

From Our Province Director

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NCCW: Reflecting the Joy of God, Faithful Missionary Disciples

Lent (a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal) is over. Easter (a time of rebirth) has come and gone, and the joy of spring is here. All around us are signs of new life, and we can't help but reflect the joy of God. No matter what is happening in your life, if you look hard enough, you will find joy and hope.

NCCW has many programs for you to use. These can be found on-line, in Catholic Woman magazine, or in the Connect newsletter. We want you to use these to put your faith into action. New is an Education Commission that is working on a Holy Land project to reach out to youth, a program to reach High School and College women, and an explanation of Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium*.

Human Trafficking is a huge problem and is prevalent in every state in the nation. You may think it doesn't affect us here in conservative Midwest, but it is in every county in Wisconsin. We are working on a project with the U.S.

Sisters Against Human Trafficking, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and the Auxiliary of the Knights of Saint Peter Claver. It's wonderful seeing these Catholic women's organizations coming together to work on a project.

Mother's Day Project

Remember and honor a woman or women who have made a difference in your life by having them prayed for in Masses on Mother's Day at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. A donation of \$20 is suggested for each name submitted, using the form on the last page of this newsletter or online at www.nccw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Mothers-Day-Form.pdf.

LTD: Leadership Training Development

The Province of Milwaukee is sponsoring a Leadership Training Development workshop Saturday, August 4, in La Crosse. Some mistakenly think this is for officers only — this is for everyone! We encourage every parish to send one or two ladies to this workshop on working with others, recruiting and retaining members, and sharing ideas to make your organization grow and flourish. You will glean ideas you can use at home, work, or in any organization. Come and join ladies from all over the state.

Conventions

Conventions are always a great time to gather with sisters of faith to recharge your own faith and your interest in CCW, as well as learn about the latest issues and programs. We pray, learn, sing, and laugh.

- MDCCW Convention theme: "Joyful Disciples." Come and gather with ladies from across the

diocese.

- NCCW Annual Convention: “NCCW Reflecting God’s Joy: Missionary Disciples – Mission Possible!” August 29 –September 2 in Pittsburgh. Early Registration of \$300 deadline is June 1.

NCCW Membership Contest

Membership is so important. NCCW provides a common voice and a united presence for all Catholic women in our country. NCCW is solvent, but we need your membership to maintain that. For every new member you send in, your name and hers will be placed in a drawing. Winner gets free registration, lodging, and a banquet ticket. Contest deadline is June 1. The more new members you sign up, the more chances you have to win. Membership forms are on website nccw.org or contact me.

Let CCW help you become a better person. Live every day with Hope, Joy, and Love; and you will be a disciple as you share these God given gifts with others.

Blessings to all of you and for all you do.

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