

# **PROVINCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

## **Carol Brennan, Milwaukee Province Director**

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I hope all of you had a very spiritual, faith-filled Lenten journey and a joyful Easter. Spring always seems uplifting and like a time of renewal as we look around us and see green grass, flowers popping up, and trees budding.

Many of you are having your spring vicariate meetings. The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) provides wonderful opportunities for women of faith to come together to pray, share, and learn. It encourages us to reach out beyond our parish borders and connect with others in our vicariate. Our diocesan convention takes this a step further and unites us with others in our diocese. "United in Prayer, Love and Faith," the theme of the convention, describes CCW. Make this a priority to attend June 6 in Wisconsin Dells.

### **NCCW: Reflecting the Joy of God, Faithful Missionary Disciples**

The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) emphasizes spirituality, leadership, and service as ways for us to live our faith. We have so many wonderful, varied programs and resources at [nccw.org](http://nccw.org) for you to use in your councils and even in your personal life. Your council or you need to be a member of NCCW to access these.

The NCCW Convention is August 21-24 in Atlanta. Come join us for this spiritual, renewing, motivating, empowering, as well as fun, event. Wisconsin's own Jean Kelly, who served as Milwaukee Archdiocesan CCW co-president and Milwaukee province director, will be installed as NCCW president. Join us at convention to support Jean who has the faith and courage to say "YES" to continue to serve CCW. Keep her in your prayers.

### **New Resources on NCCW Website**

- Journey of a Woman's Life – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mini Retreat
- Calling All Catholics: Passing our Faith to the Next Generation
- A Brief History pamphlet 1920-2000, National Council of Catholic Women
- Families Foster Vocations

The past year we concentrated on programs regarding God's creatures: victims of domestic abuse, human trafficking, pro-life, and the poor and needy. Please continue these programs as they are ongoing issues. This year we are also emphasizing "Care of God's Creation" and methods to conserve and preserve this beautiful earth of ours for our future generations.

I have had the privilege of meeting and working with CCW ladies from across our state as well as from across the nation. You are awesome women. I am always amazed at your faith, caring, sharing, friendliness, enthusiasm, creativity, energy, and willingness to jump in where needed to help others. Pray and help those suffering from disasters such as hurricanes, fires, and floods. Our work is never done and we are never too old to serve. Together we can do more and together we are stronger.

Let NCCW continue to give you ways to grow in your faith as well as ways to live your faith. "Love isn't love until you give it away."

Yours in Our Lady of Good Counsel,

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