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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!

*Then Jesus cried
aloud: 'Whoever
believes in me not in
me but in Him who
sent me. And whoever
sees me sees Him who
sent me. I have come
as light into the world,
so that everyone who
believes in me should
not remain in the
darkness.'*

John 12: 35-36

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IN THE DIOCESE OF MADISON

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"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" St. Catherine of Siena

PRESIDENT'S PEN NEWS

Dear Catholic Women,

The first month of the year is already over. I hope your year is off to a good start. The "Into the Deep initiative" is taking form. I talked to one of the people on a subcommittee on organizations in the Diocese—KC's, CCW etc. They are working on setting Diocesan guidelines. I am looking into some guidance from NCCW/ Province directors to see if they can offer any ideas that would also help us. I am hoping the consolidation of parishes will allow more women to become involved with CCW. The more women that know about the Mission statement of NCCW: *"The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership 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."* and that was founded by the US Bishops in 1920, the better. February brings the Holiday of Valentine's when we show Love in a special way to those who are important in our lives. Let us not forget the great Love that God gives to us. He will never stop loving us. We are the ones that turn away from HIS LOVE.

On Tues, Feb 21, there is an election for a new Wis Supreme Court Justice to replace Justice Patricia Roggensack who is retiring. This is a very important election for Pro-Life rights. I believe that every woman has a right to quality health care, but I don't think that includes the right to abortion. Once a woman is pregnant it is not just her body. We need to protect the rights of the unborn. In the 50 years of Roe vs Wade, 62 million potential taxpayers have been murdered and I believe most of them for the simple reason that it is "inconvenient" to have a baby. I have 2 posters that I think sums up my points. One is "What If your Mother had aborted you?the world would be missing an unique person" the other is "A Pregnant woman is a creator of Life"—I have an idea poster that I did, and then a lady from St Christopher Parish/Verona found a painting (Vermeer, 1800's) of a pregnant woman that she added the "Creator of Life" line to. We can't let the murder of so many millions of innocent babies go on. PLEASE VOTE for a Pro-Life candidate (poster copies attached).

The next day, Wed, Feb 22 is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. A time when we look a how we can repent and grow closer to God in order to Rise with Christ at Easter.

May we always trust in God as we move forward through the coming days of changes in the Diocese and our own lives.

Linda Ripp MDCCW President

PS: Please see the many attachments to this email!

UPCOMING EVENTS in our DIOCESE !

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Human Trafficking presentations:

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Madison (Madison Vicariate)

Luncheon, baby shower and presentation on human trafficking: Tuesday, February 7th hosted by the Madison Catholic Women's Club. Rosary at 11:15am, Luncheon at noon, Program begins at 12:30pm. Bring an unwrapped infant's gift to benefit the Women's Care Center and Babies and Beyond. HURRY! Paid reservation DEADLINE: JANUARY 31st: madisoncatholicwomensclub.org

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Madison (Madison Vicariate)

Presentation on human trafficking: Tuesday, February 7th 7:00pm-8:30pm
Please bring full size personal care items including socks, hats and mittens for Project Respect. No reservations needed. For more information contact Vicky at: vkfranchino@gmail.com

St. Norbert Parish, Roxbury (Sauk Vicariate)

Drive-Thru Pork Chop Dinner, Sunday, Feb. 19th, pick-up from 11am-1:30pm. Pre-Order online at stnorbertccw.com by Feb. 12th or call Michelle at 608-393-6012. Meals: \$15 each, \$3 Kid's hotdog.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World traveling Exhibition

The traveling exhibit of all the Eucharistic Miracles documented throughout the world will visit various parishes in the Diocese of Madison. Contact host parish for dates and times of the display.

February: St. Albert the Great Parish, Sun Prairie, and March: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Cross Plains

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

Madison Eucharistic Congress, Friday-Sunday. September 29th – October 1st. Register now for this 3-day Congress! Information online: www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com

Homilies on the Eucharist Podcasts, available on YouTube

Msr. James Bartylla is recording 9 months of Homilies on the Eucharist in advance of the Eucharistic Congress in September. [Youtube.com/@DioceseofMadison/playlists](https://www.youtube.com/@DioceseofMadison/playlists), then click: "Eucharistic Revival"

Vigil for Life, 40 Days for Life during Lent February 22 to April 2

On the sidewalk surrounding Planned Parenthood,
3706 Orin Road, Madison

Sign up to join the prayerful witnesses promoting life.

Monday – Saturday 7am-7pm (no Sundays)

See: vigilforlife.org

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