



Our Catholic Voice

July 2022

We are the Voice of Catholic Women everywhere: from the Women in the Pews of the local parishes to the Deanery Councils, Diocesan Council, the Province of Saint Paul/Minneapolis, the National Council (nccw.org) and WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations wucwo.org) our international parent organization. This is one of the ways we share information up and down the lines of communication.

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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Saint Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Our Catholic Voice

President's Message

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The summer is flying by, there has been so much going on. Not only with the Council of Catholic Women, but in my personal life. Would love to whine about this, but I know there are many women in this world who have life much more difficult than I.

On April 29th I attended the ACCW Convention at St. Albert Catholic Church in Albertville. The speaker was from the Cana Family Institute, speaking on the Cana Experience. This was about building family relationships. It was very interesting.

On April 30th I went to Marshall to Holy Redeemer Church for the New Ulm Convention. The theme was "Believe in His Goodness". The Keynote speaker was Angela Kennecke from Sioux Falls. Angela spoke on the death of her daughter Emily who died from a Fentanyl overdose. Angela has taken her daughters story nationwide. The second speaker was Fr. Brendan Rolling who spoke on suicide. Both speakers were great.

June 16th, we held Fun, Food and Fund in Melrose at St. Mary's Church. It was a wonderful day, with music by Nathan Newman, silent auction, and speaker Fr. Derek Wiechmann. Fr. Derek spoke on the Eucharistic Revival. He did a wonderful job.

June 26th and 27th I was in Duluth at the Province Conference. The keynote speaker was Fr. Richard Kunst from St. James Catholic Church in Duluth. He is the Curator of the Largest Papal Artifact collection in the world, outside of the Vatican. It was fantastic!

Linda Borgerding, President

See our website stcloudccw.org for a few pictures.

See more pictures at <http://www.papalartifacts.com/>

and the artifact website for viewing dates. <http://www.papalartifacts.com/vrtd/>

FATHER LAURN'S COMMENTS

Things are confusing these days with protests about women's rights. Women have the right to be a mother, not to kill her child. We should be more advanced and intelligent than animals who kill their young. Today's society has moved from reverence/desire for life to "let's get rid of life".

In the bible, women felt shamed/upset if they could not conceive (the Bible calls conception "blessings" from God). Many bible stories tell us about God's interventions to bring life to women who were beyond child bearing years -- Sarah, St Ann, etc.

Our modern society is not satisfied with what they have -- they want more and more earthly goods. Are we using the gifts God has given us to share with others and help others? Are we being good neighbors? Sometimes the desire for more earthly goods or personal gain is becoming our "false god" -- and we are sacrificing our unborn children to that false god.

Our worldly goods are gifts from God -- let us use them to help others.

(Given at the July board meeting)

Have you heard about Eucharistic Revival? It's a 3-year plan. To learn more, try the USCCB website: [USCCB.org](https://www.usccb.org) or try one of the below.



This has the information you need:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/welcome-national-eucharistic-revival>

Use this website to "Get Involved":

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

For local information here in the St. Cloud Diocese:

<https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>

In accordance with the national plan, a core team was formed in the St. Cloud Diocese. This team —under the direction of Bishop Donald Kettler and led by co-chairs Father Derek and Kristi Anderson — serves as a consultative body for the revival. It includes a broad range of men and women from various age groups, ideologies, cultures, vocations in life and apostolates.



CHURCH COMMISSION

O Happy Day!

I struggled as I pondered what to write, there has been so much going on in our Catholic faith and life in general during the short summer season, but everything comes back to our faith. The Eucharistic Revival has begun and although I'm preaching to the choir as we are surrounded by devout women who believe in the True Presence, do we or will we truly understand?

Here is a quote from my favorite Saint, St. Thérèse of Lisieux: "Nevertheless, I am going to stammer some words even though I feel it is quite impossible for the human tongue to express things that the human heart can hardly understand." Isn't that the truth?

This should not deter us from "digging" into our faith more, with sincerity and faith. The Lord will send us his Holy Spirit to understand all that we are capable of at this moment. Thinking about that warms my heart, gives me confidence, and a desire to know more, mostly to bathe in the "SON" of Love with excitement of what he has in store for us!

As I pondered on "Summertime" here is what I came up with:

Son's
Unchangeable
Mercy
Magnified
Effect
Revealed in a
Tabernacle
Incomprehensible
Manifestation
Expressed

Enjoy the quickly passing summer and all it holds for you, keeping Christ the center of each event!

Jean Zwilling, Chair



COMMUNITY REPORT

Summer is here and the West Central Deanery celebrates God's love for us in unique but common ways.

The restructuring of the Deaneries resulted with 32 parishes belonging to 7 Catholic Communities to share God's love, Priests, Deacons, & Personnel. From Elmdale to Kimball, Meire Grove to St. Joseph we all are one big Catholic Community. Each church has their own celebration throughout the summer. St Joseph & St Boniface in Cold Spring have big celebrations with fireworks and parades. They are the 2 largest churches in our Deanery. Smaller parishes have day long festivals starting with Mass & activities outside for all. Food, beer, Bingo, Raffles, Quilt Raffles (handiwork of many hands & hours go into this) at St Benedict's in Avon is July 10th, St Anna June 26th, Seven Dolours in Albany August 14, etc. Do a little research and you can find a church festival to attend just about every Sunday of the summer. The many hours of work that goes into these events are truly acts of faithfulness to our churches as the funds are very important.

Besides festivals, the churches are putting on Vacation Bible Schools which involves again more hours from parents planting the seeds of God's love in the hearts of our little ones.

The National Eucharistic Revival started June 19 on Corpus Christi Sunday and will continue throughout the year with activities to encounter the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The Harvest of Hope Community celebrated last Sunday with a procession at Seven Dolours in Albany with beautiful music & a dinner afterwards. Some of the patients from Mother of Mercy were able to join in the celebration. Check your bulletins for details to see what is happening throughout the next year or talk to those who attended.

What if you don't feel like celebrating? Are there financial problems you can't handle? Marriage going downhill? Aging and living alone? Catholic Charities is here for your assistance. Since many parishes are small, these needs can't be met. Catholic Charities serves five areas: 1.) Behavioral Health Services, 2.) Community Services, 3.) Affordable and Transitional Housing, 4.) Supportive Living Services 5.) Social Concerns. The services are available to everyone in the Diocese. Meals on Wheels is run by Catholic Charities and is a great asset to our communities. Read the Annual Report sent last week to all about the great work they do. I know that I will increase my giving to this active organization.

Praise the Lord! What a great day as Roe vs Wade has been overturned by the Supreme Court after 50 years! There has been excellent coverage on TV and now there is more work to do, but Thank You Lord for answering our prayers.

In gratitude for the blessings of the day,

Polly Rabideau, Chair

FAMILY COMMISSION

Respite Care Restorative Help*

Forty years ago, the National Council of Catholic Women, in response to the National Council on Aging programming, brought about Respite as an initiative to use Gospel values of compassion and service to others. NCCW members have since assisted and supported the actions of families caring for aging persons at home.

Who are these 'Caregivers'? They usually are female adult women, who work outside the home and still care for an adult who is part of the population which is the fastest-growing age group in our nation. The Administration on Aging projects over 19 million people will be over the age of 85 by 2050.

And the Caregivers' generation is given the name "the sandwich generation". They are many times needed by the older 'Care-Receiver' **and** their own family, which is at home, attending school and a spouse who may be working, juggling support for the family and the task of lending encouragement for the Caregiver.

When the day-to-day stressful schedule points to a 'break' – is where volunteers (paid and unpaid) enter the picture. Perhaps an hour or two off a day a week would be welcome. This brief substitution of a respite volunteer for the caregiver is termed as friendly visiting or companionship for the aging adult. Adult day care centers may be utilized to provide many more hours a day where supervision is provided. Adult Day Centers are usually in communities where a mix of attendees will find others of their peer group.

Parish-based respite programs pair well with community health initiatives. Local Councils of Catholic Women can provide exciting opportunities to work with new partners in their parish to expand their own involvement. Results of quality of life for aging community members are significant and a plus for the Caregiver, knowing support for them is available.

I am a caregiver, now remote, as my Care-Receiver is a resident at a long-term care facility after many years in our home. I retired from the Land of the Dancing Sky Area Agency on Aging, Fergus Falls Office. We received funding from the Minnesota Agency on Aging and the National Council on Aging. I answered Senior LinkAge Line calls and traveled a nine-county area to meet with groups of seniors to deliver education and teach beginning computer skills.

For more information: www.nccw.org and the National Council of Aging www.ncoa.org



RESPIRE MANUAL



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Mary Jane Hay, Chair

**National Council of Catholic Women Respite Manual,
can be found at nccw.org*

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

(Taken from CRS Website 7.14.2022)

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Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began on February 24, nearly 5 million Ukrainians have fled the country and at least 7 million are internally displaced within Ukraine. This is the largest population movement in Europe since World War II. Poland has received the greatest number of refugees from Ukraine, with 2.7 million as of April 13, followed by Romania (0.7 million), Hungary and Moldova (0.4 million each) and Slovakia (0.3 million) ... Since men between 18 and 60 years of age are not allowed to leave Ukraine, the overwhelming majority of the refugees are women and children. Many refugees have moved on from neighboring countries to destinations throughout Europe, and they are beginning to settle where they are. Most are being hosted by local communities or family members, while others are renting accommodations. The number of people in collective centers is relatively low, but they are likely to be the most vulnerable, lacking the connections or means to find alternatives. There is an outpouring of spontaneous generosity and in-kind assistance across Ukraine and Europe, while government and U.N. assistance takes longer to mobilize. As the conflict enters its eighth week, the hosting capacity of local communities may become strained and refugees' own resources are being exhausted, while emergency conditions are starting to put a burden on hosts and refugees alike.

More durable solutions are necessary to sustain the local communities' warm welcome and help refugees restore a semblance of normalcy to their lives until they can safely return to their homes and communities. Inside Ukraine there has been extensive destruction of homes and infrastructure as well as enormous population displacement. Markets and livelihoods have been disrupted, especially in the East of the country. The situation remains very fluid given the ongoing active conflict. CRS will continue to respond to this crisis with and through our Caritas partners, as well as with a limited number of other local actors. Our strategy will focus on broad-based and continuing partner capacity strengthening and technical support to enable local Caritas agencies to deliver safe, effective and dignified services at scale. Given the continuing conflict in Ukraine, CRS and our partners will retain the capacity to respond to the immediate needs of newly displaced and new refugee arrivals, while transitioning to more sustainable and dignified solutions to help stabilize populations. The three main areas of need identified through secondary data and rapid assessments across the region will be the focus of the response:

- Dignified and financially sustainable accommodation.
- Cash assistance to cover living costs.
- Psychosocial services, including counseling and other support for children and their caregivers.

Box of Joy

Parishes and individuals can participate in a program by Cross Catholic Outreach in which toys, school supplies, a rosary, and the story of Jesus are sent to poor children in developing countries. Boxes the size of shoe boxes are provided or you can use your own shoe box to gather children's gifts. Go to their website: <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/> for more information. This is an excellent example of how your parish can be involved in a family activity where in many cases this is the only Christmas gift that these children will get.

Joyce Simones. International Chair



Last year, thanks to the generosity of people like you, Box of Joy blessed 106,276 children in 7 countries.

Here is a photo of past donations from Little Falls area, ready to ship!



ORGANIZATION REPORT

It is Here! Summertime, The time for family reunions. At every funeral someone would say, we should really have a family reunion when we could all get together without having someone die to have a reason to gather.

We recently had a gathering of parishioners from the six parishes in our cluster, Parishes on the Prairie. Like a family reunion it had all the feel of that shared relationships and fellowship. There had been a lot of planning beforehand. There was food. There was prayer. There was conversation. There was laughter, games, music and stories. The Guest was not a surprise since it was a church function. But it was comforting to know that Jesus had not been forgotten but His presence was truly felt. People interacted just as a family should. It was no surprise that we did not separate into small parish groups but like a family we found conversation by mingling among people from all of the parishes.

Our family is planning a family reunion to take place at the end of August at the "home place". We have the location (always important), We have ordered cups, plates and utensils. We plan fun games. We have plans for just in case it rains. We have made plans for who we want to be there I want to make sure that the younger generation is aware of the fact that Jesus is also invited. We will certainly have prayer before we eat. Will we have the prayer sung or just recited by the elders? I always favor the sung version because my mother always said "When you sing, it is like praying twice". It is a part of our plan to remind all that Jesus should not be forgotten.

As many of you will be going to family reunions, remind the next generations of the Guest you have invited! Bring the guest of honor with you!

Lois Wesbur, Chair



RURAL REPORT

What is your favorite treat to eat on a summer day? Many people would say their favorite is ice cream. According to the International Dairy Foods Association, "The average American eats roughly 20 lbs. of ice cream each year, or about 4 gallons."

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed July as National Ice Cream month in honor of the "nutritious and wholesome food." Ice cream is also considered a comfort food.

Chocolate milk is another great tasting dairy product. It is also good for you. According to the article, "Athletes Refuel with Chocolate Milk" in the "Hoards Dairyman" magazine, scientific evidence shows that low fat chocolate milk, used as a recovery drink, helps repair and rebuild muscles after strenuous exercise because of its 3:1 carbohydrate to protein ratio. Chocolate milk is also a source of B vitamins that help convert food to energy.

It is not just the dairy magazines that promote chocolate milk for recovery. An article in the "Joint Chiropractic," talks about the protein that comes in chocolate milk is enough to help repair damaged muscles after a workout.

The nutrients in chocolate milk make it a great post-workout beverage to hydrate and refuel an athlete. The next time you go to your kid's or grandkids' sporting events, think about bringing them a bottle of chocolate milk to drink to replenish their energy and rebuild their muscles.

This year the Rural Life Celebration is back. It will be held at the David Trunk farm in Foreston, MN on Sunday, August 14th. Mass is at 10:00 am. Catholic Century Farm awards will be included in the celebration.

Toni Borgerding, Rural Life Chair



IF YOU GO

The Rural Life Celebration begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the David Trunk farm south of Foreston (address: 4383 120th Ave., Princeton). The day includes an outdoor Mass with Bishop Donald Kettler, including presentation of the Catholic Century Farm Awards and the new Rural Business Award. It will be followed by food and family-friendly activities. The event is free and open to all. A second collection will be taken at Mass to help benefit the Rural Life Fund.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Two email blasts were made to parish bulletins regarding our Fun, Food & Fund Day event in June; and most recently regarding the upcoming Eucharistic Pilgrimage scheduled for August 4. Everyone is always welcome to help us spread the word through Facebook and personal invites, as well as posting copies of flyers at your local library, grocery store, post office, etc.

The Diocesan office will be overseeing publicity for the Fall Conference in Alexandria on September 17. St. Cloud DCCW is listed as one of the sponsors.

Pat Kasella, PR Chair

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EASTERN DEANERY REPORT

On April 30th, 2022 the Eastern Deanery held their meeting in Foreston, at St. Louis Bertrand Church. The meeting concluded with a Prayer Service for the Children and Orphans of Ukraine. The event included the prayer sent by the Vatican to bishops throughout the world: *Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Russia and Ukraine* and was followed by the Prayer of Divine Mercy, the Rosary and a Mass with Fr. Derek that included petitions for the people impacted by the war in Ukraine.

Deacon Craig Korver was appointed as our Spiritual Advisor by Fr. Mike Kellogg, Dean of the Eastern Deanery.

The Annual Fall Meeting will be on Saturday, October 8th, 2022, at St. Michael's in Buckman, MN. At that meeting we will hear more about the Mission project, **Box of Joy** from Sara Stumpf. She will bring gift boxes to the meeting for distribution to parish members. Sara will answer any questions about this project that provides Christmas gifts to children in third world countries. Her contact number is (320) 493-7062. Information regarding registration will be in your parish's September Bulletins.

Nita Hayes, Deanery President

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR RUSSIA AND UKRAINE



O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our mother, you love us and know us: No concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the

millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns.

We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbor's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war, and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you

are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.

Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.

Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.

Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your sorrowful heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (Jn 19:26). In this way, he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (Jn 19:27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history.

At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "fiat," on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope," water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

Prayer courtesy of the [Holy See](#), found on the [USCCB.org](#) website

NORTHWEST DEANERY

I am Praying that this find each of you having a Blessed Summer so far. As we listen to the birds sing and watch the flowers blooming and our gardens grow. On May 31 we had the pleasure of having our meeting and workshop "How Does Your Garden Grow" at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Butler, with 25 in attendance. To defray the cost of the hall and the seedlings given out to each attendee, a donation jar was placed for a chance to win one of Sheri's 5 beautiful garden signs or 10 trivets made by Bonnie and her husband Dave. A delicious meal was served by the Christian Women of the parish. Christina Kickhafer from the Red Barn Greenhouse provided information on how to care for your earthly gardens and Sheri Streasick and I added information on how to nurture your Spiritual gardens.

Tending a spiritual garden requires a lot of work. As believers walking toward Christ, no matter how small the steps we are all called to scatter the seeds of the Gospel as best we can. For our God is the true gardener and we are his instrument let us help each other cultivate our spiritual gardens and watch the shoots of new life appear in God's Love.

Our Mission activity is underway with doing Box of Joy this year. We will be ordering 360 boxes and spreading them amongst our 36 parish. Fr. Peter at Our Lady of Seven Dolors (Millerville) has given us the ok to use the community hall as a drop off location.

Our next meeting is scheduled on Saturday, October 29 in Millerville at Seven Dolors Church Hall at 8 am. I will be looking forward in seeing you all there.

God's Peace be with you all,
Bonnie Jennen, President

INFORMATION TECH/WEBMASTER

What does she do, you may ask. Here's a condensed description:

1. be responsible for updating and printing the St. Cloud DCCW Directory every two (2) years;
2. maintain current mailing lists of the Saint Cloud DCCW members, etc., etc., etc.
3. edit, print and distribute the newsletter ("Our Catholic Voice")
4. edit and print annual reports from the Board of Directors to be included in the Conference booklet;
5. add information to the Saint Cloud DCCW website, and ensure that information posted on the website is accurate, timely and been approved by the Spiritual Advisor

So, you see, this is an interesting position! With the help of everyone, this can be really rewarding. Please send all officer changes, current events to me so they can be included in our distributions. It would be helpful if there were lots of items shared on the calendar, newsletter and website: breakfasts, suppers, meetings, etc. Contact me at aroelike8@gmail.com or stcloudccw@gmail.com. SEND PICTURES!!

Since I can be considered somewhat of a hoarder, if there is any old information you may need, I may still have it or at least know where to find it.

Arleen Roelike, Editor

WEST CENTRAL DEANERY

Minutes from the Deanery meeting of June 28, 2022

We discussed the Roe vs Wade court decision; it changed the Federal law and puts the decision on the states. It was suggested we pray the Prayer to Saint Michael as this is very important to fight Satan's influence.

We also discussed the history of Council of Catholic Women. It was founded in 1920 by the USCCB at the same time the Council of Catholic Men. (They have since disbanded.)

The purpose was to unify all Catholic women's groups. We all have a specific goal as groups: CCW, Christian Mothers, Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Daughters of Isabela, mission groups, altar societies etc.

But sometimes what we try to accomplish is also the same as another group. So, we can look to the Council as a major resource. The CCW is divided into 3 major commissions; Spirituality, Service and Leadership. Under these three there are several committees that produce programs, literature and brochures to help accomplish our goals. (nccw.org)

The council has different levels starting with individual women, parish women, moving up to Deanery, Diocese, Province, National and World Union, always with God in our center.

This is the Mission Statement. Notice it mentions "affiliate organizations".

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WHO ME?

And the Lord said, "Go."

And I said, "Who me?"

And He said, "Yes you."

And I said, "But I'm not ready yet. And there's company coming, And I can't leave the kids, and you know there's no one to take my place."

And He said. "You're stalling."

Again, the Lord said, "Go."

And I said, "But I don't want to go."

And He said, "I didn't ask you if you wanted to."

And I said, "Listen, I'm not the kind of person to get involved in controversy. Besides, my family won't like it and what will the neighbors think?"

And he said, "Baloney."

And yet a third time the Lord said, "Go."

And I said, "Look, I'm scared. People are going to hate me and cut me into little pieces. And I can't take it all by myself."

And He said, "Where do you think I'll be?"

And the Lord said, "GO!"

And I said, "Here I am Lord, send me."

Author unknown

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