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President's Corner - Gwen Allen



Happy New Year! 2011 had its ups and downs and we ran into occasional roadblocks that slowed us down at times. All-in-all, though, it was time of testing our mettle and showing the strengths of our members in Council. We worked through some tough situations and overcame many of them so that we could carry out our mission, goals and plans to help those in need.

What an awesome group CCW members are! Obstacles only strengthen our resolve and we are determined to serve no matter what lies ahead. Be it illness, loss of a loved one, CCW member or friend – we carry on, chin up, heads held high and the Holy Spirit guiding us along the way. How can we fail?

Being spiritually nurtured, we held or attended days of reflection, recited the rosary as a group, meditated on the saints' lives, venerated the Blessed Sacrament, held communion breakfasts and many more spiritually enriching activities.

We visited the sick and elderly patients in hospitals, nursing or assisted living facilities and in homes where single and lonely people welcomed our encouragement, songs, stories, love and laughter.

Food and clothing drives were held for families and school children and many of our members volunteered in the schools and community to feed the hungry in body and mind.

Some members had fun with BUNKO's, fashion shows, teas, food tastings, purse auctions, and many more events that helped to unite CCW members, parishioners, and families from our local communities to raise funds to fulfill the needs of many who need our help.

Joining together, we enjoyed programs that educated us, nourished us and empowered us to attain greater outreach and service to our members, parishes and communities.

As we look forward to 2012, we continue to push ever onward to see the programs, projects, and goals we have initiated on to successful fruition. With the love of God and all His children in our hearts, we can accomplish anything! Let's make this a banner year of working together with joy, peace, faith, hope and love for all! Looking forward to seeing all of you at convention!

God bless all of you and your families as you labor in God's vineyard.

Gwen Allen
ODCCW President



News from the ODCCW Nominating Committee by Sue Miller

Happy New 2012! The beginning of a new year brings thoughts of looking ahead. For ODCCW, that means it is time to be thinking of new members to sit on the Board, as well as nominations for ODCCW Officers for the 2012-2014 term.

During the fall months, each affiliation president should have received information from her deanery president with information about nominations. Each affiliation president should have also received a recent mailing with nominations information.

Consider, pray, and act! Be part of our vibrant and supportive organization! Be included as a representative on the Orlando Diocesan Board of Directors!

As a reminder nominations for officer positions for the ODCCW Board include President, Executive Officer, Treasurer, and Secretary. That paper work is due to me by February 15, 2012. Remember, too, that three members from each deanery are needed to serve on the Board during the 2012-2014 term. Deanery Presidents, those names need to be submitted to me, along with the forms, by the time of your Spring Board meeting.

Many blessings to you and your CCW family during 2012. Hope to meet and greet many of you at the ODCCW annual convention in April!

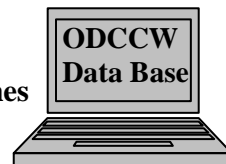
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anytime changes are made and in the fall when you start your new year. It is important to keep the database (membership list) as up-to-date as possible. **Don't forget to identify the Presidents and Deanery Board Members so that they will get all the issues.**

In October and June, the Cornucopia is mailed to affiliation presidents, deanery board representatives, members of the Diocesan Board, moderators, and pastors throughout the diocese. **The January issue is mailed to all members. All issues will be posted on the ODCCW website at: <http://home.catholicweb.com/odccw>.**

All affiliation presidents are encouraged to urge their members to make use of the website to read the *Cornucopia* and to print copies for members who do not have access to the internet. In this way, we hope to be better stewards of our diocesan finances as well as our environment by killing a few less trees.

Are You Tracking Your Volunteer Service Hours?

Listed below are some examples of services activities that constitute service activities in connections with the various commissions. Some activities may overlap the areas of concern of two or three commissions and can be listed under any appropriate commission. These are meant only to be examples – please include any other activities that qualify:

★ Spirituality Commission

Church: Service to Parish/Council for Liturgical Celebrations, religious education, vocation promotion, special seasonal celebrations (Lent, Marian feasts), sacramental preparation/celebrations, hospitality, altar care, grief ministry, etc. Attendance at meetings and programs.

Legislation: Voter registration, issue education programs (speakers/workshops), community advocacy for schools, parks, public services, letter writing campaigns, state legislative days, etc.

★ Leadership Commission

Organization: Leadership activities and service (e.g., service in a leadership position), communications activities (e.g., editing/producing a CCW newsletter, producing bulletin inserts relating to CCW generally rather than to a specific service project), membership drives and activities. Any such activities whether at the parish, deanery, and diocesan.

Membership: All activities and events associated with promoting and sustaining membership, showing appreciation to members, i.e., Membership Teas, lunches, breakfasts, etc.

★ Service Commission

Family: Outreach and/or service to family units or

members of families (children, teens, new mothers, seniors, inter-generational programs), supporting life (NCCW Mothers Outreach To Mothers or other services for expectant mothers, respite care, advocacy for the elderly, attendance at the March for Life), NCCW Book Project, etc., activities for national Family Week, involvement in domestic violence educational or service activities.

Community: Time dedicated to community based programs such as support for domestic violence shelters or homeless shelters, prison ministry, tutoring programs, ecumenical programs, outreach to rural communities, service to victims or advocacy against domestic violence (education/distribution of information brochures, etc.), NCCW Respite Program, support to schools or senior citizen centers, care of the environment, CASE Projects, etc.

International:

Fundraising for NCCW/ CRS partnership programs, services to immigrants, refugees, migrants, English as a Second Language programs, education or advocacy efforts related to world hunger, poverty, other global issues.

Adapted from The NCCW Catholic Women



Note from Father Miguel



My dear sisters of ODCCW, Happy and Blessed New Year to each of you and your loved ones! I hope your Christmas was filled with Christ's gift of Peace, Love, and Joy.

On behalf of my family I would like to thank you for all the prayers, love, and support extended to my mom Monin during her surgery. Please continue to

keep her in your prayers during her recovery.

May God bless you all for the love and concern!

Father Miguel Gonzalez

ODCCW Diocesan Moderator

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal Monin and others in need of your healing. Touch her soul with Your compassion for others. Touch her heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch her mind with Your wisdom, that her mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach her to reach out to You in her need, and help her to lead others to You by her example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring Monin's health in body and spirit that she may serve You with all her strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. Amen.



Day of Reflection December 10, 2011 at St. John Vianney by Barbara Durden



This day began about 9 am at St. John Vianney where our ODCCW moderator Father Miguel Gonzalez is pastor. Considering the time of the year, there was a very good turnout ~ but no coffee / no donuts. There was a power outage, so our dear Father Miguel disappeared for a few minutes while we all patiently awaited our day to begin. And who appears, much to our surprise, the padre ~ arms full of Dunkin Donuts and Coffee. That immediately raised a lot of smiles and we were off to a great morning of reflection.

We sang advent hymns and shared our life-changing experiences when God spoke to us. Then Father reviewed the importance of Advent and how to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

We celebrated Holy Mass and enjoyed an excellent low-cal lunch, finishing our day with more words of wisdom from our dear Moderator. All departed filled with the Spirit of Christmas.

May God Bless You,

Barbara Durden

Spirituality Commission Chair



Executive Officer Report by Kathy Kirchon



Happy New Year. I am very glad that 2011 is gone. War, joblessness, homelessness, hungry children, greed, selfishness, people fighting because your religion isn't the "right one," the people that we voted for in all levels of government don't know how to compromise, our soldiers coming home horribly wounded and with PTSD and man's inhumanity to man. Mother Nature has not been good to this wonderful earth. Tornado, hurricanes, volcanoes, floods, earthquakes, tidal waves, wild fires, and mountains of snow.

We as Catholic and Council Sisters cannot fix everything but we can use our Commissions to help ease the suffering in our communities.

The Church commission can have prayer services that focus on bringing people back to our Lord. Without God's help nothing will get better. Legislative committee can encourage their affiliations to call and write their governmental persons. Let them know where we stand on bills that are up for vote. Service commission can adopt a senior citizen that has no family to help. Sponsor a school where children are in great need of food, clothing, love and support. Volunteer at soup kitchens or homeless shelters.

Say "Thank you" to a veteran for fighting for our freedom and ask if there is anything we can do for them. Leadership commission can encourage deaneries and affiliations to publish a newsletter and an image brochure.

As I was shopping in Publix I was going in the 10 items or less resistor a young man only had two items and I let him go before me. The cashier rang his things up and I noticed that she was ringing mine up also. I asked her to stop and this young man said "no that's OK I have it. Merry Christmas" (it was obvious looking at my groceries I didn't need help paying for them). I thanked him said Merry Christmas and I promised him I would pass his kindness on and I did.

So Ladies lets STAND UP as CATHOLIC WOMEN let the world know what we do every day of our lives and there is no stopping us because we have God on our side.

I thank all Commission chairs and co-chairs from affiliations to diocese for a "job well done."

May we and our families have God's peace, love and health in 2011.

Your sister in Christ

Kathy Kirchon

ODCCW, Executive Officer

Central Deanery by Annette Tolle



Greetings from your CCW Sisters and moderators of All Souls, Sanford; Annunciation, Altamonte Springs; Blessed Trinity, Orlando; Holy Redeemer, Kissimmee; St Augustine, Casselberry; St. Charles Borromeo, Orlando; St. Francis of Assisi, Apopka; St. Mary Magdalen, Altamonte Springs; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Avalon Park;

Saints Peter & Paul, Winter Park; St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Cloud; and, from me. Happy New Year 2012!

We think of our past, of the good experiences we shared, the fun of Lake Yale, the great conventions, the 800 pounds of food given to Catholic Charities from just one CD meeting, the miracle of babies being born, and of prayers answered for healing when all seemed impossible. We grieved with each other and cared for each other during times of death, losses and hardships. We gave food and clothes to the homeless, books and food for school children to take home on the weekends to be nourished, filled so many food pantry's, supported families in need, supported our troops, helped our brothers and sisters both locally, nationally and internationally, and we go on and on!

Now we look forward to continuing this marvelous journey of building up the kingdom of God here on this earth in this time and in this place. We pray daily for each other and our families and we continue to give and love because He loved us first.

2012 will be great year with all of us working together! Peace and Blessings in 2012,

Annette Tolle

President, Central Deanery CCW

Eastern Deanery by Sylvia Roy McCormick



Greetings and wishes for many blessings as we begin a new calendar year! Our *Council Year* has already reached the halfway point and before we know it, convention will be here along with a new slate of officers and diocesan board members. Through days of reflection we grown in faith

and by serving as visible witnesses to Christ's love, we have increased our numbers! We have ministered to our troops, our families and our communities both near and far. We have fed the hungry and nourished our souls. Soon we will have the opportunity to recharge our own batteries at a Personal Development Seminar conducted by the ODCCW team on February 4 from 9:30 am to 2 pm. Our sisters at *Our Lady of Hope* parish in Port Orange will be hosting this event. Cost is only \$22 and there is still time to register: the deadline is January 30th.

Continue Eastern Deanery

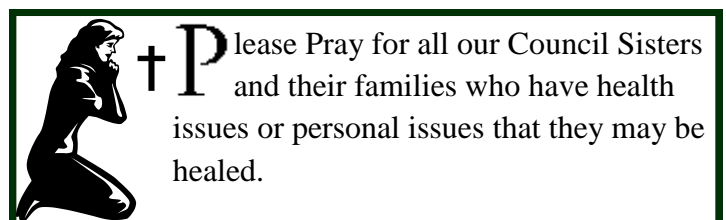
Many Deanery Affiliations combined fun with fundraising at their annual Christmas parties. For example, *Sacred Heart/ St. Gerard CCW* remembered teenage girls in the *Gifts of Love* program by collecting and donating two large boxes of body products and jewelry. It is noteworthy to mention that this project was first introduced by our President Sue Dunn who passed away on November 1, 2010. *St. Ann's* collected clothes, diapers and blankets at their party and distributed them to the Visitation House and the West Volusia Pregnancy Center. The ladies of *Our Lady Star of the Sea* held two Christmas fundraisers, a bazaar and luncheon/Santa Auction, which netted combined profits in excess of \$5,500. The proceeds benefitted, in part, the *Human Services Ministry* outreach program. *Meals on Wheels* generated income thanks to a donated Christmas goodies basket. In addition to a successful bazaar which netted \$3,000, *Our Lady of the Lakes* collected and distributed 300 hundred gifts valued at \$6,000 (yes, six thousand!) to needy children.

Several affiliations remembered our troops and their families. *Prince of Peace* sent one hundred boxes to our military brothers and sisters for Christmas. *Our Lady of the Lakes* launched a successful "Frontline Faith" program whereby troops in war zones receive MP3 players that are preloaded with 7.5 hours of spiritual material including Mass, rosary and so much more! This campaign was opened up parish wide and resulted in raising enough money to send 75 players. (I personally looked for more information on the Internet and found <http://frontlinefaithproject.org/> - check it out to learn more!) *St. Ann's* adopted two families whose husbands had recently died and provided them with food and gifts.

Two parishes addressed the needs of Volusia County's homeless children. *Epiphany* held their annual parish wide drive and collected *more than 1,100 items*. Their knitters continue to make items for nursing home, hospice patients, and the local pregnancy crisis center. *St. Ann's* received Pam Woods, District Homeless Education Liaison, at their November meeting. Pam will be our guest speaker at our February Board Meeting. As hostesses of the 44th annual ODCCW convention, the ladies of Eastern Deanery look forward to welcoming you at the Lake Mary Marriott on April 30. See you then!

Sylvia Roy McCormick

Eastern Deanery CCW President



Northern Deanery *by Marty Duesel*



I hope and pray that you all had a blessed and safe Christmas and are ready to start the New Year out with renewed enthusiasm for the work that God has planned for us in CCW.

♦ **Queen of Peace** in Ocala, led by Bernadette Muratore, has introduced the Butterfly Project that will represent “Crimes Against Humanity” by hand making butterflies for a permanent exhibit in Texas. Each butterfly will represent an aborted baby. Some of the butterflies will be on display in the church. Fr. Miguel Gonzalez has been booked as the speaker for their Morning of Prayer during Lent.

Marilyn Hinds and Rosemarie Oliveros share the leadership of **Blessed Trinity, Ocala**. A new circle *The Mary and Martha's* has been added on the southwest side of town. They are reading the book suggested in the NCCW Catholic Woman, “Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World” by Joanna Weaver. If you haven’t read this book yet, be sure to check it out. One version has a 12-week companion Bible study in the back that is very helpful in getting the most out of the book. The Candy Sale fundraiser was moved to February this year.

♦ **The Catholic Community of St. Paul’s** is exposing its members to a variety of prayers and ministries at their monthly meetings. The show “White Christmas” was held at the Melon patch Theater in December.

They are preparing for another successful High Tea on Feb 18th. Mary Yatsko is President and working with her board to make this a successful year.

♦ **St. Vincent de Paul** in Wildwood is introducing their members to the saints by reenacting a specific life story of a saint each month. We can learn from those who have gone before us. Laurel Fassino has done a great job of leading this group of ladies. They are having their Souper Bowl Collections again this year. Their Calendar Luncheon is scheduled for February 18th. They host the Soup Supper after Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. A Retreat has been scheduled for March 17th to be held at St. Paul’s in Leesburg. Hopefully the new church will be built soon and they will have enough space for all their events.

I was invited by our Moderator, Fr. John Giel, to speak at the Northern Deanery meeting of priests held at St. Paul’s. I was able to speak to them about the benefits of having a CCW in their parish. Linda Clark also spoke about NCCW. We hope to spark some interest to be able to add new affiliations.

God bless you all through the guidance of His mother Mary, to go forth and be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the Church.

Marty Duesel

President, Northern Deanery CCW

Southern Deanery *by Hazel Gillooley*



This is the time of year to reflect on the past and plan on the future.

How can I not be so very proud of this wonderful group of women, as I think about the past year as president of the Southern Deanery? This has been a year of growth in our affiliations, and in our spirituality.

† **Our Lady of Lourdes** has four new members. They had their 80th anniversary celebration on October 23. NCCW Sunday Fr. Karl Bergin and our SDCCW moderator Fr. William Hanley concelebrated the Mass. A delicious brunch was enjoyed after Mass. The guest speaker was Sister Immaculata. In December, they will collect toys for the Sharing center. February they will sell chocolate covered chips and pretzels on Valentine’s Day. March 10 is a luncheon and fashion show by (Lily Pad).

† **Holy Spirit CCW** has been busy where the service commission collected two boxes of items to be sent our service men and women. They also collected toys or money to be distributed to the Deveroux house. On

December 3, they held a parade of dolls show. BUNKO is on the 2nd Friday of the month.

The whole parish collected shoe boxes for the Samaritan Purse headed up by the HS CCW. February 10th & 11th is the annual rummage sale and February 18th is the roaring 20’s Fashion show and luncheon. A day of reflection date to be announced in March.

† **Ascension CCW** has had a BUNKO/card party on November 19th. December they held an Advent Tea for all parish women. They also had a craft /bake sale on December 4th. The Christmas celebration will have a money tree with the money donated to a needy family in the area. The year of 2012 events include hosting the parish mission week in January; a craft show in March along with more BUNKO/card parties fashion show. They pray the rosary in the courtyard prior to monthly meetings.

† **Divine Mercy** had a very successful Ministry fair signing up seven new members with their goal to reach 100. They are at 93. They had a full day of reflection on October 8th entitled “The Potter and the Clay”.

Continued Southern Deanery *by Hazel Gillooley*

The Service Commission brought in over \$150 worth of items for the Veterans Memorial Center to ship to the military. Can goods, toys for Catholic Charities, and layette items for Birthright were collected at the Christmas party.

† **St John Evangelist** continues to grow by leaps and bounds they have 114 members. They had a renewal membership of 95 for a renewal rate of 97%. They educate their members about Council at each meeting since many of them are unfamiliar with Council. On December 3 & 4 the first bake sale was held and December 7th they traveled to the Basilica for Mass to

commemorate the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. March 14th is the fashion show at the Vieira Holiday Inn. They plan to have two vendors present their spring clothes. They continue to celebrate Mass on first Friday and the attendance is growing.

† **My Prayer for the New Year is that we will all find peace in knowing that Our God is a Faithful God and will always be there for us.**

Have a Blessed New Year

Hazel Gillooley

President SDCCW

Western Deanery *by Cathy Petroff*



2011 is behind us – for better or for worse; 2012 lies ahead, full of promise, hope and optimism. Whether you said “good riddance” or “sorry to see you end” to 2011, take a minute to reflect on the gifts that the year presented. These gifts take many forms: new life, loss of life,

good health, bad health, new love, the loss or absence of love, new friends, old friends, the passing of friends, accomplishments, failures, good weather, bad weather, good times, sad times, financial gain, financial failure, and the list goes on. Looking at this particular list, one might ask: how can you consider those “negative” elements as gifts – aren’t gifts always things that make us happy, things that are “positive” in our eyes and those of the world?

Consider that everything we have or do not have, everything we experience – whether with gladness or with anguish – comes to us from a loving Father. This loving Father wants us to spend eternity with Him and knows just exactly what each of us needs to be prepared to enter His Kingdom. He is constantly molding and shaping us, sometimes making us strong by bringing us to our knees. He is always there to support us, in good times and bad; He puts the right people and events in our path. All of our gifts, along with our responses to them, have formed our spirit – imperfect as it may be; but we are all works in progress. He is not done with us yet.... As Council of Catholic Women members we are called to make our world a better place, to reach out to those in need, to be the Touch of God in the lives of others. That is not always an easy assignment, is it? Sometimes we encounter less than cooperative individuals, odds that seem insurmountable, financial constraints, resistance, and more. Each of these “gifts” tests our resolve and our resourcefulness; each has been specifically placed in our path by a God who challenges us and tests our

determination to do His Holy Will. His plan is awesome and perfect, and sometimes challenging; but, we each have an important part to play in it. Our part may not be clear to us today, but will be made clear to us in His time, not ours.

The Sisters of Western Deanery are busy meeting the challenges we have embraced at the diocesan, deanery and affiliation levels: we are sending representatives to Catholic Days at the Capitol, the ODCCW Convention and Lake Yale, as well as seeking worthy delegates to the ODCCW Board. We are planning a deanery Fundraiser Luncheon, A Celebration of Sisterhood, on January 14, 2012 at Church of the Resurrection in Lakeland, to meet our financial responsibilities; and our affiliations are busy with their fundraisers and support activities at the parish level. We support each other in prayer and Counsel, as we accept the many gifts of the Father. **We wish each of you many gifts in the New Year;** we pray that you are able to face the New Year of gifts with faith and hope, secure in the knowledge that you are in the Plan of God, and an integral part of that Plan.

God bless you

Cathy Petroff

President, Western Deanery CCW



Spirituality Commission by Barbara Durden



Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which He looks Compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which He walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the

eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

-- St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Those words are still true today. The Catholic Church provides the compassion of Christ in countless ways in the United States, including through health care institutions, schools and universities, charities and social service agencies and the work of individuals, parish communities and diocesan entities.

By our baptism, Catholics are committed to following Jesus Christ and to be "salt for the earth, light for the nations." As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This is inherent in the dignity of the human person ... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (nos. 1913-1915).

The Second Vatican Council declared that "the future of humanity is in the hands of those men who are capable of providing the generations to come with reasons for life and optimism." (GS, no 31). No one can live without the hope that life has ultimate and lasting meaning beyond the concerns and struggles, the joys and satisfactions of each day. Catholics find that meaning and hope in Jesus Christ, whom God the Father has sent into the world for the salvation of all peoples.

Yet in the midst of all this, people are generously loving within their families, with their friends, and for their communities. Nevertheless, a nagging question remains: Where is all this going? There is a persistent thirst for meaning and hope.

Many people find refuge in various types of spiritual activities and communities that promise serenity in a hectic world and refuge from its pressures. They look to meditation techniques and to well-publicized personalities for ways to find tranquility and some hope for themselves.

In the midst of such a culture, the Catholic Church offers a message that is not its own, but comes from God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ two thousand years ago, yet is ever new and renewing as it is received, celebrated, lived, and contemplated today. The Church offers to all people the possibility of encountering the living God today and finding in him lasting meaning and hope.

† God continues to be present in the Church as the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, is proclaimed and received by her members through the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. God continues to be present in His Church as her members are brought together by the Holy Spirit to celebrate the Seven Sacraments, most especially the Eucharist.



† God continues to be present in the Church as her members strive to live according to the example and teaching of Jesus Christ.

† God continues to be present in the Church as her members contemplate the great things God has done through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of all people.

The Church is a community of human beings who are still subject to sin, and so it is with humility that she offers herself as the meeting place with the living God. Her existence for two thousand years demonstrates the unceasing mercy and love of God in maintaining her in His grace as a faithful and repentant people. In a world of passing fads and transitory ambitions, she offers the substance of the wisdom of the Gospel and her growing understanding of it through two millennia. She offers the possibility of enriching the present moment with the gifts of a tradition rooted in God's self-revelation and with the hope and meaning for human life that come from God himself. In a world torn by war and injustice, she celebrates the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the gift of Himself made eternally present and effective, to make all peoples one with him as head of a reconciled and healed community. In a world of violence against human life, the Church mightily defends life by her works of justice and charity as well as by her advocacy for the protection of all human life.

---excerpted from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

GET INVOLVED; BE A PART OF YOUR AFFILIATION'S ACTIVITIES; BE A VOICE IN YOUR COMMUNITY; PRAY FOR THE UNBORN.

May God Bless You

Barbara Durden

Spirituality Commission Chair



Service Commission by Barb Dini



Happy New Year to each and every one of you! I'm sure over the last several weeks you've had countless emotions between shopping for your family and figuring out what the best gift was to give, volunteering for the many various charity events, keeping your holiday traditions intact, thinking about your goals for 2012

and the list goes on. One thing that has weighed heavy on my mind was a recent homily given at Mass. It was about the difference between joy and happiness. Joy is something entirely different from happiness. Joy, in the Biblical context, is not an emotion. Joy is attitude of the heart. It is not necessarily based on something positive happening. Joy is something that lasts; happiness is something that is temporary. When happiness fades away, joy remains. Joy is something that is bigger than you and I and our current circumstances. Joy brings us peace in the middle of a storm. Joy is something that God deposits into us through the Holy Spirit. The enemy tries everything in his power to steal your joy because it is that important. On the other hand, the enemy will tempt you with things that will temporarily give you happiness but at the same time drift you away from God.

There is a big difference between joy and happiness. Happiness is an emotion and temporary; joy is an attitude of the heart. Hold on tight to your joy. If you have joy in your heart you have the strength to do the things that God will

call you to do in being the face of Christ to others. Without joy you lack the essential building blocks that are needed to find those moments where you encounter God's love through others. **Psalm 92:4 - For you make me glad by Your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the work of Your hands...** God's mighty works can bring us joy. Below is a picture of 450 Bags of Love. Just looking at these bags, brings me joy. They were filled by many volunteers from the Council of Catholic Women within our diocese, or



donations made by Council members to fill the bags up for the Bags of Hope distribution done on Christmas Eve for migrant workers and their families. It's work like this that continues to amaze me.



My wish for you all in 2012 is that your hearts and souls overflow with JOY, you find strength in knowing that Jesus is with you every step that you take each and every day, and that each of the ministries that you support grow and prosper. May God bless you all for all the wonderful work that you do in His name.

Barb Dini
Service Commission Chair

Membership by Rosi Schuhmacher



Membership **If no news is good news**, then we must be doing great since I have not heard any requests for help since September. Ladies, the holidays are over and we have convention that will be here before we know it. As always, if you have a group who may be interested in joining, two of their women can attend a day at convention free. Invite them to come and look us over and then we can all pray that they like what they see.

Remember: It's hard to accept an invitation that you never received.

Rosi Schuhmacher
ODCCW Membership Chair

Focus 11--Vocations Awareness Event by Sue Miller

Father Jorge Torres, Vocations Director, announced the dates for **Focus 11 this year as February 27th - 29th**.

The three day event will be held at Holy Family Church located on Apopka-Vineland Road in Orlando. Students in Grade 6 will attend on Monday and Tuesday, high school students in Grade 11 will attend on Wednesday.

As in the past, the women of ODCCW are asked to help with this event. Extra help will be needed on the first two days because the students will be participating in a Scavenger Hunt. The students' papers need to be graded and extra hands would be greatly appreciated!

Help is also needed with the distribution of cookies served during the lunches. Each CCW affiliation is asked to donate ten dozen cookies. Please remember, home-baked or store-bought cookies should not have nuts nor peanut butter in them due to allergies. Please put the donated cookies into

large baggies or boxes. Cookies should be sent, or dropped off, at Holy Family Parish Center on Monday and Tuesday mornings, February 27th and 28th.

If you would like to help one, two, or all three days, please contact Sue Miller at [352-748-0015](tel:352-748-0015)/millsus@cfl.rr.com. The one requirement for volunteering is that you must be fingerprinted by the diocese. If you work in a ministry at your parish that involves children, then you are probably already fingerprinted.

This is such an important event for our future as a church. One day, some of these students will be the future priests and religious of our Orlando Diocese!

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" 1 Peter 4:10

Leadership by Cindy Litrell



Goals of the Leadership Commission:

- ◆ Increase affiliation membership by three percent.
- ◆ Have at least one new affiliation in each deanery.
- ◆ Double reported volunteer hours by time of the Convention.
- ◆ Every affiliation and deanery should have a "newsletter."
- ◆ As I think of goals we know they need to be understood, measurable, and attainable. We know that you all do many Volunteer hours for church, community, and family. For some strange reason we neglect to take credit for our work. Keeping tract of volunteer hours is one of the ways to let our priest and parish know some of the various charitable activities of your CCW. Last convention we reported over 129 thousand volunteer hours. I know you did

more, but they were not reported. Please do so this year so we are current. Collect those hours from May 2011 to now.

- ◆ The Leadership Commission receives Newsletters from some of the affiliations and deaneries but not all, so please send them to me including back issues. Email, US Postal Service, or hand them to me at diocesan or deanery meetings or give them to your diocesan representative to hand to me. Even if you don't have a Newsletter, start one. The primary purpose is to keep your members informed, what you are planning, what you need help with, and any other information you may want to include. Communications is a two way street; keep the information flowing!

Thank you for all you do in the name of Jesus and Mary and the CCW.

Cindy Litrell
Leadership Chair

Schedule the ODCCW Personal Development Team to Come to Your Affiliation



Yes, we are your ODCCW Personal Development Team. We are here to serve you and the needs of your parish or your deanery. We have **reduced the cost** of attending a seminar to **\$10.00** plus the cost of lunch which either the host can provide or add a nominal charge.

**So don't delay....
book a seminar today....
call 407 701-4712.**

We have 3 different seminars that are available:

- **Seasons of Our Lives** – This seminar is a day filled with spiritual blessings for all of the attendees. You will journey through the springs, summers, winters and autumns of your life and look at the seasons through fresh eyes.
- **You Are Woman** – We presented this seminar at Lake Yale and have since made changes to it. You will take a journey with Our Blessed Mother and see how she is amazing, creative, needed, capable, blessed and love and how her example can assist us in becoming the best version of our self.
- **CCW Café** – This is a seminar designed to train the attendees in leadership skills. This will be tailored to the needs of the attendees. We will decide with you what to present. Some of the topics are how to deal with difficult people, recruitment, retention, and meeting skills.

If there is something else that you would like to see presented; we are open to all suggestions. Talk to one of us and share your thoughts with us.

There is always room for a few more good women. Are

you one of those women? Looking for a way to share your talents, your voice...we need you. We meet 4 or 5 times a year usually at someone's house for 4 – 5 hours on a Saturday or Sunday. And then we are committed to attend the scheduled seminars to either give voice or help in the presentation. Of course, we know that isn't always possible but we do make our best effort. What skills are necessary....commitment to CCW and the ability to work with a team top the list. We do ask that you be willing to be trained as a presenter but you don't have to be a presenter. Don't hesitate, call us at 407 701-4712. You will join a wonderful group of dedicated, loving women.

Please keep our dear Council Sister and PD Team member Kathy Bonner & family in your prayers. Her husband Ron went to heaven on January 7th after bravely battling cancer.

Mary Matheus

Your Personal Development Team
Margaret Hettler, Coordinator
Mary Matheus, Kathy Leigh, Kathy Bonner,
Helen Sambuca & Linda Clark



Save the Date - Florida Conference Oct 25-29, 2012 by Rosi Schuhmacher



Although it seems like just yesterday, 14 years have passed and it's our turn to host the FCCW Conference again. For the benefit of our newer Council Sisters, the Florida Council of Catholic Women rotate the officer's positions between the 7 dioceses. The conference is always held in the diocese of the FCCW President Elect; thus we, the women of the Orlando Diocesan Council of are responsible to host the Conference.

Hosting the Conference is similar to the way our deaneries host our annual convention. Besides to normal functions of the host, registration, program book, silent auction, etc. we are responsible to provide the meal and entertainment on Thursday night before the conference starts. We are a very unique diocese

because we not only cover a large area but each of our Deaneries are very unique from one another and because of that we plan to showcase each deanery as part of the entertainment. We want all the deaneries to feel part of this conference and we know it will be a great success because, the women of ODCCW know how to put on a good convention. The dates for the conference are Thursday night Oct. 25th – Sunday Oct. 29th the prices will be very reasonable and we hope many of our members will take advantage to attend this conference as it will be in our own backyard!

Rosi Schuhmacher
FCCW President Elect

Parliamentarian Report by Faye Johnson



Courtesy is never out of date. We should always be mindful of each other and give them respect. When we are at a meeting be mindful of the constraints of the meeting. The President tries very hard to cover all the necessary business to be brought before the membership. She is aware of the time it takes to travel distances within the diocese to attend the meetings.

We can help her by doing the following:

1. Be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
2. Place your ideas before the assembly in the form of a well thought out motion.
3. Second a motion. You do not have to be in

agreement with the motion, but agree that it should come before the membership.

4. Confine your remarks to the subject at hand. No personal "stories."
5. Come prepared. Do your "homework" and bring all needed materials. Put lengthy reports/, etc. in writing with copies for distribution.
6. Members can assist the Chair in expediting the meeting by being attentive to the agenda and the time available for the meeting.

May your New Year be filled not only with the blessing of courtesy, but the grace and peace of Our Almighty God.

Faye Johnson
Parliamentarian



Save the Date for Lake Yale July 28-29 2012 by Peg Middleton

Building on the ABC's of Council

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The Learning Never Ends



Mark your calendars for the last weekend in July and plan on attending the Leadership Symposium at Lake Yale Baptist Center in Eustis, FL. You won't want to miss this two-day program that includes everything you need for successful Councils: Skill Building, Fundraising, Program Planning, Membership Ideas, Motivational Sessions, Special Liturgies, as well as Fun and Fellowship. This is a must for all officers and commission chairs, whether brand new or "seasoned." There will be something for everyone.

Workshops and presentations are still being planned and the agenda with specific topics will be sent to all affiliations as soon as they are available. Check the diocesan website (home.catholicweb.com/odccw) for information and the registration form as they becomes available.

We look forward to seeing you all on July 28th & 29th, as we learn how to Build on the ABC's of Council.

ODCCW Convention April 28 - April 30, 2012



“Let Us Break Bread Together...With Love For All God’s Children!”

What a beautiful message that has been chosen as the theme for the 2012 ODCCW Convention.

What touches our hearts and renews our souls more than the Eucharist...breaking bread together? What pleases our Lord more than loving all His children?

Join your Sisters in Christ April 28-30, 2012 at the Lake Mary Marriott for three days of spiritual enrichment, sharing of our faith and our ideas, and learning more ways to serve the Lord.

The Eastern Deanery is pleased to host this event and each of our member-Councils and their respective members are already working diligently to ensure an event to be remembered. Among the

highlights each year is the Bishop’s Mass. What a joy to worship together, led by our beloved Bishop John Noonan.

There will be workshops where ideas will be shared that will enhance us individually, as well as our affiliations. Take advantage of awesome “shopping opportunities” at the Silent Auction and visit numerous booths sponsored by various ministries of the Church. A number of social events will allow you time with old friends - and the potential to make new ones!

If you have never attended an ODCCW convention, we welcome you! If you have attended them year after year, you know what a great opportunity awaits you.

Registration packets will be distributed soon - watch for yours and register early!

Join us as we “Break Bread Together... With Love For All God’s Children!”

*Mary Tully and Sandi Atkinson
Convention Co-Chairmen*

Memories of the 2011 Convention



Election of Officers at the 2012 Convention by Rita Billingsley

Remember that each affiliation has two votes (President and Deanery Board Member). Please read the ODCCW Bylaws (Article XI, Representation at ODCCW Convention) regarding the affiliation’s voting delegates. The procedures the affiliation president needs to designate someone to carry the vote if one of the designated voting members in unable to attend the convention are in the bylaws. **Deanery Presidents please make sure that I have a current roster which includes affiliation presidents and deanery board members information.**

Affiliation presidents will receive a letter by the end of January from me.

Rita Billingsley, Elections Chairman

We Appreciate ALL Our Moderators, ODCCW, Deaneries & Affiliations for the support you give to CCW. Have a Blessed 2012.

Prayer for 2012 Eucharistic Congress

The **Eucharistic Congress** prayer was recently introduced by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin who invites you to support the Eucharistic Congress by **praying this prayer on a daily basis if possible.**

The prayer draws its inspiration from the Gospel story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24) and from the words of the prophet Micah:

Eucharistic Congress Prayer

Lord Jesus,
You were sent by the Father to gather together those who are scattered.

You came among us, doing good and bringing healing, announcing the Word of salvation and giving the Bread which lasts forever.

Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.

May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts, enliven our

hope and open our minds, so that together with our sisters and brothers in faith we may recognize You in the Scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

May your Holy Spirit transform us into one body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth, in justice and love, as witnesses of Your resurrection. In communion with Mary, whom

You gave to us as our Mother at the foot of the cross, through You may all praise, honor and blessing be to the Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church, now and forever.

Amen



Catholic Days at the Capitol February 7-9, 2012



If you are planning on going to Catholic Days at the Capitol the **registration deadline is January 25, 2012.**

Go to the ODCCW website to download your registration form.

<http://home.catholicweb.com/odccw>

Join fellow Catholics from around the state as they gather in Tallahassee to participate in the Catholic Days at the Capitol and enjoy the unique opportunity to meet with elected officials and attend the annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit.

The Red Mass is an adaptation of the Church's age old expression of dependence on God to the needs of the Courts and the Law. The custom of a special Mass for the Bench and the Bar arose in England, France and Italy in the early 13th century. Red signified the

willingness to defend the truth inspired by the Holy Spirit even at the cost of shedding one's blood. Since the Mass asks the Holy Spirit to keep lawyers and judges true to the truth of justice, the devotion is called the Red Mass.

In Florida the Catholic Bishops continue the Red Mass tradition, inviting the people who serve in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government to join them in prayer and ask the Spirit of God to guide and direct them in their service to the people of Florida.

Mark your calendar, talk to your friends and family members and plan to attend this year's gathering. Let's make it the most successful Catholic Days ever. We hope to see the ODCCW well represented at the next annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit.

ODCCW Esteem Life Member Award *by Karen Hill*

Rules For ESTEEMED LIFE MEMBER AWARD

1. Each affiliation may have one nominee and will go through their own selection process.
2. Information forms for selections will be sent to each affiliation.
3. Nominations from the affiliations must be sent with a cover letter to the Membership Task Force chair by March 15th.
4. The nominating form will not have the name of the nominee, parish or deanery. That information must be included in the cover letter. Upon receiving the cover letter and the nominations, a number will be given to each nominee. This will allow the selection process to be as anonymous as possible.
5. A committee consisting of the Membership Task Force and ODCCW elected officers will make the selection and /or selections. No more than two (2) honorees will be selected each year.
6. Should a member of the Membership Task Force be nominated, that individual would withdraw from the committee during the selection process. The Diocesan President would appoint a replacement.
7. A certificate will be presented annually during the Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention.

Nominee qualifications for the Esteem Life member Award:

1. Nominee should be a woman of prayer, vision and faith – who is or was actively involved in Council. The nominee may not be physically able to be as active as she was at one time - but still has a deep love and respect of Council and its many programs.
2. Nominee should be a woman who has served church and Council faithfully.
3. Nominee should be a woman who has given of her gifts and time.

Nominee's Council should describe in 100 words or less - "Why does this affiliation nominate this woman?"

Nominee's Council should also list her involvement (offices held, etc.) on the affiliation, deanery, diocesan, Florida Council of Catholic Women and National Council of Catholic Women rings. Also include her activities in ministries for her parish such as reader, Minister to the Sick, Eucharistic Minister, usher, RCIA, bereavement ministry, etc.

A certificate with the name of recipient and the year will be presented to the recipient at the next Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women convention.

Nomination forms can be obtained on the ODCCW website at <http://home.catholicweb.com/odccw>

Esteem Life member Committee:

Chair Karen Hill
Dianne Christian
Faye Johnson

PAST RECEIPTS OF ESTEEM LIFE MEMBER

Toni Schoebert	Ascension, Melbourne
Toni Horvath	Sts. Peter & Paul, Goldenrod
June Sayers	Our Lady of Lourdes, Daytona
Lillian Farrington	St. Charles, Orlando
Kathy Bonner	St. Mary Magdalen, Altamonte Sprgs
Ellen Bachman	formerly of Resurrection, Lakeland
Winkie Lefils	All Souls, Sanford
Julie Drake	St. James Cathedral, Orlando
Kathleen Hanraha	St. Ann, Debary
Jean Hayes	Divine Mercy, Merritt Island
Norma Green	St. Andrew, Orlando
Ginny Loso	St. Francis of Assisi, Apopka
Susan Harting	All Souls, Sanford
Lu Hunter	Sacred Heart, New Smyrna Beach
Libby Schmidt	Divine Mercy, Merritt Island
Faye Johnson	St. John Neumann, Lakeland
Marie Street	St. Andrew, Orlando
Virginia Lewis	St. John Neumann, Lakeland
Mary Farrell	Given Posthumously
Laurel Burns	Annunciation, Longwood
Rita Billingsley	Ascension, Melbourne

Congratulations to Jennifer Foristall, President of St. Maximillian Kolbe, Central Deanery and Rosemarie Delaney, of Holy Spirit, Western Deanery, each winner of a delicious dinner for 2 on Friday, October 28, 2011.

Dinner started with a tasty melon wrapped in prosciutto, followed by a beautiful green salad. The main course was a scrumptious Cordon Bleu over rice and asparagus on the side. For dessert a lovely frozen ice cream treat was served.

The meal was prepared and served by ODCCW Moderator Father Miguel Gonzalez, a gourmet chef, and wonderful host.

What a great fundraiser. Thanks Father Miguel!!

Thanks to all who participated. Maybe you will win next time.



Take a Moment and **THANK** your Parish Priest, Affiliation/Deanery/ODCCW Moderator for his devotion to our Lord.

Please know Fathers we appreciate ALL you do for us and the support you give CCW.

You are remembered in our daily prayers!



O DCCW is requesting that each affiliation support the Burse Club, by sending a nominal \$12 contribution per year from their affiliation. (You may contribute more.)

WHAT IS A BURSE ?

A Burse is a fund established to provide additional finances necessary to educate students for the priesthood.

It also helps the laity recognize the role of the Christian Community in fostering and sustaining vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Orlando.

The educational requirements for candidates for the priesthood are four years of undergraduate studies in a college and four or five years of graduate studies in a school of Theology. Rarely can a candidate, even with the assistance of his family, be able to assume the responsibility for the total expenses of his education.

To assist in the financial area, The Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women with the guidance of Fr. Miguel Gonzalez, Vocations Director established the Orlando Diocese Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW) Burse Club. Fr. Jorge Torres as the new Vocations Director has taken over for Fr. Miguel.

Who are Burse Club members? A Burse Club member is anyone willing to offer prayers for vocations and financial assistance for the education of men for the priesthood. A member pays dues of \$1.00 each month or \$12.00 per year through the Orlando Diocese Council of Catholic Women. There are no meetings or other membership requirements.

A spiritual benefit for the members of the Burse Club is being remembered in the daily prayers of the seminarians.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS?

Become a member of our Burse Club

A *Burse* is a fund established in 1953 by a Council of Catholic Women to provide financial assistance to men studying at the seminary to become priest. As an ODCCW *Burse Club* member you are asked to offer prayers for vocations and financial assistance for the education of men studying for the priesthood. You will be remembered in daily prayers by our seminarians.

Application for enrollment in ODCCW Burse Club

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Parish: _____

- I prefer to pay my dues annually, enclosed is \$12.00.
- I prefer to pay my dues monthly, enclosed is \$1.00 for the month of _____.
- Enclosed is an additional gift of \$ _____.

Please make checks payable to ODCCW - Burse Club

Please detach and mail to: ODCCW Burse Club

c/o Valerie Callan

ODCCW Treasurer

815 Glen Arden Way

Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come.



O Mother of Good Counsel, patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous, and loving leaders of the Church.

Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your Son. May the Holy Spirit fill us with a reverence for God's Creation and compassion for all God's children.

May our Labors of Love on earth enhance the reign of God; and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come.

Amen



Joining Hands & Hearts



Please join ODCCW for an Ecumenical Breakfast at the Chancery February 18th at 11 am at 50 E Robinson Street, Orlando, FL 32801

Open to ALL Affiliation Members.

Cost \$7

Enjoy the fellowship of several other Christian Women Groups.

Exchange idea's and grow.

Fill out registration form on the right and include a check for \$7. Mail to Valerie Callan by February 8, 2012.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Please make checks for \$7 payable to ODCCW

Put Ecumenical Breakfast in memo

Please detach and mail to: ODCCW

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NCCW MISSION STATEMENT

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ☆ **Jan 28 - ODCCW Board Mtg - Annunciation**
- ☆ **Feb 7-9 - Catholic Days at the Capitol**
- ☆ **Feb 18th Ecumenical Breakfast @ Chancery**
- ☆ **March 3 - Northern Deanery General Mtg - St. Paul**
- ☆ **March 10 - Central Deanery General Mtg - Annunciation**
- ☆ **March 10 - Eastern Deanery General Mtg - Prince of Peace**
- ☆ **March 31 - Western Deanery General Mtg - St. John Numann**
- ☆ **April 14 - Southern Deanery General Mtg - Our Lady of Lourdes**
- ☆ **April 28-30 - ODCCW Convention (Save the Date)**
- ☆ **July 28-29 - Lake Yale Symposium (Save the Date)**
- ☆ **Sept 19-22 NCCW Convention Myrtle Beach, SC**
- ☆ **October 25-28 FCCW Conference - at the Sheraton hotel in Maitland, FL (Save the Date)**

+PRAY FOR PRIESTS+

O DCCW encourages all Council women to pray daily for our priests. The following schedule is set up as a guideline.

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| Mondays | Pope Benedict XVI |
| Tuesdays | Central Deanery |
| Wednesdays | Eastern Deanery |
| Thursdays | Northern Deanery |
| Fridays | Southern Deanery |
| Saturdays | Western Deanery |
| Sundays | Bishop Noonan & Bishop Dorsey |

