



FROM THE
PEN OF
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President of the Madison
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Catholic Women

Journey through the
Madison Diocese
and meet your
CCW sisters!

*Even though there are
days I wish I could
change some things
that happened in the
past, there's a reason
the rearview mirror is
so small and the
windshield is so big;
where you are headed
is much more
important than what
you've left behind."*

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CONNECTING CATHOLIC WOMEN

IN THE DIOCESE OF MADISON

Jesus is the Light of the World; May We Become a Light of Hope

As Catholic women, we are the light of hope with our local parish efforts to uplift the initiatives of the National Council of Catholic Women. We are the voice of Catholic women.

"... and there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever." Rev 22:5

PRESIDENT'S PEN NEWS

Dear Catholic Women,

Now that the New Year is here, we make plans to "start anew", and make resolutions to help us become better people, try to learn from our past. We don't know what this year will bring, what joys or sorrows but we trust in God. My resolution/motto is going to be to see God in everyone (*we are made in his image (Genesis 1: 28)*), and see the Good in everything (God uses everything toward Good.) Through the lens of God, we find ways to bring justice into the world when we see injustices. Perhaps in our suffering or loneliness, we can sympathize and reach out to others who are also suffering. Part of my New Year's Resolutions include my efforts to turn a negative into something positive.

I see Bishop Hying's initiative "Into the Deep" as an opportunity to unite even more women as CCW members. I sent a letter to Bishop Hying (with Jane Grinde's input) to ask for a place at the table in discussions that could affect the Madison Diocesan council. Bishop Hying isn't trying to make it harder to be Catholic, but to make us be Better Catholics. Are we willing to drive farther or go to a less favorable time to attend Mass? I think a priest said: "This isn't the time to be rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic. We need to chart a new course".

Our MDCCW bi-annual newsletter will be coming out later this month. It will have convention reports from the 11 women from the Madison Diocese who attended the NCCW Convention in Minneapolis in November as well as other reports. See the MDCCW website at www.mdccw.com

Throughout the new year, I look forward to bringing the message of CCW to more women! Wishing you and your family a Joyful New Year! See page two for some amazing things growing our Diocese!

Linda Ripp

MDCCW President

PS: MDCCW is still looking for a Leadership chair (*help organize the Priest Ordination, place order for Boxes of Joy, as past chair, Coreen Marklein would be able to help get you started*). Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS in our DIOCESE ! page 1 of 2

Eucharistic Miracles of the World traveling Exhibition

Plan now to view the work of a young boy named Carlo Acutis, which culminated in an exhibit of all the Eucharistic Miracles documented throughout the world. Completing his work in 2½ years at the age of 14, Carlo passed away at age 15. Now beautified, Carlo can live in spirit through his exhibit, which is traveling to various parishes in the Diocese of Madison. Its breadth of information fosters devotion to the Eucharist and will be displayed in the next few months at the following parishes in 2023:

January: St. Olaf Parish, DeForest,

February: St. Albert the Great Parish, Sun Prairie,

March: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Cross Plains, April: St. Joseph Parish, Fort Atkinson

Contact individual parishes for exact dates and times of the display.



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Motto for her MDCCW
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“Rest in Peace Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.”

The 264th pope of the Catholic Church from 2005- 2013

PRESIDENT'S PEN NEWS continued

As your MDCCW President, connecting Catholic women will become a major focus for me personally and for the Madison Diocesan Council. Please know that we are your partners in your quest to build parish community, offer advice and resources and prayers. Feel free to use my contact information in this newsletter for your inquiries.

Wishing you a Blessed New Year!

Linda Ripp

MDCCW President

UPCOMING EVENTS in our DIOCESE continued

People Reaching Others for Life, (Sauk Vicariate)

Launching January 2023, the organization 6:8 plans to expand into a larger support network for families experiencing challenges including pregnancy, adoption, foster care, and infertility. From its successful beginnings, 6:8 now has the formula to engage volunteers on a topic-specific role. 100's of volunteers are needed at all levels of interpersonal relationships.

Find out more at www.MakingServicePersonal.org

St. John the Baptist Parish, Waunakee (West Dane Vicariate)

Madison Eucharistic Congress, Friday-Sunday. September 29th – October 1st 2023

Gaining momentum in Eucharistic Revival, this 3-day retreat promises to help us quench our desire to know and love God within our souls. Preregistration is needed for this 3-day Congress of prayer, worship, workshops, small group discussions and the learn the testimony of witnesses to revive your faith! Find the retreat guide, brochure, schedule, and registration information online at

www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com

St. Catherine Ministry, Mary of Pine Bluff Parish, Pine Bluff (West Dane Vicariate)

The **St. Catherine Ministry** is a new partnership between the Miracle of Life Rosary Garden at St. Mary of Pine Bluff and Our Lady of Hope Clinic. The Ministry focuses on accompanying families before, during and after miscarriage by offering materials, referrals, and compassionate support throughout the Diocese of Madison. Materials include miscarriage receptacles, burial vessels, and resources.

Referrals include assistance in burial space, memorials and follow-up health and fertility services.

Compassionate Support includes a support person to talk to, connection to spiritual counsel, and further follow-up assistance. All women in the Diocese can now know that they can help a grieving family tap into this level of compassion and healing through this new pro-life ministry. Contact Laura Karlen

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