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BULLETIN BOARD

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IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Home Safety Month

- 7-9 Assembly of the Catholic Health Association
12-13 NCCW Board of Directors meeting, Washington, DC
20 World Refugee Day
21 Father's Day
25-28 National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers Conference, St. Paul

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
6 Early Bird registration deadline, NCCW Jacksonville Convention
19-24 Social Action Summer Institute, Newark, NJ

AUGUST

Immunization Awareness Month

- 15 Feast of the Assumption
17 Registration deadline, NCCW Jacksonville Convention
19 Banquet reservation deadline, NCCW Jacksonville Convention
21 Tour reservation deadline, NCCW Jacksonville Convention
22 Ramadan begins
24 Convention Rate room reservation deadline, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Labor Day
20 National Catechetical Sunday
19 Rosh Hashanah
23-27 NCCW National Convention, Jacksonville, FL
28 Yom Kippur

Dear NCCW Sisters,

This **Bulletin Board** comes as the warmth of summer beckons. As our families celebrate First Communion, graduations, and weddings, this is a good time to reflect on what family means to us. Family is the place where we always belong and the people who take us in and give us the protection and loving embrace that we all need from time to time.

NCCW members are family, too. Just as our natural families have to change and adapt to a changing world, so does NCCW. Our organization faces some serious decisions about how it will adapt to serve a changing Church and meet the demands of the modern world. More than ever, we need to hold NCCW and its leaders in prayer.

Legislation Commission Chair Rose Hammes has had to resign because of the increased demands of her job as Communications Director for the Diocese of Winona, Minnesota. We give Rose our deepest thanks for her service. We will miss her and are grateful she remains part of our NCCW family.

With prayerful affection,

The NCCW Commission Chairs
Denise Pencola, Church
M. Jane Mueller, Community Concerns
Pat Voorhes, Family Concerns
Janie Southerland, International Concerns
Evelyn Lompa, Organization

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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NCCW Council Sunday. The NCCW Board of Directors is asking all diocesan councils to work on image-building in their communities. We have long been the best kept secret of the Church. One way to make ourselves known is to bring back or enhance our Diocesan NCCW Council Sunday. Most dioceses observe *NCCW Council Sunday* in October. While that may seem like a long way off, we really need to start preparing now. There is not a set-in-stone way for this observance to be celebrated across the country. Each diocesan president should work with her board and members to determine what type of celebration or commemoration would work best in that diocese depending on the support and communication available.

In my home diocese, we observe Council Sunday in conjunction with the Diocesan Rosary Rally each October in our Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

We take an active role in praying either the Rosary Meditations or leading one of the Decades of the Rosary for Life.

We also have an informational table set up in the narthex of the Cathedral with many handouts about NCCW and our local DCCW events. We try to have something spiritual every month for our members to participate in, realizing we are first and foremost women of faith. When our faith is solid and we are spiritually fed that's what moves us into action into building up the kingdom of God here on earth.

The NCCW website has resources you can use in planning and celebrating Council Sunday. Go to <http://www.nccw.org>, click on "Programs & Partners," then on "2008 Organization Resources & Links" under "Council Organization & Operations," then on "Council Sunday Resources." You'll find everything—from tips on planning a Council Sunday Observance and a press release to a bulletin insert and litany. Check it out!

Pope Benedict XVI's Monthly Prayer Intention.

Did you know our Holy Father has a specific prayer intention for each month and that he asks the universal Church to pray for that intention? To view and pray his monthly intention visit <http://apostleshipofprayer.org/> and click on the Pope's Prayer Intention tab.



Catholic Resource Websites.

In the fall of 2006, *Bulletin Board* highlighted three great website resources for us: <http://ewtn.org>, with up-to-date Catholic information, Mass readings of the day, audio version of morning and evening prayer just to name a few highlights; <http://www.usccb.org> is a wonderful site that keeps us updated on all the current U. S. bishops' statements as well as links to Church documents; and <http://catholic.com> can answer all your questions about our faith.

Here are few more useful sites you should be aware of: <http://zenit.org> is a wonderful resource for keeping up to date on the Church universal on issues that affect the entire body of Christ—it is "The World Seen from Rome." We also need to visit the official Vatican website, <http://www.vatican.va>, which is a must for researching all Vatican documents, ecumenical councils, homilies of the Holy Father, and much much more. The Church encourages all of her members to read the encyclicals and important documents of our Holy Fathers as Christ still speaks to us, his beloved sheep today, through the magisterium of the Church.

Daily Prayer Resource. We are invited and encouraged to pray the Liturgy of the Hours daily to unite us with the universal Church, the body of Christ. The *Magnificat* magazine is a wonderful resource for every Catholic to have. The monthly magazine contains the

daily Mass readings along with a meditation or homily from a saint or spiritual authority.

Magnificat also contains an abbreviated morning prayer and evening prayer from the daily Liturgy of the Hours. To subscribe or to learn more, go to <http://www.catholicompany.com>.



Evangelizing Catholics.

NCCW has partnered with Lighthouse Catholic Media (LCM) through their CD of the Month Club. The CDs are Catholic talks about conversion stories, about our sacramental life in the Church, about the Bible and sacred tradition. The talks are presented by renowned Catholic speakers such as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (who was brought to the United States for the first time by the National Council of Catholic Women), Bishop Fulton Sheen, Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. William Casey, and Matthew Kelly, who was NCCW keynote speaker for our 2007 Convention in Columbus, Ohio. These CDs provide scriptural references for Catholic teachings and doctrines. To learn more about the CD of the Month Club and to subscribe through NCCW please visit our website—<http://www.nccw.org>—click on the CD of the Month icon. **Please** be sure to include promo code 1591 in the subscription level block to ensure that a portion of the monies is donated to NCCW.

Year of St. Paul. If your Council has not hosted a Year of St. Paul Day of Prayer please consider doing so before the year draws to a close on June 28, 2009. There are many wonderful prayer resources that can be used to guide your spiritual day. You might want to consider having a Year of St. Paul enrichment day for Moms! One site that might be most helpful is www.catholicmom.com/

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paul.htm. This site has many activities that families can do at home. The 2008 NCCW Commission Resource Packet also contains resources you can use. Just go to the website— <http://www.nccw.org>—click on “Programs & Partners,” on “2008 Commission Resource Packet” under “Leadership Resources,” then on “Church Resources and Links.” Under this you’ll find “Links for the Jubilee Year of St. Paul.” Remember—hosting a Pauline event in this special jubilee year of St. Paul brings with it indulgences for all who prepare

and participate in the celebration that commemorates St. Paul’s 2,000th birthday.

Freedom of Choice Act. At the close of their three-day fall assembly, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) made a unified and bold statement on the sanctity of every human life to our newly elected President, Barack Obama. The full statement was the body of the National Council of Catholic Women’s full-page ad in the New York Times on Friday, February 13, 2009. The USCCB laid out the value of every human life and our moral obligation to protect it. The USCCB spoke of the devastating

effects that passing the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) would have on society. In addition to the loss of life, passing FOCA would have a “destructive effect on the freedom of conscience of doctors, nurses and health care workers whose personal convictions do not permit them to cooperate in the private killing of unborn children.” The USCCB is encouraging every Christian and every person of good will to join in the National Postcard Campaign against the Freedom of Choice Act. To order the postcards and find out more about the USCCB Postcard Campaign please go to <http://usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA/postcard.shtml>.

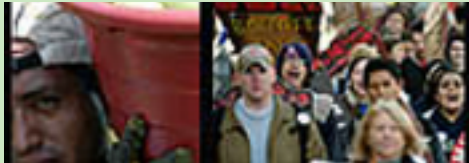
COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Busting an Immigration

Myth. In the debate on immigration reform, one of the greatest myths is that undocumented immigrants do not pay taxes. In fact, according to the Immigration Policy Center, between one-half and three-quarters of undocumented immigrants pay federal and state income taxes, Social Security taxes, and Medicare taxes. And all undocumented immigrants pay sales taxes and property taxes, even if they rent housing (Economic Report of the President, February 2005). The percentage of undocumented persons paying income taxes is astonishingly high. Since undocumented persons are ineligible for most government services, the truth is that they pay far more into the tax system than they collect in services.



Light One Candle. Ever feel that the inadequacies in our world are overwhelming? There are wars in so many areas. Our economy has failed. People are out of work. Our children are being killed in the womb, beaten, sexually abused, women and children are exploited, hunger is widespread. Parents have shouting matches and fist fights while attending their children’s ath-



Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Governor Charlie Crist of Florida has expressed his support for the Fair Food Campaign of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

Following a meeting with representatives of the Coalition in March, Governor Crist issued a letter expressing his support of the workers campaign for justice in food production and reaffirming his commitment to work with the CIW toward the eradication of labor abuse in the Florida agricultural industry. For more information and to read Governor Crist’s letter in its entirety, visit the CIW website, <http://www.ciw-online.org/>.

“When the man who feeds the world by toiling in the fields is himself deprived of the basic rights of feeding, sheltering and caring for his own family, the whole community of man is sick.”
—Cesar Chavez

letic games. The elderly are kept alive medically but their adult children are too old themselves to take care of them when they can no longer care for themselves. The list goes on and on but you get the picture. You and I are not Joan of Arc, Mary’s cousin Elizabeth, or Mother Teresa, BUT we are made in God’s image just as they were. He has bestowed on us gifts and talents that can make a difference in this world. We only have to see the glass half full and not half empty.

NCCW membership helps us to see the big picture and to take action. Think about the past twenty-four hours. Did you say some-

thing kind to someone, bend to pick up a tossed away soda bottle, stand patiently in the supermarket check-out line as the person ahead of you fumbled for change in the bottom of her purse, pick up some sale items to take to your local food pantry, let someone pull in front of you in the church parking lot, place coins in a Water-for-Life container each time you used water, share your love of CCW and offer to mentor the new member? Change comes around one little step at a time. Use your God-given talents and the ‘knowhow’ that NCCW offers us. See the glass filled to the top and overflowing.

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS, CONTINUED

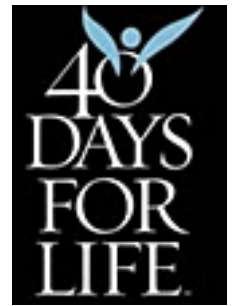
Join the Bishops in Calling for an End to the Death Penalty. The U.S. bishops have long supported the abolition of the death penalty. As they have said in their document "Living the Gospel of Life," "Our witness to respect for life shines most brightly when we demand respect for each and every human life, including the lives of those who fail to show that respect for others. The antidote to violence is love, not more violence." For more information and to learn what you can do, visit the USCCB website at <http://www.usccb.org/deathpenalty/> and the website of Catholics

Against Capital Punishment, <http://www.cacp.org/home.html>.

When we care for those in need, do we reflect on the fact that we are exercising a ministry that has been an integral part of what it means to be Christian, right from the Church's beginnings? The apostles appointed deacons to attend justly to the temporal needs of the community and to see to it that the needs of all were met. This ministry formed the basis of the great tradition of religious orders and lay groups serving the community, and for our own efforts. Another exam-

ple of the communion of saints in action!

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign conducted in 40-day periods of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The next campaign is scheduled for the period September 23 - November 1. For information about how your community can participate, visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/>.



FAMILY CONCERNS

Get involved in Pinwheels for Prevention. The pinwheel represents Prevent Child Abuse America's efforts to change the way our nation thinks about prevention, focusing on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention right from the start to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur. It represents efforts to ensure the healthy development of children nationwide, while recognizing that child development is a building block for community development and economic development. For more information and to find a link to the events in your state, visit www.preventchildabuse.org.

New iCare Brochure from RAAP. The iCare Coalition and the Religious Alliance Against Pornography has a new tool for parents and others interested in protecting youth against sexually explicit materials. A new brochure, *Sex and Cell Phones: Protect Your Children*, is available from RAAP and the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families and contains valuable information about cell phone technology and how to protect your children. *iCare . . . about protecting children* is a national women's movement of prayer and action to educate parents, clergy and religious congregations about the dangers of techno-

Did you know that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting not only rates new theatrical releases, but also reviews television programs. It also provides program notes for selected upcoming programs and provides a Top 10 movie list for all years since 1965.

Check it all out at <http://www.usccb.org/movies/>.

logically available pornography. The brochure is available for download in English and Spanish on the iCare website, <http://www.icare-coalition.org/icare.asp> (click on *Resources*, then *Sex and Cell Phones*), or contact the iCare Coalition to arrange for bulk purchase of the brochures.

Embracing Our Dying. In our culture we often encounter the assertion that we should be able to choose the time and circumstances of our death. We need to educate ourselves about the Catholic approach to dying which acknowledges the supremacy of God over life and death and encourages us to support each other in the dying process. The website *Embracing Our Dying* is a project of the California Catholic Conference which offers a uniquely Catholic



perspective on end-of-life issues. The governing principle of the site is that "if those who are dying are embraced by their family and their community, they will not seek death, but will live their last days well, and then accept death when it comes." Learn more at <http://www.embracingourdying.com/index.php>.

Moral Context for Providing and Removing Artificial Nutrition and Hydration. One of the most difficult end-of-life decisions can be when to provide food and drink by artificial means to a patient who can no longer take it by mouth, and whether to remove it once it has been started. The National Catholic Bioethics Center has provided guidance for persons faced with this decision. The following general points should be borne in mind:

- ✓ Whenever a recommendation is made not to provide food and

water, one question to ask is "What will be the cause of death?" If the answer is dehydration and starvation, and artificial nutrition and hydration can be easily supplied and assimilated, then not supplying them is a form of euthanasia. Unconsciousness is not a fatal disease. No one dies of unconsciousness.

- ✓ Another question to ask is whether the dying process has begun. If death is imminent, the provision of artificial nutrition and hydration is not necessary. Death will follow from the underlying disease.
- ✓ Parishioners should also understand that there are many living wills and advance directives that invite patients to remove food and water provided by artificial means if they should become mentally incapacitated. Catholics should not sign such documents; if they have signed them, they should rescind them. A better alternative is the designation of a health care agent, who can, case by case, make a determination of the morality of medical interventions consistent with the will of the patient and the teaching of the Church.

From the website of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, <http://www.ncbcenter.org/>

New SCHIP Law Gives Kids Mental Health Coverage.

Hidden in the new children's health insurance plan signed by President Obama is a gift to millions of low-income parents: increased insurance coverage for children with mental



Friends of St. John the Caregiver

Friends of St. John the Caregiver (<http://www.fsjc.org/>) is an international Catholic organization addressing the growing needs of family caregivers by providing:

- Spirituality, information, and resources to individual caregivers www.YourAgingParent.com
- Training and educational material to dioceses and parishes www.CatholicCaregivers.com
- A membership association offering spiritual support for:
 - those who need care
 - those who give care
 - those who assist others giving care[www.FSJC.org/members' roles](http://www.FSJC.org/members'roles)

health problems. Before, 60 percent of the states had more limited coverage for mental health.



The new law for the State Children's Health Insurance Program not only expands health coverage to 4 million more children

beyond the 6 million already covered but also brings mental health parity to the state programs that provide insurance for children in low-income families, requiring that they get the same access to treatment for bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety, and other serious disorders as they do for physical ailments. Last year, Congress passed a

mental health parity law that requires commercial insurers to cover mental and physical ailments equally. This new law ensures that the 10 million or so children who will now be eligible for SCHIP will have the same level of access.

Great Website for Faith-Filled Activities at Home.

This site celebrates all things Faith, Family, and Fun from a Catholic perspective. Enjoy fresh perspectives from wonderful columnists and contributors. Help your child make the most of the Liturgy of the Word with



Sunday Gospel activities at www.catholicmom.com.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Millenium Development Goals. The United States delegation to the United Nations recently reported that the U. S. efforts and investments to promote sustainable economic development are being reinvigorated, and that the U. S. administration is strongly commit-

ted to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The U.S. delegation also reported that it is working with the U.N. Secretary-General to prepare for a summit in 2010 to review progress toward meeting the Millennium Development Goals. The Goals, supported by the U.S.

bishops, call for reducing extreme poverty in the world by half by the year 2015.

St. Francis Pledge. NCCW, along with its partners in the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change, celebrated Earth Day, April

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22, by launching a new initiative, *A Catholic Climate Covenant: The St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and the Poor*, to help you, our members, to link caring for creation with concern those in poverty, upon whom the impact of cli-



Catholic Climate Covenant
Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.

mate change falls heaviest. According to a new Zogby poll, the vast majority of Catholics polled believe that their faith calls them to be concerned about how climate change impacts vulnerable people at home and abroad. The poll indicates that Catholics want to become actively engaged in sacrifice and action to ensure that those who are poor and vulnerable do not disproportionately bear the effects of climate change. By taking the St. Francis Pledge, you will be joining together with other Catholics all over the country to acknowledge the threat posed by climate change and promising to take personal action to halt it. The St. Francis Pledge commits us to:

- ◆ PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God's Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.
- ◆ LEARN about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.
- ◆ ASSESS how we—as individuals and in our families, parishes, and other affiliations—contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.

- ◆ ACT to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.
- ◆ ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.

NCCW, through the action of its Board, committed itself to this effort by taking the pledge at the January, 2009 Board of Directors meeting.

Pope Benedict's Visit to the Middle East. Pope Benedict XV's recent visit to the Holy Land was an attempt to speak out for peace as well as an ecumenical pilgrimage. The pope visited Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinian territories May 8-15 and spoke to those audiences about God's action in the world. He challenged his hearers to make religion a force for good, assuring them that peace really is possible and that even old wounds can be healed. *Excerpted from Catholic News Service*

Anyone who wishes to see Catholic Social Teaching's preferential option for the poor in action can look at the work of Father John Halligan and Sister Miguel Conway in Quito, Ecuador.

Father Halligan, a 78-year-old Jesuit from the south, has spent almost all of his priestly life in Ecuador. He founded the Working Boys' Center in the 1960s to help the "shoeshine boys" of Quito find a way out of poverty.

About 100,000 boys work at shining shoes and selling newspapers on Quito's streets to support their families. They lack decent food, an opportunity to go to school, medical care, and other basics. Father Halligan began the center to help these boys and their families learn skills and obtain jobs that could move them out of poverty. He started by feeding the boys lunch in an attic above the Jesuit high school, requiring them to deposit 50 centavos in a savings account that Fr. Halligan safeguarded for them. He added a nun and some Peace Corps volunteers to teach shoemaking, metal crafts, and carpentry, and went begging for support among the members of Quito's American community. Sr. Miguel Conway joined him in 1967, quickly upgraded the facilities and helped facilitate a move into a permanent center that included a grammar school whose class schedule accommodated the boys' work schedules.

Today the Center serves entire families with classes, adult and vocational training, religious ser-



(Photos by Patricia Lefevere)

vices and formation, financial education, meals, and much else. More than 5,000 families (25,000 individuals) have graduated from the center's program over 45 years.

Excerpted from an article by Patricia Lefevere in National Catholic Reporter

Child Nutrition. One in six American children experiences hunger every year. These children are at risk for many health and developmental problems. Congress will reauthorize a number of child nutrition programs this year, including the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast program, the Summer Food Service Program, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). These existing child nutrition programs do not even reach all the children who need and are eligible for them. To increase the reach of these programs, significant increases in funding are necessary; without such funding millions of children will be left without access to needed food. The Senate Agriculture Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee will soon be writing reauthorizing legislation. Write your members of Congress and urge them to support adequate funding for these programs, especially those that provide breakfast and summer meals.



Pregnant Women Support Act (PWSA, H.R. 2035) was re-introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Lincoln Davis (D-TN) on April 22. As of May 13 it had 30 cosponsors. Senator Robert Casey (D-PA) has again introduced a companion bill, S. 270, in the Senate, but at this time it appears that the House bill will be acted upon first. NCCW strongly supports this legislation, which provides support and resources for pregnant and parenting women. Cardinal Rigali, chair of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), wrote to all U.S. Representatives urging them to co-sponsor the bill, saying that it "reaches out to women with a helping hand when they are most vulnerable, and most engaged in

making a decision about life or death for their unborn children." The PWSA, said the Cardinal, offers "an authentic common ground, an approach that people can embrace regardless of their position on other issues." To see a list of the current cosponsors, visit <http://www.thomas.gov/>, enter "Pregnant Women Support Act" (include quotation marks) in the word/phrase box, then click on H.R. 2035. Visit the NCCW website for sample letters to send to your Congressional representatives.

Please support the DREAM Act

and give immigrant children a fighting chance. The Virginia Catholic Conference recently issued the following alert on its website, which is equally applicable to all Catholics no matter where we live:



On March 26, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act) was introduced in the U.S. Senate (S.729), and nearly identical legislation (H.R. 1751) was introduced in the House of Representatives. This initiative—which has been pursued since 2001 and maintains significant bipartisan support—would permit certain immigrant students who have grown up in the U.S. to obtain permanent residency status if they attend college or enlist in the military. It would apply to students in public and private schools, including Catholic schools.

The DREAM Act is **strongly supported by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** and is grounded in the premise that immigrant youth should not be prevented from a more promising future solely because of the decisions made by their parents. DREAM would provide these students a fair chance to develop their God-given talents and to contribute to the country they call home.

In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (2007), the U.S. Catholic bishops stated that "the Gospel mandate to 'welcome the

stranger' requires Catholics to care for and stand with immigrants, both documented and undocumented, including immigrant children" (paragraph 83). Advocating in favor of the DREAM Act is one way to answer this call. Please contact your Congressional representatives and encourage them to support this important initiative.

As always, thank you for your advocacy on behalf of fundamental human dignity.

Minnesota House and Senate

voted in April to ban public funding of human cloning, passing the ban as an amendment to a higher education funding bill. The legislation prohibits the University of Minnesota from using taxpayer dollars to pursue human cloning. The ban on public funding of human cloning moves the state closer to an all-out ban on all human cloning.

North Dakota House of Representatives,

by a vote of 49 to 40, unfortunately defeated a bill to provide expanded medical coverage to low-income pregnant women and their unborn children. Helping pregnant women and their children is an important part of what it means to be pro-life.

New York State Catholic Conference

praised New York Gov. David Paterson and state legislators in March for reaching an agreement to enact true comprehensive reform of the state's tragic Rockefeller Drug Laws. For 15 years, under the leadership of Edward Cardinal Egan of New York City, the bishops of New York state have been preaching against, and pushing for reform of, these unjust laws, which mandate extremely harsh minimum prison terms for the possession or sale of relatively small amounts of drugs, and strip judges of their discretion to give smaller or alternative sentences or to divert defendants into drug treatment programs. Intended to target large dealers, their impact has fallen heavily on individual drug users and addicts.

NCCW—Moving Forward with Faith and Joy. Jacksonville, Florida, September 23-27, 2009. Have you registered for the NCCW National Convention yet? Full registration information appeared in the March-April issue of *Catholic Woman* magazine and is available online at <http://www.nccw.org>—check the Events page.

The Convention Headquarters hotel is the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville. Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel, 1-904-588-1234, or toll-free 1-800-233-1234, or online <http://jacksonville.hyatt.com/groupbooking/jaxrjnccw2009>. Special room rates for the NCCW convention (be sure to identify yourself as attending the convention): Singles or doubles at \$140 per night + applicable taxes

Triples at \$165 per night + applicable taxes

Quads at \$ 190 per night + applicable taxes

For suites, please call the hotel.



Membership—NCCW Needs You! Help support our organization through affiliate dues. Did you budget for Annual Giving? Are you and did you renew your individual membership? How ready are you to be that “spark” that ignites your council?

Leadership—It’s not the dream of a lifetime, it’s the dream that takes a lifetime. It takes time to grow as a leader. It takes trials to grow as a leader. It takes God’s help to grow as a leader. —*John C. Maxwell*

Check out NCCW mugs!



Are you in need of a convention fundraiser? Our mugs are a great idea to support NCCW and help send someone to the national convention. Get on board now! Check out the NCCW website for more info.

Seven desirable assets/qualities of a leader

Calling—vision, passion, energy, and commitment.

Insight—wisdom to see the real issues in any situation.

Charisma—people are attracted to a leader who makes them feel good.

Talent—the quality that attracts followers.

Ability—people are attracted to someone who can get things done.

Communication skills—gets people to buy into the leader’s vision.

Character—wins the trust of people and keeps them going in the right direction.—*John C. Maxwell*

Ideas to help develop leadership skills.

Identify the next three books on leadership you will read and schedule them on your calendar.

Select one conference you will attend this year. Place it on your calendar and pay your registration.

Subscribe to a monthly magazine or tape service that will sharpen your leadership skills.

Pick a growth partner—find someone with whom you can trade resources, discuss leadership, and help solve problems.

—*John C. Maxwell*

Effective Time Management and Solving Common Problems.

Reduce frustration—avoid frustrating situations; this enables you to use your full power of creativity and productivity.

Get a sense of achievement and peace of mind—use **smart** goals; they will help to visualize your optimal path.

Open yourself up to more satisfaction—prioritize, avoid procrastination; this will help increase your confidence level.

Increase your energy level—get organized; un-clutter your mind of unfinished business.

Get more of quality time—get organized; make progress to enjoy life. from *TimeManagementGuide.com*

Set smart goals that are

Specific—a specific goal helps clarify what you want to achieve.

Measurable—specific criteria are needed to alert you that the goal has been achieved.

Attainable—a realistic path to achievement is noted.

Rewarding—a goal is rewarding when you have a clear reason for attaining that goal.

Timely—set a specific time limit, thereby helping to avoid procrastination and perfectionism.

from *TimeManagementGuide.com*

Time Management Tips

Know what you want from your time; recognize the difference between **urgent** and **important** tasks. Important tasks lead you to your goals.

Know and respect your priorities; accomplish the important tasks first. Remember the 80-20 rule: 80% of rewards come from 20% of effort.

Plan your actions toward achieving your goal: plan well; search for short cuts. Effective planning reduces time spent on routine tasks. Schedule time for your tasks. Undone tasks can drain your mental energy.

from *TimeManagementGuide.com*