materials from USCCB Publishing. You can also find information regarding the Do's And Don'ts: Political Responsibility Guidelines to Keep in Mind during Election Season. In addition you can find the following: Prayers Before and After an Election; Novena for Faithful Citizenship; and Media Resources/Articles/Podcasts

Praying with Saint Matthew's Gospel is an excellent way to introduce friends, family members, parishioners, and those who are new to the faith to "the heart of all Scriptures" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*,

125). This is a book to read at home and to study together with others, to pass along to those interested in the faith, and to share with those seeking to meet Christ in God's Word. The price of *Praying with Saint Matthew's Gospel* has intentionally been kept low so that it will be affordable to as many as possible. Generous discounts will be available for bulk orders. *MAGNIFICAT*, paperback, 384 pages. \$9.95. www.magnificat.net.

If you liked Sr. Joan Mueller's article about the spirituality of service in the January-February 2010 issue of *Catholic Woman* magazine, you may



want to read her new book, *Praying Advent: Three Minute Reflections on Peace, Faithfulness, Joy and Light*, published by New City Press, toll-free: 1-800-462-5980.

Leading the Way in Legislation

Many organizations visit their legislators in conjunction with their State Catholic Conference. To find out if your state has one, visit this website: <http://www.nasccd.org>. It is important to make the legislative trip as effective as possible. Careful planning is important to assure success. First and foremost, the State Catholic Conference will provide guidelines and talking points to use when visiting legislators. Be polite and present the Catholic view in a respectful manner. Break up the attendees into small groups and try to match up the participants with their particular legislator. This will encourage them to develop an ongoing relationship with their legislator and to continue the dialogue whether the legislature is in session or not. Appoint "captains" for each group. The captain should be experienced in attending a legislative day and be there to help everyone to have a good experience. Upon returning home, send a thank you note to the legislator. Thank him or her for taking the time to meet with you and for listening to the Catholic point of view. Legislative trips can be a fulfilling experience if planned well.

Applause Please for a Great Idea from Cumberland Mountain Deanery!

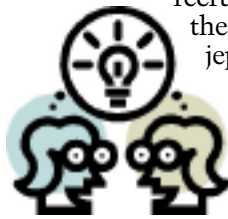
"My name is Kathy Morin and I am president of the Cumberland Mountain Deanery of the Diocese of Knoxville CCW. Our deanery was responsible for putting on the 2010 Knoxville Diocesan CCW

Convention. As one of the benefits for doing this, we receive any excess monies generated by the convention.

Following notification that there were indeed excess monies, I met with my Executive Committee to discuss what to do and the first and best idea was to give a NCCW Individual Membership to each affiliate (14). What is really exciting is that we have two tiny parishes that

are affiliated but have no functioning CCW - but now they each have an Individual Member who is getting the magazine and reading about all the wonderful ideas that are generated and can be accomplished by the large and the small. Now I have a point of contact in each of those parishes."

Seeking the Best Ideas for Attracting Members! We are seeking the ten best membership recruitment ideas. Send them to Judy Powers—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!

Reports—Nothing But the Facts, Not Necessarily

Report writing can be a daunting task for many members, but the importance cannot be underestimated. The report provides information on a committee's work or the results of a program. Per Jane Carter, a LTD Trainer, "Reports record process and procedure; provide general information or detailed accounts; generate interest and increase attendance; and CREATE your Council History!" There are different types of reports. Jane Carter provided an overview of the different types of reports at a presentation to the Palm Beach DCCW.

A **Report to the Board** on which you serve is always a written, detailed account. This not only contains the facts, ie., timeline, names, numbers and notes. It should also contain "lessons learned": What was the "Best way to do it" and "Best done differently next time." This evaluation is key to creating a more successful event in the future. No matter how successful an event is, it

should always be evaluated to discern how to improve it.



A second type of report is a **Report to the Membership**. This report contains general information—what everyone wants (needs) to know. It should be more personal and visually pleasing.

The third type of report is an oral **Presentation to the Membership**. This is primarily motivational and creates a BUZZ (remember they will take a copy of your written report with them, it's the "secret" handout). When presenting this report:

- ✓ Smile!
- ✓ Keep it short and upbeat!
- ✓ Connect the information or event to local experience/program.
- ✓ End with the point you most want to emphasize.

Reports are a large part of a meeting. Make sure the reports to the membership are generating enthusiasm!

Parliamentary Pointer— How to Make a Motion. When making a motion, a member should rise and be recognized by the chair. She should then state the motion as "I move that or to..." She does not rise and say, "I would like to make a motion that or to". This is just an intent to make a



motion and is not an actual motion. Another member, without rising, seconds the motion: "I second the motion" or "I second it" or even, "Second." The chair states the question on the motion: "It is moved and seconded that (or "to"). The motion is now on the floor and is open to debate. A motion that comes out of a committee does not require a second. For instance, the Membership Committee Chairman may state, "On behalf of the Membership Committee, I move that or to..." This motion will not require a second, but is still subject to debate.



Family, Community & International Concerns

USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development

Help Catholics in your diocese reflect on how our sacramental practice as Catholics prepares us for mission in the world.



The Eucharist and Social Missions: Body of Christ, Broken for the World

The Eucharist, celebrated as a community teaches us about human dignity; calls us to right relationships with God, ourselves and others; invites us to community and solidarity; and sends us on mission to help transform our communities, neighborhoods and world. View the handout and learn more. (<http://www.usccb.org/campus/documents/2010-campus-eucharist.pdf>)

The Eucharistic Liturgy: Formed, Transformed, and Sent This handout describes our Eucharistic communion with God and with one another in the Eucharistic liturgy, which culminates in our sending forth to help bring the Kingdom of God to earth. (<http://www.usccb.org/campus/documents/2010-campus-liturgy.pdf>)

Catholics Mobilizing to End the Use of the Death Penalty proclaims the Church's unconditional pro-life teaching and its application to capital punishment and restorative justice. The CMN website offers a large number of useful resources to assist your efforts locally. (<http://www.catholicismobilizing.org/>)

iCare about Protecting Children

"Sextortion" Newest Trap for Teens on the Internet

The unfortunate practice of "sexting" has spurred a new and more potentially damaging hazard into teen lives: Sextortion. Sextortion describes blackmailing someone into performing sexual acts, ranging from posing for webcams to physical intercourse,

By the Numbers: The State of Hunger and Poverty in Our World in 2010

Today our world is home to **6.8 billion** people.

An estimated **1.02 billion** people across the world are hungry.

300 million children around the world suffer from hunger.

2.5 billion people still lack access to improved sanitation facilities.

Almost **one-fifth** of the world's population lives in areas where water is physically scarce.

101 million children are not attending primary school, and more than **50%** of these children are girls.

33.5 million people live with HIV and AIDS worldwide. Of this figure, 2.1 million are children.

The U.N. estimates that approximately **2.5 million** people are trafficked each year.

The 2009 World Refugee Survey estimates that there are close to **14 million** refugees and asylees in the world today.

Source: Catholic Relief Services Food Fast Materials 2010—www.crs.org



and usually happens in the following way: a teen will upload revealing photos or videos of him or herself via text, social network, or some other means common to "sexting." Then someone will find the photo or video, contact the teen, and blackmail them into some sort of sexual act, usually recorded via webcam or documented in other digital means. These cases can go both ways, as we've read of teens who immediately turned the tables on their blackmailers and involved the police immediately. This is the best means that teens have to fight back: do not participate, and immediately turn the evidence over to their parents and the police. Unfortunately, there have been several documented cases where teens have succumbed to the blackmailers' demands, and in doing so, have given the blackmailer even more control by providing him/her with more blackmail material.

The main reason that kids succumb to the blackmailers' demands is that they feel they are trapped and can't go to their parents or the authorities. We have a few recommendations for how parents should deal with this:

BLOCK. Parents should strongly consider blocking chatrooms (for this and many other good reasons) for children of all ages and monitoring both sides of IM conversations, as both are vehicles for both the initial sexting and blackmailing.

COMMUNICATE. All parents should talk to their kids about this problem specifically and make sure that they know to tell if something makes them uncomfortable. This part really cannot be stressed enough.

TEACH. Parents should also remind teens that anything they text, post, or distribute electronically will be around **forever** and never to put anything out there that they wouldn't want on the front page of their school or local newspaper. For more information and/or to join the iCare initiative contact: <http://www.nationalcoalition.org>