

MIAMI ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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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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*"O Mother of Good Counsel,
patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women,
intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous
and loving leaders of the Church"*

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A message from The President

My Dear Council Sisters,

I am very excited to start this council year as your president. I hope you all had a good summer. We may have taken the summer off from our regular council meetings, but many of us use the summer as our planning and training time. In the early part of the summer, quite a number of our members participated in the Archbishop's Synod listening sessions. The sessions were well attended by Catholic men and women, and with Archbishop Wenski being present at all of the sessions, the Synod is very promising and hopeful. In July, some of our members attended the Haitian Mass and the presentation of layettes to four babies. Some of us were able to attend a Leadership Symposium at Lake Yale during the latter part of July.

In this issue, we are re-visiting some of our programs, with a little bit of history for our newer members and potential new members. All of our readers will know who we are and the significance of some of the programs. At a recent meeting I attended, someone asked me, who we are and what we do.

Who are we?

We are Catholic Women of the Archdiocese of Miami. We are diverse women of faith and action. We work with our parishes. We respond to the Bishop's calls when needed. We are a voice to all catholic women in the nation through the National Council of Catholic Women.

The Council begins with the individual parish women's group referred to as an affiliation. The affiliations work together in their local area known as a district. The diocesan council of Miami is split into four districts: North Dade (NDCCW), South Dade (SDCCW), Broward (BCCW) and Monroe (MCCW). These are the sub-divisions of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW). The diocesan council works with the Province Council known as Florida Council of Catholic Women (FCCW).

The Province of Miami is an ecclesial group of seven dioceses, which belongs to the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) with ten million women throughout the United States and U.S. Military Posts abroad. NCCW is united with Women's Organizations around the

world through the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO). NCCW is also represented at the United Nations and United States Council of Catholic Bishops.

With the approval of Archbishop Wenski and spiritual guidance of Fr. Michael Greer, our purpose as the Archdiocesan Council is to unite parish affiliations with direction in social, spiritual, educational and charitable endeavors. We do this through our publications, field services, correspondence, annual conventions and leadership programs. We also work to provide representation at the State (FCCW) and National (NCCW) level.

MACCW functions through commission systems of three major topics: **Spirituality** (Church and Legislation), **Service** (Family, Community and International) and **Leadership** (Organization). Parish affiliations work within their local district, thereby sharing with other districts through their reports. As you can see, the parish affiliation or inter-parochial affiliations such Daughters of Isabella, are the power and force that gives action to programs of the council. Each affiliation maintains their individuality, officers, and by-laws, while striving to be a definitive part of MACCW and continue to be an asset to both their pastor and parish.

In this issue, you will read a brief summary on some of our programs like the **Seminarian Burse Fund, Penny-A-Day, Chastity Days, Haitian Mass and Catholic Days at the Capitol**. More will be featured in the next issue. I hope this issue serves as a refresher course for our members. And for our other readers, I hope it will answer their questions about the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

A message from The President

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Monroe (**MCCW**).

On September 15, 2012, we had our Officer's Training and Commission Expo at Barry University, over sixty members participated with many new faces. It was quite a success. My sincere gratitude to all our Commission chairmen and our panelists, for their professionalism and thanks to all the women that participated.

"Knowledge is power" and the more you know on a subject matter, the more confidence and freedom you have to take on the task at hand.

On behalf of our members and Fr. Greer, I thank all of our district spiritual advisors, Msgr. Schwanger, Fr. Elbert, Fr. Pawelec, Fr. Manny Alvarez and all the affiliation spiritual advisors. Welcome back to the new council year. Sincere thanks to all our affiliation pastors, we certainly could not accomplish the tasks of our council without your support. And to our current members, thank you all for your support and dedication.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel, the patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women continue to intercede for us to be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the church. May we always know that "God is Love" and generous enough to extend the love to all mankind.

Respectfully,

Josephine

From the desk of Fr. Greer

MACCW Spiritual Advisor

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It's not just back-to-school time, but back-in-the-swing for you and the affiliations which so benefit from your membership and activity.

As you've perhaps heard or read, shortly the Catholic Church will enter into the "Year of Faith." At the direction of Pope Benedict XVI, this will run from October 11, 2012 (an interesting day in my life) and conclude November 24, 2013. It is a time for renewal of our relationship with Christ and an appropriate period to review and recommit one's involvement within the Church. This focus on faith will be enhanced by our:

- Study of Church teachings
- Spiritual growth through prayer and meditation
- Service to those in need

So as we enter this full year, may we grow in faith!



"The 'door of faith' (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church." ---Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei for the Indiction of the Year of Faith



With his Apostolic Letter of October 11, 2011, Porta Fidei, Pope Benedict XVI declared that a "Year of Faith" will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013. October 11, 2012, the first day of the Year of Faith, is the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) and also the twentieth anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. During the Year of Faith, Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism so that they may deepen their knowledge of the faith.

The "door of faith" is opened at one's baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

Church

Claudia H. Charles, Commission Chair

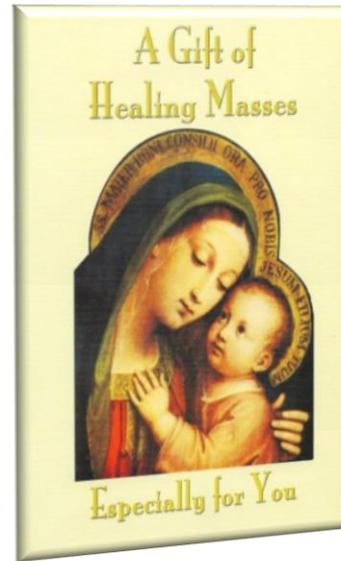
The Seminarian Burse Fund

Throughout the history of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW), we have faithfully and generously given to what is referred to as the *seminarian burse fund*. The word burse comes from the Latin word *bursa*, and it means a fund or foundation for the maintenance of needy scholars in their studies. Hence, the seminarian burse is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education and training of future priests.

Each year affiliate members throughout Dade, Broward, and Monroe counties are asked to contribute one penny a day for the year, a total of \$3.65, towards the burse fund. Monies collected are given to the archbishop at the annual banquet at the close of the MACCW Conference. Such funds are designated for and given to St. John Vianney College Seminary and are used towards the tuition, books, and room and board of their student priests.



Although greatly appreciated, that which we give covers only a fraction of the cost needed to assist in the education for so many. Currently there are ninety-two students enrolled at St. John Vianney. The present cost for tuition is \$17,000.00 per year, housing is \$3,500.00 per year, food is \$6,600.00 per year, and the cost for books ranges from \$200.00 to \$250.00 per semester.



Over the last six years, our contributions have averaged \$4,220.00 per year. This amount includes monies from the sale of Healing Mass cards.

Perhaps it is time we consider other means of funding the seminarian burse fund to meet the demands of an increase in student population and the rising cost of education. Our membership at present totals 1,500. Were each member to contribute \$3.65 for the year, this year we would be able to make a generous contribution of \$5,475.00. Better yet, were we to round \$3.65 to \$4.00 our contribution would total an amazing \$6,000.00. Who knows how much more we could and would contribute if each affiliation held a Penney-a-Day Campaign within its parish.

Let us continue to pray for an increase in vocations and let us do all that we can to support the needs of those who have discerned the call to the priesthood.

**Join MACCW Penny-a-Day Club
support & pray for vocations**

Family

Ana Portela, Commission Chair

Revisiting Chastity Days

One of the many services that the Respect Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Miami provides is in the area of Education. Most importantly within Education there lies the education of our teenagers on the topic of Sexuality, particularly Chastity.

In a classroom full of 8th grade students, they were asked how many of them knew what Chastity meant. Only 1 or 2 (other times none) raised their hands. However, when asked what a Condom was (another “C” word), all of them, without exception, knew the answer. There is something very wrong with this picture; and these are students in our Catholic schools!

New York’s Cardinal Dolan said in a Wall Street Journal interview, that the Church has failed to communicate its moral teachings in the area of sexuality (LifeSiteNew.com, 4-2-12). He goes on to say that the fault lies with Church leaders. Maybe so, but we, as parents, grandparents, women, and leaders in our Catholic Church aren’t doing such a great job either. Maybe because we ourselves aren’t fully knowledgeable about this topic or maybe we feel uncomfortable telling our children and grandchildren about the “rights and wrongs” of sexuality in accordance with Catholic teaching, meanwhile teenagers are bombarded with sex in the media, in music, in magazines, in movies, and on the internet.

About 10 years ago, the Council of Catholic Women began to change all that. With Past President of Broward, Alice Riddell at the helm, they proposed that the Respect Life Ministry begin a program to teach 8th grade students about Catholic teaching on Sexuality. With the support of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and its many affiliations, there began one of the most effective programs to date for teenage Catholics CHASTITY DAYS.

CHASTITY DAYS is a program for Catholic 8th grade students. In an auditorium setting, anywhere from 300 to 600 students from local Parochial Schools, spend

half day learning about Catholic teaching on sexuality. Sounds boring? Tedious? Patronizing? On the contrary! CHASTITY DAYS is specifically geared to teenagers so it is filled with information, witnessing, videos and presentations on sexuality. The most amazing result is the reaction from students. Teenagers want the Truth; they are eager to listen to it. It is not difficult to capture their attention when the presentations are about sexuality! The talk is straight, informative and hopeful. The message: **Today’s Choices are Tomorrow’s Outcomes; You are Worth Waiting For; Chastity is Sexual Self-Control.** These messages are heard by all the 8th graders, boys and girls. Everybody understands that everybody else heard the same message! When it comes to peer pressure, this takes an enormous load off of many teenagers that want to wait for the one person they cannot live without in Marriage.

There are currently four Chastity Day programs that are presented around the Archdiocese; one in Northwest Miami, one in Broward and two in Southwest Miami. For many years there has been interest in bringing Chastity Days to the CCD programs in many of the parishes. Slowly but surely, shorter yet effective versions of the 3 hour Chastity Day program has been presented to several CCD Religious Education classes.

If you have an opportunity to serve at one of the Chastity Days, don’t miss it! It is Sexuality Education for everyone!

So far, the Chastity Day Schedule for 2013 is:

- February 12, Tuesday, at Broward Comm College, Bailey Hall
- February 14, Thursday at Florida Memorial College, Lou Rawls Auditorium
- TBA - two locations and dates for Miami East and Miami West

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, October 7, 2012

- Respect Life Sunday
- LIFE CHAIN - 2-3pm, one hour on US1

Legislation

Monica Kramer, Commission Chair

Catholic Days at the Capitol

Among the other five commissions each promoting its own unique and servicing mission, legislation is one that plays a very critical role in our every day modern and ever changing social world.

The Council of Catholic Women Legislation Commission enables all members to participate significantly as Catholics and as Catholic women to continue our leadership roles. The CCW Legislation Commission teaches us to value the laws of God and the laws of our state and country.

The CCW Legislation Commission does not set any policies or promote opinions. The CCW Legislation Commission acts as a liaison to communicate information about proposed legislation or revised laws. Guided specifically by our Bishops, we carefully deliver the analyzed and reviewed Catholic perspective so that we as a community can be faithful and active citizens.

As a group we receive communications from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, helping us and those around us to be better versed by educating and informing, our council, our communities, our families and friends.

“As faithful Catholics, it is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ, who offers a vision of life revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition.” A quote from a document of USCCB Administrative Board; Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility.

How can you be proactive and participate by learning more to become a Faithful Catholic Citizen? Join us for **Catholic Days at the Capitol and attend the Red Mass: March 19-21, 2013. We have a challenge before us to have at least one member from each Affiliation attend in 2013.**

What are some of the amazing opportunities one can experience by attending?

On day one: In Tallahassee at the Civic Center all attendees from the seven Dioceses of Florida assemble under the guidance of the **Florida Catholic Conference team**. Each group participates in the legislative briefing and all attendees are equipped with literature and talking points. Planning sessions are then conducted by each team to discuss, review and ask questions on the topics such as human life, student safety, human trafficking, the HHS mandate and homelessness. As attendees we will become encouraged, versed and prepared on the topics before meeting with lawmakers to help them understand the perspective of the Catholic Church.

As Judy Powers, President of the National Council of Catholic Women stated, *“In our temporal affairs, as members of the Council of Catholic Women, we strive to live our Catholic values and ensure that our voice is an active part of the larger Catholic voice. This voice needs to be heard on the local, state, national and world levels.”*

On day two: All seven dioceses and each attendee descend on the Capitol as Catholics, dressed in red to make our voices heard. Each group visits with their assigned legislator to discuss each topic. After each visit you are asked to write a brief report on the visit. The reports are later turned in to the Florida Catholic Conference team for their follow-up.



Later that evening, the Florida Bishops invite the lawmakers who serve in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of government to join them in

prayer that the Spirit of God will guide and direct them in their service to the people of Florida at the Annual Red Mass held at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral. It is a special treat to see all the Florida Bishops, priests, deacons, Knights of Columbus in their full regalia; Catholic women all wearing red.

What is the Red Mass? It is an adaptation of the Church's age-old expression of dependence on God to the peculiar needs and institutions of the Courts and the Law. The first recorded Red Mass dates back to 1245 calling upon God the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, to grant light, inspiration and guidance to those serving in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches of government.



On the third day: The morning of the third day, all attendees return to the Capitol if anyone has appointments to meet with legislators.

By noon, we gather back at the bus and head home, to exchange stories and accomplishments from this eye opening trip to our state's Capitol.

Additional duties of the Legislation Commission are: Letter writing, Lobbying, Public Speaking, Monitoring Media, and Voter Education. Let's all be a Legislative Voice!

**CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL AND
38TH ANNUAL RED MASS.**

**SAVE THE DATE NOW
March 19-21, 2013.**

Contact your Legislation Commissioner for more information or go to: <http://www.flaccb.org/CDAC>

Amendment 8 to Florida's Constitution provides that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Amendment 8 deletes a discriminatory provision that jeopardizes participation by religious entities in state programs that serve the needy. To protect these programs, **vote YES on Amendment 8.** For more information and to sign-up for email updates, see www.SayYesOn8.com



For the latest news on Amendment 8:

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More information:

[FCCB Statement \(English\) / \(Spanish\)](#)

[Questions & Answers \(English\) / \(Spanish\)](#)

[Yes on 8 Info Sheet \(English\) / \(Spanish\)](#)

A yes vote on Amendment 6 would prohibit spending of public tax dollars for abortion, or for health-benefits coverage that includes abortion, except for those limited instances required by federal



law. It would also prohibit future interpretation of the Florida Constitution as giving greater rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution, and allow future legislation to

strengthen parental rights by requiring parental consent for children seeking an abortion.

Say "Yes on 6" Support for this proposal, which is aimed at increasing protection for women and the rights of families, is critical. **Vote yes on Amendment 6** and continue to work, educate and pray that the laws of our nation will respect the life of every human being.

Community

Marcia C. Perez, Commission Chair
with contributions by Marie Mohammed

Haitian Mass & Layettees

The 2012 Annual Haitian Mass and Layette event was held at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Miramar on July 22, 2012. Cathy Donn President and Donna Murphy Vice President of St. Bartholomew's CCW worked closely with the Haitian Liaison Martine Alcena and four mothers were identified as those eligible to receive the layettes. After obtaining the names of the mothers and the infants I called the mothers to assess their needs and the age of the infants. Their ages ranged from the unborn to 9 months. The needs expressed were for pampers, wipes, clothing, beddings, lotions, shampoo, pack and play, car seat, stroller, bassinet. Many of these items were donated or brought to the event by members of MACCW who attended the mass and reception. The large items such as the bassinet, pack and plays were purchased with funds donated from many of the affiliations in Broward, Miami Dade and Monroe.

The reception was hosted by the ladies of St. Bartholomew's CCW and the recipients were pleased and very thankful for the gifts. Thanks to the MACCW Haitian Mass event coordinators, Marie Mohammed and Sandra Hill for a successful event, they worked tirelessly to make it happen. Please keep these babies in your prayers.



The history of this MACCW project dates back to 1983, and began at that time with our Indian Community.

On July 14, 1983, on the feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Archbishop McCarthy issued a special Pastoral Bulletin, citing the history of the Florida Indians (the Seminole and the Miccosukee Tribes) who became Christians and were martyred for the

faith. That mass was celebrated by Bishop Roman and Bishop Nevins honoring the American Indians in South Florida and following the mass the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women presented the parents of the newest child of the tribes a complete layette at a reception held in the Cathedral cafeteria. This wonderful tradition continued for the next 18 years with Bishop Roman lovingly overseeing each mass and reception.



In 2002, MACCW President Mary Weber, seeing a decline in participation from the Indian Tribes, went to then Bishop Wenski. After some discussion, Bishop Wenski suggested we continue the tradition of the project for the Haitian community where the need was great. From that time to the present this project is now known as the "HAITIAN MASS & LAYETTE".

On June 20, 2002 the MACCW held its first Haitian Mass at St Mary's Cathedral with then Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Wenski. Two layettes were given, one to baby Anabelle, one week old and the other for baby Shemar who was six months old. A letter from the Archbishop acknowledging this outreach was sent to pastors to encourage their continued support of this MACCW project.

In 2007, President Diane Tugander, sought the advice of Bishop Estevez on how to improve the participation in this project. Bishop Estevez suggested MACCW have the celebrations at Haitian populated parishes in both Dade and Broward counties, i.e., Notre Dame D'Haiti, St. James, Holy Family or Divine Mercy Mission in Fort Lauderdale. Following the suggestion of the Bishop the last few years the mass and reception has been held at Notre Dame D'Haiti, St. James, St. Clement in Broward, St. Mary's Cathedral, Christ the King and most recently at St. Bartholomew in Broward.

MACCW President, Josephine Gilbert has announced "in order to increase participation, we will be moving

the event to a June date close to the Feast Day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, (June 27th) and return to St. Mary's Cathedral for the event next year”.

Years ago at the start of this program, MACCW gave layettes to two mothers but for the last few years, we have been able to give layettes to four mothers. With the date change we hope to increase our member attendance at this special Mass.

A few weeks ago in preparation for this article, I sent an email to all the Affiliation Presidents and Community Chairpersons requesting that they participate in a drive for “Back to School Supplies.”

If your affiliation has collected supplies, please forward a report of those supplies and where they were distributed to me so that I can include that information in my report. In the event that you have excess supplies, please contact me so arrangements can be made for distribution. Contact me at mpmarcita@gmail.com to share your affiliation stories.

Also, watch for an announcement regarding a new community outreach project we are planning to assist the **Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity**. At this time, the Community is made up of 11 Nuns. They are in need of their own Monastery because they are not able to receive new vocations due to their limited space.

International

Contributed by Yvonne Caskey

Change for Change / Help-a-Child program / Water for Life

As our days are filled with lists of “things to do”, it is easy to forget the things that are not in front of us everyday. The concerns of the CCW organization reach beyond our parish boundaries and even our diocese’s boundaries. As women leaders in the church we have set high standards for ourselves and for those that follow in our footsteps. We want to reach out to the world. The MACCW has 3 main international organizations supported by the Archdiocese of Miami that we continue to support. These organizations reach out to those that we don’t see everyday. They touch lives in ways we may not conceive.

The first is **Change for Change**. This program collects our small change and makes big difference in the lives of those in Haiti. Funds are collected at

meeting, in our homes filling little bags, or from bake sales etc. This program has been around for years and benefited many other programs supporting families around the world.

The second is the **Help-a-Child program**. We are women. There is no more natural instinct than to reach out and help a child. The programs when supported by each affiliation can reach numerous children in desperate need of care, love and religion. This program provides food, shelter and education for a child. It promotes programs in education for children. During school the child is taught not only the basics in education but also trades in which to better the community as a whole. They are the future of the village. Supporting them physically with food and medicine is wonderful; however educating them both academically and spiritually is priceless.

The third program is **Water for Life**. Hello.... Can you imagine going to your sink and not having clean water to drink, to cook with, to bath your child or just splash on your face after a hard days work in the yard? This is a reality for far too many people. Many



women and children spend a better part of their day walking to clean water and carrying it back to the village. We are talking miles each way. Water for Life is a program that drills wells and establishes constant CLEAN water flow to so many remote villages. The clean water promotes healthy environments for many. They are able to establish small farms and promote other life sustaining needs of the village with clean water. Think about how many times a day you wash your hands, drink a glass of water, cook with water, or wash your clothes. We are truly blessed with the water we receive here in the country. (DVDs on Water for life are available to share at your affiliation meeting)

These programs are a blue print in helping so many. The men and women of these organizations are doing the hard work. With the help of the CCW and others they are reaching so many and changing so many lives. Please consider these organizations in your yearly programs for 2012-2013. The men, women and children touched by these 3 organizations are counting on you. Let’s share the blessings we receive every day.

The Florida Council of Catholic Women (Province of Miami) will be holding its **20th Biennial Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Maitland, FL, October 25th – 28th, 2012.** Hosted by the Members of the Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, this special event will recognize the Catholic women from the seven Dioceses of Florida who have served the communities of Florida in religious, social, educational and charitable endeavors.

CONVENTION PACKAGE:

includes fulltime registration & all main meals.....\$166.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 21, 2012

ROOM RATES: DEADLINE –October 7, 2012

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DOUBLE OCCUPANCY:\$ 86.00

TRIPLE OCCUPANCY:.....\$91.00

QUAD OCCUPANCY:.....\$96.00

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Archdiocese of Miami- Second General Synod

What is Synod?

Synod (syn-od, pronounced sin'ud) comes from Greek roots meaning to come together in order to move forward on a path. In a synod, the bishop calls his people together in order to move forward on a pathway.

Thanks for participating in the Archbishop Synod listening sessions in June. As you know the work just began, people of God have spoken, now is your turn to be part of the Synod as one of the **Focus Team Members**, to be part of the solution and help Archbishop Wenski in his task of developing a renewed vision for the Archdiocese of Miami. This is a good way to put your two "Ts" (Time & Talent) into a fruitful and measurable use. The Holy Spirit is working among us. **See the Synod Snapshot on the Archdiocese website for more details or contact Josephine Gilbert or Rosemarie Banich at 305-762-1189**

Apply to participate as a Focus Team Member.

6-month commitment (September 2012-February 2013)

- Half-day orientation in September
- Attend at least 4 out of 5 focus area meetings. Held once a month from October 2012-February 2013, 1:00-4:30pm
- Perform Synod-related tasks during this timeframe.
- Needs your pastor, Parochial Vicar, Pastoral Associate or Campus Minister's endorsement

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