

**JUNE
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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!*

“Let us be attentive;
nothing is so delicate
and so sacred as the
human soul,
nothing so quickly
bruised.

Let all our words and
deeds be full of life,
penetrating other
spirits,
communicating light
and strength,
and so
reveal God to them.”

Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN.

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.

“The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

Matthew 4:16

PRESIDENT’S PEN NEWS

I hope everyone had a Happy and safe **Memorial Day** as we remembered family and friends that have died, especially those who defended our Freedom.

We just celebrated **Pentecost** on Sunday, May 28, the “birthday of the Church” (Acts 1-8 and Acts 2:1-15). Jesus told us that the Holy Spirit would be with us to inspire us to live lives that reflect the Glory of God.

The Holy Spirit is often depicted as a dove or tongue of flame/fire or wind. When I used to teach 1st Grade CCD, I tried to illustrate the Holy Spirit by taking a lit candle and putting it under a jar, of course it went out. Or I would hand out balloons and have the kids talk about what it was like to play with a deflated balloon—(not much fun), but if it is full of air, you can do a lot more. Without the fire of the Holy Spirit in us or His “air/breath” in us, we can’t reach our full potential.

We first received Grace from the Holy Spirit at our Baptism. We received the 7 Gifts at our Confirmation: wisdom (allows us to know the purpose & plan of God and value it*); understanding, counsel/right judgement (helps us to know right from wrong*), fortitude/courage (stand up for our Faith*); knowledge (allows us to be aware of God’s plan in our lives*), piety/reverence, and fear of the Lord (not being afraid of God, but in awe of His Majesty). God gives us all the tools we need to Evangelize if only we ask Him and have trust in Him. Take time to reflect on how God/Holy Spirit is in your Life. What are your special gifts? How are you using them to spread God’s Word/the Good News? Are the fruits of the Holy Spirit bearing fruit in your life? (“the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control --Galatians 5:22-23)

*Descriptions taken from “A Family of Faith” Parent’s Guide, Vol 11: the Sacraments)

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UPCOMING EVENTS in our DIOCESE !

MDCCW CONVENTION!

At St. Clement Parish, 135 South Washington Street, Lancaster (Grant Vicariate)

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. Keynote speaker is Msgr. James Bartylla, vicar general of the Diocese of Madison who will present “*Eucharistic Revival, the Sacrifice of the Mass and Knitting Together the Church*”. The day’s program begins with continental breakfast at 8:15am, opening welcome at 9:00am, Mass, lunch, silent auction and more! Cost is only \$35 (\$25 for first time attendees!) due by June 13th to: “Grant Vicariate”, att: Margaret Sprague, Treasurer, 1605 14th Street, Fennimore, WI 53809. Registration Form is available online at www.mdccw.com.



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 Blessed Sacrament Parish, Madison in June.

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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

www.nccw.org

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PRESIDENT'S PEN NEWS Continued

Priest Ordination:

The Diocese of Madison ordained 2 men to the Priesthood on Friday, May 26, 2023: Fr Mark Foley and Fr Simon Tipps. I thank them for answering God's call to the vocation of Priesthood and pray they will be faithful stewards—teaching and giving the Sacraments to those they encounter in their new Pastorates.

MDCCW provided the reception following the Ordination. A special thank you to Coreen Marklein who organized the event and to her sister, Kathy Loy who made all the bars (and to Joe Loy who prepared cheese & sausage trays). Thank you to everyone who helped serve and clean-up including several from the Madison Catholic Women's Club. Your help was greatly appreciated!

New Pastorate realignment:

We are starting to get the final details of the "Into the Deep" initiative—where Priests will be living and next week: the Parish Mass times. I received information that the Diocese is basically allowing CCW's to set their own guidelines on how they want to move forward. Hopefully, each Pastorate could have 1 member serve on the MDCCW board who could help set up Diocesan guidelines and how we can best promote CCW to all Catholic women in the Diocese and carry out the NCCW mission statement: *"The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower & educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership & service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world."*

We will check with the Diocese on how we can provide a "middleman" to get the word out to Pastorates and/ or divide the pastorates into regions to promote regional Spring & Fall meetings, etc. (we used to have Deaneries, and most recently—Vicariates, so not sure what we will have in the future.)

Linda Ripp

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

St. John Fest, Friday-Saturday June 16-17. www.stjbfest.com

St. Luke Parish, Plain (Sauk Vicariate)

Parish Festival, Sunday, June 11

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

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