

# MIAMI ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

# NEWS



# NOTES

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN — NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

**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

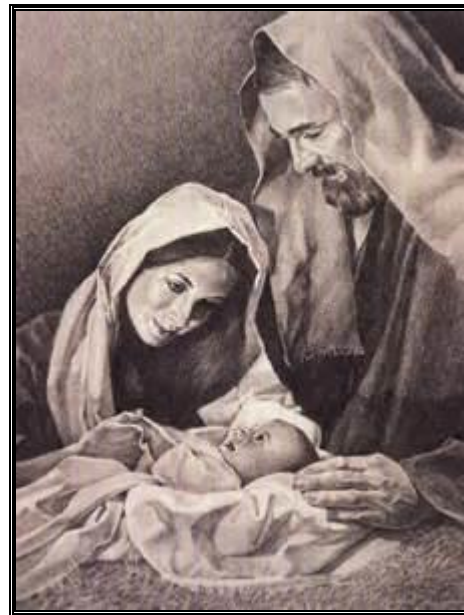
### NCCW Mission Statement

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.

<http://www.maccw.org>

# GLORIA

IN EXCELSIS DEO



“and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

Luke 2: 7

❁❁❁ WINTER 2016 ❁❁❁

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## A message from THE PRESIDENT



Dear Council Sisters,

ADVENT, the season of preparation and hope. In the midst of all the shopping, decorating, baking and parties, we the faithful, prepare for Christmas in a spiritual way.

ADVENT, the season before Christmas is the “winter” time that we look for the light. The days are shorter and darkness occurs earlier. For Christians, Christ is Our Light. As we prepare for Christmas we, the faithful, are reminded that Jesus is the Light of the World.

The beauty of Christmas is not in the presents but in His presence.

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

Have a Wonderful and Blessed Christmas Season,  
Sharon



*I give thanks first to God for giving the members of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women the dedication, strength and love to successfully complete our fundraising event “Tea for Two”! Secondly, many thanks to all those who helped plan, set up, bake and hostess the tables.*

*An event of this type is not accomplished by a few people but by many people working together as God’s servants who share a common mission!*

*The MACCW Afternoon Tea was attended by over 150 people. The tables were beautifully set, the food was delicious and the auction was a success!*

*We received many spoken comments thanking us for the beautiful event and we even received a special written thank you from one of our newest members!*

*I look forward to continued accomplishments with all of you and for all of you!*

Sharon

## COMMUNITY COMMISSION

*Irene Lathrop, Chair*

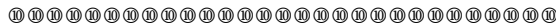
Greetings to all members of Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women this Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas Season. At this time of year Council's efforts to help those in our communities is running at top speed. Many of our affiliations are adopting families and providing food, clothing gift cards, health and beauty items, as well as toys for children.

We are remembering residents in St. Joseph and St. Catherine Assisted Living Facilities (Catholic Health Services), Gesu Senior Center, South Florida Veterans Hospital, Veterans Administration Hospital and Military families. Military overseas will receive phone cards and cards and letters with holiday greetings.

Donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hugs for the Homeless and Food for the Poor are in high gear. Gift wrapping is happening for Church Women United, and both Women in Distress and Children in Distress are beneficiaries of our outreach.

Amid all this activity, let us not forget to *Pray Always!* Each of these activities listed are a prayer in and of itself, yet the need is great to pause and empty our minds of nothing but the Glory of God...”to pray to God because He is God.” (Rev. Jarrod Lies, St Francis of Assisi Parish, Wichita, KS)

I hope that you had a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving, and are enjoying a prayer-filled Advent! Best wishes for a Merry Christmas!



**Carolina O'Naghten,**  
7yr old of granddaughter of former Community Concerns Chairman, MACCW Treasurer & Secretary, Patricia Dougherty, chose St. Kateri Tekakwitha as her patron saint for a 1<sup>st</sup> grade program at St. Hugh Catholic School. How special that is to those of us who remember St. Kateri was the Patroness of the Indian Mass and Carolina's Grandma Pat was the Chairman!!!

## HUGS FOR THE HOMELESS

*Claudette Spelman, Vice Chair*

### **FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN Province of Miami 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HUGS FOR THE HOMELESS**

This is the time of year we come together with friends and family and thank our Lord for the many blessings he has bestowed on us. Unfortunately there are many families that do not have that luxury, and that is why we continue The Hugs for the Homeless Project. We do it because we are Women dedicated to the Gospel values of love, hope and charity.

Success of the program begins with you all. This year as last, **each A/DCCW** can hold their “Hugs” drive anytime convenient from now until February. This council year we need to work harder in our affiliations to bring our figures up from last year. Start early and choose the best way you know to raise the money. We are grateful for the support from Archbishop Wenski, and thankful for his letter of endorsement for the project. Be sure to display the endorsement letter on your event table.

All money from each A/DCCW must be turned in to your Treasurer (Karen Lorenzen) by the middle of February or as soon as your event is done. Treasurer Karen Lorenzen will then send all money collected to the FCCW Treasurer no later than March 7,2017.

Good Luck, be creative and don't forget your “Bear HUGs and Kisses.



**FLORIDA COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN**

*Diane Tugander, President/Province Dir.*

Greetings my dear MACCW Council Sisters, Thank You, Thank you one and all for your service and dedication to MACCW. Our FCCW Conference was a success, the speakers were very informative on issues that are important to us all, the attendance was wonderful - we had 75 first time attendees, we were able to renew friendships and make some new friends.

I do appreciate the efforts made by my Miami sisters who made the trip to Jacksonville for the Conference - I hope you came home with new ideas and information for your members -- PLEASE share!

When we gathered around our Thanksgiving tables, my prayer was that each and every one is blessed abundantly in the coming year. I know I have much to be thankful for!

*"Glory to God in the Highest" Luke 2:14*

As we are now in the Advent season and prepare for the birth of our Lord, I would pause and reflect on the many blessings bestowed on us by the Lord this past year. As I look back on my year with its many ups and downs, I know in spite of it all I have a great deal to be thankful for. I know my personal challenges gave me an opportunity to say to the Lord over and over; "Thy will be done", "What do You want me to do next" and "Help me through this!"

I wish to express my appreciation for your friendships and My Christmas wish for you all is that; "the Christmas Miracle of the Birth of Jesus fills our hearts with Joy and Love and that our New Year is filled with Peace and Hope.

Your dedication to the Council of Catholic Women and to the people we serve with your time, talents, and treasures, as our Conference theme reminded us, "We do it for Him".

In peace, love and JOY,

*Diane Tugander*

FCCW President/Province Director

**A MESSAGE FROM:**

**FR. GREER**

*MACCW Spiritual Advisor*

Dear Sisters of the MACCW:

We have often heard of one of the unique characteristics of the Catholic Church: Its universal-ity. While we may not speak the same languages and celebrations of the Liturgy (Mass) may differ, we are one in the Lord.

This diversity allows for enrichment and inspiration. All the same, we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

As the Lord sent his disciples to different parts of the world so must we welcome our Catholic sisters from different countries and cultures to be active and involved to enhance and empower our efforts of support and service.

Lord, make us one in You!

*Fr. Mike*

**MACCW Day of Reflection  
Saturday, January 21, 2017**

**All Catholic women are invited**

**Guest Speakers**

**Fr. Alfred Cioffi**

Doctorate in Moral Theology, Genetics and Professor of Biology and Bioethics, serves on the Board of Directors; Respect Life Ministry and Catholic Health Services

**Fr. Elvis Gonzalez**

Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Miami on May 11, 2013. He served at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Kendall until June 2015, when he was appointed Archdiocesan Vocations Director

**Lucy del Valle-Noriega**

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Harvard University, Psychology and Social Relations. Lucy currently leads women's weekends in Cursillo Christianity Movement

# WOMEN SERVING WITH JOY INVITE YOU TO A DAY OF REFLECTION



**Saturday, January 21, 2017  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY  
COLLEGE SEMINARY  
2900 S.W. 87TH Avenue  
Miami, FL 33165**

*\$20.00 per person  
includes lunch*

**OPENING MASS: 10:00AM**  
Presenters  
**Lucy del Valle-Noriega  
Fr. Elvis Gonzalez  
and Fr. Alfred Cioffi**

**Sponsored By Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women  
R.S.V.P Marcia Perez (no later than January 9, 2017)**

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## FAMILY COMMISSION

*Linda Hatlan, Chair*

My husband Jim and I took a river cruise on the Rhine in late October. An on-board lecture gave us highlights of German life. It was interesting that their maternity leave is 3 years at full salary with a guaranteed return to work at the same salary level and position as before she had her baby. Then the family receives \$200 monthly until the child is 25 years old.

In spite of these benefits, Germany's birth rate remains a low 1.5. For perspective, a 2.1 birth rate is only a replacement rate because some children do not survive into adulthood. So it seems the German government **cannot PAY** people to have babies.

Perhaps one deterrent to families is Germany's church tax. If you are affiliated with a church, you pay a Church Tax. The Unaffiliated save on this tax and essentially realize an increase in income. But these young people miss out on the many intangible benefits inherent in a faith-filled family life.

Archbishop Wenski wrote in a Sun-Sentinel editorial on April 13, 2016, "sometimes people accept a secularized world view...that holds that permanent commitments are impossible or overly burdensome....Jesus invites us into the drama of his own life—which does require a dying to self—so we might know the joy of love."

We all can look at the Holy Family as a source of inspiration. If young people today think they deal with struggles, recall what world-changing decisions Mary and Joseph faced. The nativity story can become sugar-coated and glossy. We need to remember Mary and Joseph's difficulties and celebrate their joyful events. When families share pain and joy, their focus on God will help them grow in mercy and love.



2017  
Chastity Days

Hosted by the [Respect Life Office](#) and the [Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women](#), the event is designed to teach students how to discern the truth amid the false messages they receive about love and sex in today's world.

A total of 1,564 eighth graders from 37 Catholic schools attended the 2016 Chastity Days, which are held on four different days in February at four different locations, two in Broward and two in Miami-Dade.

Throughout the three-hour program, speakers use a series of multimedia messages to reinforce the theme that "today's choices lead to tomorrow's outcomes." Students learned about the sacredness of sexuality and the sanctity of human life from both a spiritual and scientific perspective.

Volunteers from both Respect Life and the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women work together to ensure the success of these special days. We would be most happy if you would be able to help out on any of the four days (see below) with your "time, talents, and treasures".

### SAVE THESE DATES!!!

#### **FEBRUARY 14**

BAILEY CONCERT HALL  
BROWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DAVIE

#### **FEBRUARY 16**

FLORIDA MEMORIAL COLLEGE  
MIAMI

#### **FEBRUARY 21**

GUSMAN CONCERT HALL  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

#### **FEBRUARY 23**

ROCA THEATER  
BELEN JESUIT PREPARATORY, MIAMI

You are cordially invited to the

**Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Fundraiser**  
**Luncheon and Auction**

**2017 Honoree**

**Douglas Romanik**

Archbishop Curley Notre Dame High School Principal  
“Making a Difference in Catholic Education  
in the Archdiocese of Miami”

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

**EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL**

**1100 SE 17<sup>TH</sup> Street**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316**

*Mention MACCW for Complimentary Daily Self-Parking OR \$5.00 Daily Valet Parking*

Silent and Chinese Auctions

Cash Bar & Reception at 11:30 am

Luncheon at 12:00 pm

**Proceeds to Benefit the MACCW Scholarship Fund**

**Donation:** \$50.00/person – Due by February 15th      After February 15th - \$55/person

**Make Checks Payable to:** MACCW Scholarship Fund

**Send Reservations to:** Mrs. Suzanne Auer  
385 Caribbean Dr.  
Key Largo, FL 33037  
Keyskitten@aol.com

For more information contact Mary Weber, Chair, 305-469-3515 or [maccwscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:maccwscholarshipfund@gmail.com)

## INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

*Ann Cubillas, Chair*

Both the NCCW Annual Convention and the recent FCCW Bi-Annual Conference addressed the issue of “Human Trafficking” a form of modern day slavery. I was very impressed with all the information presented at these events.

I have been attending the Miami-Dade County Coalition on Human Trafficking meetings for the last two years, representing the MACCW. These meetings are most informative because they address what we are doing within our own community. I highly recommend each District of the MACCW find someone to investigate their local Coalition and represent the CCW and update themselves on what is happening in Broward and Monroe Counties.

At the most recent meeting some great news was given regarding several areas of services being offered for human trafficking victims.

Several months ago Miami-Dade County established a specific judge to handle all human trafficking cases. We learned at the last meeting that this court is working and now is expanding to hearings on 2 days a week rather than one. Judges now refer these cases to this particular Court.

The Coalition offers many events throughout the year to inform and educate people on Human Trafficking. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 they will be hosting the first “Youth in Action: Becoming a Human Trafficking Prevention Youth Leader” conference for age 16 to 18, High School Students. Miami Dade County Schools has come on board to support these events.

Share Your Heart, a faith based organization, has developed an “App” for smartphones to be made available to all high school students. This will give them information on who to contact when they suspect a peer is involved in this life event. Miami Dade County Schools has approved this application.

The South Florida Human Trafficking Task Force of the FBI and State Attorney’s Office is going to get an official website soon. Look for updates on when it will become live.

St. Thomas University continually offers 2 and 3 day conferences on Human Trafficking and I will keep you posted when these events arise.

Don’t be afraid to speak up about this terrible epidemic that is happening today all around us, everywhere in the world. Educate yourself! Go on the NCCW Website to learn what resources are available for education. Go on the State Attorney’s website to learn facilities and services that are available in the area for these victims. ALL CHILDREN BELONG TO GOD! We must protect all human rights and end modern slavery!

## NCCW MILLION WORKS OF MERCY

Thank you to the members of the NCCW!

Miami ACCW gives a special thank you to Cathy Donn (St. Bernadette CCW) for helping us to record the hours from our members. Can you just imagine the job that Jane Carter had tallying the hours that were reports by members from all over the United States?

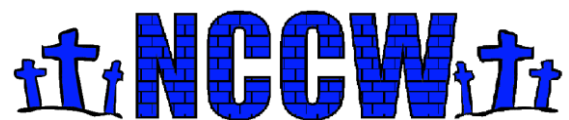
The **C-O-U-N-T-I-N-G** was over on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, but we know that your good works continue!

There is a special “Thank You” handout to share with your affiliate members. It gives examples of the variety of Works of Mercy that are done by not only members of all levels of the Council of Catholic Women but just think of what others do that we really don’t hear or know about. You might want to print out the thank you and give to members of your affiliations as a small token of appreciation and help them realize the monumental job they do for those in need of our mercy.

### WHERE ARE WE NOW???

The NCCW website now reports the current count to be:

**1,939,272**



This graphic is indicative of the numbers that we have accumulated. Each letter in the image represents 250,000 Works of Mercy. Each small cross represents 100,000 Works of Mercy. The large cross represents 250,000 Works of Mercy. May God continue to bless you always for what you do to help your fellow man.



# LEGISLATION COMMISSION

Marliese Lejuba, Chair

## PRAYER AFTER AN ELECTION

**God of all nations,  
Father of the human family,  
we give you thanks for the freedom  
we exercise and the many blessings  
of democracy we enjoy  
in these United States of America.**

**We ask for your protection and guidance  
for all who devote themselves to the  
common good, working for justice and  
peace at home and around the world.**

**We lift up all our duly elected leaders  
and public servants, those who will serve  
as president, as legislators and judges,  
those in the military and law enforcement.**

**Heal us from our differences and unite us,  
O Lord, with a common purpose,  
dedication, and commitment  
to achieve liberty and justice  
in the years ahead for all people,  
and especially those who are most  
vulnerable in our midst.**

**AMEN**

*Source: Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers  
FCCW Legislative Advocacy, Angela Becker*



### ATTENTION:

**Let's keep things rolling in this new Election Year. Once again we can "Make Our Voices Heard" by attending "Catholic Days at the Capitol" on April 4-5, 2017. Looking forward to seeing you there!.**



## 10 THINGS A LEGISLATION COMMISSION CHAIR CAN DO

**PRAY.** We ask for God's guidance in all our undertakings as we defend the life and dignity of every human person and the common good. Pray for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government that their deliberations respect our rights to act in accordance with our religious beliefs.

**ORGANIZE.** Organize a network/committee as our bishops have said it is our moral responsibility to be involved in the political process. Seek individuals from all congressional and state voting districts so contact will come from constituents.

**EDUCATE.** Urge members to read websites and sign up for information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)), Catholic Charities USA ([www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)), Catholic Rural Life ([www.ncrlc.com](http://www.ncrlc.com)) and their state Catholic Conference if they have one. Host information sessions in your parish or deanery on issues of concern to the Catholic Church.

**ACT.** Encourage signing up to receive action alerts from groups named in 3 and responding to their requests to call or write your legislators on issues of concern.

**MEET.** When state and congressional legislators are in their home districts, set up meetings with constituents to begin building relationships. Surveys have shown that legislators and staff value most the opinions of their constituents.

**PARTICIPATE.** Sign up and encourage others to do also for Catholics at the Capitol type events sponsored by a state Catholic Conference or diocese. This is another opportunity to build a relationship with your legislators. Consider participating in the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering held in Washington, DC, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**SPONSOR.** During an election year, consider hosting a candidate forum. All candidates should be invited to speak regardless of party affiliation.

**VOLUNTEER.** Offer to help candidates whose values align with Church teaching by working for or donating to their campaigns and encourage others to do the same.

**THANK.** Write a thank you note following any in person visit or when a legislator votes your position on an issue. This is another form of relationship building.

**VOTE.** One vote can make a difference. Offer rides to the polls to those unable to drive.

*Sheila Hopkins,  
NCCW Spirituality Commission  
Chair/Legislation Committee Chair  
2003 - 2005*

# ORGANIZATION COMMISSION

*Margaret Wright, Chair*

**By Catherine Berry,  
NCCW Nominations Committee Chair**

## **NCCW CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2017**

Women of poise, character, strength and dedication have served to represent Catholic women nationwide throughout the almost one hundred year history of the National Council of Catholic Women. Members of the Nominating Committee seek candidates to represent all members in the offices of Secretary and President-Elect as well as seven members for the Nominating Committee. Information and a nomination form with qualifications and requirements for the position are posted on the NCCW website. Members may provide valued assistance by directing suggested candidate names and recommendations to Chair of the Nominating Committee, Catherine Berry, [cathy.berry@charter.net](mailto:cathy.berry@charter.net), 4203 Meadowwood Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701-9214. **The deadline to receive all nomination applications is January 15, 2017.**

**President-Elect:** The President-Elect shall, at the request of the President, or in the President's absence or during her inability to act, perform the duties and exercise the functions of the President, and when so acting shall have the powers and duties of the President. The President-Elect shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as are from time to time assigned to her by the Board or the President. Upon the resignation, death or incapacity of the President, the President-Elect shall become President. Upon completing her term of office, the President-Elect shall automatically become President. The President-Elect will serve a two-year term and then assume the position of President and serve a two-year term in that position. A vacancy in the position of President-Elect for any reason shall be filled by the members during the next election cycle. **To be eligible for the office of President-Elect**, candidates must have served as an arch/diocesan president (*term must be completed prior to installation if elected*) and served on the NCCW Board of Directors for a minimum of two years (*prior to installation if elected*). Must be an individual member in good standing to serve as an officer. A person may serve only one term of office for President or President-Elect.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall sign, with the President, such documents as are customarily attested

to by the secretary of a corporation and shall keep minutes of meetings and forward such notices as may be required pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws or by the Act. The Secretary shall ensure that the books, reports, statements and such other documents and records as may be required or necessary for the conduct of NCCW's business are in order. The Secretary shall perform such other duties incident to the office of Secretary as may be assigned by the Board or otherwise set forth in these Bylaws. **To be eligible for the office of Secretary**, candidates must be an individual member in good standing. A person may serve only one term of office for Secretary.

**Nominating Committee:** A Nominating Committee of seven (7) members shall be elected by the members for a two-year term. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be candidates for any elected position and may not serve more than one term on the Nominating Committee without a break in service of more than two (2) years. The Nominating Committee shall select a maximum of three (3) candidates for each vacant officer position. **To be eligible for the Nominating Committee**, candidates must be an individual member in good standing. A person may serve one term on the Nominating Committee and must have a break of greater than 2 years before being eligible to serve another term.

Please prayerfully consider stepping forward to support the organization we all know and love. **Process to apply:** Nominations need to be submitted by **January 15, 2017** to the Chair of the Nominations Committee. Elections will be held in May with installation at the annual meeting in September, 2017. Nominations need to include the nomination form (available on [nccw.org](http://nccw.org)), a letter of endorsement from the candidate's bishop and president of their affiliate, a 100 word statement of nominee's reason for seeking this position, a resume (details on [nccw.org](http://nccw.org)) and a current photo.

Consult [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) for more information or one of your nominating committee members:  
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# "Tea for Two"

Memories from:  
MACCW "TEA for TWO hundred"  
November 13, 2016  
St. Henry Parish



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**SAVE THESE DATES!!**

January 2017	21	Day of Reflection	St. John Vianney Seminary
	28	Respect Life Walk & Mass	St. John Vianney Seminary
February 2017	14	Chastity Day	Bailey Concert Hall Broward Community College
	16	Chastity Day	Florida Memorial College Miami
	21	Chastity Day	Gusman Concert Hall University of Miami
	23	Chastity Day	Roca Theater Belen Jesuit, Miami
	25	MACCW Scholarship Gala	Embassy Suites Hotel Ft. Lauderdale
March 2017	11	South District Spring General Meeting	St. Thomas the Apostle Miami
	18	Central District Spring General Meeting	St. Bernadette Hollywood
	25	North District Spring General Meeting	Tba
April 2017	4 – 5	Catholic Days at the Capitol Annual Lobby Trip	Tallahassee
	28 – 30	59 <sup>th</sup> Annual MACCW Convention	Hosted by the North District of MACCW