

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bernadette Schaefer, MDCCW Presidents

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What a wonderful time to be a member of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women! So much good work is being done in the Lord's vineyard by members of MDCCW, and we are anticipating exciting events in the year ahead!

During my first year as president, I have met with women in seven vicariates. It has been uplifting and inspiring to hear about the projects you have undertaken and continue to sponsor year after year. Those projects include baby showers, birthday bags for the food pantry, donations to mission trips, college scholarships to high school seniors, gift certificates to altar servers, weekly rosary, luncheon for volunteers, craft and bake sales. Many more could be included as the list is long and varied. Congratulations and thank you to all who serve God and his people in so many different and important ways.

We are looking forward to three major events this year:

- Our MDCCW convention,
- NCCW convention, and
- Marian Day of Renewal.

Women of the Sauk Vicariate have been diligently preparing for the **June 6** convention at St Cecilia Parish in Wisconsin Dells.

Planning has been underway for months for the NCCW convention **August 21-24** in Atlanta. Jean Kelly of Milwaukee, known to many in our diocese, has a major role in organizing the convention. She will be installed as NCCW president during that event.

The Madison Catholic Woman's Club and MDCCW are planning a spiritually enriching day at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Madison on **October 15**. Attendees at these events always hear inspiring talks and receive helpful information, practical ideas for all levels of CCW, and a spiritual boost.

Please mark those dates on your calendar and plan to attend. You will be glad you didn't miss them!

Excitement is rising and momentum building for our celebration of NCCW's 100th birthday in 2020! An MDCCW committee is considering many ways to celebrate the event and heighten awareness of MDCCW.

In anticipation of our celebration in 2020, our committee designed a banner with the beautiful picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel at the center. On either side and below her picture are the words, *Spirituality, Leadership, Service*. At the top is *100 Years, National Council of Catholic Women, 1920-2020*. *Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women* is at the bottom of the banner.

We are making these banners available for sale and hope they will be displayed in churches, schools, parish centers, dining halls and any place where people gather. They can be used indoors or outdoors. The price of \$145 includes the banner, cord for hanging, and shipping. You may send banner orders to me: Bernadette Schaefer, 701 West Linden St., Lancaster, WI 53813. Make checks payable to MDCCW. Banners may also be ordered for other dioceses. Include the name of the diocese with the order and that name will be printed on the banner.

May our risen Lord and his mother bring joy into your hearts and homes! I look forward to seeing you soon in Wisconsin Dells.