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## VOICE of the SAINTS

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"Blessed are they who are  
persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness, for theirs is  
the Kingdom of Heaven."

Matthew 5:10

# Connecting Catholic Women!

Throughout the Diocese of Madison

A Newsletter of the Madison Diocesan Council  
of Catholic Women (MDCCW)

Affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)



Connecting Catholic Women throughout the Catholic Diocese of Madison

## President's Pen News

October was a rewarding time to connect with Catholic women across the Diocese as I enjoyed great Liturgies, meals and speakers!

Sept 29-Oct 1, I went to the Eucharistic Congress in Waunakee and learned a lot about the Eucharist while listening to the speakers and participating in the Liturgies.

On Oct 9, I attended the Madison Catholic Women's Club Day of Renewal with speaker, Cheryl Horne, also focusing on the Eucharist and giving me more insights.

Oct 10, I traveled to the Northern part of the Diocese, to Westfield for Columbia North's Vicariate meeting, "October—the month of the Rosary" and listened to a little History of the Rosary and then after our meal, our speaker Anne Auger, a mother of 6 children ages 3-11 talked about "What Season are we In?". The devil is looking for souls to devour. As Catholics, we are called to be saints. We have a hunger to be known and be seen. God knows us, right down to the number of hairs on our heads. If we speak up, we are ostracized in our own families. The time that we are living in calls us to be strong witnesses. How do we do that? We need to know Christ/God, have a relationship with God, so we can be authentic witnesses. God told us His name, "Yahweh"—"I am, I Am Present with you". Jesus (means "God Saves") calls God, Father—Daddy, Papa—"Abba". Muslims are shocked by this; they call their god "Master". We also need to carry our crosses daily. Christ meets us where we are at and calls us to grow in love. God sees us as we truly are and He Loves us anyway! God has given us a task/mission that He hasn't given to anyone else. Pray every day "I will trust you".

On Thurs, Oct 12. I traveled to the southwestern corner of the state to Kieler, WI for Grant's Vicariate meeting "Seek and You shall Find" At the NCCW convention in 2023, one of the speakers presented a talk "Knock, Knock, Who's there?" and showed us a picture of Jesus standing at the door. There wasn't any knob on the outside, so only we can let Jesus in. I gave a little report from some of the notes I took. St Boneventure says "The Holy Spirit comes where he is invited, loved, & expected". Love/God stands knocking at our door. Are we opening it? A good friend doesn't judge us, we don't have to be at our best, have a perfectly clean house with friends. They are just there for us. Open the door to Jesus with all our

See President's Pen News continued on Page Three!

## United across the Diocese

BOX of JOY

Drop Off Dates  
and  
Location!



- \* Pack your boxes - this is DROP-OFF-MONTH!
- \* Check with your Parish and Pastorate to see if you have a regional/local Drop-Off Spot for your boxes
- \* - OR - bring boxes to the Diocesan Collection Point.

**Diocesan Collection Point available ONLY**

on these dates and times:

Saturday, Nov. 11th \* 11am-3pm

Sunday, Nov. 12th \* 9am-1pm

**St. Martin of Tours (former school building)**  
3950 St. Martin Circle, Cross Plains (PASTORATE 19)  
is the central collection point.

Contact Coreen Marklein (608) 393-0880

See [www.mdccw.com](http://www.mdccw.com)

## United across the Nation

with the  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN.

## VOCATION PURSE CLUB

Assisting women pursuing religious vocations

NCCW is dedicated to increasing the number of women entering religious communities by offering financial assistance to religious institutes, providing resources to alleviate educational debt, and seeking contributors to invest in the vital religious life of the Church.

By supporting a program called Vocation Purse Club, NCCW helps assure women that their financial situation is not a barrier to entering religious life. Donations may be made on-line.



See <https://www.nccw.org>  
and explore the Events and Happenings category

The Mission of the NCCW is to Support, Empower, and Educate all Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service

MDCCW is affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women which acts through its membership to respond with Gospel values to the needs of the church and society in the modern world. Learn more at [www.mdccw.com](http://www.mdccw.com) and [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)

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*From YOUR Pastorate ?*



**SPIRITUALITY**  
**Faith Finds a Home at Home**

November in our families is usually a time of thanksgiving and gatherings, a time of plenty and laughter. At the same time we are celebrating in our own households, we must also pray for and provide for the poor, the elderly, the lonely. By observing what adults in their lives prioritize, children can learn quickly the compassion Jesus calls us to have for our neighbors. Making cards, delivering food, and spending time with our neighbors in need are some simple ways we can put compassion into action this month. These are among the Corporal Works of Mercy Jesus depends on each of us to do.

*By Julianne Nornberg  
Contributor to the Catholic Herald and member of Pastorate 19*

**SPIRITUALITY RESOURCES**  
**ALL SAINTS**

The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates our hope in the resurrection. The ‘great cloud of witnesses’ that Saint Paul writes about in Hebrews 12:1 is none other than the prophets and saints who have set the example for our perseverance in the race set before us; the race against sin, the race to evangelize others. With Jesus as the ultimate example, saints find their strength and courage. Ordinary people made extraordinary by the Grace of God fill our past, present and future.

**ROSARY SERVICES**

**A Patriotic Rosary** - In Honor of Veteran’s Day  
**Monday, Nov. 6th, 7:00pm**  
Held at St. John the Baptist Parish (old church)  
209 South Street, Waunakee (PASTORATE 18)

**MASS & ROSARY SERVICES**

**Memorial Mass for deceased members**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9:40am Rosary, 10am Mass**  
The Madison Woman’s Club (MCWC) and their guests are invited to a Rosary followed by Mass with Breakfast following. In the chapel at All Saints Neighborhood, 511 Commerce Drive, Madison. Information and required Registration available via email: mcwcwomansclub@gmail.com

**PASTORATE UPDATES:**

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW) continue to work with the Diocese to determine if Vicariate boundaries will be made. Please continue to network and reach out to parishes and Pastorates near you to build community for your region. MDCCW will hold its annual Convention in 2024 and will find a way for all pastorates to participate!

**SERVICE**  
**Diocesan Focus**  
**VOTING FOR JUSTICE**  
NOT JUST A CIVIC DUTY,  
A CATHOLIC OBLIGATION



The Catechism of the Catholic Church holds a treasure of information regarding our duty as a Catholic to contribute to the ‘good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity and freedom.’ CCC 2239.

Being a faithful Catholic servant covers a broad spectrum of opportunity. With Heaven as our one true home, we are called as resident aliens to ‘participate in all things as citizens and endure all things as foreigners.’ CCC 2240

Submitting to authority as a co-responsible partner for the common good makes it ‘obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one’s country.’ CCC 2240

See ‘*The Duties of Citizens*’ CCC 2238-2243

**LEADERSHIP**

**Unifying Parish Women With Prayer**

Our Pastorates have been in existence since July. With this unification, we need to find new ways to share our common goals with other CCWs. Here are two groups that may be of interest to you.

**Seven Sisters Apostolate & Widows of Prayer** both focus on praying for our priests. Each can be done as a group or individually, preferable as a group. They can also be done at any time or in any place. Possibly you haven’t heard of either group but both have been around for a while.

The mission of the **Seven Sisters Apostolate** is

“A call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week, for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop - a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.”

Seven Women are needed to start a group and your parish priest should be the first recipient. Each member commits to a Holy Hour one day of the week, at any time of the day. By doing this, each day of every week is covered. The ideal is to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament, but not restricted to the parish, with a one year commitment. You can visit their website, [www.sevensistersapostolate.org](http://www.sevensistersapostolate.org).

Next month I will describe the Widows of Prayer as another prayer opportunity to unify your parish women!

**Submitted by Sue Barker,**  
MDCCW Leadership Commission Chair



\* **DUTIES OF CITIZENS** \*

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high position that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way.”

1 Tim 2:1-2



**Mark Your Calendars!**  
DIOCESE OF MADISON

**Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations**

Mon. - Fri. 9 - 11:45 am

At Holy Name Heights Oratory, 702 S. High Point Road, Madison

**Daily Mass**

Mon. - Fri. Noon

At Holy Name Heights Oratory, 702 S. High Point Road, Madison

**Diocesan Fall Retreat Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities**

For teens and adults to grow together in faith and friendship.

Sunday, Nov. 4, 10am

At Camp Gray, Reedsburg  
APD@madisondiocese.org

**Ecumenical**

**Thanksgiving Service**

Monday, Nov. 20th, 6:30pm

At City Church

4909 E. Buckeye Road, Madison

Non-perishable food and/or cash will be collected to share with the less fortunate. Reception to follow the Service. Coordinated by:

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**ANNOUNCE**

**Your Pastorate's News!**

This page is dedicated to sharing news from your women's groups, parish, and pastorate for monthly events, activities, special gatherings etc.

Send your news by the 15th of the prior month of your event(s)

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MADISON EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Recordings available!**

See recordings of this event at: <https://madisondiocese.org>



**BOX of JOY Drop Off Dates and Location CHANGED!**

Diocesan Central Collection is now at St. Martin of Tours Parish, 3950 St. Martin Circle, (Martinsville) Cross Plains (PASTORATE 19) as the central collection point. Check with your parish or Pastorate coordinator to see if individual boxes are collected there for bulk delivery to the central collection spot. See page one for more details.

**FALL FAIRS & FESTIVALS!**

**Christmas/Holiday Bazaar, St. Christopher Parish at St. Andrew Church** 301 N. Main St., Verona (PASTORATE 20) **Saturday, Nov. 11 (8:30am-2pm)** Crafts, Bake Shoppe, Pulled Pork Luncheon, Children's Shop & KC Wood Products & Sweepstakes prizes including \$1,000 cash!

**FALL BREAKFAST, LUNCH or DINNER!**

**61st Annual Hunter's Beef Dinner at Good Shepherd Parish**, 241 E. 6th St., Westfield (PASTORATE 9) **Sat. Nov. 18th 4-7pm.** Hot roast beef, mashed potatoes, bread and beverages and homemade pie (\$12/person)  
**St. Peter Fish Fry** (in the school basement) 7129 County Highway K, (Ashton) Middleton (PASTORATE 19), **Friday, Nov. 10th, 4:30pm- 7:30pm**

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joys, hurts, and dirty laundry. Yen said "grant us courageous vulnerability." Jesus always invites us to a deeper relationship. St Padre Pio said "Speak to Jesus with not only your life, but also your Heart". Give Jesus a WIDE, OPEN DOOR! Jesus won't ever Bang on our Door, but he aches to be invited in. After our meal, 2 Dominican nuns told us about what is happening at Sinsinawa Mound. They had to make some financial changes with so many nuns needing more nursing care; 91 nuns have now moved to Share Crest in Muskego. Ron Richards/Tri-Corp Construction has purchased many acres of land and will tear some buildings down and renovate others. He is from the area, so understands the nun's philosophy and will hopefully, be respectful of the land. There is some discussion with a man whose 2 siblings were nuns at Sinsinawa and whose daughter is thinking about operating the bakery at Sinsinawa in a smaller capacity. They are also starting to do "green burials" for some of the nuns who have died.

My final Vicariate meeting, was a morning gathering on Oct 24 at Holy Angels in LaValle. Our speaker, Diane Pillsbury, told us about how walking has enhanced her Faith. She began hiking as a child when her father would take the children hiking on the weekends to give their mom a break. She did charity walks where people would sponsor her for each mile she walked. She walked the 2100 mile Appalachian Trail in the late 70's, spent 3 months hiking in Alaska, and likes to do the 22-mile walk from St Norbert, DePere to Champion, WI (the only approved Marian miracle in the US). She told us that before she takes a hike, she needs to plan and prepare. You need the right equipment—boots, backpack, raingear, compass, 1st aid kit, food. We also need to prepare for our "Faith journey" - participate in the Sacraments, follow the Commandments, learn more about our Religion - Bible studies, reading articles. Learning doesn't stop when we get out of school. We also need our Spiritual Food - **the Eucharist - the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. We are each on our own journey. God will equip us for our walk!** I'm so glad I could attend all these special events and thank all the hosts for all their hard work in organizing them.

On Saturday, Oct 21, I held a MDCCW board meeting and informal gathering of women from across the Diocese (Columbia North - 1, Grant-1, Sauk - 2, Pastorate 19 - 2, Waunakee - 2, Belleville - 1, Madison - 3) to discuss some of the changes and how we would like to see CCW move forward in the future - MDCCW conventions, raising money, etc. It was a productive meeting and hopefully, we can discuss more in the future.

As I move into November, things will slow down somewhat, although I will be trying to go All Saints, All Souls and Thanksgiving Liturgies. St Martin's/ Martinsville-Cross Plains will be the host site for Boxes of Joy. Drop-off times are Saturday, Nov 11 (11-3) and Sunday, Nov 12 from 9-1.

Thanksgiving wishes to all of the Catholic women and Priests that have helped me grow in my Faith Journey. I thank God for all the many blessings he has given me, especially for my birth into a Catholic family in rural Wisconsin!



Linda Ripp

President of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

**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.*