

Our Catholic Voice

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MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliate organizations to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. DCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Sisters in Christ.

This summer we thank God for the blessings of sun and rain which we have received. I hope your area has escaped severe weather as we look forward to our fall harvest.

The most recent event for our St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women was the Fun, Food, Fund Day held in Paynesville. We celebrated Mass, heard funny jokes, enjoyed a generous meal, bid on silent auction items, and were entertained by a talented musical family. To the Cold Spring Deanery host: congrats on a great day and great job!

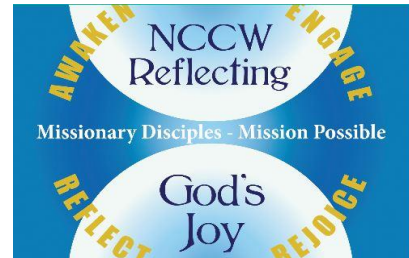
What a privilege to represent the St. Cloud Diocese at neighbor conventions! I attended the St. Paul/ Minneapolis ACCW Convention held in Stillwater April 21/22. We heard good speakers both days.

At Duluth/ Superior Convention May 22, Maria Morera Johnson spoke about three types of friendships. Dale Ahlquist gave us information about the life of G.K. Chesterton and his writings. He spoke with dry humor and wit giving us jokes to chuckle about on the way home!

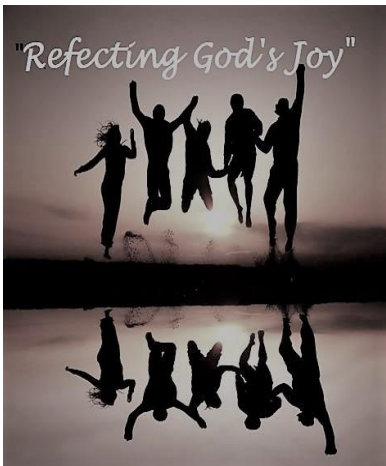
Thank you for inviting me to your deanery meetings around the diocese. When Little Falls Deanery met May 5, we heard about prison ministry and had a plant exchange. At Melrose/ Sauk Centre Deanery meeting there were interesting reports, good food, and a chance to visit with friends.

The Province Convention held June 25/26 in Fairmont, MN, offered leadership training on Monday. Irene Schmidt our Province Director did a super job with entertainment that evening.

Next, I am off to the NCCW National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA with the theme 'Reflecting God's Joy, Missionary Disciples – Mission Possible!'



I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Fall



Conference to be held September 15th in Battle Lake! Come to celebrate Mass with sisters in Christ. Come to hear motivating speakers. Come to renew past friendships and build new ones.

Cheryl Weller,
President

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The month of July is dedicated to the feast The Precious Blood of Our Lord. The feast was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Church Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

In the Old Testament we see Israel oppressed by Egypt. God commands the people to kill a lamb and to sprinkle the doorposts with its blood. Houses that were sprinkled were spared by the messenger of death. But where the doors were not reddened with the blood of the lamb, all male firstborn for the king to the slave die. This blood on the doorpost was a type of Blood of Christ. Can the blood of lamb save man? No, but as a figure of the Redeemer's Blood it certainly does.

In the New Testament we see seven times when Jesus shed His blood for us. (1) The Church reminds us of the first drops of blood that flowed for our redemption on the day when Jesus was circumcised. The Presentation at the Temple. (2) On the night before his death, we see the Holy Face of Jesus crimsoned with blood during His agony. (3) In the scourging chamber we see Our Lord in deepest humiliation; under raw strokes the divine Blood spurts out over the floor. (4) Christ is led before Pilate. Pilate showed the blood-covered Body to the crowd. (5) Jesus is also mocked when was placed a crown of thrones on His beaten and bruised Head. (6) We go through Jerusalem's streets following the bloody footsteps to Golgotha. Down the beams of the Cross, blood trickles. (7) A soldier opens the Sacred Side with a lance. Water and Blood flowed for our redemption. Through blood and water Christ willed to redeem God's many children and to lead them to an eternal home.

A passage from the first century of the Christian era – written by Pope St Clement I, dated about 96 A.D states: “Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world.”

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin.

Devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be venerated on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious and Blood, really mean.

“Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human will so that we will not only not run away from the cross but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity.

Pray the Litany of the Precious Blood.

Joanne Labor, Chair

Excerpts taken from *The Precious Blood of Christ*, Fr John a. Hardon, S.J.

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FAMILY COMMISSION

Book Review of The Corporal Works of Mommy (and Daddy Too) by Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak

It is summertime, and like everyone else, this time of year is crazy – gardening, yard work, graduation parties, wedding showers and weddings, family reunions, etc. On top of that, my husband and I just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary and the celebration was at our home. So, I am cheating a little on my research for an article. I read this book and am doing a review for you. And YES, I recommend it to all parents and grandparents.

The Popcak's book starts by reminding us of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Mt 5:6). Being merciful means "treating others in a manner that allows them to see their profound worth in God's eyes." And the corporal and spiritual works of mercy help us to do just that. But as a busy Mommy or Daddy, it is hard to set aside time to do these works of mercy, right? Well, not if you consider that the most important opportunity to practice the works of mercy are right at home. And that is the crux of this little book (paperback, 111 pages, \$7.95).

St. Therese of Lisieux promoted the "little way of holiness" – that every person could achieve holiness by doing small acts with great love. The "Corporal Works of Mommy and Daddy" remind us that charity begins at home. I would recommend getting a copy of this little book and read one chapter each week. The book includes many suggestions on how to practice these corporal works of mercy right in your own home with your family. Below, I am going to use the book's introduction rather than re-creating the wheel. So, the rest of this is a direct quote:

"The Corporal Works of Mommy and Daddy – An Overview

Feed the Hungry: Family members truly bless one another when they create a nurturing place around the dinner table for communion and conversation to occur and when they take time to plan nourishing, heartwarming meals. Considerable research reveals the benefits of families sitting down to meals together, including everything from better physical and mental health outcomes to higher academic achievement and greater life and relationship satisfaction. Add "growing in holiness" to the list!

Give Drink to the Thirsty: What parent hasn't been asked to get a thirsty child a drink in the middle of the night? Getting up and serving that child cheerfully with compassion is a work of mercy that reminds the child that his or her needs are important and that he or she will be heard and loved even when it is inconvenient for us to do so.

Clothe the Naked: Finding the grace to be patient while dealing with a toddler who only wants to wear the blue shirt or helping a teen dress attractively yet modestly isn't just an exercise in patience; it's an opportunity to help your children remember their worth in God's eyes!

Shelter the Homeless: Putting in the thought, time, and effort it takes to make your house a welcoming home by working to make it a beautiful and orderly, yet comfortable and hospitable, place is a great way to remind yourself and your family of your dignity as children of God. And teaching your family to be good stewards of what you have been given is an important lesson in godly gratitude.

Visit the Sick: When you respond lovingly to a sick child, refusing to treat him or her as a burden or an inconvenience even though the illness has thrown your schedule into chaos, you are practicing mercy, growing in personal holiness, and showing your child his or her worth in God's eyes and yours.

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Visit the Imprisoned: It is one thing to banish our children to their rooms or to a timeout when they have committed some offense, but when we visit them a few minutes later, talk them through their error, teach them what to do instead and work to heal their hurts and rebuild our relationship, we are practicing true mercy and showing our children they still have worth in God's eyes and our eyes, even when they mess up.

Bury the Dead: Helping a child deal with sad transitions in life, whether due to the loss of a pet or favorite relative or other events that can turn family life upside down, requires incredible compassion and sensitivity, especially when we are dealing with our own grief. Doing this well enables our children to connect with God's loving presence even in times of sadness.

At the end of their book, the Popcak's make an important statement that "The time we give to our families is not wasted. It is blessed. Every moment, especially the hard, tedious, mundane, frustrating moments, is packed with divine purpose."

God Bless You and Your Family,

Sheri Streasick, Chair

Rural Life Celebration



Sun Aug 12th 11:00am - 3:00pm

Galen and Karla Stumpf Family Farm, 12344 Lake Rd,
Pierz, MN 56364, USA

Join us in celebrating Rural Life in the Diocese of St. Cloud! 11:00 AM Outdoor Mass with Bishop Kettler at the Galen and Karla Stumpf Family Farm - 12344 Lake Road Pierz, MN 56364 **Keynote Speaker: Michelle Litke**

Stay for lunch after Mass and enjoy live bluegrass, gospel, and country music, antique tractors and a bounce house for kids! Questions: Call Michelle at 320.468.6033

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

This is a recap of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) from the brochure created by Carol Brunn, DCCW Treasurer. Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops in the United States to assist the poor and disadvantaged outside the U.S. The fundamental force in all activities of CRS is the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it pertains to the alleviation of human suffering, the development of people and the fostering of charity and justice in the world. The policies and programs of the agency reflect and express the teaching of the Catholic Church. At the same time, Catholic Relief Services assists persons on the basis of need, NOT creed, race or nationality. www.crs.org.

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Works of Peace and Reconciliation:

Through works of Peace and Reconciliation, an effort created by the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and CRS demonstrate their solidarity by supporting CRS programs in developing countries. This partnership supports four funds that provide sustained development efforts and emergency assistance where necessary. The funds are: **Madonna Plan, Water for Life, Refugee Women Emergency Fund and Help-A-Child**. NCCW members contribute to these funds individually and through community fundraising projects sponsored by their parishes and dioceses. NCCW members invite all people of good will to join them in financial support of these efforts to address global poverty, maternal and child health care, clean water and sanitation, refugee and emergency assistance, micro-economic development, and education.

- **Madonna Plan**. The Madonna Plan was established in 1958 to fund projects that empower women by improving the well-being of mothers and expectant mothers in the areas of health, education and financial security, and vocational training.
- **Water for Life**. Water for Life was established in 1978 to make clean, safe water available to families, which improves their lives and health. Access to safe water can improve food production and overall health.
- **Refugee Women Emergency Fund**. Refugee Women Emergency Fund supports women and children who are refugees, internally displaced, or victims of natural disasters, and provides food, water, medicine, shelter, and opportunities to secure future jobs and incomes for them.
- **Help-A-Child**. Help-A-Child funds assist children through family and community-based programs with an emphasis on providing food and medicine, schools and training for teachers, health care and immunizations, youth centers for teens, and help for disabled and vulnerable children.

In the countries of Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, CRS staff identifies the needs of the poor and targets their solutions. The field staff then sends requests for assistance to CRS headquarters in Baltimore.

The St. Cloud DCCW International Fund proceeds help to meet these requests. The funds are forwarded to, monitored, and reported on by CRS field staff. Working through CRS, we are fulfilling our commitment to the goal cited in the United States Bishops' Economic Pastoral of a world that "*works fairly for all.*"

All funds remitted to St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be forwarded to CRS each year at the end of their fiscal year (June 30).

Joyce Simones, Chair

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS

Dear Ladies,

I am sure most of you are aware that Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will retire from the Supreme Court on July 31st of this year. That has given the present United States president the duty/privilege of nominating a new justice to replace Justice Kennedy, which he did July 9th. Knowing that Justice Kennedy was most certainly a conservative who was pro-life, President Donald Trump has nominated Hon. Brett Kavanaugh to replace Kennedy. Beginning soon there will be numerous scrutinies from the U.S. Senators to determine if he is an acceptable candidate and deserves confirmation. This makes it imperative, for those of us who are pro-life and want to see the Roe vs. Wade ruling about abortion overturned, that we all continue to pray for his confirmation and perhaps someday that might become a reality.

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We also need to pay particular attention to all the upcoming legislative races and ascertain all candidates' stances on the pro-life issue. In Minnesota we will have the opportunity to vote for 2 federal senators, 1 federal representative, and a state governor and attorney general. In Stearns County we will be voting for a new sheriff. To help you learn who is on the ballot, you can go to mnvotes.org to view or request a sample ballot for the August 14th Minnesota State Primary election. There you will enter your address and then be able to see the listing of all the candidates for the various offices. Then you can find a listing of all the candidates and click on their names to get their information and determine their positions on various issues. We all have a lot of work to do to encourage all our pro-life friends to make intelligent decisions at the polls by electing those who will protect all human life from conception to natural death. We cannot afford to lose this opportunity.

FYI: Remember to support Pro-Life candidates and legislators in Minnesota by sending them your 100% refundable political contribution of \$ 50.00 per individual or \$ 100.00 per couple. It is an excellent opportunity to show your support for Pro-life Legislators. Simply send a check to the legislator of your choice, he/she will send you a receipt that you will sign and then mail to the Dept. of Revenue (address listed on the receipt). The refund process takes only a couple of weeks and in the end will only cost you a couple of postage stamps. This is a one-time per year offer. They need your support through money, prayers, time, lawn signs or letters to the editor. We can't complain about the system if we choose not to participate. Voting is our Responsibility - Take the Catholic vote seriously!

FYI: With the nomination of a Pro-Life justice for the Supreme Court the pro-abortion groups (i.e.: Planned Parenthood, etc.) are already beating the drums to not confirm him. They claim that Roe vs. Wade will be overturned, and they probably assume it will be the day the confirmation will be made. However, it will not be an automatic ruling, according to a source I contacted, it could only be done after going through the entire process of local court, then the remaining courts, and finally to the Supreme Court. If that decision would be overturned the decision would return to the states. (A federal law would be at an impasse, at present, given that the filibuster still exists on pretty much everything that doesn't involve budgetary reconciliation and/or a judicial nomination.)

FYI: Just a little bit of history about Planned Parenthood: The organization started in 1916 by Margaret Sanger, as American Birth Control League, the name changed in 1942 to Planned Parenthood. In 1973 the court case of Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion as a "woman's right to privacy", it did not legalize abortion per se. The organization began receiving federal funding since 1970.

FYI: Priests for Life: There is a Public Comment period until July 31st to voice your support for President Trump's Proposed Rules that would prevent \$ 60,000,000.00 of taxpayer funding in the Annual Title X Family Planning Program from going to the abortion industry and Planned Parenthood. Go to: www.PriestsforLife.org/HHS for information.

Jean Hopper, Chair

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PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children, unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow

in the steps of Jesus and His Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of Justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

More prayers can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions>

LITTLE FALLS DEANERY

As I sit here writing, on my table, I have 4 lists going of people I need for helpers:

- 1st list is for the birthday party at the Little Falls Care Center sponsors by the Our Lady of Lourdes Christian's Women.
- 2nd list is for helpers at a funeral.
- 3rd is the list for helper at the Bingo for OLOL Bazaar.
- 4th list is for brat sale at Coborn's for the Little Falls Deanery.

I attended ST. Mary (Little Falls) 150th year celebration, the food, music and weather were all great. The tri-parishes in Little Falls gave Father Joe a farewell party, held at the ballroom with over 800 people attending. Our new priest, Father Ben was there also going around introducing himself.

There will be church bazaars now almost every weekend. I plan on attending as many as I'm able to. This Sunday, July 15 is at Sacred Heart in Flensburg.

Linda Scepurek, President

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MELROSE-SAUK CENTRE DEANERY

What a wonderful day we had at Paynesville for the “Angels Among Us” Fun, Food and Fund Day! I always enjoy the gatherings as we get to visit with lady friends from other parishes and enjoy such great food including Angel Food cake. This year I am still reusing some of the “one-liners” that our guardian angel was telling us about during her talk after lunch!

The Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery will have a tour of the St. John's Bible on Friday, August 3rd. We will gather for lunch at Fischer's Club in Avon at 11:00. Lunch is on your own and should be less than \$10.00. Our deanery will cover the cost of the tour at St. John's for members of the Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery. Ladies from another Deanery may join us for the bible tour but we will not cover their \$5 cost.

The general meeting of the Deanery will be Monday, September 24, 2018 at St. Michael parish at Spring Hill, MN starting with a 6:00 mass followed by light supper and meeting.

Reading the book JESUS, A Meditation on His Stories and His Relationships with Women is filling my heart with joy to know how Jesus always tried to make women feel good about themselves. At the well he talked with the Samaritan Woman, a Samaritan woman who is not accepted by her own people. She gives him a drink of water and he is charming, clever, sees right through her and does not condemn her but, treats her with respect. Let's pray that all women can receive that kind of respect in their lives.

Blessings,

Evelyn Budde, President

PUBLIC RELATIONS

I was excited to attend the Province of St. Paul/Minneapolis 20th Biennial Conference the end of June. This is like a mini national meeting and since this year I will not attending the NCCW National Convention in Pittsburgh due to a planned trip to see my son in England; I was grateful I could go to Fairmont even for just the second day of the conference.

The theme was "Ignite the Spirit Within" and that they did with three excellent speakers. Sheila Hopkins is the immediate past president of NCCW. She said that praying women is important of course, but we also need leadership and service. She talked about the history of NCCW and reviewed some of the projects and resources available to help our parish groups.

A second speaker from National was Kathy Bonner gave us lots of practical suggestions; she uses visuals to teach such as "Life is on a Roll"...toilet tissue or clothes hanger. A suggestion I have started using to see what I can weed out of my closet. A puzzle piece to show that we are part of the bigger picture and connected to one another and a match stick to remind us to ignite the word with love in God's world. Kathy talked about apps and media applications that could help us communicate with each other and stay connected such as an apps called "Team Viewer ", "Sign Up Genius", "Skype" or "Phonevite.com". I use "whatsapp". It's more private than Facebook and my family in England uses it for our family communication. Kathy reminded us that we are a gift from God even on our bad days!

Julie Moorhead-Miller, Chair

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SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The third speaker-Janette Howe

Have you ever kept running into the same person and wonder why? That is the way feel about Janette Howe. I heard of this mission at our Deanery meeting. But then I first met her at the Women Conference in St Cloud in March of this year. Then in May, we had an information meeting at my local church, Our Lady of Lourdes. Janette was at the New Ulm Deanery meeting, and now at the Province of St. Paul & Minneapolis's Conference. Jeanette's mission is the Seven Sisters Apostolate.

The mission is to committed prayerful support to your local pastor. It is getting seven women to commit to offering a Holy Hour specially for your local pastor. Each lady takes a distinct day of the week, it does not have to be at a certain hour, just in the 24 hours period. It is ideally prayed in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle. But one lady reported that her church is locked so she parked in the parking lot of the church to do her prayer. You can do it at any church, it does not have to be at your local church, so if you are traveling, you still can do it.

Since May I have started doing 1 hour extra in our adoration chapel for this commitment.

Linda Scepurek, Vice President

Email Helpful Hints

- **USING ALL CAPS** is like shouting!
- **BCC and CC:** sending or forwarding email that shows everyone's email address should only be used when necessary. By using the BCC and CC line (blind copying) it keeps everyone from having access to those private email addresses. You have no control over how many times that may be passed on and how many unknown people then have access to your email address.
- **Private messages:** Remember when someone sends you a private email message, unless they specify, it was meant for you only and not to be passed on to others.
- **Chain letters, unknown request for help, etc.** Forwarding email request to send to a # of people can be a scam by a group that is collecting all of the email addresses to use for purposes which you may not agree with. You don't know who started it, how long it has been going on (some for years) if it is credible or just a scam.
- **Use the subject field/line** to tell the recipient the purpose of your message. For Council messages you can use CCW or the appropriate name of your group. When people get many emails they probably will put the one that just says "Hi" on the backburner to open later or never. Also, don't list it as urgent unless it REALLY is.
- **Tone:** The tone of our voice can more clearly define the message we are conveying.... your tone cannot be heard on EMAIL Many misunderstandings can occur. Some messages are better given in person or on the phone.
- **Fake email from companies:** they look real...don't click on the link in the email. Companies do not send email to address security issues or demand immediate action.
- **Replying** to an email (that has their name in the contact line or message) be sure to double check that you do NOT misspell their name when replying back to them. (great hint for group secretaries too...make sure minutes have the members name spelled correctly).

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- **Sending email** problems can occur when we forget to use a period (or type a comma) or don't include the @ symbol in the address. Confusion can occur when an address includes numbers (example: 1 or l the letter L or the number 1).
- **Expecting an email** and it does not appear in your inbox check your 'junk' file first before contacting the sender. Sometimes your system does not recognize the sender as legitimate.

Other Helpful Hints for Using Technology

- **Digitize Scrapbooks:** for your group and families, by saving photos on the computer. Digitizing preserves their quality and makes them easier to include in media for future events. (i.e. PowerPoint, movies)
- **Take 'action' photos** at events, showing the members being involved. When making a donation, take the check to the group (at their board meeting or event) and have a picture of you making the donation. Be sure to bring and distribute literature about your organization to the group.

(Information taken from LTD Training Session -Kathy Bonner)

Arleen Roelike
Information Technician

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Call to Prayer

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, from August 3 to September 28.

Cardinal Timothy Michael Dolan, Archbishop of New York and Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, invited all people of good will to join in this prayer campaign that the change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

As part of the USCCB Call to Prayer, participants will receive weekly prayer reminders by text message or email. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants will be encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for this intention and will receive important facts about how Roe is not health care, is bad law, and fails women.

Cardinal Dolan noted that: "As soon as Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement, proabortion groups began lobbying the U.S. Senate to reject any nominee who does not promise to endorse Roe v. Wade. While the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not support or oppose the confirmation of any presidential nominee, we can and should raise grave concerns about a confirmation process which is being grossly distorted by efforts to subject judicial nominees to a litmus test of support for Roe v. Wade. And we must pray."

Participants can join this prayer effort at www.usccb.org/pray for this and subsequent Call to Prayer initiatives. Additional materials will be accessible at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-actionnow/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm>.

Sheila S. Hopkins, Past President

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Good news from the Treasurer

I hope you are having a wonderful summer enjoying the great weather, friends and family. Hope you have registered for our Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. If you haven't registered you still have some time before registration closes. I'm looking forward to seeing so many of you.

Thank you so much for your support of me. I was overwhelmed by the vote for me to continue as your Treasurer for the additional two years. I ask for your continued prayers and support of me and NCCW as we together journey to our 100th Anniversary.

This month we sent a check to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for the following funds:

General Funds-\$ 1,542.16, Help a Child-\$620.20, Madonna Plan-\$3,456.29, Refugee Women Emergency Fund-\$934.20, Water for Life-\$11,360.54 Total - \$17,913.39

Thank you so much for supporting the works of Catholic Relief Services

Many thanks for your donations to the Vocations Purse Club since this time last year. A check for \$32,000 has also been sent to the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations (NFCRV). I can't thank you enough for your generosity to NCCW and to all the wonderful Charities that you help support. Have a great August! See you soon in Pittsburgh.

Rose Martinet, Treasurer

Did you know?

If you become an individual member, these messages will be sent to you in the "NCCW Connect". You won't have to wait for "Our Catholic Voice". You would also receive "Catholic Woman" magazine.

Not only that, NCCW Individual members also:

- Are represented at the biannual meetings of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Have access to NCCW Spirituality, Leadership and Service Commissions' programs and resources
- Are invited to serve on NCCW Commission teams and Committees
- Share friendships with other Catholic women from all over the country
- Are represented at the United Nations, The World Union of Catholic Women Organisations (WUCWO), Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, Religious Alliance Against Pornography
- Share in Partnerships and Collaborations with Catholic Relief Services, Cross Catholic Outreach, Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Catholic Climate Covenant
- Can participate in Monthly Advocacy and Leadership Calls
- Access to NCCW website members' only site

Find out more at NCCW.org.

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Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the National Council of Catholic Women is seeking qualified candidates for the positions of President-Elect, Secretary and seven (7) Nominating Committee Members. NCCW is looking for dedicated women of faith, poise, character, strength and leadership skills. Information and a nomination form with qualifications and requirements for the positions will be posted on the NCCW website, www.nccw.org. Please direct nominee's names and recommendations to the chair of the Nominating Committee, Nancy Poll, 156nancy@bellsouth.net. *All applications must be submitted electronically. The deadline to receive nomination applications is midnight, December 15, 2018.* If you would like more information, fill in this form and contact one of the committee members.

I am seeking the National Catholic Women Council Office of:

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

I have a Referral for the Office of:

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Your name: _____

Your e-mail: _____

Please send to: Nominating Committee 2017-2019

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