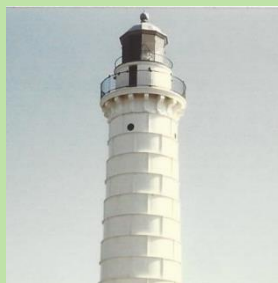


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FROM THE PEN OF LINDA RIPP

President of the Madison
Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women

Journey through the
Madison Diocese
and meet your
CCW sisters!

“Our life is a
constant journey,
from birth to death.
The landscape
changes, the people
change, our needs
change, but the
train keeps moving.
Life is the train not
the station.

Paulo Coelho

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CONNECTING CATHOLIC WOMEN

IN THE DIOCESE OF MADISON

Jesus is the Light of the World; May We Become a Light of Hope

As Catholic women, we are the light of hope with our local parish efforts to uplift the initiatives of the National Council of Catholic Women. We are the voice of Catholic women.

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

James 1:17

PRESIDENT'S PEN NEWS

Coming into my Presidency of MDCCW, one of my goals was to Connect Catholic Women across the Diocese, and that is still my goal. It is much easier to get things done when we present a UNITED front. Our mission statement is to “support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.” We do this at the grassroots level, beginning with YOU! Please read on to see the great things we have in store for you!

Welcome to your new Pastorate! Although change is hard and many of us have life-long ties to our parishes, so we need to remember what that our true mission is: to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ! The Diocese of Madison is letting us determine how we want to establish our CCW groupings or clusters in lieu of the former vicariate regions. For now, MDCCW will keep these former vicariate boundaries until the Diocese subdivides regions. **Please select one ‘contact person’ from each Vicariate to be a representative on the MDCCW Board.** This enables us to reach the new pastorates effectively. Contact me with your choice.

I am seeking a Treasurer and a Service Chair for 2023-2025. Together we can accomplish great things! The Treasurer maintains the checkbook and coordinates our funding of charities and educational programs. The Service Chair helps determine our united projects such as our successful Box of Joy! Please visit www.MDCCW.com for a complete listing and description of our many affiliations, partnerships and focuses.

I, beginning with YOU; nothing will happen if we don't have YOU. You to help run projects to raise funds to donate, Boxes of Joy is a national project which partners with Cross Catholic International to make up shoeboxes that are shipped to children in Latin American countries for Christmas gifts. Filling a special shoebox is a great family project and there is a drop-off site right here in our diocese.

It costs \$9/box for shipping. Donations to buy items to fill the boxes or to help pay for shipping are also appreciated.

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UPCOMING EVENTS in our DIOCESE !

St. John the Baptist Parish Chapel, 208 South St. Waunakee

PATRIOTIC ROSARY, Monday, July 3 at 7pm. Rosary reflections include patriotic writings, songs, and prayers for every state in the union.

Penn Park, Madison

5th Annual Madison Gospel 5K/10K Run/Walk and Health Fair, Saturday, July 8th
See runsignup.com/Race/Info/Madison/MadisonGospel5K

Holy Name Heights Oratory, 702 S. High Point Road, Madison

WHITE MASS to be celebrated Sunday, July 16th at 10:30am, all medical professionals are invited to mass celebrated with Bishop Hying, followed by brunch. The Catholic Medical Guild is hosting the event: please contact Mark at markalanlehman@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

ORGAN RECITAL and NIGHT PRAYER, Thursday, July 20th at 7:30pm. Director of Music Michael Mills of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monona will perform on the Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ in this 2nd Summer Organ Recital Series in the Diocese of Madison at Holy Name Heights.

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SAVE THE DATE!

NCCW Convention 2023

**Path of Renewed
Encounter**

August 24-26th, 2023

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Salt Lake City, Utah

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PRESIDENT'S PEN NEWS Continued

MDCCW Conventon:

Thank Grant Vicariate Council of Catholic Women for hosting the 68th MDCCW Convention at St Clement's in Lancaster on June 27, 2023. What a wonderful gathering of over 100 women who came together to listen to Msgr. Bartylla talk: "Eucharistic Revival, the Sacrifice of the Mass, and Knitting Together the Church" and to Joey Mahieu, Artisan Quilter; to worship together and to enjoy a great meal! Thank you all again!

Msgr. Bartylla began his Keynote presentation with a question: "Why do we go to Mass? If your reasons are only to fulfill your Sunday obligation; and you check the 5 points: 1) read the bulletin before Mass, 2), listen to the readings, 3) stay awake during the Homily, 4) Receive the Eucharist and 5) get home before the Packer game, you are missing the real point: You are there because you have a relationship with God! "God stoops low enough, under the forms of bread and wine, to come into us." God sent His Only Son to Die on a Cross so that we can have Eternal Life! God wants to have a relationship with us! When we have relationships with friends, family, we talk to them. We talk to God through prayer.

Msgr. Bartylla will also be one of the speakers at the Eucharistic Congress which will be held at St John's in Waunakee from Sept 29-Oct 1.

Pre-Convention Bus Tour to Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli sites

Thank you to Diane Pillsbury/St Joe's in Baraboo for organizing the Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli Pilgrimage bus tour to several sites including one of his original Churches in New Diggings, Wisconsin and to the women of St Patrick's in Benton for providing the delicious luncheon for us.

Fr. Mazzuchelli was instrumental in building more than 20 Churches across Wisconsin from Green Bay to the Southwest and into Iowa and Illinois and establishing a community of Dominican nuns at Sinsinawa. He ministered to Native Americans, and Irish & German immigrants. "In 1993, Pope John Paul II recognized his holy zeal & virtues by declaring him "Venerable"—the first step in the process of official recognition of his sanctity" (*from brochure*)

We had a scenic ride. I hope we will have more tours to other religious sites.

I am looking forward to the second year of my Presidency and meeting more Catholic women and hopefully, becoming a better Catholic.

Linda Ripp

PS: MDCCW still needs a Treasurer and a Service Chair. Pray that you might find the blessings in your willingness to serve.

UPCOMING EVENTS Continued !

Pilgrimage to the tomb of Father Samuel Mazzuchelli

3-day, 2-night hiking trip in southern Wisconsin with Fr. Jared Holzhter.

August 12-14th or a one-day option August 13th. Cost is \$50/family, \$25/individual. Registration forms available from Lorie Ballweg in the Vocations Office, lorie.ballweg@madisondiocese.org or 608-821-3088. Due date for completed forms is July 30th

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