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FROM THE  
PEN OF  
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President of the Madison  
Diocesan Council of  
Catholic Women

Journey through the  
Madison Diocese  
and meet your  
CCW sisters!

*'In the same way, let  
your light shine before  
others, so that they  
may see your good  
works and give glory to  
your Father in heaven.'*

Matthew 5:16

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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.

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe!"*

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

## PRESIDENT'S PEN NEWS

Dear Catholic Women,

We are now in the season of Lent; a time to deepen our relationship with God through Prayer & Fasting. We also need to get the word out that abortion is killing PEOPLE, potential taxpayers. Once the woman is pregnant, it is no longer HER body; the fetus in her uterus has its own DNA. Pro-Life isn't against Woman's Health care/rights - it is about Respecting and giving Dignity to everyone. We are all created in God's image. All people should have the right to quality Health care. There are consequences to any actions/decisions we make: drinking/driving, sex/possibility of pregnancy; not working/being homeless, etc. I have 3 posters (Word documents) that I created (with help) and don't know if they would be useful in any way, (they were also attached to the Feb newsletter, but feel free to ask for them again.)

The **April 4<sup>th</sup> Election** that will determine if a Pro-Life candidate becomes the next Supreme Court Judge or not! Be sure to vote!

We will be getting more information on the "Into the Deep" initiative in the next few weeks and we will be working on how that will affect CCW.

Take care and have a productive & rewarding Lenten season,

Linda Ripp

## UPCOMING EVENTS in our DIOCESE !

### St. Francis Xavier Parish, Cross Plains (West Dane Vicariate)

#### Eucharistic Miracles of the World traveling Exhibition – March 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

The Eucharistic Miracles' exhibit will be displayed at St. Francis Xavier Parish during regular office hours and before/after mass. More details are found @ [sfxcrossplains.org](http://sfxcrossplains.org). Upcoming display locations are: April: St. Joseph Parish, Fort Atkinson, May: St. Joseph Parish, Baraboo and Holy Angels Parish, La Valle

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

#### Madison Eucharistic Congress, Friday-Sunday. September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Preregistration is needed for this 3-day Congress of prayer, worship, witness to revive your faith! Find the retreat guide, brochure, schedule and registration information on line at [www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com](http://www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com)

### St. Mary of Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff (West Dane Vicariate)

**St. Catherine Ministry**, is the new partnership between the Miracle of Life Rosary Garden at St. Mary of Pine Bluff and Our Lady of Hope Clinic. Focused on accompanying families before, during and after miscarriage by offering materials, referrals, and compassionate support, the ministry can serve families throughout the diocese. Help your parish women know that this vital ministry exists! Contact: Laura Karlen, Director 608-445-2064 [ljkarlen@hotmail.com](mailto:ljkarlen@hotmail.com)

### Homilies about the Eucharist, available on-line

**Vicar General Msgr. James Bartylla** records his 10 minute homilies on the Eucharist. Sign up for the link to all videos by emailing [info@madisoncatholicerald.org](mailto:info@madisoncatholicerald.org)

**NCCW: 72 hour Rosary Prayer Vigil** for Peace. March 10-13. Sign up online at [nccw.org](http://nccw.org)

**NCCW: Stations of the Cross**, Friday March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 2:00pm CT. Zoom link Meeting ID: 860 2347 1829, enter Passcode: 795041

MDCCW is affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) which seeks to assist 9 Vicariate regions within the Diocese of Madison. NCCW 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.