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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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Thank you Lucy!

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A message from The President

My Dear Council Sisters,

In the days following the 55th Annual Convention, as the Diocesan President, I can't help pondering; was the convention successful, did our members enjoy themselves and where are improvements needed? This I know it is not only in my thoughts but I am sure in the mind of our future leaders.

Regardless, it was a successful convention. I give glory to God Almighty for the weekend spent with all of you and thank God for all we had the opportunity to accomplish the weekend of our Convention. With God all things are possible.

Our appreciation goes to Archbishop Wenski for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us at the Opening Liturgy and dinner. We thank Monsignor Chanel Jeanty for being there for us at the Closing Liturgy and Banquet.

Sincere thanks to our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Michael Greer for his hard work to make the convention a success and to our District Spiritual Advisors, our Pastors and all the other clergy and all the religious that were able to honor us with their presence. It would have not been the same without you. Thanks to all our speakers, Sister Rosa Monique Pena, Mrs. Sue Deferrari, Mrs. Patricia Forde, Mrs. Maria Rodriguez, our Province Director, Jeanette DeBonville, Rosemarie Banich, Mildred Pol, MariLu Pereda and Mary Weber, for their contribution to the convention success.

Our gratitude is extended to our benefactors that helped with the funding of the convention through the sponsorship, memorials and advertisements in the convention program book.

Lastly, thanks to you, all my sisters. Without you there would be no convention. Because of you, we were able to continue the support of the Seminarian Burse Fund with a gift of \$5,500.00. Our scholarship program allowed us to provide \$5,000.00 each to three eighth grade girls in order for them to be able to continue their catholic education. Something new for us this year was the support of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns. We gave them a direct donation at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday in the amount of \$1,050.00.

In addition, other donations were made from individual members and parish affiliations throughout the year to assist them in their efforts. We continue our support for the homeless of our community through the FCCW “Hugs for the Homeless” program. This year each district received over \$1700 for the homeless shelter of their choice. We have already started our fundraising efforts for the next bus load of delegates to attend Catholic Days at the Capitol in 2014. We will need \$4000 for transportation to Tallahassee. The convention jewelry sales and the closing mass collections have set the pace for us, by the end of the year we should have the entire amount.

Congratulations to Ronnie Fletcher of St. Justin Martyr in Monroe, named the outstanding member of the year and to Mary Lou Ruderman of St. Gabriel in Broward, our Lady of Good Counsel award recipient.

In this issue of Newsnotes, you will read more about the convention through the recap of our convention coordinator, Barbara Asfendis. You will also read the end of year reports from our Commission Chairpersons.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to intercede for us to be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the church.

Remain Blessed,

Josephine

From the desk of Fr. Greer

MACCW Spiritual Advisor

Dear Council Sisters:

While it's wise to take time away or off in the summer, we also may utilize that period to plan or program for future needs.

Our National Convention in September, for which we are host, is a great opportunity to reveal the beauty and characteristics our area offers.

Remember, what often remains in the minds and hearts of visitors is how the local community welcomes them, shares faith and fun, and join in service and in promoting what the NCCW represents.

Let us show our dedication.



Very Reverend Michael J. Greer, V. F.
Spiritual Moderator

55th Annual MACCW Convention

Barbara Asfendis, MACCW Convention Coordinator

The Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women celebrated their 55th Annual Convention for three very exciting days at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale. Our members loved the ambience of the beautiful Atrium area, the 2 room suites, and the complimentary breakfast and reception!

To give the Districts a break in the convention rotation, this year's convention was hosted by the MACCW Board. The four Districts and the six Commissions were each assigned the various responsibilities of the committees that are necessary to plan and make the convention a success. This actually began at the end of our 54th convention when newly-installed MACCW

President, Josephine Gilbert, assigned jobs to each of the four Districts. I returned to the job as the MACCW Convention Coordinator after a 4 year hiatus. Working hand in hand with Josephine, the rest of the convention assignments all came together. We are blessed to have such an amazing group of women who are willing to pool their time and talents, and give so selflessly to help when they are asked. MACCW is very grateful to have Fr. Michael Greer, as our Spiritual Advisor. He is extremely supportive and always takes an active part in the planning of our convention liturgies.

In July 2012, Josephine and I started looking for a convention hotel. It took only one day of "hotel shopping" to realize we had found our "home"! Josephine had already been forming ideas for the convention theme and speakers. Her choices proved to be interesting, informative, and very spiritual.

The areas of Leadership, Spirituality, and Service were all covered from the Keynote Speaker at Opening Session (Sr. Rosa Monique Pena, OP), to the Banquet entertainment. Our sessions covered Lectio Divina, The Rosary & You, Theology of the Body, and a Round Table Session on the CCW.

At the Awards Luncheon, we were honored to hear from FCCW President/Province Director Jeanette DeBonville, the Director of the Archdiocesan Synod, Rosemarie Banich, and two representatives from the Discalced Carmelites. Fifteen of our sisters from the Bahamas CWA joined us for the three days as well.

We were honored to have Archbishop Wenski with us

to celebrate the Opening Mass on Friday evening. This year we added a "Welcome Dinner" after Mass on Friday evening so our members could enjoy a social time with the Archbishop. Saturday, Fr. Greer presided over the

Memorial Mass where we remembered deceased MACCW members. On Sunday evening Msgr. Chanel Jeanty, Archdiocese Vicar General and Chancellor of Canonical Affairs, was the Principal celebrant. Many thanks to all of the priests who joined us to celebrate these beautiful Liturgies.

Among the many highlights of our annual convention are the presentation of awards, and this year was no different. At the luncheon the 2013 Outstanding Member Award was presented to Ronnie Fletcher from St. Justin Martyr, and the 2013 Our Lady of Good Counsel Award was presented to Mary Lou Ruderman from St. Gabriel.

At the Closing Banquet, the 17th Annual MACCW Scholarship Awards were presented to: Karina Santin (Blessed Trinity Catholic School), Carla Mejia (St. John the Apostle Catholic School) and Chloe Tenn (Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School).

*"The Council of Catholic Women:
Joyfully Living Our Faith,
& Lighting Our World"*

Each girl received \$5000 towards her freshman year tuition. This was a bittersweet time for the scholarship committee, as Lucy Petrillo retired after serving as Chairman since the program started in 1997.

Fr. David Zirilli, Archdiocesan Director Of Vocations, was presented with the Seminarian Burse Fund check for \$5,500.00! We also had the Doll Campaign, District Hospitality Night, the “Pot of Gold”, the MACCW Raffle, and of course, the Jewelry sale.

There is definitely not enough space left to thank all of those who worked tirelessly to make this convention a memorable one. You all contributed to the success of this event – that’s why it’s an MACCW Convention! But it starts at the top, and MACCW President, Josephine Gilbert should be very proud that all her efforts and plans for a successful convention became a reality!

We hope this was a time of fellowship, learning, relaxation, renewal and prayer for all that attended. We invite you to join us next year at our **56th Convention, April 25-27, 2014**. Be sure to bring a fellow council sister with you!



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Family

Ana Portela, Commission Chair

One Baby Bottle Goes A Long Way!

The Family Concerns Commission is alive and well in all the affiliations of our Miami Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women. In different ways our ladies are active with baby showers, donations to Respect Life, support of Chastity Days, public awareness of domestic violence, the MACCW scholarship fund, and the support of religious education amongst our youth, just to name a few.

The Respect Life Ministry needs to be a focus for Family Concerns this year 2013-2014. About two and half years ago, the Respect Life ministry was approached by a benefactor who found the Respect Life Ministry website on the internet, and he decided the work that was being done here in South Florida was worthwhile. He wanted to donate a large amount of money to buy a much needed building to house the Respect Life Ministry Office. After 2 years of working with the Archdiocese to search for a property, a decision not to buy a potential property was made by the Archdiocese. This resulted in the benefactor pulling away from his large donation. Needless to say this was a big blow to the Respect Life Ministry.

In light of this, and in order to support the invaluable work that is done daily by the Respect Life Ministry, we encourage every affiliation to promote a Baby Bottle Campaign as a fundraiser. The Baby Bottle Campaign is the most effective and lucrative way to support this ministry. Each affiliation should contact their local respect life office (there are 5 in our Archdiocese) and set a date for the campaign that is convenient for the parish and the RL office. On the weekend of the Campaign a church announcement has to be made to the congregation and then simply, empty baby bottles are handed out to whoever would like to participate after each mass. Participants take the baby bottle home and fill it with coins, bills or (even better) checks! The baby bottles must be brought back to the church or rectory before two weeks. The local Respect Life office will guide each affiliation in the collection and counting of the donations. This is a wonderful way to support the Respect Life Ministry and 100% of the donations go directly to this ministry. We encourage every affiliation to please support the Respect Life Ministry in this way.

Our role as Catholic women is more important than ever. Let us continue to support the family, in all its aspects and complexities, that we may foster and nourish a generation that sees the Love of God in action!

Church

Claudia H. Charles, Commission Chair

We are the Church!

As members of the laity, we the members of the Council of Catholic Women are called to a life of spirituality, we are called to share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ, and we each have our own part to play in the mission of the Church. As Sister Rose Monique Pena reminded us at convention, “we are agents of evangelization united with God and with others.” We have a right and duty as Council members to work so that the divine message of salvation becomes known and accepted by all. Having read the affiliation annual reports for this year, I find that we are worthy of the call that has been placed upon us and are to be commended for the work that we do.

As lay believers we are in the front line of Church life. In fact, we are the Church! The various reports reveal that:

- We are the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the lay persons who have been commissioned to distribute Holy Communion in the case of a serious necessity and when there are not sufficient priests or deacons available. We bring the precious body and blood of Christ to the sick and the shut-in in hospitals and nursing homes.
- We are the Lectors, ones who prayerfully proclaim the Scriptures, make the presence of God a reality, stir the hearts of others, challenge, comfort, and move the community to work for the Kingdom of God.
- We are the Sacristans, the ones who take care of the sacred vessels, vestments, linens, and altar.
- We are the Catechists, those individuals appointed to instruct our young people in the teachings of our faith and prepare them for the sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- We are the Parish Council Members, the consultative and policy-making body of our parishes, who represent the total parish community in its work of reflection, decision-

making, and evaluation of policies and programs that affect the people.

- We are the Choir Members, a group of singers who praise the God in the Liturgical celebrations through sacred music.
- We are the Prayer Warriors, the ones devoted to praying the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy on a daily basis, visit the Adoration chapel, hold retreats during Advent and Lent, sponsor Days of Reflection, responsible for Stations of the Cross at least one Friday during Lent, members of the Legion of Mary, and purchase and distribute Prayer Cards with the Act of Contrition.
- We are the women who conduct Bible studies in our parishes, sponsor First Communion and Confirmation retreats, hold Mass and brunch for deceased members, sponsor Posada dinners and Easter egg hunts, assume a component role in church special celebrations, conduct video series on both Catholicism and the Foundations of Christianity, and assume an active role in the Archdiocesan Synod Focus Committee.
- We are the ushers, those who graciously escort members and visitors to their seats.
- We are the volunteers who clean and make our churches a beautiful place in which to worship.

Thousands of dollars have been collected and countless hours given to the various ministries within our parishes for which our priests and the Archbishop are eternally grateful. In the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians I say to all of you, “be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” Keep up the good work ladies and let us continue to work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

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Legislation

Monica Kramer, Commission Chair

Legislative Advocacy

Contributed by Anita Thompson,
FCCW Legislative Advocacy Chairman

Catholic Days at the Capitol

We had a great turnout at Tallahassee for Catholic Days at the Capitol, thank you all for coming. We did not get all we asked for but we had a few successes and can bring up the others again next year. Thanks in part to your lobbying efforts the Legislature passed the Infants Born Alive Bill making failure to treat a baby that is still alive after an abortion attempt, a first degree misdemeanor. The baby must be transported to a medical facility, the birth must be reported to the Department of Health and known violation of this law must also be reported. Thankfully we will not have Kermit Gosnell type abortion clinics in Florida.

The School Emergencies Bill also passed so that private schools will be notified, and can take appropriate precautions, in cases of local emergencies just as are public schools. They can also maintain a supply of EpiPens for use in anaphylactic shock.

We will have to try harder next year to convince our legislators that a Marriage Handbook is needed by couples applying for a marriage license rather than instructions on getting a divorce which they now receive.

The Legislature also failed to pass the bill extending Florida KidCare to children of legal immigrants.

Plan to join the Redcoats next year, March 25-26, 2014, as we again try to convince the Florida Legislators that they must hear and heed the Catholic voice. They work for us.

2013 Fortnight for Freedom: June 21 to July 4

The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom, a two-week period of prayer and action, to address many current challenges to religious liberty, including the August 1, 2013 deadline for religious organizations to comply with the HHS mandate; Supreme Court rulings in June that could redefine

marriage, and religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services. For information on resources available to parishes visit the Bishop's website: www.usccb.org.

The Diocese of Venice has suggestions for prayer: www.dioceseofvenice.org/fortnightprayers; study: www.dioceseofvenice.org/fortnighteducation, www.dioceseofvenice.org/conscience, www.dioceseofvenice.org/fortnightreflections and public action: www.dioceseofvenice.org/fortnightactionalerts.

Some concerns are:

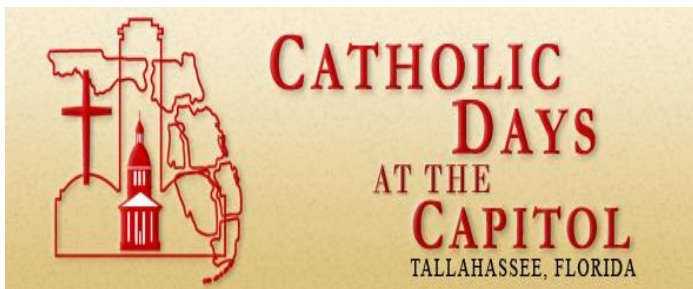
- HHS mandate for insurance policies to include contraception, sterilization, and abortifacients, forcing religious institutions to fund a product contrary to their moral teaching.
- Catholic foster care and adoption services. Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the state of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.
- State immigration laws. Several states have recently passed laws that forbid what they deem as “harboring” of undocumented immigrants—and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to these immigrants.
- Discrimination against small church congregations. New York City adopted a policy that barred churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses.
- Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services. After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

- Christian students on campus. In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.
- Forcing religious groups to host same sex “marriage or civil union ceremonies. A civil rights complaint has been filed against the Catholic Church in Hawaii by a person requesting to use a chapel to hold a same-sex “marriage” ceremony.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Yes, Pope Benedict XVI recognized just last year that various attempts to limit the freedom of religion in the U.S. are particularly concerning. The threat to religious freedom is larger than any single case or issue and has its roots in secularism in our culture. The Holy Father has asked for the laity to have courage to counter secularism that would “delegitimize the Church’s participation in public debate about the issues which are determining the future of American Society.”

At one time our motto was “if it is to be it is up to me”; we are again at that point. If religious freedom is to continue in this country, it is up to you and me to push back against the government’s suppression of religion while promoting a secular society.

In March 2014, the Council of Catholic Women will again attempt to make a difference in Tallahassee. Visits to Florida legislators during the **Catholic Days at the Capitol will take place March 25 -27, 2014.**



SAVE THE DATE:

Catholic Days at the Capitol, March 25-27, 2014

Red Mass of the Holy Spirit, March 26, 2014

International

Louise Scott, Commission Chair

We had yet another amazing year for International Concerns. You, the Ladies of MACCW made rosaries, collected postage stamps, medicine bottles, medical supplies, medicines, wheelchairs, walkers and eyeglasses that were sent to missions all over the world.

Donations for Water for Life, Help a Child, Change for Change and the Madonna Plan were also made. Fair Trade items including coffee and chocolate were sold to help with Work of Human Hands. These plans which are sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and NCCW are the backbone of our fund raising efforts and help many throughout the world to have a better life by enabling them to help themselves.

Funds were donated to Food for the Poor as well as non-perishable items and clothing including pillowcase dresses made by one affiliation to help with relief efforts in Haiti and other countries throughout the Caribbean. One affiliation helps with the Food for the Poor Elder Village in Haiti.

Some affiliations support efforts to end Human Trafficking while others support a child in Nicaragua and Honduras. Funds were also raised to help dig wells for water in Africa and provide livestock such as cattle and goats and supporting Missionaries of the Poor Worldwide.

One affiliation has a member that teaches immigrants English in the Parish hall 2 nights a week.

A very special Thank You to everyone who has made all these wonderful and good works happens.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Community

Marcia Perez, Commission Chair

Many thanks to my Vice Chairs who served during this council year; Mary Jo O'Sullivan, Marie Mohammed, Sandra Hill, Claudette Spelman and Elizabeth Samuels, also, many blessings to ALL members of the CCW Affiliations for your dedication and service to support and aide in your Community.

I am proud to announce that every affiliation is raising money for food to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society through Bingo, Bunco, Flea Markets, Gift Shops, White Elephant Sales, Bake Sales, Christmas Bazaar/Craft Festival and Italian Dinners. Affiliations made Thanksgiving possible for hundreds of families in their community by collecting food after Masses and at their meetings and also involved the Catholic Schools in their Parishes to donate food and prepare gift baskets. Several Affiliations during the Christmas season also collected toys and donated them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Our Annual Haitian Mass in July of 2012 was once again a success; with many members participating and contributing items for the layettes that were presented to several needy Haitian families. The contribution and support of each Council to the MACCW's Doll campaign and Hugs for the Homeless makes us realize that we are Women in Action and by our actions have enriched our community.

Our CCW Members also volunteer their time transporting the elderly to medical appointments, grocery shopping, visiting nursing homes, taking the elderly to Mass and other Parish functions.

Our Convention was a great success; a good time was had by all. The jewelry sale did quite well, thanks to all the wonderful donors and their great donations. A huge thanks goes to the buyers too, some of whom were also donors. The total was \$ 973.00; not bad at all. We need some suggestions for next year and volunteers that want to help with set up and selling.

Some Affiliations contributed to the new program adopted by MACCW, "Women Helping Women", supporting the Discalced Carmelite Nuns. Thanks to an anonymous donor for the granola and almonds for the Convention as well as thanks to all for the donations that we collected at Mass. All your contributions are gratefully appreciated by these wonderful sisters.

Have a Blessed Summer!

Birthing Kits for Our Sisters in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Contributed by Dr. Mary Jo O'Sullivan, MACCW
Women's Health Concerns Chairman

Footprints Foundation supports the right of women to give birth without risking their lives. The provision of Birthing Kits for this region is geared toward decreasing maternal and infant mortality in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC -formerly Zaire and before that the Belgian Congo).

The DRC has one of the four highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the world. It is a very large country of 60 million. The eastern portion of the country is still involved in a war that has resulted in the death of over 5 million people in the last 10 years, and in this region women are systematically violently raped by soldiers. This is also where Footprints works.

Footprints has partnered with St Vincent's Hospital in Bukavu, to teach nurses, midwives and traditional birth attendants (TBA's), so that by upgrading their skills, and encouraging better obstetric care, maternal mortality will decrease, and newborn care will improve. Ultimately, with more referrals to hospitals earlier for obstetric complications, there will be improved quality of care.

Worldwide, where the maternal mortality is the lowest, almost all deliveries occur in the hospital. In the Congo few deliver in hospitals. Why?? The country's infrastructure is in total disarray, there are only 500 miles of paved roads, and most people live in rural areas with almost no access to hospitals in an emergency. Therefore most women are delivered by TBA's.

At the request of the traditional birth attendants, we are providing birth kits containing soap, gloves, dry clean swabs, alcohol swabs, ties for the umbilical cord, and a razor to cut the cord. There is also a large eco-friendly plastic-like bag, which the women will lie on for the labor and delivery. This will then be used to discard the placenta and any other materials, which will all be buried in the ground.

This year MACCW Affiliations are asked to purchase and put these Birthing Kits together as a Community Concerns project. Each kit costs \$7.50. There is a small profit which goes to support the Foundation. If each parish affiliation made 10-20 kits the cost would be between \$75 and \$150.



Organization

Deanna Cook, Commission Chair

As I read through all of the Affiliation Annual reports, it humbles me to read the wonderful works that were done in the name of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women through the affiliations that are what make the MACCW what it is today. If you ever want to forget about all the bad in the world, read any district affiliation report, or any affiliations for that matter. You are the handmaidens to the Lord and it shows in how you spread the good news and remind your communities that Jesus is still among us today.

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The MACCW is comprised of 4 districts- Broward, North Dade, South Dade and Monroe, and each district is made up of several Church Affiliations. Here is a small sampling of what the councils did in the area of Organization for the 2012-2103 calendar year. The forthcoming items do not even begin to scratch the magnitude of what these ladies accomplish each and every year, to review it all is truly a blessing and I am grateful to serve the board in such a capacity. I think after you read it all, you will agree.

Many of our Affiliations worked in parish bazaars, carnivals, spaghetti dinners, and Teas. Some affiliations use phone trees, some use email, some use text and face book. It's all about getting the word out. Many have off shoot ministries like crafty ladies club, prayer shawl or prayer square and BOLD/Social Justice Ministries. They hold fundraisers like: bake

sales, flea markets, Mother's day and Christmas sales. Many affiliations advertise their meetings and special programs in their church bulletin and hand out flyers as well as literature about the CCW. Many affiliations speak after masses to personally invite new members to join them at their monthly meeting or special event.

There was a 50th anniversary of an affiliation and a 25th anniversary in the 2012 year, some affiliations held rummage sales and fashion shows.

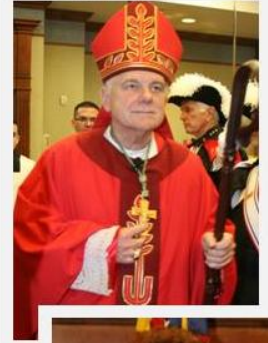
Many Affiliations are the hospitality for their parishes and their pastor's count on them to be welcoming and hospitable. Some affiliations have their 6 commission chairs host meetings and some have a publicity chair. There are many affiliations that have membership chairs. Affiliations sponsor their Parishes First Holy Communion receptions. Many Organization chairs are the chair of their affiliation by-laws committees and many were re-done in this previous year. This is a tremendous amount of work! Keep it up Ladies!!

I feel I must address an issue that was apparent throughout the reports. Almost all of the reports stated that younger / more membership was the problem in which your affiliation hopes that someone has a good solution. I have been a member of the CCW for the past 4 years and I am beginning my second year as your MACCW organization chair. As your chair, I have heard your concerns and will be working though my Affiliation, my District and my Diocese to try to be a solution oriented change agent. We must pray for younger members, we must pray for more members and we must pray for the strength to carry each other.

May God continue to bless you for all that you do.



55th Annual MACCW Conventiondo you remember??



NCCW 2013 Annual Convention



- A good opportunity to see what goes on inside NCCW
- A good opportunity to meet your sisters from all over the Country
- A good opportunity to gain knowledge from a fantastic variety of speakers and about the Organization
- Archbishop Wenski celebrates mass Saturday, September 28 at 4 pm (Closing Liturgy)
- We are the Host Diocese
- No Airfare

Most importantly, at this convention, our own Diane Tugander will be installed as the Florida Council of Catholic Women President/Province Director-Elect at the Province Dinner on Thursday, September 26 at 7:30 pm.

The listed cost is \$79.39. We are very fortunate that our FCCW executive board found a way to pay \$25 on behalf of each member that will attend. Our cost is \$55 but we have to get our reservation in by July 31, 2013. MACCW will be writing one check.

Make a \$55 check payable to MACCW, our FCCW will pay the difference.

Send your reservation to Ann Cubillas, 155 NW 123 St., Miami, FL 33010. Ph# 305 206-8632, email: ann.cubillas@gmail.com

Deadline: July 31, 2013

We are the Host Diocese, we will be in-charge of registration, hostesses, ushers, greeters, meeting room-aides. Call Josephine Gilbert @ 305 510-3163 or nkeglad@aol.com to volunteer. Specify the days and times you can help.

Needed to fill volunteer positions from Tuesday September 24th through Saturday September 28th. Morning, Afternoon or Evening.

****P.S.** You don't have to register for the convention, to attend the Province of Miami dinner or Volunteer.

To Register go to NCCW.org.

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