

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 2018

Happy Thanksgiving!

At this time of giving thanks I am so thankful for all of you and the good work you do for and through the Council of Catholic Women. I'm thankful to be part of an amazing organization with faithful, prayerful, hard-working members. I had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the fall vicariate meetings. You are the branches producing abundant fruit in the Lord's vineyard. Thank you!

As president of MDCCW, I would like to encourage us to focus on three goals.

1. Explore ways to welcome inactive women into our councils by finding new opportunities for them to use their skills, talents, and creativity.
2. Promote attendance at the diocesan convention on June 6 in Wisconsin Dells and the national convention August 21-24 in Atlanta. Can you find sponsors for women who would like to attend?
3. Plan a celebration in 2020 for the 100th birthday of NCCW that calls attention to this great organization and the good work we do in the Lord's vineyard.

The diocesan board will be giving these goals our attention, and you will hear more from us in the months ahead.

May our Lady of Good Counsel and her Son be with us, our councils, families, and friends as we celebrate Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Blessings on all during this beautiful season.

Bernadette Schaefer
MDCCW President

“He is the vine; we are the branches.”

On becoming MDCCW president, Bernadette Schaefer distributed business cards with the words, “He is the vine; we are the branches” along with her contact information on the front. On the back of the card are words from John 15:4-5:

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”