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NEWSNOTES is the official publication of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, an affiliated organization of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Organization Objectives

To unite all Catholic Women Organizations of this Archdiocese in purpose, direction and action in religious, educational, social and economic fields

To stimulate these organizations to greater efficiency and usefulness in meeting the needs of the times

To give full support to the statements and programs of the United States Bishops Conference and to render them assistance in these efforts

NCCW Mission Statement

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliated organizations to support empower and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

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A message from The President



Dear Council Sisters,

Welcome back Council Sisters from our Summer Hiatus. I hope many of you had a chance to spend time with your families and travel to some exciting places. I took off the month of July and now will begin preparation for all the upcoming programs we have this Council Year.

I want to thank the Father Marino and the Ladies of The Cathedral of St. Mary CCW for hosting the Haitian Mass again this year. We had a wonderful turnout and got to meet two women who were gifted this year with items for their babies. One of the mother's had actually given birth to twins so we were able to meet the newborns also. Thanks to all who were able to attend.

As we move forward during the 2014-2015 Council Year I hope to be able to visit many of the affiliations and participate at their meetings and/or events. All the affiliation Presidents were sent the MACCW Calendar of Events so hopefully we can eliminate any conflicts during this year.

I am excited about the upcoming NCCW Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan and hope I will represent our Archdiocese well during this event. We also will be the host city for the FCCW Biennial Conference being held in October at the Westin Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale. We will be needing volunteers to help throughout this conference and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Hopefully you have registered for this event as it only comes around every 14 years to our Diocese.

May God bless all of you during this Council Year with all the wonderful endeavors you take on and may He bless us in our efforts to continue as the voice for all Catholic Women in our Diocese.

Respectfully,

Ann Cubillas

From the desk of

Father Greer

MACCW Spiritual Advisor

Dear Sisters in Council:

As summer concludes, you are hopefully rested and re-energized. What lies ahead?

First, we must focus on the upcoming FCCW State Meeting we will host October 23-26.

While most of the organization is in order, your attendance and assistance is needed. Consider asking another member to join you or at least attend part of the activities – say the closing Mass.

Second, the theme selected for your inspiration is “Women of Faith, Sharing Hope and Charity, in His Name”. Let us consider how to address this calling. Individually we ask you to reserve more time to pray; take part in a “Why Catholic?” program in your parish or area, become more active in our belief. We will explore ways for more spiritual growth or development at the archdiocesan and district levels. Likewise you may promote such programs at your parishes.

As last year’s Synod encouraged and promoted the deepening of our faith, may such experiences we engage in lead to greater sharing of hope and love.

May the Lord lead us forth!

Very Rev. Michael J. Greer, V. F.

International

Louise Scott, Commission Chair

Pillow case dresses are an ongoing project. If your affiliation would like to hold a workshop or if you have any finished please contact me at Lsullyscott54@aol.com

Water for Life is one way we continue to make a difference together. Established in 1978, its purpose is to make safe and clean water available to women and their families. In the developing world, women often have to travel long distances daily to provide water for their families cooking and washing needs. They combine construction of irrigation and/or sanitation systems with education of basic hygiene. Water for Life contributes to the development of stronger communities – it’s more than building wells. *(Catholic Woman, Summer 2014 issue)*

Church

Claudia Charles, Commission Chair

We have all heard a great deal about “Why Catholic?” Many of our parishes in the Archdiocese have already begun preparing for this faith sharing experience. “Why Catholic?” helps nourish faith – faith that is lived more deeply and connects us more meaningfully to God, and to others.

Faith is a gift. For most of us, it was received when we were baptized as babies. But it is not like a statue we put on a shelf and admire from time to time, or like a pill we take when we are in pain, or even like soap that we use as part of our daily routine. It is more like a plant that is ignored, dies! But if it is watered and given light, grows into something beautiful!

Joining a “Why Catholic” small community group will give you a chance to water that gift of faith, and will help you become a real part of the family of believers that make up your parish and the larger faith community that is the Catholic Church.

Author: Bess Fassig-Bayer

Organization

Hospitality” – cordial, welcoming, entertaining, friendly, sociable, neighborly, receptive, kind: - takes care of your guests new and old and anticipates their need or wants while they are with you.

The “Hostess” is usually the first person your members or guests meet at the door of your meeting. She is the face of your organization. Is she friendly, knowledgeable about your organization, can she answer any questions *i.e.* what will be happening for the evening or what your group does?

You may want have several Hostess at your meetings especially the first meeting of your Council year. Why? Besides being the faces of your Council, these Hostesses can assist any new members with what may be happening at this meeting. (Call them if you will a members guide). They can also assist with the refreshments.

We want our guests and members to feel like they are visiting old family and friends in our own homes. If we do this everyone will have a happy positive experience. Remember what brought you back to your **second** Council meeting!

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The following is taken from the MACCW Resource book;

Some suggestions to help members and guests feel welcome are:

1. **Arrive early.** There are usually some early guests and members. See that everything is ready before they arrive. Try to arrange for as many as possible to register before the meeting.

2. **Have name tags** so members won't be embarrassed should they forget names. Write or print plainly with a dark marker with letters large enough so the bifocal group can read them easily.

3. Have **hostesses** at the door to greet members and introduce them to others, especially the new members.

4. Have someone at the door to say **“Goodbye”, thank them** for coming and ask them to come again.

The MACCW Resource Book is available via **Flash Drive** to every member of the MACCW Board, to District Officers, Commission Chairmen and to every affiliate. The Resource Book Vice Chairman is responsible for preparing and distributing updates to the Book **via e-mail** to the *MACCW Corresponding Secretary* who will forward the changes to ALL the MACCW Board members and to the *District Corresponding Secretaries* who will forward the changes to ALL her Affiliation Presidents, District Officers and Commissioners.

Madam President/Board Member if you are new in your office I would suggest you speak with your predecessor and locate your Affiliation's/her copy of the Flash Drive. The valuable information on this drive will help you answer most of your questions with just a click of the mouse. If you still need assistance by all means call your go to person. If you are unable to locate your copy of the FLASH call Diane Tugander and she will arrange to download it for you, either at a Board meeting or a District meeting.

Author: Diane Tugander

District Meeting Dates:

North District of MACCW

Fall October, 18, 2014

Spring March 21, 2015

Central District of MACCW

Fall November 15, 2014

Spring March 14, 2015

South District of MACCW

Fall November 1, 2014

Spring February 28, 2015

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED SISTER

Our dear Council Sister, LUCY PETRILLO, was “granted her angel wings” on July 31, 2014. Lucy was at home surrounded by her loving family and friends when she was called to the Lord. Lucy was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend to so many and her passing will leave a great void in our lives.

Lucy was a native of Brooklyn, NY, where she met her high school sweetheart, Louis Petrillo. They married and became the proud and loving parents of three children, Louis Jr., Steven, and Linda. Like so many others before them, the Petrillo family moved to Miami. Lucy was a long-standing, active member of Holy Rosary-St. Richard parish for over 30 years. She was also a very active member of the Council of Catholic Women in her parish, the South Dade Deanery (where she served as President), and the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (where she served on different committees). In 2003 Lucy was chosen as the MACCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award winner.

In 1997, Lucy found her calling when she volunteered to serve on the newly-formed MACCW Scholarship Committee. Lucy was the dedicated Chairman of this committee since the beginning until her “retirement” in 2013. Lucy and the committee worked tirelessly trying to raise funds so that young girls in Catholic grammar schools had the opportunity to attend the Catholic High School of their choice. She was proud to be able to present over \$200,000 to the winners during the 17 years of her tenure. In 2005, a new “love” entered Lucy’s life much to her surprise. Scarlett Scholarship, a white bear dressed in red feathers and sequins was given to Lucy. Thanks to Lucy’s creative genius, Scarlett became the Scholarship’s singing Mascot (for a donation, of course). Lucy never went anywhere without her Scarlett, and it seemed that at times they were one!

MACCW might have been near and dear to Lucy’s heart, but she was also involved in many other charities and organizations in the Miami area during her lifetime. Through all of her volunteer work, she always made time for her family and friends. We will remember Lucy for her style, talents, humor, and so many other gifts that she shared with all of us. Each and every person who knew and loved

Lucy has a special story to share of how she made them smile.

In addition to her beloved Lou, and her adored children, Lucy is survived by her daughters-in-law, Lugannys Soto & Cora Petrillo and her treasured grandchildren, Alexa and Jake. Like a fine diamond, Lucy was a woman of many facets. May her light continue to shine upon us always.

We love you, Lucy!



My “Best Friend Forever By Rosi Schuhmacher

We were BFF’s long before it had a name
‘Cause our likes were very much the same
We were like two peas in a pod
And at times our humor seemed odd

We shared of so many laughs over the years
And were there for each other when we shed our
tears
We were always more than just a good friend
Because with each other we never had to pretend

Lucy was blessed to have Lou all these years
By her side through life’s joys and tears
She always said Lou was her first and only love
I always told her he was sent from above

She loved her children and was proud of all three
And in her eyes the grandkids were the best you’d
agree
Lucy claimed I was much smarter than she
But she was more creative than I could ever be

Lucy was without doubt the personification of love
She was like a funny angel sent from above
So today my dear Lucy, I am so sad and blue
‘cause I will never have another friend like you

RIP Lucy
July 31, 2014

Legislation

Sandy Ann Sanchez, Commission Chair

On May 28th, 2014, I attended the Human Trafficking Community Resources Awareness Symposium with President Ann Cubillas and Deanna Evans Cook. There were 107 persons present from the various agencies such as The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Attorney General's Office, Federal Law Enforcement Task Force and the Florida Department of Family and Children Services.

This topic ought to concern every person, because Human Trafficking is not only a debasement held in bondage, but also of those of our humanity. It ought to concern every community, because it tears our social fabric. It ought to concern every business, because it distorts markets. It ought to concern every nation, because it endangers public health and fuels violence and organized crime.

Around the world, there's no denying the awful reality. When a man, desperate for work, finds himself in a factory or on a fishing boat or in a field, working, toiling, for little or no pay, and beaten if he tries to escape: when a woman is locked in a sweatshop, or trapped in a home as a domestic servant, alone and abused and incapable of leaving – that is human trafficking.

Michelle Ortiz, Co-Chair of the Miami-Dade County Human Trafficking Coalition and Program Manager, International Rescue Committee stated, "for all the progress that we've made, the bitter truth is that trafficking also goes on right here, in the United States. It's the migrant worker unable to pay off the debt to his trafficker. The man, lured here with the promise of a job has his documents then taken, and is forced to work endless hours in a kitchen. The teenage girl, beaten, is forced to walk the streets. This should not be happening in the United States of America." "We've expanded our interagency task force to include more federal partners, including the FBI. The intelligence community is devoting more resources to identifying trafficking networks. We've strengthened protections so that foreign-born workers know their rights."

Homeland Security Agent Vic Williams stated, "We're going after the traffickers, whether we use either The Mann Act or The RICO Act. New anti-

trafficking teams are dismantling their networks. Last year, we charged a number of these predators with human trafficking. We're putting them where they belong -- behind bars. "But with more than 20 million victims of human trafficking around the world -- think about that, more than 20 million -- they've got a lot more to do." "Of course, no government, no nation, can meet this challenge alone. Everybody has a responsibility. Every nation can take action. Modern anti-trafficking laws must be passed and enforced and justice systems must be strengthened. Victims must be cared for.



So here in the United States, Congress should renew the "Trafficking Victims Protection Act." Whether you are a conservative or a liberal, Democrat or Republican, this is a no-brainer. This is something we should all agree on. We need to get that done. Every faith community can take action as well, by educating their congregations, by joining in coalitions that are bound by a love of God and a concern for the oppressed. And like that Good Samaritan on the road to Jericho, we can't just pass by, indifferent. We've got to be moved by compassion. We've got to bind up the wounds. Let's come together around a simple truth -- we are our brother's keeper and we are our sister's keeper.

And finally, every citizen can take action: by learning more; by going to the website that has been created -- SlaveryFootprint.org; by speaking up and insisting that the clothes we wear, the food we eat, and the products we buy are made free of forced labor; by standing up against the degradation and abuse of women. That's how real change happens -- from the

Legislation (continued)

bottom up. And so my message today, to all is and to the millions around the world – we the Council of Catholic Women see you. We hear you. We insist on your dignity. And we share your belief that if just given the chance, you will forge a life equal to your talents and worthy of your dreams.

The fight against human trafficking is one of the great human rights causes of our time, and the United States hopefully will continue to lead it. The change we seek will not come easy, but we can draw strength from the movements of the past. For we know that every life saved -- in the words of that great Proclamation -- is "an act of justice," worthy of "the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God."

Author: Sandy Ann Sanchez



Mark your calendars for Catholic Days at the Capitol, March 3-4, 2015!

Each year Catholics from around the state are invited to gather in Tallahassee to participate in Catholic Days at the Capitol. Participants attend a legislative briefing on human life and dignity issues prior to meetings with elected officials. Included in the activities is a luncheon for participants, the bishops of Florida and state legislators.

Participants are also invited to the annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit con-celebrated by the bishops of Florida. Attended by state officials, lawmakers, judges, members of the legal profession and the community, the Red Mass is celebrated to pray for those working in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government

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Community

Marcia Perez, Commission Chair

The National Council of Catholic Women is introducing the **Caps of Love Project**. It is a very simple way of recycling all types of plastic bottle caps, with 100% of the profits going to provide wheelchairs and service dogs for handicapped children.

Plastic caps are a different grade of plastic from the bottles and are valuable in bulk. They can be sold to companies using recycled "post-consumer" plastic to create new products such as park benches, plastic paint cans and more. You may be thinking, "what kind of caps?" Everything from beverages, toothpaste, grated cheese, peanut butter, spray paint caps, laundry soap, cleaning products, and the list goes on. All that is necessary is to pull out any paper liners. If the cap has a metal band it is not recyclable, and PLEASE -- no metal caps (such as from beer) or pull-tabs from cans! For more information please visit www.CapsOfLove.com.

The parish affiliate CCWs will collect caps and turn them in to the service commission chair at the deanery or diocesan meetings. Your diocesan commission chair, along with the diocesan president, would be responsible to transport caps (**Labeled, NCCW**) to the collection program in Florida. Some Home Depots have a program (free inter-store delivery) in place that provides free shipping of the caps to the Home Depot store (#6316) in Lantana, FL. Arrangements must be made with the manager of the individual Home Depot. (If someone you know vacations in Florida, send your caps along!)

A flyer is available for you to use when introducing the project to your group. It can be placed in your churches, schools, hair salons, etc. You may want to change the contact name at the very bottom to a local contact name and email address.

I am so excited to hear how YOU will participate in the Caps of Love Project. And don't forget to take some photos!

Nancy Poll, NCCW Service Commission Chair

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Just one small plastic cap on your bottle may be trash to some, but with the solidarity of all levels of Council, it can help change the life of a disabled child!

Family Concerns

Ana Portela, Commission Chair

October is Respect Life Month. The first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday and the life chain will be held on that day from 2-3 pm. Check with your parish for the one nearest you.

NCCW RESPITE PROGRAM

RESPITE trains local volunteers to help family members care for loved-ones at home by offering relief and renewal to the family caregivers. The NCCW program includes a curriculum to train volunteers, materials to promote the program, and a group insurance program for Respite volunteers. The NCCW Respite program, if implemented by the Diocese is regulated by their own safe environmental criteria. The USCCB mandated that each Bishop select which program they would use and more than 80% of all US Dioceses use the program called Protecting God's Children. All volunteers must complete this PGC class, which is a once in a lifetime class, and they must have a current criminal background check on file with their parish or diocesan office. Criminal background checks are good for 5 years and then must be updated if the volunteer is to continue. It is necessary for each diocese to know what is required in their diocese. All volunteers must complete Respite Care basic training and have all safe environment criteria in place before being placed with a client. Since NCCW provides our insurance, we must have all components in line and cannot misrepresent NCCW or any of our dioceses.

Updated 2014:

Linda M. Smith, NCCW Service Commission



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.

NCCW Service Commission 2013-2015

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56th ANNUAL MACCW CONVENTION
***“MACCW: Missionaries of Hope;
Strengthening Family Life”***
April 25 - 27, 2014

The Miami Airport Marriott was the site for the 56th Annual MACCW Convention. When I lived in Miami, my house was literally within walking distance of this hotel. Being there surely brought back many fond memories. Josephine & I had developed a great rapport with our Sales/Event manager, Shanti, and the entire Marriott staff. They understood our two favorite words “*complimentary and upgrade*”, and were a joy to work with. The months between signing the contract and the actual event really flew by.

It was to be Monroe District’s turn to host, but since they were down to one affiliation, the MACCW Board, Districts and Affiliations all typically rolled up their sleeves and shared the responsibilities with them. My thanks to everyone who really worked so hard to make this convention a success! Registration went smoothly, the centerpieces were lovely, the raffle had great prizes, and the Welcome Bags were full of “good things”! One memory that will last forever was the ladies from the Bahamas CWA singing their National Anthem after we sang ours! The “Welcome Party” theme did exactly what we hoped as everyone “put on their dancing shoes” and had a great time in true MACCW fashion!

MACCW President, Josephine Gilbert, worked long and hard to provide our members with a wonderful, spiritual and inspiring convention. Having been in “her shoes”, I can relate to the trials and tribulations that she encountered along the way. Her planning and hard work truly paid off, as her choice of speakers and topics were interesting, timely, and informative, and even innovative! Who would have imagined we could make almost 50 dresses out of pillow cases during one of the sessions?! The sessions covered a variety of topics such as family life, sacramental life, prison ministry, and

of course, there was time for prayer and worship. We would be remiss if we didn’t acknowledge **Fr. Michael Greer, MACCW Spiritual Advisor**, for his help with planning the convention liturgies. We thank him for his prayers and support not only at the convention but during the entire year!

Special guests included a visit from **Msgr. Andrew Anderson**, who led us in the opening liturgy, gave the homily, and joined us for dinner on Friday evening. **FCCW President/Province Director, Rosi Schuhmacher**, was also with us on Friday. She brought greetings from around the State and spoke about the upcoming FCCW Conference which is being hosted by the MACCW in October. Also joining us were **Most Rev. Charles H. Dufour, Archbishop of Kingston, Jamaica, and Judy Powers, Past NCCW President**. Our heartfelt congratulations go to **Claudia Charles** (Cathedral CCW) who received the *MACCW Outstanding Member Award for 2014*, and to **Kitten Auer** (St. Justin Martyr CCW) who was the recipient of the *MACCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award for 2014*.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski was the Principal celebrant for the Closing Mass on Sunday evening, and joined us for the banquet and presentations. The 2014 MACCW Scholarship Awards and MACCW Seminarian Burse Fund were presented at the Closing Banquet. At this year’s banquet we not only had the recipients of the Scholarship Awards, but 3 seminarians who made the Burse Fund presentation all the more special! We also celebrated the installation of the 2014 - 2016 Officers with the passing of the gavel to **2014 - 2016 MACCW President Ann Cubillas**. Five MACCW Presidents *Emerita*, were present to hand the gavel the down to current President, Josephine Gilbert, who then handed the gavel to Ann.

The 2014 convention was a time of fellowship, learning, relaxation, renewal and prayer for all of those who attended. We did it for **YOU** but could not have done it without **YOU!**

Barbara Asfendis
Convention Coordinator

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
11:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

***MACCW FASHION SHOW
LUNCHEON***

The Annual MACCW Fundraiser will be held at
Pembroke Lakes Golf and Racquet Club, 10500
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Tickets: \$35 per person

Invite your friends & family!

You Don't Want to Miss This!

The Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women

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21st Biennial Conference of the Florida Council of Catholic Women

Tentative Agenda **Highlights**

Thursday, October 23th

2:00 - 6:00 pm Registration

7:00 pm Welcome Reception
St. Ambrose Church, 380 S Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach

Friday October 24th

9:00 am Conference Opening Mass Celebrants – FCCW Spiritual Advisors

10:30 am Call to Order: Rosi Schuhmacher, FCCW President/Province Director

Keynote: Ronald Melvin, Distinguished Toastmaster & Public speaker

12:00 pm Luncheon

1:30 pm Session I Speaker: Florida State Senator Renee Garcia

2:30 pm Session II: Safe Haven for Newborns

3:45 pm Session III: "Wrong Way Meeting"

5:00 pm Free for Dinner

Saturday, October 25th

10:00 am Morning Session: Morning Prayer Service

10:15 am Session IV: Speaker: Winkie LeFils – "Marriage as a Vocation"
Share shop on marriage and the single life

12:00 pm Our Lady of Good Counsel Lunch

1:30 pm Session IV - Speaker – Marie Gallo-Lethcoe – "Vocation of the Person"
Free until Mass

4:00 pm Assumption Catholic Church, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
Celebrant: Most Reverend Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami
Concelebrants: Bishop Gregory L. Parkes,
FCCW Spiritual Advisors, Priests of Florida

7:30 pm Banquet
Speaker: Most Reverend Gregory Parkes, Bishop of Pensacola/Tallahassee

Sunday, October 26th

9:00 am Prayer Service - followed by Breakfast

9:30 am Fr. Richard Dawson - "Building a Bigger Burse"
Fr .Miguel Gonzalez – "Vocations and the Seminary"
Closing Remarks – Rosi Schuhmacher, FCCW President/Province Director

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OCTOBER 23-26, 2014**



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**MACCW 57TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
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MAY 1- 3, 2015**

