

“Servants of God, Guiding Our Youth”

66th Annual Fall Conference

Saint Boniface

Cold Spring, MN

September 21, 2019



Sponsored by The Saint Cloud Diocesan

Council of Catholic Women

Hosted by the Cold Spring Deanery

“Servants of God, Guiding our Youth”

66th Annual Fall Conference

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

Saturday, September 21, 2019

St. Boniface Catholic Church, Cold Spring, MN

8:30 am: Registration, morning refreshments

9:00 am: Business meeting

9:30 am: Keynote speaker: Doctor Jeff Kaster, Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary

10:45 am: Rosary

11:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Bishop Donald Kettler, Fr. Larn Virnig, all other clergy attending

Mass offering will be split: Anna Marie Alliance of St. Cloud and Youth in Theology and Ministry Program (YTM)

After Mass: Installation of officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Board Members

12:00: Noon lunch

1:00 pm: St. Michael Chaplet

1:15 pm: Katrina Phifer, Anna Marie's Alliance speaking on trauma to children crises situations

2:00 pm: Reports from National Convention in Atlanta, GA

2:30 pm: Closing prayer/ door prizes



*Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Saint Cloud*

214 3RD AVENUE SOUTH - BOX 1248
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA 56302
TELEPHONE (320) 251-2340
FAX (320) 258-7518

September 21, 2019

Dear Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:

I am pleased to once again thank you for the important ministry you provide to the Diocese of Saint Cloud.

The theme you have chosen this year, "Servants of God, Guiding our Youth" is truly one of inspiration. I cannot imagine a greater goal than reaching out to the youth of our diocese and helping them to grow in faith and in the love of Christ. What a legacy you are leaving for the generations to follow. With so many distractions in life today, it is wonderful that you are striving to assist them as they search for meaning in their lives.

As society make so many demands on all of us, I am thankful for this dedicated group of women who faithfully promote programs of spiritual enrichment, education on social issues, the liturgy, scripture study, family life, and especially the youth of today.

Please know that you continue to have my unconditional support as together we strive to bring the Kingdom of God to the people of the Diocese of Saint Cloud. May God continue to bless your ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Donald J. Kettler
Bishop of Saint Cloud



NCCW PRESIDENT

Dear Council Sisters and Spiritual Advisors.

I want to congratulate you on hosting your 66th annual conference. Your theme "Servants of God, Guiding Our Youth" sounds so appealing and so needed in our world today. We need to be reminded that the youth are the future of our church and to do all we can to encourage them.

I am also very grateful for all that you accomplish to honor our legacy of 100 years as the National Council of Catholic Women. I hope that you are also taking advantage of all the wonderful resources on our website for members. Some in particular are; *Families Foster Vocations* will help plant the seed and nurture much needed vocations to serve the Church, *Calling All Catholics* was written to help keep our children in or bring them back to the Church, and so many other offerings such as our mini-retreats and prayers for those addicted, suffering grief especially from the loss of a child or through suicide. We do try to remain current with the needs of our modern world and I thank you for your valuable input and work to aid our Society and our Church.

I pray that our Lady of Good Counsel will bless you, your families and our Council of Catholic Women.

With blessings of peace and joy,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean A Kelly".

Jean A Kelly, President, NCCW

PROVINCE OF SAINT PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS

I love to garden. I get all excited when I see the seed packets each spring in the stores. When the pop-up greenhouses appear, I wander through them planning each inch of my 10'x10' garden. I get it all tilled, raked, and smoothed. I carefully set the seeds in marked rows and put cages around my tomato plants in anticipation of the harvest to come. But, then I'm tired. The fun part is gone.... all there is to do now is wait...and weed...and weed! I'm gung-ho on the planting and harvesting, but this work in-between, well, not so much.

I think many parents do the same thing with their children's faith formation. YES! Let's get them baptized, celebrate their first communion, confirmation, and maybe a church wedding. They haven't done enough weeding to expect a bountiful harvest! We parents need to get down on our knees and save them from the weeds that grow so abundantly and easily around our beautiful children every day. Even if you think that you see no weeds in your garden.... believe me, they are there!

God Bless!

Connie Andrews, Province Director

Province of St. Paul/Minneapolis

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SERVANTS OF GOD GUIDING OUR YOUTH

Our first opportunity to guide youth is usually as a parent or aunt/uncle to our niece or nephew. Next many of you may have taught youth in classes as part of the religious education programs. Perhaps you have been, or continue to be, involved with preparing youth to receive sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Technology has made the location of information quick and convenient. We, as humans, can't possibly know all the answers. But that doesn't mean that we should throw our hands in the air in despair. Our youth need us more than ever.

Our youth need us to sort out fact from fiction. They need us to give them the Christian point of view in an age of secularism. They need us to explain the 'why' behind the answers they may get from other adults in their lives. They need us as examples of prayerful adults. As women in the lives of youth, let us speak to youth every opportunity that we get. Let us share our wisdom and give them guidance.

Some might say that our youth are the future of our church. That statement could be corrected to say that our youth are our present-day church right now. As the school year begins now in September, let us open wide our arms to receive youth, to be accepting and loving of their individual personalities, and to be ready to guide them in matters of our Catholic faith.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as president for these two years. It has been such a pleasure to travel the Saint Cloud Diocese to meet so many people and view your beautiful parish churches. I have also enjoyed traveling to other dioceses to attend their conventions. Thank you for attending the conference today and continue to meet new people/ to build new friendships.

Cheryl Weller, President

CONFERENCE RULES 2019

- I. Registrants to the Conference shall be classified as voting delegates, nonvoting members, Spiritual Advisors or guests.
- II. Those voting delegates of affiliated organizations present at the Conference shall constitute a voting quorum.
- III. Only members of the voting body may introduce a motion and these must be presented in writing to the secretary at the time the motion is presented.
- IV. During debate on a motion, no person may speak more than once on that question until all others who wish to speak have done so. No one shall be entitled to the floor unless she arises, addresses the Chair, and is recognized by the Chair. Debate shall be limited to two minutes.
- V. Official statements of the National Council of Catholic Women business and policies shall be cleared by the National President and/or National Executive Committee prior to release.
- VI. No materials shall be distributed at this Conference without prior approval of the Diocesan Executive Committee.

- VII. No appeals for support or collections of any kind shall be made unless a written request, clearly stating the purpose and identifying the person making the request, is presented in advance to the President and approved by the Diocesan Executive Committee.
- VIII. Any action adopted at the Conference shall become effective at the adjournment of the Conference unless a specific date has been chosen by this Conference.
- IX. Minutes of the proceedings of this Conference are to be examined for correction by an appointed committee and approved by the Diocesan Board of Directors.
- X. All attendees are expected to display Christian courtesy at all times.
- XI. All cell phones should be turned "Off" or "On vibrate" while attending the Conference.
- XII. Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall be parliamentary authority of this Conference.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



God of heavenly wisdom, ☩ you have given us Mary, ☩ Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. ☩ Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life ☩ and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come.

O Mother of Good Counsel, ☩ patroness of the Council of Catholic Women, ☩ intercede for us, ☩ that we may be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the Church. ☩ Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son. ☩ May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation, ☩ and compassion for all God's children. ☩ May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God ☩ and may God's gifts of faith and living hope ☩ prepare us for the fullness of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit ☩ fill the hearts of Thy Faithful ☩ and kindle in them the fire of Thy divine love. ☩ Send forth Thy Spirit ☩ and they shall be created ☩ and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. ☩ Let us pray: ☩ O God Who by the light of the Holy Spirit ☩ dost instruct the hearts of the faithful, ☩ grant that by the same Holy Spirit, ☩ we may be always truly wise ☩ and ever rejoice in His consolation through Christ Our Lord. Amen



MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women ☩ acts through its affiliated 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.

U.S. BISHOPS' PRAYER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Gracious and Loving God,
Help these young men and women to be a light for all the world to see,
in all the places they live and work. Let their light shine for all peoples:
for their families,
for their church communities,
for their cultures and societies,
for the economic and political systems,
for the whole world.

Coming into the room where the disciples were gathered after the resurrection,
"Jesus, your son, said: Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:21).

Make these men and women bearers of Christ's peace.

"Blessed are the peacemakers,

Teach them the meaning of what was said on the mountain:
for they shall be called sons and daughters of God" (cf. Mt 5:9).

Send them, Father, as you sent your son:

to free their brothers and sisters from fear and sin.

We ask this of you, in Christ's name. Amen.

Adapted from the Papal Homily for WYD 1995, Manila

BUSINESS MEETING

Call to Order

Prayer, Mission Statement, Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guests

Welcome

Preliminary Announcements

Quorum – Secretary Pat Kasella

Minutes of 2018 Conference – Pat Kasella

Treasurer's Report – Lora Knafla

Election of Officers – Nominating Committee, Eva Koep

Resolutions for the Coming Year - Linda Scepurek

**MINUTES OF THE 65th ANNUAL
ST. CLOUD DCCW CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE, BATTLE LAKE**

The 65th annual conference of the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women was called to order by President Cheryl Weller at 9:05 a.m. The Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mission Statement, and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America were recited.

Current officers, commission chairpersons, appointed chairpersons, past and present and province directors and presidents, were introduced, as was our Spiritual Director, Fr. Laurn Virnig and keynote speaker, Terry Forliti. First time attendees and representatives from the Archdiocesan CCW and New Ulm DCCW were also recognized. Special thanks was extended to the Fergus Falls/Wadena Deanery for hosting the conference.

A quorum was declared by Secretary Pat Kasella. It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2017 annual conference, which had previously been approved by the DCCW Board of Directors, and were published in the conference handbook. Motion carried. One correction was noted in that said minutes did not state where the conference was held (Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls). Correction was noted.

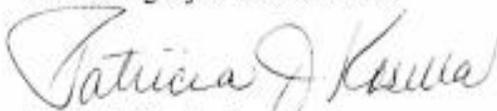
Jean Hopfer, on behalf of the audit committee, presented highlights of the treasurer's report, which showed total annual income of \$13,458.13, total annual expenses of \$13,805.33, and a checkbook balance of \$6,695.57. Adding in the total savings accounts of \$21,767.89, the balance as of June 30, 2018 is \$28,463.46. The annual treasurer's report had been audited and will be filed.

Linda Scepurek presented resolutions regarding Mentoring At-Risk Youth, Treatment of the Mentally Ill, The Environment, and Building our Future, all of which were adopted, although dissenting votes were voiced regarding The Environment resolution. Discussion was held regarding the lack of a pro-life resolution.

Arleen Roelike, Nominations Chair, then presented Lora Knafla as the candidate for Treasurer. Having received no other nominations for the position, a voice vote was held and Lora was unanimously elected and will be installed at Mass by Bishop Kettler.

It was stated the collection at Mass will be donated to the Help Resources Life Care Center in Fergus Falls and Someplace Safe in Perham.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.


Patricia J. Kasella, Secretary

**ST CLOUD DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019**

Checkbook Balance 7/01/2018			\$6,695.57
INCOME	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	
SILENT AUCTION (includes starting cash)	\$2,538.00		
DCCW PARISH DUES	\$3,830.00		
SPRING RETREAT	\$2,811.22		
FUN FOOD FUND DAY	\$3,690.29		
ANNUAL CONFERENCE	\$510.41		
MASS COLLECTIONS	\$1,247.00		
INTERNATIONAL FUNDS	\$551.05		
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME			\$14,977.97
DISBURSEMENTS			
OFFICE SUPPLIES/Commissions & Board			
Ink, paper, postage, manuals		\$335.27	
Catholics at the Capitol		\$120.00	
TRANSPORTATION			
Within Diocese		\$71.60	
Outside Diocese		\$271.20	
NCCW		\$66.40	
HOTELS			
Outside Diocese		\$265.64	
NCCW		\$1,264.83	
NEWSLETTERS/DIRECTORY/WEB			
Newsletter printing & postage		\$1,130.90	
Web Hosting - 2 years		\$159.00	
Annual Conference Booklets		\$237.75	
ADVERTISING			
Broch/Elect/Menu's Conf/Octoberfest		\$360.00	
Spring Retreat		\$370.00	
Fun Food Fund Day		\$350.00	
Sept Conference		\$506.00	
SPEAKERS/ENTERTAINMENT			
Spring Retreat		\$150.00	
Fun Food Fund Day - \$125 paid by delivery from proceeds		\$0.00	
Sept Conference - \$300 paid by delivery from proceeds		\$0.00	
REGISTRATIONS			
NCCW Conference		\$1,200.00	
BANQUETS/DINNERS			
Within Diocese & Board lunches		\$189.08	
NCCW		\$348.00	
DUES			
Province		\$500.00	
NCCW		\$275.00	
INTERNATIONAL FUNDS		\$551.05	
MASS COLLECTIONS		\$1,247.00	
MISC.			
Reimbursement		\$100.00	
Silent Auction starting cash		200.00	
TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES			-\$10,268.72
CHECKBOOK BALANCE 6/30/2019			\$11,404.82
SAVINGS	Matures	Rate of Interest	
BREMER - DCCW General Fund - CD #193	6/30/20	0.65	\$3,698.70
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - General Fund			\$9,436.26
BREMER SAVINGS Acct - SCHOLARSHIP FUND			\$2,157.02
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION - SCHOLARSHIP FUND			\$6,384.53
SAVINGS ACCT HELD for Alexandria Deanery			\$1,280.16
TOTAL IN SAVINGS			\$22,356.67
TOTAL ASSETS 6/30/2019			\$33,761.49
AUDITED ON- <i>Aug 5, 2019</i>			
BY: <i>Christ Nalla</i> <i>Axela Bergeron</i> <i>Teri Berglund</i>			
SUBMITTED BY: <i>Lora Kniffa, Treasurer</i>			

Candidate for Secretary - Sheri Streasick



Sheri (Sharon) Streasick and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July of last year. They spent most of their married, working life in the St. Paul area.

Sheri worked at 3M corporate headquarters for 35 years. She has a master's degree in Business Management. Her career at 3M included work in Information Technology as well as ending her career at 3M as a Human Resources manager.

After retirement, Sheri was a board member of an area lake association and served as Treasurer for 2 years. Sheri is an active parish member of Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church in Millerville, serving as Lector and Eucharistic Minister. She also was Vice President and President of the Seven Dolours CCW and served 3 years as coordinator of the parish CCD program.

For relaxation time, Sheri loves to quilt, garden, read fiction and religious books, draws, and paints (watercolor and acrylic), and does her own framing and matting. She also enjoys canning and has her own little greenhouse. She is an avid environmentalist and enthusiastic about recycling, water conservation and always looks for cars that get good gas mileage.

Sheri & Bob have two sons. Their youngest son is married and lives in Des Moines, Iowa, with his wife and two children. Their oldest son lives with them at their home on Lake Milona.

Candidate for Vice President - Linda Borgerding



Hello Ladies, my name is Linda Borgerding, I am currently the President of the Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery. I have one year left of this term. I have only had one year of experience on the Diocesan level, but I am willing to learn and work hard to support the Saint Cloud DCCW. I enjoy going to all the meetings and meeting all the women.

On the local level I am currently Vice President. In the past I was also Secretary and Treasurer of the St. Benedict's Parish CCW in Avon.

My husband Cliff and I will have our 46th anniversary in September. We have 3 sons, Adam who is 45, Ben is 43 and Duke is 38. We also have 7 grandchildren who range in age from 25 to 1 years old. I must admit that I have spoiled every one of them. I love to play games and read them stories.

I look forward to serving the awesome ladies of the St. Cloud DCCW.

Candidate for President – Linda Scephurek



Hello, my name is Linda Scephurek. I belong to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Little Falls, MN. I have 5 daughters and a son. All live around the area, Pequot Lakes, Princeton, Onamia, Foley, Swanville and one that lives here in Little Falls. I also have 4 great sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law. Between them I have 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and another 2 due this year.

My life with Council of Catholic Women started in 2005 after I moved back to Little Falls after the death of a very dear friend. I attended my first "Life in the Spirit" seminar that September. Since then I attend weekly meetings when possible. At about the same time, I wanted to get involved with some church activities at Our Lady of Lourdes. I attended a Christian Mother's meeting. Before long I was asked to be the President. With that I was encouraged to attend Little Falls Deanery meetings with Kathy Mahling as President. Kathy encouraged me to attend "Fun, Food and Fund Days", Spring Retreat and Conference. Kathy later asked me to be her vice-president; under her guidance she took me to DCCW board meetings to find out what was happening.

I have attended 2 National Conventions; one each in Orlando, FL and Indianapolis, IN, Dallas TX, Pittsburg, PA and Atlanta, GA. I have attended 4 Conferences of the St Paul/Minneapolis Province Council of Catholic Women.

At OLOL, I am involved with Funeral luncheons, with the quilting club, being a hall monitor for religious education class on Wednesday night, President of Christian Women for the past 10 years, and been doing Adoration for 11:00PM to 12:00AM for the past 12 years.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1: MENTAL HEALTH/SUICIDE AWARENESS

Whereas, Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness, yet nearly two thirds of people with a known mental illness never seek treatment,

Whereas, Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and affects all people, regardless of age, gender socioeconomic status, nationality; and

Whereas, Mental Health and Suicide awareness aim to help people find treatment that encourages them to discover healthier ways to cope,

Be It Resolved, That St. Cloud DCCW members expand their knowledge of the risk factors, warning signs, and treatments available, that their loved ones find treatment, support, and resources and know that the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is 1-800-273-TALK (8255);

Be It Further Resolved, that members of St. Cloud DCCW unite in prayer to include the NCCW rosary for *Peace and Healing*, for those living with anxiety, depression, and co-occurring disorders, thoughts of suicide, for those who die by suicide, and for their survivors.

Resolution No. 2: OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTING OUR NATION

Whereas, Opioid overdose is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare;

Whereas, the mission of St. Cloud DCCW is to support, empower and educate all Catholic women, especially on issues affecting women and their families; and

Whereas, Our Catholic faith compels us to choose hope and action in the face of a crisis,

Be It Resolved, That St. Cloud DCCW members organize Masses and/or prayer services, and pray for those addicted and for the companions and caregivers of those addicted, with the intention of hope and healing for all women and their families affected by the opioid crises; and

Be It Further Resolved, That St. Cloud DCCW members support cooperative government agencies, social services and nonprofit organizations that are already engaged in the struggle against opioid addiction.

Resolution No. 3: REUSE PRODUCTS AND REDUCE CONSUMPTION

Whereas, Pope Benedict XVI said, “We are all responsible for the protection and care of the environment. This responsibility knows no boundaries,” (Celebration of World Day of Peace, January 1, 2010),

Whereas, Haley Stewart in *The Grace of Enough* wrote, “We are designed to love truth, beauty, and goodness, which are attributes of God. Throwaway culture fights against this natural desire”; and

Whereas, In *Laudato Si* Pope Francis tells us, “When people become self-centered and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person’s heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume.” (204).

Be It Resolved, That members of St. Cloud DCCW reuse items as much as possible, and invest in and use reusable items such as produce bags, canvas shopping bags, and metal utensils; be more aware of what is really necessary in their lives and focus on those items that bring joy to their lives, sharing with others in need, and.

Be It Further Resolved, that members of St. Cloud DCCW pray that everyone becomes more aware and informed of the beauty of nature, advocates for a healthy planet to leave for our children, and prays the NCCW *Prayer for Care of Creation*.

Resolution No. 4: FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AT ALL STAGES

Whereas, almost 10,000 abortions were performed in Minnesota in 2018, and

Whereas, attempts continue to be made to legalize assisted suicide,

Be It Resolved, that members of St. Cloud DCCW pray and advocate for the protection of life, from conception until natural death; and

Be It Further Resolved, that members of St. Cloud DCCW be aware of our legislators' stand on these issues as we go into the next election year.

(All resolutions passed)

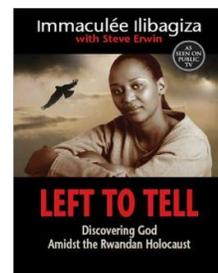
CHURCH COMMISSION

IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA
Saint Paul Church, Sauk Centre, MN
OCTOBER 11-12, 2019.

Immaculée Will Be Presenting Her Story

Tell, Immaculée tells of her experience during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. She survived hidden for 91 days with seven other women in a small bathroom, no larger than 3 feet by 4 feet). She shares how her Catholic faith guided her through her ordeal and describes her eventual forgiveness and compassion toward her family's killers.

In *Left to*



Please Join Us! Make your plans now!

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day is an event for young people organized by the Catholic Church. The next, World Youth Day 2022, will be held in Portugal. World Youth Day was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1985. Its concept has been influenced by the Light-Life Movement that has existed in Poland since the 1960s, where during summer camps Catholic young adults over 13 days of camp celebrated a "day of community". For the first celebration of WYD in 1986, bishops were invited to schedule an annual youth event to be held every Palm Sunday in their dioceses. It is celebrated at the diocesan level annually, and at the international level every two to three years at different locations. The 1995 World Youth Day closing Mass in the Philippines set a world record for the largest number of people gathered for a single religious event with 5 million attendees— a record surpassed when 6 million attended a Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in the Philippines 20 years later in 2015.

2019 PANAMA CITY, PANAMA «I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word» (Lk 1, 38)

2016 KRAKOW, POLAND «Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy» (Mt 5, 7)

2013 RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL «Go and make disciples of all nations!» (cf. Mt 28, 19)

2011 MADRID, SPAIN «Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith» (cf. Col 2, 7)

2008 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA «You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses» (Acts 1, 8)

2005 COLOGNE, GERMANY «We have come to worship Him» (Mt 2, 2)

2002 TORONTO, CANADA «You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world» (Mt 5, 13.14)

2000 ROMA, ITALY «The Word became flesh and dwelt among us» (Jn 1, 14)

1997 PARIS, FRANCE «Teacher, where are you staying? Come and see» (Jn 1, 38-39)

1995 MANILA, PHILIPPINES «As the Father sent me, so am I sending you» (Jn 20, 21)

1993 DENVER, USA «I came that they might have life, and have it to the full» (Jn 10, 10)

1991 CZESTOCHOWA, POLAND «You have received a spirit of sonship» (Rm 8, 15)

1989 SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN «I am the Way, the Truth and the Life» (Jn 14, 6)

1987 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA «We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves» (1 Jn 4, 16)

1986 ROME, ITALY «Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you» (1Pt 3, 15)

To find out more information to attend go to [USCCB.org/World Youth Day](https://USCCB.org/WorldYouthDay)

COMMUNITY COMMISSION

Community comes under SERVICE COMMISSION on the National level. Today I would like to talk about "WOMEN". It is often said that the women are the backbone of parishes. Why? They provide many services such as serving at funeral luncheons, bake for and work at "BAKE SALES", help at rummage sales, help with yearly church cleaning etc. Spiritually they are also busy teaching religious education, are choir singers, leading the rosary before mass. They volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors etc. Many women help at the Catholic Charity food centers or other food shelves or help deliver meals, visit the shut-ins or the sick and elderly.

All of this comes under the Service Commission. Many parishes have decided to dis ban their Council of Catholic Women or Christian Mothers groups. WHY? Look above and see what comes under the three commissions of National Council of Catholic Women which are - - - SPIRITUAL, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP. Why not get involved again in CCW who do so much on the parish, diocesan and national level. There are groups on these levels working against Human Trafficking, physical and mental abuse, Abortion, Euthanasia etc. You say, "I can't do all that". Nobody is asking you to do everything. Everyone has a special gift or talent given them by God. Start small. If 6 women say okay let's change our world to be a better place to live again. Another 6 say let's help our spiritually. That is set a good example for our young women. Get them involved. Another 6 on the work force, helping where volunteer workers are needed for events being put on.

Okay, now we have 18 women in an organization that is helping America get great again and helping get God back into our families, church, schools and communities. Yes, we also need a leader, secretary, and treasurer and keep expanding with more members as others see what CCW is doing for the parish and community. Suggestions for getting officers follows. There are always women who like to take charge of social events, parties, family get togethers, why not something for our church. How many secretaries are members? How many work in businesses where they are in charge of money? How many women just like to have someone lead and will then follow helping with events and programs. You say, no time for that. I am too busy with family, school events or sports. Does one meeting a month and working at one event CCW is in charge of, sound like too much, REALLY?

Spiritually we need to expand our time at mass, retreats, holy hours, and teaching our young people how they need God in their lives to help them on the road to heaven. All of this leads to being a good catholic woman.

In the Bible in Matthew Chapter 20, Verse 28, it says, even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. We will be doing this service through CCW

Let's get our parishes involved in CCW. We feel the need to help others.

Margaret Schluender, Chair

FAMILY COMMISSION SUMMARY REPORT

I am leaving the Family Commission position to take on the role of Secretary for the DCCW. It's a bittersweet time for me. I've learned so much with the Family Commission, and I'm a little (no – a lot) worried about stepping into Pat Kasella's shoes. Pray for me, please.

Below is a summary of what I've done in 2019:

- February, 2019 article was about "Words From Grandma" -- advice to children/young adults about growing up into a responsible adult (instead of just a big kid). Based on a wonderful book by Kathy Ortloff.
- The May, 2019 article was about celebrating (YES – celebrating) Lent with children – Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving – how to do this all year long to teach these three pillars of Lent.
- In the August, 2019 article, there is an overview of a booklet from the NCCW website entitled "Calling All Catholics! Passing our Faith to the Next Generation."

In addition to this, I joined the NCCW as an individual member. As a member, there were many opportunities I took advantage of to send Catholic messages to our legislators about important Catholic issues. I would recommend becoming an NCCW member just for the reason that they make connections to your legislators so easy – and make sure our voices are heard.

I went to see the movie "Unplanned" about Abby Johnson's journey from being an up-and-comer in Planned Parenthood to a leader in the pro-life organization. After seeing this movie, I made a choice to donate monthly to 40 Days for Life.

Sheri Streasick, Chair

This is taken from the NCCW.org website. It is part of the Teen's Prayer Service for Vocations.

Saint John Paul II World Youth Day 2000

It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.

INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REPORT 2018 TO 2019

Fall 2018

LEARN HOW TO SPOT THE SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

COMMON WORK AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL(S) IN QUESTION

- Not free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes
- Under 18 and is providing commercial sex acts
- Is in the commercial sex industry and has a pimp/manager
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Is not allowed breaks or suffers under unusual restrictions at work
- Owes a large debt and is unable to pay it off
- Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work
- High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations (e.g. opaque windows, boarded up windows, bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, etc.)

Winter 2019

A Journey to Sierra Leone about Waisa and her 12-year-old granddaughter, Kumba, - who attends the nearby Catholic Relief Services-sponsored school, so she can learn how to make a difference in her community and her country. A good education doesn't just benefit the student. It benefits the family, the community, and the common good, allowing individuals to flourish without needing to leave home.

Summer 2019

Catholic Relief Services often goes where others don't. They carry out a wide array of health-related activities tailored to the needs of the communities they serve.

Malaria - In 2016, approximately 445,000 people died. \$8.7 billion is needed for a 90% reduction in malaria incidence and mortality rates by 2030.

Nutrition - Proper nutrition from conception to age 2 years are critical for growth and development. Nutrition programming includes water, health, peacebuilding, agriculture & educ.

HIV and Tuberculosis - More than 7 million people are living with or affected by HIV.

Integrated Early Childhood Development - Lack of investments in ECD has significant repercussions on a country's economic growth, peace, and prosperity.

Vulnerable Children's Wellbeing - CRS benefitted 1.4 million children and their caregivers in 16 countries.

Health Systems Strengthening - Assisting resource-poor areas to deliver health interventions.

Joyce Simones, Chair

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS COMMISSION

PURPOSE OF LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS COMMISSION -

The goal is: ENCOURAGE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY!! Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, it assists women in understanding the legislative process, provides the skill to analyze current and proposed laws, and promotes activities that will bring about greater social and economic justice in our society at the local, state and national levels.

SUMMARY OF 2018/2019 QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Fall 2018: One positive outcome of events in the Legislative realm was the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh to be one of the justices on the United States Supreme Court. It was a long and arduous battle, but I believe God knew this country needed someone who would bring about a correction to the course in which this country was going. The elections were only a few weeks away, so it was hoped that more pro-life legislators would be elected. Mentioned that information on how candidates might vote on pro-life issues was available from MCCL. A *"Prayer for Religious Freedom"* was included.

Winter 2019: Mentioned the disappointment at the election outcome, because many of the pro-life candidates were not elected. Listed the main issues that Minnesota Catholic Conference would be working on during the 2019 Minnesota legislative session. Some of the issues were: Care of Creation, Education, Healthcare, Life/Bio Ethics, Marriage/Family, & Migration. Also listed several events one could attend to find out more information about legislative issues.

Spring 2019: Mentioned that I had attended the *"Catholics at the Capitol"* program. It was an interesting and informative day. We listened to speakers in the morning, and met with our representatives and senators in the afternoon. The purpose of the meetings was to encourage the legislators to vote Yes on the *"Surrogacy Abuse Prevention"* Act and also on the *"First 1000 Days of Life"* bill, which had 4 parts to it.

Summer 2019: Listed the outcomes of the bills which we had encouraged the legislators to approve. The "Surrogacy" bill did not make it out of committee. The "First 1000 Days of Life" had 3 of the 4 parts that passed. There were also several other bills that fall in the Family or Health Care categories that did pass.

One can always find the status of bills on the: [MN State Legislature/Bills/Summaries website.](#)

And just a reminder about the elections coming up in 2020 - get informed about the issues and how the candidates might vote; and pray, pray, pray.

Regarding the importance of voting - the Catechism of the Catholic Church: PART FOUR, SECTION TWO, CHAPTER TWO, ARTICLE 4: V5, Numbers 2240 to 2242 provides these instructions:

* "Catholics have a moral obligation to promote the common good through the exercise of their voting privileges".

* Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote, but we must use our best judgment about the candidates and let our conscience be our guide, and then vote.

* A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting intrinsically evil acts.

Jean Hopper, Chair

RURAL LIFE COMMISSION

The seasons according to a farmer:

Spring – Seeding and planting your crops - *Faith*

Summer – Control weeds, bale or chop hay, & put cows on pasture - *Hope*

Fall – Harvest your crops – *Trust*

Winter – Go to meetings and education seminars and plan for next spring – *Renew*

In all 4 seasons, dairy and beef farmers take care of their livestock. Also in all 4 seasons, farmers talk about the weather. It is a unique situation. They are at the mercy of the weather. Timely rains are truly a blessing. Then at times the prayer is, “no more rain, please.”

“The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield it’s harvest.” Psalm 85:12

What is a disadvantage of living in a rural community? Everyone knows what you are doing. What is an advantage of living in a rural community? Everyone knows what is going on in your life.

Our rural community just lost a terrific guy. He was very involved in the church and community organizations. He was a close friend of ours. He will be missed by many! For most of his life he was a dairy farmer. When it was not in the cards for any of his children to take over his farm, him and his wife helped a young couple get started farming.

While he was in the hospital for two weeks, everyone was praying for him. Candles were lit in all three of our parishes and also surrounding churches. People brought food to their house, mowed the lawn, and took care of his dogs. Now everyone is so concerned for his wife and family. They are ready to support them in any way they can. Everyone is asking, “What can we do to help?” That’s what people in a rural community do best, they know their neighbors, and take care of them when in need.

All things have their season, and in their times all things pass under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time to weep and a time to laugh. Ecclesiastes 3:1,2,4

Toni Borgerding, Chair

HISTORIAN

Ever wish you had more photos of certain events in your life to show your children or grandchildren? It may not have seemed like a Kodak moment at the time but one never knows. Documenting events in your council is just as important. Social media and other technology make it easy to share your successes and special moments in the present instead of the past. Some day history books themselves may become history. NOT!

Call me old-fashioned, but I believe it is still important to have those photos put in a book. Modern technology can help spice it up, but only the “memory” books bring up great memories when your council is reviewing them, (which we all should do on a regular basis). Sitting down with a book of photos and news articles triggers long forgotten stories and takes us all back in time. Choose a past event and take it for another spin around the block. Vroom, vroom!

Pat Kasella. Historian

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Treasurers Reports

No action of acceptance by the assembly is required-or proper- on a financial report of the treasurer unless it is of significant importance, as an annual report, to be referred to the auditors. In the latter case it is the auditor’s report which the assembly accepts.

In ordinary societies, it is practical to have the financial reports audited by an auditing committee of two or more members of the society, appointed in advance. It is the auditor’s report that is adopted. The adoption of the auditor’s report has the effect of relieving the treasurer of responsibility for the period covered by his report, except in the case of fraud.

The Treasurer cannot disburse funds except by the authority of the society or as the bylaws prescribe.

Taken from Robert’s Rules of order, Newly Revised, pages 461, 477-480 and 627.

Patty Commerford. Parliamentarian

ORGANIZATION REPORT

In January, the DCCW board met at Speltz House in Sauk Rapids for a meeting and a pot luck lunch with the retired priests. On the 22nd, I took the bus sponsored by Knights of Columbus to attend the MCCL rally at the Capital.

In February, Cheryl, Eva and I traveled to Nisswa for a Province meeting.

On the 19th, I attended "Catholics at the Capital" where we met with our Senators and Representatives to encourage them to vote on issues important to the church.

In March, I was able to go to the Women's Lenten Retreat in Albany. I was also on the budget committee of the DCCW, so we met at St. Cloud Library to work out the budget for this next fiscal year. In March, I also went to my first silent retreat in Buffalo, MN. It's a 3-day retreat where you could only talk in certain rooms.

April took the board to Millerville for a meeting.

May 1st, I hosted a table at "Breakfast with the Bishop" held at the College of St. Benedict: a fund raiser for Catholic schools in the St. Cloud Diocese. May 11, I assisted at Honoring Marriage Day in St. Cloud at the Cathedral of St. Mary. On May 18th, Darlene Nix held her first meeting as President of Little Falls Deanery in Harding.

In June, I traveled with Irene Schmidt and Arleen Roelike to the Church of the Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth, MN near Sleepy Eye for a Province Meeting. I am working on a special project for them, doing counted cross stitch for their badges.

On June 24, brought us together at St. Augustine, St. Cloud for Food, Fun and Fund day. I was unable to attend the board meeting in July due to vacationing in Hawaii with family.

Linda Scepurek, Chair

PAST PROVINCE DIRECTOR REPORT

SAVE THE DATE

As my time as Province Director has come to an end, I just want to thank all of you for the privilege of serving in this position.

My last duty as PD is to organize the Province Conference for next summer. The date will be **FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH & 20TH, 2020**, in St. Augusta at Mary Help of Christians Church in Saint Augusta, MN.

With 2020 being the 100th Anniversary of the NCCW, we have chosen the theme "**HONORING OUR PAST-LIVING OUR PRESENT-HOPEFUL FOR OUR FUTURE**". The agenda so far is "Women of the Bible" by Jeanette Fortier, "Gertrude Gavin Hill" by Joan McGrath, a video tape of Past NCCW Presidents from Minnesota, Mass, banquet and a fun evening. Saturday will include Mass with the Bishop and additional speakers, including Jean Kelly the President of the NCCW.

I hope you **mark your calendars** and plan to attend.

Irene Schmidt, Province Director, 2017-2019

PUBLIC RELATIONS ANNUAL REPORT

I write this with mixed feelings. I have served on this DCCW Board in various positions for 15 years, but this is my last written report as I transfer the materials for Public Relations to a new chair. You will still see me around as I expect to continue as an active parish and deanery member. I have accepted the State Vice President position for the Daughters of Isabella, so my volunteering opportunities continue to be fulfilling.

This position has been fun, as I have been active in advertising and promoting the diocesan activities - Retreat, Fun, Food and Fund Day, and Annual Fall Conference - to all the ladies in the diocese via the Central Catholic Magazine, our church bulletins, newspapers and radio. I have shared newsletter articles about cyber safety and tips on using emails and the Internet and participated in diocesan council board meetings and activities.

While organizing all my papers I read an interesting article written by Linda Clark, a NCCW Leadership Trainer, in this quarter's "Catholic Woman", vol. 45, Issue 2, (National CCW official publication). She wrote about reviewing our individual Council of Catholic Women/Christian Women organizations. She feels an annual evaluation is important and will give us lots of information for the coming year.

Here're a few ideas of things to look at:

1. Did you keep meetings interesting, on time, greet attendees, use an agenda, have prayer?
2. Did you have timely, interesting programs?
3. Did your new officers receive some training?
4. Do you recruit new members?
5. Do you have committees/commissions doing spirituality, leadership and service activities?
6. Did you advertise your meetings, projects, and events? Did you thank parish members for supporting you, especially after fund raisers?
7. Did you advertise your meetings, projects and events?
8. Does your parish know what good things you do?
9. Are your pastor and parish staff helpful and supportive? Do you pray for them?
10. Does your membership have a voice in fundraising and how the money is spent? Is there a budget?
11. Are your bylaws current and up to date? Do you follow them?
12. How are you communicating? Do you use the NCCW website, (NCCW.org), the Province of Saint Paul-Minneapolis website (<https://provinceofstpaul-minneapolis.weebly.com>), the diocesan website, (stcloudddccw.org) or find us on Facebook?
13. Have you evaluated your projects? What worked well, what did not?

So - evaluate, envision and engage your entire board and membership. Make it fun!

Thanks to all who have supported me on my DCCW journey.

Always with Christ.... *Julie Moorhead-Miller, Chair*

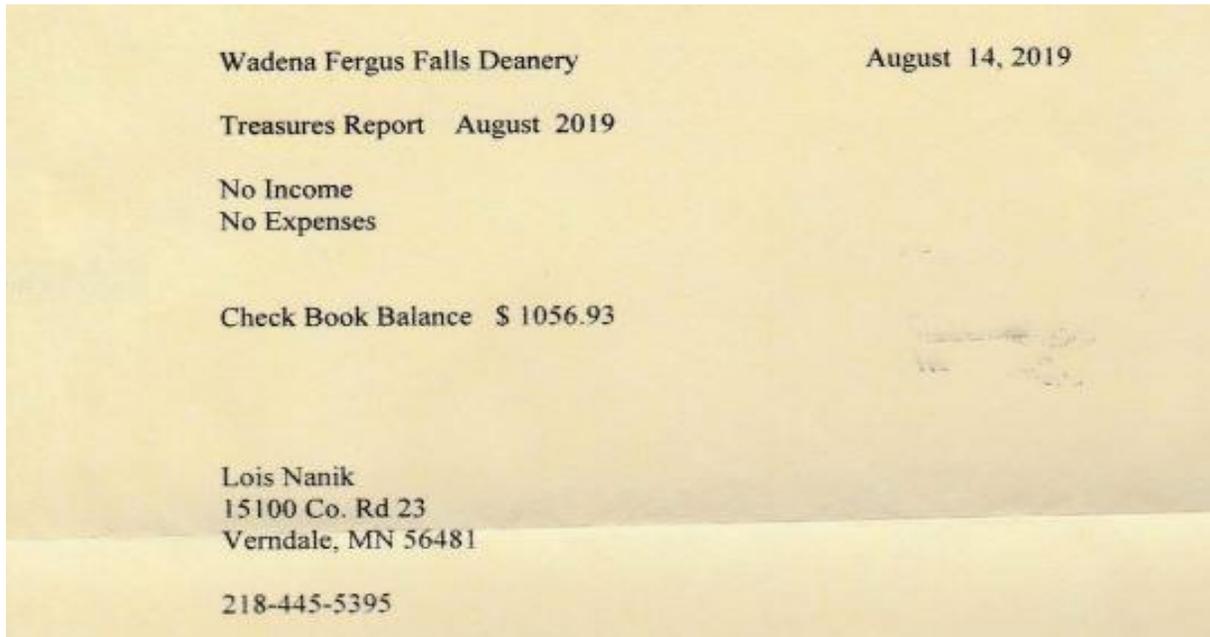
ALEXANDRIA-MORRIS DEANERY

Although the Deanery has not been an organized deanery, the ladies of the parishes have been as busy as the rest of us. I've looked at some of the bulletins published by your churches and have seen what you are doing. As a Diocesan Council, we are holding money for you to reorganize. So, let us know when you are ready!

FERGUS FALLS-WADENA

And the ladies of this deanery are also struggling to become organized. As women of the parish, you do so much. There are multiple ideas to help both of these deaneries to move forward. Have you ever thought of doing co-officers, (president, vice president, or secretary)? The treasurer would need to be an individual. Some have decided to have a committee (5-7 people). Again, the treasurer would have to be one person.

In the meantime, continue to participate as you can: send us notices of events and we can put them on the website (stcloudccw.org) and in the newsletter "Our *Catholic Voice*". Contact us at stclouddiocesanccw@gmail.com.



COLD SPRING DEANERY ANNUAL REPORT

The Cold Spring Deanery has been invited to meet 4 times in the past year. We have been preparing for the Annual Fall Conference. The women have been willing to work together to make the Conference wonderful for all who attend.

Several of our parishes have been facing real difficulties in finding women willing and able to take up the positions as officers in their parish PCCW. They have chosen to continue to meet throughout the year without having a secretary or vice president but have instead chosen to meet as Christian women with just a core group taking care of arranging their meetings. The feedback has been good. They have had speakers or craft times and just made their meeting times count. I really support having a purpose to meet for all of our individual PCCW meetings.

I am finding that within the Cold Spring Deanery we have a lot of women willing to work and share as a group. I am grateful for all of the new friends I have met. I regret that remembering names is so difficult for me. None-the-less, whether I remember their names or not, they are all wonderful women.

I look forward to seeing them at the Fall Conference.

Yours in Christ's Love,

Lois Wesbur, President

INFORMATION TECHNICIAN

There are many ways to find information about Council. For the Saint Cloud Diocesan Council website, find us at stcloudccw.org. The St Paul/Minneapolis Province website is provinceofstpaul-minneapolis.weebly.com. The National CCW website is nccw.org. The World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO) wucwo.org. For guidance in all things, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, usccb.org

Prayer for Discernment in Use of Technology

Heavenly Father, You have given us the skills and ability to create technology. We have used it often to spread the Good News of salvation and God's plan for those who believe. Please help us continue to evangelize in this way, using the gifts you have given us for good, not for evil. Some have fallen prey to the temptations that are available on technology and have squandered the precious gift of time on mindless entertainment and valueless escapism. We can easily become slaves to technology, forgetting the incredible gift of being present to you and to one another.

Through technology, we have an easily accessible way to communicate with one another. Let us continue to witness, not only with our words, but the work we do in your name. May we always embrace our responsibility in this life - to serve you and those we come into contact with each day - as we seek a balance in our use of technology.

May we use technology and our time wisely as a means to communicate your message of love to the world. Amen.

Anleen Roelike, Information Technician

FOLEY-PRINCETON DEANERY ANNUAL REPORT

Last year at this time we were just about ready to have a "Day of Reflection." I am excited to say everyone had a wonderfully relaxing day. Between Mass, Confessions, Rosary and Benediction, Fr. Bonk's talks, and the afternoon Q and A, everyone left with a smile and felt more refreshed. Great food and time for visiting added to the retreat atmosphere. Thanks to St. Lawrence in Duelm for providing the facility.

A great deal of time was also spent preparing for the June 2019 Fun, Food and Fund Day. I again want to thank those parishes who were able to help out and make for an enjoyable and successful day. A huge thanks to St. Augustine's for allowing use of their facility and the wonderful people who helped us navigate the day before and the day of the event!

A recent retreat on the theme of obedience brought this quote from *My Daily Bread* to light "Self-deception and pride are best overcome in a life of holy obedience."

Mary Jo Fitzpatrick, President

Financial Statement

Starting balance Aug. 1-2018	\$ 1612.77
<u>Deposit</u>	
Retreat + FFF Day	\$ 4,599.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 6211.77
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Speaker	\$ 500.00
Birthline	172.00
SC DECU	2811.00
Supplies	332.82
Food Exp.	978.18
Entertainment	125.00
Misc. + Post.	111.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 5030.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 1,181.77
Ending balance Aug. 1, 2019	\$ 1,181.77

LITTLE FALLS DEANERY REPORT

January - June 2019.

June 30th was World Friendship Day. What is Friendship? I have been thinking about some of my past co-workers, a best friend from high school, and many women I have met at the retreats I have attended. Listening is one of many ways we can become a better friend.

On March 16th was the Women's Lenten Retreat at Seven Dolors Parish in Albany with the theme, "Dignity of Women". We had a good turnout from the deanery.

On May 18th, I had my first Deanery meeting in Harding. Nita Hayes from Pierz spoke on the topic "We Are Born to be Holy". She gave us some insights on how we can become better listeners and using the talents we have.

We had installation of officers. Cheryl Pick was nominated for secretary. She accepted the position. Nita Hayes was nominated for Vice President and she accepted the position. Nita will be installed at the next meeting which will be on October 12th in Lastrup. The theme will be on pro-life since October is pro-life month. We will be doing Boxes of Joy again this year. Nita Hayes will be the chair for this event.

Thank you to the ladies from St. Mary's in Little Falls, Lady of Lourdes in Little Falls, Holy Cross of Harding, and St. Joseph's in Pierz for helping at the brat sales at Coborn's in Little Falls on June 14&15. It was a huge success.

Fun, Food, and Fund Day on June 25th at St. Augustine's in St. Cloud was enjoyed by all.

The Christian Mothers from all the churches have been doing the following things: helping play bingo in the nursing homes, give gifts to the First Holy Communion children and Confirmation students, bake sales, garage sales, praying Rosary at funerals and in their churches, visiting the sick at nursing homes and people that are home bound.

One new change happened at St. Mary's in Little Falls. The crying room was remodeled into a beautiful adoration chapel with a granite altar and a security door.

I am enjoying meeting so many new ladies in my new position, and hope to meet more and make some new friends. The more we talk, spend time together and learn from one another, the stronger our communities will be.

Darlene Nix, President

August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019

Balance on Hand August 1, 2018
\$2,621.73

Receipts:

Lunch Donation-Fall Gathering	\$ 40.00
Water for Life: St. James's, Randall	100.00
Brat Sale	556.88
Plant Sale at Spring Gathering	38.00
Lunch Donation Spring Gathering	<u>47.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$781.88

Disbursements:

DCCW-Water for Life from parishes	\$100.00
Benton County Sheriff's Office-speaker for Fall Gathering	50.00
Postage	<u>40.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 190.00

Increase in Cash \$591.88

Balance on Hand July 31, 2019 \$3,213.61



PRAYER TO MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS (Composed by Pope Francis)
 Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother, to you, who untie with motherly heart the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands (the name of person), and to free him/her of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks. Through your grace, your intercession and your example, deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen.

MELROSE/SAUK CENTRE DEANERY ANNUAL REPORT

The Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery started 2019 strong, we planned the 2019 Spring Lenten Retreat for the SC/DCCW. The theme was the "Dignity of Women".

It was held March 16th in Albany at Seven Dolors parish. It was very well attended; we had about 225 in attendance. The women of the Deanery did an awesome job planning the event. And everyone worked hard for a successful day.

Our Spring general meeting was held on April 9th at Sacred Heart Church in Freeport. We had a speaker, GERALYN NATHÉ EVANS. GERALYN spoke about her cardiac arrest, and how miraculous it was that it happened in a place where there were many medical and emergency people right there to help. The timing was perfect and because everything happened when and where it did, she survived to talk about it.

We also did a pilgrimage to Millerville to see the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We started with Mass at Our Lady of Angels in Sauk Centre, with the opportunity for confession. We then went to Tutti Frutti for an awesome breakfast. We then went to Millerville to tour their church, then on to the Statue of Our Lady of the Prairie. We said many prayers as we drove. We also did a Patriotic Rosary at the statue. We also walked up to Inspiration Peak near Urbank, MN. What a wonderful day we had. Thank you, Jean Zwilling for planning.

Our fall general meeting will be October 3rd in Grey Eagle. We will have a silent auction, and also planning to have a speaker who will talk about the Holy Spirit.

Each parish in the Deanery did many things to help support their parishes, such as cleaning, helping with funeral meals, making certificates and white gowns for baptisms, supporting the rosary on KASM radio, celebrating mothers on Mother's Day, and more. There were many fund raisers such as bake sales and pie sales.

In Faith, *Linda Borgerding, President*

Melrose/Sauk Centre Deanery Treasurers Report		
Sue Burg/Treasurer		
March 31st 2019 thru September 1st 2019		
Checking:	Beginning Balance	2066.71
Income:	Spring Registration	165.00
	Mass Collection	102.00
Expense:	Freeport Christian Women	136.00
	Eccumenical & Interreligious Commission	102.00
	Jean Hopfer (postage & stamps)	24.83
	Total Checkbook Balance	2070.88
	Shares	35.08
	001 12 month CD	1120.83
	006 12 month CD	1057.55
	Savings	766.63
Total Assets		5048.81

SAINT CLOUD DEANERY

Compared to other years 2019 has been relatively quiet Deanery-wise. We did not host any events. That will change in 2020. In March we can look forward to the women of Sacred Heart parish in Sauk Rapids hosting the Women's Lenten Retreat.

In June the women of Saint Mary Help of Christians in Saint Augusta will host the Saint Paul/Minneapolis Province Conference. Irene Schmidt, of our Diocese, has been the Province Director the past two years. The Saint Cloud Deanery will be in charge of the liturgy. It will be an exciting event for us. The chance to host a Province Conference doesn't happen that often. Plus, our Diocese will be 100 years old in 2020!

It's time for new leadership in the Saint Cloud Deanery! We're looking for a new president, secretary, and treasurer. Could you please pray for this endeavor? Could we consider co-presidents or even a committee instead?

New blood is always so healthy. (And our present officers have been at it for at least 10 years.) Actually, our secretary has also been the treasurer at the same time. It works. We want to thank all of you busy women who donate time, energy, and money to your parish through your Christian Women groups and activities. It is rewarding and fun working for God!



Mary Alice Tomporowski, President

ST. CLOUD DEANERY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (2018-2019) (8-1-18 thru 7-31-19)

<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>\$787.68</i>
TOTAL EXPENSES \$.00	
TOTAL DEPOSITS \$.00	
<i>Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$787.68</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Marlyce L. Plante

St. Cloud Deanery Treasurer

CLOUD DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

BOARD MEMBERS 2019-2021

Honorary Spiritual Advisor

Most Reverend Bishop Donald Kettler
PO Box 1248
St Cloud, MN 56302,
320-251-2340

Spiritual Advisor

Father Larn Virnig
308 Third Street S Apt. 206
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-281-3775
larnvirnig@yahoo.com

President

Linda Scephurek
1008 13th Street SW
Little Falls, MN 56345
320-632-4805
lindascephurek@hotmail.com

Vice-President

Linda Borgerding
33504 Shorewood Drive
Avon, MN 56310
320-293-1839
lborger77@gmail.com

Past President

Cheryl Weller
45557 County Road 27
Belgrade, MN 56312
320-346-2710
cwanne@yahoo.com

Secretary

Sheri Streasick
13390 Kronfeldt Beach Road
Alexandria, MN 56308
320-834-2195
slstreasick@gmail.com

Treasurer

Lora Knafla
11719 16th Avenue NW
Rice MN 56367
320-393-2701
lorakna1@hotmail.com

Parliamentarian

Eva Koep
PO Box 867, Battle Lake MN 56515
763-218-2057
eakoep@arvig.net

St. Paul/Minneapolis Province Director

Connie Andrews
1416 NW 3rd Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
218-327-2177
conorberg@yahoo.com

Past St. Paul/Minneapolis Province Director

Irene Schmidt
9246 County Road 17
Rice, MN,56367
320-393-2472
schmidtir@jetup.net

DEANERY PRESIDENTS

Alexandria-Morris

Cold Spring

Lois Wesbur
42485 County Road 199
Belgrade, MN 56312
320-254-3181
lwesbur@greaterminnesota.org

Fergus Falls/Wadena

Foley/Princeton

Mary Jo Fitzpatrick
11753 85th Street NE,
Foley, MN 56329
320-387-2243

Little Falls

Darlene Nix
4136 Great River Road
Royalton, MN 56373
320-584-5991
nnaenelrad@yahoo.com

Melrose/Sauk Centre

Linda Borgerding
33504 Shorewood Drive
Avon, MN 56310
320-293-1839
Lborger77@gmail.com

Saint Cloud

Mary Alice Tomporowski
821 5th Ave. SE,
St. Cloud, MN 56301
320-252-0043
matomp7@gmail.com

COMMISSIONS 2019-2021

Service Commission	
Community:	Evelyn Budde
Family:	Evelyn Budde
International:	Joyce Simones
Rural	Toni Borgerding
Spirituality Commission	
Church:	Faye Hendricks, Mary Peter
Legislative:	Geri Klimek
Leadership Commission	
Organization:	Linda Borgerding
Parliamentarian:	Eva Koep
Historian:	Cheryl Weller
Scholarship	Eva Koep
Public Relations:	Julie Moorhead-Miller
Info Tech/Webmaster	Arleen Roelike

Newsletter Team

Arleen Roelike
Jean Hopfer
Irene Schmidt

IN APPRECIATION

The Saint Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) extends its grateful THANK YOU to:

- † **Most Reverend Bishop Donald Kettler**, for his Spiritual support and encouragement given to this organization of the Diocese of St. Cloud.
- † **Father Laurn Virnig**, our Spiritual Advisor for his Spiritual leadership, help and support.
- † **All Clergy**; who concelebrated Mass and/or attended the Conference for their support and interest.
- † **Diocesan Presidents and Board members, past and present**, for their dedication and volunteer ministry for the Saint Cloud DCCW.
- † **Our Deanery Spiritual Advisors, Officers, and Commission Chairs, past and present** for their generosity and dedication to further the causes of Catholic women.
- † **Our speakers, Bishop Kettler, Dr. Jeff Kaster and Katrina Phifer**, and the reports from participants of NCCW Convention, for sharing the knowledge and ideas they gained in Pittsburgh.
- † **St. Cloud Visitor, KYES, parish bulletins** and all other means of publicity given to us before and after our Conference.
- † **Cold Spring Deanery and parish women of the Deanery**, for their generosity, donations and time given to host this Conference: the staff and parish of **Saint Boniface** for the privilege of using your facilities.
- † **All donors**, whose generous contributions helped to make the day special.
- † **All Conference attendees**, for coming and spending the day with each other, making new friends, meeting old ones, sharing ideas and Spiritual growth.
- † An extra thank you to the women who have given **extra** time to CCW, whether to be a **Province Director** or member of a NCCW, DCCW or PCCW committee or commission or an officer of a Catholic women's group.
- † Thank you to those who pray each day for all Catholic women.

Chaplet of St. Michael

Opening Prayer: O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father, etc.

[Say **one Our Father** and **three Hail Marys** after each of the following nine salutations in honor of the nine Choirs of Angels]

1. By the intercession of **St. Michael** and the celestial Choir of **Seraphim** may the Lord make us worthy to burn with the fire of perfect charity. Amen.
2. By the intercession of **St. Michael** and the celestial Choir of **Cherubim** may the Lord grant us the grace to leave the ways of sin and run in the paths of Christian perfection. Amen.
3. By the intercession of **St. Michael** and the celestial Choir of **Thrones** may the Lord infuse into our hearts a true and sincere spirit of humility. Amen.
4. By the intercession of **St. Michael** and the celestial Choir of **Dominations** may the Lord give us grace to govern our senses and overcome any unruly passions. Amen.
5. By the intercession of **St. Michael** and the celestial Choir of **Virtues** may the Lord preserve us from evil and falling into temptation. Amen.
6. By the intercession of **St. Michael** and the celestial Choir of **Powers** may the Lord protect our souls against the snares and temptations of the devil. Amen.
7. By the intercession of **St. Michael** and the celestial Choir of **Principalities** may God fill our souls with a true spirit of obedience. Amen.
8. By the intercession of **St. Michael** and the celestial Choir of **Archangels** may the Lord give us perseverance in faith and in all good works in order that we may attain the glory of Heaven. Amen.
9. By the intercession of **St. Michael** and the celestial Choir of **Angels** may the Lord grant us to be protected by them in this mortal life and conducted in the life to come to Heaven. Amen.
10. On the last 4 beads, say one **Our Father** in honor of each of the following leading Angels: **St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael and our Guardian Angel.**

Concluding prayers:

O
Glorious prince St. Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King and our admirable conductor, you who shine with excellence and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil, who turn to you with confidence and enable us by your gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day. Pray for us, O glorious St. Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ, that we may be made worthy of His promises. Almighty and Everlasting God, Who, by a prodigy of goodness and a merciful desire for the salvation of all men, has appointed the most glorious Archangel St. Michael Prince of Your Church, make us worthy, we ask You, to be delivered from all our enemies, that none of them may harass us at the hour of death, but that we may be conducted by him into Your Presence. This we ask through the merits of Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

How to use the Chaplet.

