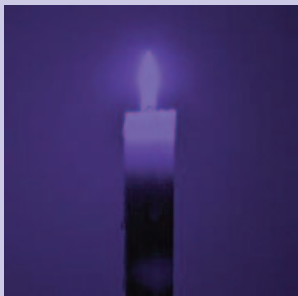


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FROM THE
PEN OF
LINDA RIPP

President of the Madison
Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women

Journey through the
Madison Diocese
and meet your
CCW sisters!

*"A candle
loses nothing
by lighting
another
candle"*

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
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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.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9

PRESIDENT'S PEN NEWS

Dear Catholic Women,

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, filled with the blessings of love and family. I am also thankful for the insights and stories I received at the NCCW Convention that was held in Minneapolis, (especially Blessed Carlo Acutis's relic Eucharistic Miracles display, and the great Liturgies) As we start this season of Advent, we remember the words from Ephesians 5:8-9 "You were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness, righteousness, and truth." and Romans 13:12 "Let us throw off the works of darkness; put on the armor of Light." We prepare for the coming of God, living among us at the Nativity on Christmas Day. We can receive this God, Jesus among us every time we receive the Holy Eucharist. WOW, what a Gift!

By now, most of you have probably seen plans for parishes in Bishop Hying's "Into the Deep" Strategic Plan initiative. As I mentioned at the Nov. MDCCW Board meeting "that while change is always hard, we should look at this as an opportunity to introduce more women to CCW and their Mission statement: '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.'" We are working on composing a letter to send to the Bishop to "keep a place at the table" for input from MDCCW. The NCCW Boxes of Joy project brought 763 boxes to St Peter's in Ashton. Our Parish CCW's have donated \$1000's of dollars to Madonna Fund and Water for Life through the years and I am hopeful projects like these will continue and grow with renewed vigor.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year, filled with God's Light in you,

Linda Ripp

UPCOMING EVENTS in our DIOCESE !

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Monona (Madison Vicariate)

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, Month of December. See parish website for times

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Madison (Madison Vicariate)

Advent Mission, Monday-Wednesday, November 28-30 7pm. With Fr. Mike Ford, OP, featuring a relic of St. Jude

Schoenstatt Heights, Cottage Grove Road, Madison

Magnificat Morning for Women, Sat. December 3rd 9:00am-10:30am. RSVP:(608) 222-7208

St. Bernard Church, Madison (Madison Vicariate)

Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk, Sat. December 3rd. 9:00am-3:00pm

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Lake Mills (Jefferson Vicariate)

Cookie Walk, Sat. December 3rd. 7:00am-10:00am

St. Thomas Church, Poynette (Columbia North Vicariate)

Littlest Angel Bazaar, Sat. December 3rd. 8:00am-2:00pm

St. Mary Parish, Milton (Rock-Green Vicariate)

Cookie Walk, Sat. December 10. Sponsored by the CCW, 9:00am-11:00am

Blessed Trinity Parish, Lodi (Sauk Vicariate)

Winter Cookie Walk and Craft Fair Saturday December 10th 9:00am-noon

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