

fyi a message from your President, Bobbie Hunt

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Many of the Christmas letters I received started out with “Where did the year go?” I seem to be asking myself that same question and here it is January 2009. For the first time I can remember, I did not send Christmas cards. It’s not because I didn’t buy the cards or the stamps or had the best intentions, it was simply the time and circumstances. So I didn’t stress and said I will send a greeting sometime in the New Year.

For the year 2009 I wish you peace, love, joy and hope and a very blessed New Year.

Nomination Forms

A reminder once again about asking qualified women to run for officers and nominating committee members of NCCW. The deadline is February 2, 2009. We have an excellent Nominating Committee but they cannot do their job if names are not sent in. If you know of someone who is qualified and has been considering placing her name in nomination, please encourage her to do so. If you know someone who is qualified but has not considered putting her name in for nomination, let her know you think she would be an asset to NCCW as an officer or member of the Nominating Committee.

NCCW Website

How often do you check out the NCCW website, or encourage your deanery or affiliate presidents or local members to look at the website? There is excellent information that is posted regarding your organization. At present, one wonderful resource is the contents for the 2008 Commission Resource Packet. The ideas and resources are most helpful to all of our members. Check it out.

Cruise 2008

We once again thank Shirley Radican and her sister Paula Harris for putting so much time and effort into making the November 2008 fundraising cruise such a success. Thanks to their hard work and negotiations, NCCW has received nearly \$17,000 over the last two years and we owe them much appreciation. Many thanks also to all those who supported the cruise.

January Right to Life March

This will be the 36th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision. The annual Right to Life March in Washington , DC will be Thursday, January 22. If your diocese sponsors a Right to Life activity, if possible, try to support it. The USCCB, Office of Pro-Life Activities has meditations on the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary offered as a prayer for all from conception to natural death. These can be found at www.usccb.org along with other ideas.

FOCA Novena

Doris Eftink has sent us a request to pray a Novena of Rosaries (or prayers of your choice) to stop the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) that is being reintroduced in Congress in the near future. It would be wonderful to pray this novena during a period that includes the March for Life on January 22. Although the chance of passing FOCA is not great, the consequences if passed would be grave. Among other things, it would eliminate many informed consent and parental involvement laws, abortion clinic regulations, conscience protection laws and laws prohibiting a particular abortion procedure (*e.g.*, partial birth abortion). Pray the novena and fast also if you can. Please pass this request on to your council members and friends and ask them to join in this novena. *"We cannot fight credibly against other social and moral evils, including poverty and violence, while we tolerate mass killings by abortion." Blessed Teresa of Calcutta .*

January Board Meeting

Your Board of Directors will be meeting January 14 – 18 at the Washington Retreat House. This will be an important meeting as we look to the future of our organization. Please keep your board members in your prayers.

Reminder

Our Lady of Good Counsel coffee mugs are available to order in bulk. Here are a few tips:

- Order a minimum of 24 mugs and have them delivered directly to you
- Cost is \$6.50 per mug + \$7.00 shipping charge if fewer than 6 cases are ordered
- Order in plenty of time for your spring meetings and any other fund raisers that you have coming up
- You determine the fundraising sales price for your Council
- For more information, go to www.nccw.org

“Many blessings are given to those who trust the Lord...”

Psalms 40:4

Attachments:

Idea Form & Fact Sheet for Convention Roundtables

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