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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 back and forth.

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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.

Website: stcloudccw.org



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Mark your Calendars

- February 10 to March 20, 2016 - 40 Days for Life
- February 27, 2016 - Spring Retreat, Saints Peter and Paul, Richmond**
- April 19, 2016 - Melrose Deanery Meeting, Saint John’s Church, Meire Grove, MN
- May 7, 2016 - Honoring Marriage Day, Cathedral of Saint Mary, Saint Cloud
- June 9, 2016 – Fun, Food, and Fund Day, Saint Francis, Sartell
- June 13-14, 2016 - Province Conference, Saint Henry, Monticello
- June 26, 2016 - Fortnight for Freedom begins 4 PM, Cathedral of Saint Mary, Saint Cloud
- September 17, 2016 – Annual Fall Conference, Saint Mary, Melrose



GREETINGS FROM THE ST. CLOUD COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

EVA A. KOEP, PRESIDENT

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This is my first letter for the newsletter since my installation in September 2015 at our Annual Fall Conference. First, just a little about myself. My husband Allen and I have been married for 56 years. We have 4 children, 3 in the Cities and 1 in Atlanta, Georgia. We also have 7 Grand Children and 1 Great Grand Child. It is great to have a little one again to spoil.

The days of the DCCW president have been busy with travel, conventions/conferences, parish meetings, deanery and diocesan meetings and meeting wonderful ladies in my travels. Ladies in the parishes have so much to offer; we need you!!!! "You are our voice."

The Women's Spring Retreat is coming up and will be at Saints Peter & Paul's Church in Richmond. The date is February 27, 2016. Be sure to contact your parish for details or the *Visitor* for more information.

A few other dates to remember:

June 9th – Fun, Food and Fund - St. Francis Xavier, Sartell

June 13th-14th - Province Conference - St. Henry's, Monticello

September 17th - Annual Fall Conference – Saint Mary's, Melrose

Watch our Website (stcloudccw.org) for more information and spirituality quotes.

If your parish has a contact person to receive our newsletter or new officers, please contact me or our web site lady which can be found in the newsletter sent out. Yes, we are having some newsletters returned because of an incorrect address. Please HELP US thanks.

The office of president is available to all ladies in our deanery's and parishes. I am always willing to help.

I wish everyone a wonderful Lent and Divine Mercy year. There are so many wonderful ideas to do for Divine Mercy in our parishes.

God Bless all from the Council of Catholic Women. As our NCCW Spiritual Advisor Fr. Stembler quoted "You do not belong to the CCW, YOU ARE CCW."



Bishop Donald Kettler, Eva Koep

Installation; September 19, 2015 Saint Mary's Church, Upsala, MN

*God Bless,
Eva A. Koep*

Church Commission Report

Pope Francis has declared that from December 8, 2015 until the Feast of Christ the King 2016 to be the Jubilee Year of Divine Mercy. The following are excerpts from his general audience on December 9, 2015.

Mercy is what pleases God most. God is Love. God is Mercy. He forgives us. Can we forgive others? If we don't have mercy for others, then we have self-love along with a desire for accumulation of wealth which is contrary to mercy. We must recognize ourselves as sinners, so as to strengthen within us the certainty of divine mercy. Pope Francis advises us to say the following daily prayer: Lord I am a sinner---come with your mercy.



Direct quote: "Dear Brothers and Sisters, I hope that, in this Holy Year, each one of us may experience God's Mercy, in order to be witnesses to "What pleases God most". Is it naïve to believe that this can change the world? Yes, humanly speaking, it is foolish, but "the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men". (1Cor1:25).

In order for us to be merciful to others, the Gospel teaches us to do the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry; caring for the food given us and not wasting.
2. Give drink to the thirsty; don't waste water.
3. Shelter the homeless; see information on Youth House.
4. Visit the sick; residents in the nursing homes need visitors.
5. Visit the prisoners; home bound people feel like prisoners.
6. Bury the dead; pray for the poor souls.
7. Give alms to the poor; use a Rice Bowl.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Counsel the doubtful; Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Turn to Him. Share an inspirational book.
2. Instruct the ignorant; know your faith.
3. Admonish the sinner; gently Speak the Gospel and then let the Holy Spirit work.
4. Comfort the sorrowful; listen, send a card.
5. Forgive injuries; do some Penance, say the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
6. Bear wrongs patiently; Step away, take deep breaths, say the Our Father, and ask for patience.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

Remember that Jesus is Divine Mercy. Mary is the Mother of Divine Mercy.

*Linda Christen,
Chair*



COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The Extraordinary Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared the Holy Year of Mercy which began on the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2015 and will conclude on the feast of Christ the King on November 20, 2016. The Holy Year of Mercy will not only be celebrated in Rome, but in all the dioceses around the world.

Traditionally every 25 years the Pope proclaims a Holy Year of Mercy which features special celebrations, pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance. Offering special opportunities to experience God's grace and love through the beautiful sacraments, especially the sacrament of confession.

The biblical theme the Pope has chosen for the jubilee year is "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Pope Francis states "Mercy is the very foundation of the Catholic Church's life. "Mercy is not an abstract word but rather a face to recognize, contemplate and serve. This can be a year to change our lives and allow our hearts to be touched. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's Mercy.

The Holy Year of Mercy will be a time for the faithful to reflect on the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. It is a time to rediscover these **Corporal Works of Mercy:**

To feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead.

Then let us not forget the **Spiritual Works of Mercy:** To counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offenses, bear patiently those who do us ill and pray for the living and the dead.

May our upcoming season of Lent during this Holy Year of Mercy be lived more intensely and experience God's mercy. Lent is beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, and ending on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016.

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy may the Catholic Church echo the word of God that sends a



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message and sign of pardon, strength and love. May the Church never tire of extending mercy, compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman.

Repeat confidently without end;

"Remember your compassion and love, O Lord for they are ages old." Psalms 25:6.

May God bless each one of you in a special way during this Holy Year of Mercy.

*Respectfully,
Beverly Nett, Chair*

SHELTER THE HOMELESS

A Home for Homeless Teens Provides Them a Solid Foundation to Build On

Sheltering Those in Need-Catholic Charities Diocese of St Cloud

In St. Cloud, Minnesota, a Catholic Charities group home dedicated to homeless teens is helping young people begin their adult lives on a solid foundation. Opened in 2014, Youth House gives young people, ages 16-24, not only a roof over their heads, but round-the-clock guidance as they build the foundations for the rest of their lives.

With her nose ring and youthful face, Suzie Rice, the Youth House supervisor, blends in with the youth that she mentors. She recently recounted the story of a young resident who broke down in tears when she was shown her room. Through her sobs, 19-year-old "Ashley" explained that she had been couch-hopping (staying with friends for a night or two at a time) for four years, the entire time she was in high school. The relative who was made her guardian after her parents' rights were terminated had kicked her out.

Perhaps more heartbreaking, however, was Ashley's high school story. She is an incredibly bright young woman and graduated from high school with high honors. As her honor roll friends went off to college, Ashley continued couch-hopping. The same relative who kicked her out had told her that since she was a ward of the state, her education would be paid for. Ashley has learned the hard way that this is not true. Suzie and the Youth House team have listened as Ashley shares her frustration. "I didn't think I'd get to go to a fancy college, but I thought I'd at least get to go to college," she said.

Now, at the Youth House, Ashley does have someone to help her. Staff members are helping her apply to colleges and complete financial aid applications. Ashley hopes to begin her college career, and the rest of her life, in the fall.

The Youth House continues to help young adults like Ashley every day in the St. Cloud community, providing the resources necessary for a well-balanced, optimistic life.

Sponsored by Catholic Charities; <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/members/catholic-charities-diocese-of-st-cloud>





Family Concerns Commission

The Christian Family

The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion and for this reason it can and should be called a *domestic church*. It is a community of faith, hope, and charity. The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity

The Family and Society

The family is the *original cell of social life*. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. The family should live in such a way that its members learn to care and take responsibility for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped, and the poor.

The importance of the family for the life and well-being of society entails a particular responsibility for society to support and strengthen marriage and the family. Civil authority should consider it a grave duty "to acknowledge the true nature of marriage and the family, to protect and foster them, to safeguard public morality, and promote domestic prosperity".

The Family and the Kingdom

Family ties are important but not absolute. Just as the child grows to maturity and human and spiritual autonomy, so his/her unique vocation which comes from God asserts itself more clearly and forcefully. Parents should respect this call and encourage their children to follow it. They must be convinced that the first vocation of the Christian is to *follow Jesus*.

Becoming a disciple of Jesus means accepting the invitation to belong to God's family; to live in conformity with His ways of life. "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Parents should welcome and respect with joy and thanksgiving the Lord's call to one of their children to follow him in virginity for the sake of the Kingdom in the consecrated life or in priestly ministry.

Taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2204 et al.)

*Janet Berendt,
Chair*

Rural Concerns

Five domestic and global issues American farmers face today:

- 1) Water Rights – Some states don't allow people to collect rainfall because this can cause mosquito problems. Larger cities are going out of their normal water divisions and using water that farmers use for irrigation. By doing this, irrigation rights are being removed or reduced.
- 2) Market Control - Large scale farmers can't set their own market price because the USDA does this for them. Safety regulations are making it hard for small farmers to sell products. Legislators decide what farmers can sell, how they can sell it and where they can sell it.
- 3) Global warming – Some northern farmers may get an increased growing season because of the increased heat and more rain. The southern farmers are going to be feeling the heat which will not help their growing season.
- 4) Pollution – Large scale farmers are huge polluters because of the chemicals they use. This is getting the legislator's attention so they can do something about this problem. Something has to be done to protect our water resources from these chemicals.
- 5) Loss of Knowledge – The older generations' knowledge is written in books which some of the new generation likes to ignore. The older generation knew how to take of our soil and protect our water resources. The newer generation thinks using chemicals will give them bigger yields. This might work but they need to know how to control the use of chemicals and how they can protect our water resources.



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A prayer for Rural Family



Bless us, O God, we who live close to the land. Bless us as you blessed Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They, like we, our models in family life; knew the struggles, the fears, the joys, and the rewards of life in a rural area. Help us to be aware of the quiet beauty of night, the fresh green growth on trees and all the plants, and the songs of birds. We give thanks for all of these.

May we always show respect for all of creation. Bless each of us and help us grow in love and unity with you and with each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Karen Weber,
Chair*

Cold Spring Deanery

Welcome all women of the Saint Cloud Diocese to a Lenten Retreat! It will be held Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Richmond, MN. The theme is 'Mercy Leads to Joy'.

The day will begin with registration and rolls, juice, and coffee at 8:30 A.M. Next there will be welcomes/ announcements at 9:00. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Edward Vebelun, OSB at 9:15.

Following mass and a short break, we are pleased that Fr. Don Wagner of Christ the King Parish, Cambridge, will be our morning speaker.

Lunch will be provided in the gathering space.

The afternoon personal silent reflection time begins at 1:00 PM. This is your opportunity to visit "Jesus" stations and meditate on the Mercy of Jesus during the Lenten season. Women are also encouraged join the group in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to silently pray the rosary, or meditate on the Stations of the Cross.

For our closing prayer we will recite the Angelus at 2:00 PM. Door prizes will be awarded. Don't forget to take a snack for the ride home.

The church is handicapped accessible and has an elevator. The parking lot is located north of the church. For more information please call me at 320-346-2710. Pray for good road conditions so that many women can attend!

*Cheryl Weller,
Cold Spring Deanery President*

Melrose/ Sauk Centre Deanery

Happy New Year to all the ladies of the Saint Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The Melrose/ Sauk Centre Deanery will have a busy year in 2016. Our spring board meeting will be held at St. Mary's in Melrose on Tuesday March 8 @ 6pm. The Spring General meeting will be held at St. John's Church in Meire Grove on Tuesday April 19, 2016. We do not have a speaker lined up yet but we are going to try to follow Bishop Kettler's recommendation that we focus on Multi-cultural, Social Justice and Vocations. We will also be hosting the Fall DCCW Conference on September 17, 2016. That will also be held at St. Mary's in Melrose.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Retreat, Fun, Food and Fund and the Annual Fall Conference. We are so blessed to have an active diocese where we can get to know and share our faith with ladies from all around Central Minnesota.

*Irene Schmidt,
Melrose/Sauk Centre President*



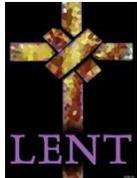
A REFLECTION ON LENTEN FASTING

— by Rev. Daniel Merz, *Associate Director, USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship*

In the early Church and, to a lesser extent still today, there were two fasts. There was the "total fast" that preceded all major feasts or sacramental events. The ancient name for this fast was "statio" from the verb "sto, stare" to stand watch, on guard or in vigil. The second fast was a fast of abstinence from certain foods, e.g., meats or fats. This was more an act of self-discipline and self-control. The *statio* fast was total and a means of watching and waiting...i.e. *for* something. The fast of abstinence was more general and personal, to help oneself be more disciplined or self-controlled. The total fast is still kept today prior to reception of Holy Communion. Following Holy Communion, the total fast ceases because Jesus had explicitly stated that we don't fast when the bridegroom is here, in other words, what we're keeping vigil for has arrived, the wait is over. On the other hand, the fast of abstinence was allowed on Sundays because the continuity of abstinence can be important for it to be effective.

These initial observations, then, teach us that the Eucharist is always the end of a preparation. It is always the fulfillment of an expectation. In the Orthodox Church during Lent, they have Eucharist only on Saturday and Sunday. But because Wednesdays and Fridays are total fast days, those two days are also days for the Communion service (Liturgy of the PreSanctified) which are held in the evening, i.e., after the day of preparation. Fasting is always *preparatory*.

But how did *fasting* become such an important means of preparing for the Eucharist and of learning virtue through self-discipline? Christian fasting is revealed in an interdependence between two events in the Bible: the "breaking of the fast" by Adam and Eve; and the "keeping of the fast" by Christ at the beginning of his ministry.



Humanity's "Fall" away from God and into sin began with eating. God had proclaimed a fast from the fruit of only one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), and Adam and Eve broke it. Fasting is here connected with the very mystery of life and death, of salvation and damnation. Food perpetuates life in this physical world, which is subject to decay and death. But God "created no death." (Wis. 1:13) Humanity, in Adam and Eve, rejected a life dependent on God alone for one that was dependent rather on "bread alone." (Dt. 8:3; Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) The whole world was given to man as a kind of food, as a means to life, but "life" is meant as communion with God, not as food. ("Their god is their belly." Phil. 3:19) The tragedy is not so much that Adam ate food, but that he ate the food for its own sake, "apart" from God and to be independent of Him. Believing that food had life in itself and thus he could be "like God." And he put his faith in food. This kind of existence seems to be built on the principle that man does indeed live "by bread alone."

Christ, however, is the new Adam. At the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, we read, "When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, He became hungry." Hunger is that state in which we realize our dependence on something else—when we face the ultimate question: "on what does my life depend?" Satan tempted both Adam and Christ, saying: Eat, for your hunger is proof that you depend entirely on food, that your life is in food. Adam believed and ate. Christ said, "Man does NOT live by bread alone." (Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4) This liberates us from total dependence on food, on matter, on the world. Thus, for the Christian, fasting is the only means by which man recovers his true spiritual nature. In order for fasting to be effective, then, the spirit must be a part of it. Christian fasting is not concerned with losing weight. It is a matter of prayer and the spirit. And because of that, because it is truly a place of the spirit, true fasting may well lead to temptation, and weakness and doubt and irritation. In other words, it will be a real fight between good and evil, and very likely we shall fail many times in



these battles. But the very discovery of the Christian life as "fight" and "effort" is an essential aspect of fasting.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

This reflection was found on the USCCB.org website. For more information check their website.

NCCW Welcomes Bishop Gregory L. Parkes, New Episcopal Liaison



As President of the National Council of Catholic Women, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes, Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee, as the new Episcopal Liaison to NCCW by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops beginning January 2016. Those of you who attended the 2015 NCCW Convention may remember Bishop Parkes con-celebrating the liturgy at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe and joining us

briefly in the general session. He has our 2016 Convention dates on his calendar so plan to come welcome him as our new Episcopal Liaison.

I would like to express our gratitude to Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr. who served as our Episcopal Liaison for five years. Not long after last year's convention, Bishop Johnston was installed as Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph and was elected to the Board of Directors for Catholic Relief Services at the November General Assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Sheila S. Hopkins.
NCCW President

WUCWO's aim (Mission) is to promote presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the church, in order to enable them to fulfill their mission of evangelization and to work for human development. **WUCWO has members in the following areas: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean and North America**

WUCWO Prayer for Dialogue

We are all members of His holy body, the hands, the feet, the voice and face of Jesus. As we dialogue with our sisters and brothers in Christ, let us be open to them, sharing their joys and sorrows. Guide us as we learn from the wisdom of each other. Help us to accept others and their differences. Pope Francis tells us that dialogue is necessary for peace in the world. As women of hope and sowers of peace, in Jesus' name, we pray for that dialogue. Amen.



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NCCW Treasurer, Mary Matheus

Are you an Amazon shopper? Do you know someone who shops on Amazon? Are you contributing to NCCW when you shop? Are they? It doesn't cost you anything to give to NCCW as you shop!

You don't have to be a member of NCCW--anyone can donate to NCCW through this program. Want to know how? It is easy. Go to smile.amazon.com and designate your charity as the National Council of Catholic Women. And then just shop. NCCW will get a small percentage of the purchase price of what you buy. It doesn't cost you any more for your purchases, the Amazon Smile Foundation donates .5% of eligible purchases to us. You can give to NCCW just by shopping on Amazon. Tell your family and friends. Again, just type in smile.amazon.com and off you go. And then each time you shop, log into smile.amazon.com to turn your purchases into dollars for NCCW.



Caps of Love

What a success the Caps of Love project has been! It was so easy for us to do. The wheel chairs that were purchased with the proceeds benefited many, including a patient from Paynesville, MN.

Unfortunately we will have to discontinue doing this. We no longer will be able to take the caps to Florida. Julie Moorhead-Miller has done this in the past, but unfortunately her plans are to move out of the Diocese and on to the Twin City area.

Your group can continue if you wish: go to the website, www.CapsOfLove.com for more information about shipping etc.

Here are some other easy projects:

CARDS.....and on the envelopes are **STAMPS!** After you read and enjoy them, what do you DO with them? Send the **CARD FRONTS** (with no handwritten notes) to the children at St Jude's Ranch for Children. They cut and paste and use the cards to create **NEW** cards which are then sold. All card fronts are needed-- Birthdays, Valentines, Thanksgiving, Anniversary, Get well, etc. and of course, Christmas!



Send them to:

St Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St Jude's Street, Boulder City, NV 89005

Send the **STAMPS** to Sister Jane Chantal, CSC, manager of the **STAMP ROOM!** Sisters of the Holy Cross use the money raised from the stamps to benefit their Ministry With the Poor fund. Stamps should be trimmed with a 1/4" --1/2" border----**DO NOT TRY TO REMOVE THEM FROM THE PAPER ENVELOPE!**



Send them to: **Office of Development Stamp Room 407 Bertrand Hall---St Mary's Notre Dame, IN 46556-5000**

Many of you already do this locally, keep doing it: if you do, please share with us where you send them. The Sisters of Saint Francis in Little Falls, MN will accept used stamps and send them on. Send to Mail Room, 116 8th Avenue SE, Little Falls, MN 56345; Phone 320-632-2981



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Information Tech/Webmaster

The Year of Mercy has begun!

I found an app for our smart phones. I like the app; it gives a prayer and reflection for every day of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. News from OSV is included. If you go to the Sunday Visitor website, find the photo "Year of Mercy app." It can be downloaded to your phone. The iPhone app works well. So far I have not been able to make the Google one work.

We can check out the USCCB.org website for more information on the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. Click on the link there to access the Year of Mercy website.

On a house keeping note: we are updating the Directory of Deanery and Parish officers. If you have had any changes lately, please call, text or email me. If you know anyone else who would like to receive the newsletter, I send out an e-mail copy as well as the paper copy. 320-282-9941 aroelike8@gmail.com

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

February

Universal: Care for Creation, That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

March

Universal: Families in Difficulty, That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians, That those Christians, who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

April

Universal: Small Farmers, That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Evangelization: African Christians, That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

"ONE MEMBER - ONE CHANCE"

Paving NCCW's Future - One Member at a Time

Want to attend next year's convention for free?

Every member who signs up a new individual NCCW member, gets a chance to win a full registration including banquet and hotel (4 nights) for the 2016 Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana plus up to \$400 to cover your expenses for travel. The more new members you sign up, the more chances you have to win! This is your chance to share your love of NCCW with other women and have a chance to win a fully paid registration for the 2016 NCCW Convention. MUST use this form for the contest and be sure to put your name and email as submitted by. See NCCW.org for the form.

Send payment and form to NCCW by May 15, 2016.



Women's Lenten Retreat

Sts. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church
110 Central Ave N • Richmond, MN
www.sppr.com

*"Mercy
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Saturday • February 27, 2016

COST: \$15 by Feb. 17
—OR—
\$20 after Feb. 17
and at the door

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Registration form on the back

For more information,
call DCCW Vice-President
at 320-346-2710

- 8:30am • Registration, coffee, rolls
- 9:15am • MASS
Celebrant: Fr. Edward Vebelun, OSB
- 10:30am • **Speaker: Fr. Don Wagner**
Christ the King Parish
Cambridge, MN
- Lunch (*gluten-free options available*)
- 1:00pm • Silent Reflection Time
Prayers, confession, adoration
- 2:15pm • Closing prayers, door prizes



**St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Annual Retreat**

"Mercy Leads to Joy!"

Saturday • February 27, 2016

Sts. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church
110 Central Ave N • Richmond, MN
www.ssppr.com

Registration Form



Make checks payable to: Cold Spring Deanery

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Prepaid registration fee is \$15.00 if postmarked by February 17th
(includes: speakers, handouts, and luncheon)
NON-REFUNDABLE

Registration postmarked after February 17
or at the door = \$20.00

Amount enclosed: # attending _____ x \$15 or \$20 = \$ _____

Hosted by the Cold Spring Deanery