

# Report from Our Province Director

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Dear sisters in Christ,

What can yet be said today about the COVID-19 pandemic that hasn't been said already? Our world as we have known it has stopped revolving with some worlds even becoming tilted as people we know have been sickened, or even passed away, because of this illness that has invaded our normalcy. Our Sunday Visitor writes, "It's been a true Lent of stripping away the gods and idols that we've subtly (intentionally and unintentionally) held before Jesus." Right now, women are looking at our Catholic organizations to see how we are reacting during this time. So how can we respond with hope and trust instead of fear and despair?

- Pick out a few council members, maybe past, present or even future council members and each day to contact by note or phone call to check in with them and thank them for them being members of your organizations.
- Send an email blast of one or two lines of encouragement once or twice a week. Bring the personal care factor back in a new way. Show your council members that your care.
- Pray. As Catholics, we have so many opportunities of different ways to pray that one will not be able to get weary of this practice.
- Go outside and decorate with faith-influenced décor. At this time, we should worry less about who we might offend and care more about who we might inspire.

When you do these small acts to help someone, even From Our Province Director Paula Freimuth Milwaukee Province Director though you, yourself are struggling too, that's not help, that's love. Show the love.

Speaking of showing love, how about showing your love for your mother or other special women in your life on Mother's Day by remembering them at Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The form is on the NCCW website. Deadline is April 30.

Still continuing on about the extra time we have on our hands...peruse the NCCW website. There are so many wonderful things you and your council members can do from the comfort of your homes.

- Sign up for the Friends with Pens Program to write to an inmate through the Order of Malta. Information is under the Service Commission on the website.
- Preparing your organization's budget for the next year? Consider adding the 100 for 100 Campaign.
- Need help in planning the next Year of Service event? Walking with Moms in Need is a perfect fit.

■ Make your future travel plans. Register for the NCCW Centennial Convention being held in Arlington, VA, August 26-29 with the theme “A Vision for the Future.”

■ As you can see, our opportunities for being constructive with our extra time, showing hope and trust are endless. My wish and prayer to all of you is for strength through this difficult period of our lives.

Blessings to you today and always!