



FROM THE
PEN OF
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Journey through the
Madison Diocese
and meet your
CCW sisters!

*‘Jesus said to them,
“The light is with you
for a little longer. Walk
while you have the
light, so that the
darkness may not
overtake you. If you
walk in the darkness,
you do not know
where you are going.
While you have the
light, believe in the
light, so that you may
become children of
light.” ‘*

John 12:35-36

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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.

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!”

St. Catherine of Siena

PRESIDENT’S PEN NEWS

HAPPY MAY!

What a beautiful time of the year to attend Vicariate Meetings! We celebrate the Easter season and the Birthday of the Catholic Church. The Churches are beautifully decorated with flowers and symbols of the Risen Jesus. My theme of “Light” is a central theme during Easter. The April Magnificat points out that a central theme during Easter, “is the image of light risen from the darkness of death”. Friday’s reading, Acts 9:1-20, describes persecutor Saul being blinded by a flashing light. He was cured -- “things like scales fell from his eyes & he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized” and became Paul, one of the greatest Christian disciples. May our eyes be opened to the will of God.

I attended the West Dane Vicariate meeting on April 18 hosted by St Michael the Archangel/St Ignatius—Mt Horeb. Their theme was “*Making Mass More Meaningful*” by speaker Deacon Todd Burud. How appropriate as we celebrated the First Eucharist at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. As we prepare ourselves for Mass, we deepen our relationship with God. “The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian Life” (CCC 1324). The Eucharist is such a great gift. We receive GOD (Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) every time we receive the Eucharist.

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UPCOMING EVENTS in our DIOCESE !

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

1. **Walking With Moms in Need**, Saturday, May 6th, 10am-1:00pm

RESERVE YOUR SPOT by May 3rd for the celebration and presentations by parishes as they work toward assisting moms in need. Gain insight, ideas, and inspiration! Snacks will be served.

Contact wwminmadison@gmail.com to let them know you are coming!

2. **Vivaldi’s MAGNIFICAT in Solemn Vespers**, May 7th. 4pm

The Diocesan Choir will perform from vintage sheet music the Solemn Choral Vespers and Concert of Vivaldi, led by the diocesan director of music John Sittard. Freewill offerings are appreciated.

3. **Eradicating Human Trafficking**, Friday, May 12th. 1:00-4:00pm

All are invited to attend a gathering to learn how we can eradicate the terrible occurrences of Human Trafficking here in Dane county and throughout the world.

A planning session will be the focus and Bishop Hying will open with prayers and remarks.

St. Luke Parish, Plain (Sauk Vicariate)

Sauk Vicariate Meeting, Tuesday, May 16th 9am: *Let’s Revitalize Our Faith* is the theme for the program. Contact Kristin Bird at the parish for details.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Montello (Columbia North Vicariate)

Columbia North Vicariate Meeting, Wednesday, May 17th 2:45pm: *God is Calling Us – Vocation Callings* is the theme for the program. Contact the parish for details

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, Briggsville (Columbia North Vicariate)

Feast of Finding St. Philomena’s Remains at the National Shrine of St. Philomena, Thursday, May 25th, 11am Mass preceded by Eucharistic Adoration at 9:30am

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SAVE THE DATE!

NCCW Convention 2023

*Path of Renewed
Encounter*

August 24-26th, 2023

Plan now to attend the annual
NCCW Convention in
Salt Lake City, Utah

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PRESIDENT'S PEN NEWS Continued

Two days later, I headed to St Clement's in Lancaster (which will also host the MDCCW Convention "Quilted Together in the Eucharist" on Tuesday, June 27.) Their theme was "Enriching our Lives "Discovering our Childlike Spirit". Cindy Busch presented a program on "Adulthood—Escaping Adulthood". She told us about friends of Fr Dave Timmerman who started a blog/you-tube video in 2020 to offer ways to keep us young at heart. (ie: tape a coffee cup to the top of your car and see the reaction you get, they sell "Hide Marty" – a mini penguin for family members to hide around the house). Check out EscapeAdulthood.com for more info. Take time to laugh and enjoy Life!

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers, whether it be by natural birth, adoption or just being there for someone who needs a "Mom" to listen, teach and care for them. Thank you for saying "yes" to giving Life and support to someone. Please pray for all the women who said "no" to the Lives of 62 million+ babies since 1975. As Catholic mothers, we look to Mary's example and her Fiat "Thy will be done" and her intercession on our behalf to become closer to her Son, Jesus!

Linda Ripp



Monsignor Duane Moellenberndt and Linda Ripp enjoy the beautiful sanctuary at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Mt. Horeb.

HELP MDCCW become stronger!

I am asking YOU to be:

- * My TREASURER for the 2023-2025 term. Responsibilities are: Pay bills, make deposits and file reports as needed.
 - * Or to be our newest MDCCW SERVICE COMMISSION CHAIR! MDCCW could use your leadership, talents and your unique personality to help women throughout the diocese stay connected!
- Please pray over it- then contact me!

UPCOMING EVENTS Continued !

St. Maria Goretti Parish, Madison

Priest Ordination, Friday, May 26th, 7pm. Deacon Simon Tipps and Deacon Mark Foley will be ordained. MDCCW hosts the reception following ordination. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help set-up, serve and clean up. Contact Linda Ripp at linmdccw@gmail.com

St. Clement Parish, Lancaster (Grant Vicariate)

MDCCW Convention, June 27th: *Quilted Together in the Eucharist* is the theme for a full day to gather with diocesan women to learn how other parishes are celebrating the Eucharist, charitable works, service, and prayerful celebrations. Look for registration information June 1st!

Eucharistic Miracles of the World traveling Exhibition

The exhibit of all the Eucharistic Miracles documented throughout the world is in its final months of inspiring the Diocese of Madison. Catch it on display at the following parishes:

- May: St. Joseph Parish, Baraboo and Holy Angels Parish, La Valle,
- June: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Madison,

Wisconsin State Capital grounds, Madison, Wisconsin

March for Life Wisconsin, Saturday, June 24th 1:30pm Rally, 2:15pm March. Be a part of the largest Pro-Life event in the state of Wisconsin. Register by June 12th at ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife

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

Madison Eucharistic Congress, Friday-Sunday. September 29th – October 1st. Preregistration for this 3-day Congress of prayer, worship, witness to revive your faith! Find the retreat guide, brochure, schedule and register online at www.blessedbrokenandgiven.com