

NEWS



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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>

Supreme Court overturns Roe vs. Wade!



The fruits of our labors of marching, advocating, and praying for an end to abortion has come to fruition on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade.

NCCW stands with the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in support of a society that values human life, respects human dignity, and protects the inalienable rights of all human persons from conception to natural death. We joyfully echo their statement released today on this historic day in our country.

Patricia Voorhes
President, NCCW

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A message from The President

*"Our mission is singular,
to be united with Mary as our guide"*



Greetings, I will admit I am a bit nervous. Will I be able to fill other's shoes, will I do a good job, am I up to the task? I believe my love for MACCW will keep me on my toes and help me to make good and wise decisions for the organization.

After all, that is what we do when we accept a position in CCW; be there for the organization, but also for all our sisters here together. We are here to help each other learn about CCW and increase the growth of it, but also as friends and sisters to each other.

I recently read an article about what lessons women can learn from Mary and Martha, and I realized it applies not only to CCW and our jobs and families but everyday life.

The lessons were that Mary knew true hospitality is always in style; don't compete and worry about "oh I can't do it the way they did or my house or my affiliation doesn't stand up to others". Martha was always worried, but hospitality is what is in our hearts, not what people see, so keep your heart open to your fellow parishioners and friends and family. What you receive back could be endless in friendship and love.

Do not compare yourself to anyone else, do what is right for you, don't be envious or jealous of others, whether it be their homes, possessions or family. You never know what truly goes on behind closed doors, so just be yourself and share that with the world.

Always go to the best source for help. Don't just complain or put things out there on social media or call your best friend to complain. There is something to be said for knowing who can help. Always go to the One who can actually help you fix things first. Martha knew this when she went to Jesus with all her questions.

A message from The President

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Always remember that you can tell Jesus anything, he is there to listen, and he accepts us for who we are without batting an eye. He never gets offended when we go to Him in the middle of an emotional upheaval. He doesn't mind when we tell him exactly how we are feeling and what we need. He adores us and is our perfect friend and is always approachable, loving and eager to listen.

The path to peace begins with one thing, Jesus reminded Martha – and us – what to be “concerned” with, where to focus, and what should take a front row seat in our lives - our relationship with Jesus.

When we concentrate on Jesus first, we discover that we are never truly alone or without help. We experience that His grace is enough for all that we face. We find inner peace and strength to face whatever comes our way, these are the kinds of truth that keep us calm, even the busiest seasons of life and of serving.

None of us are perfect, we are all human and we will mess up, but as long as we do everything in our power to do it in the name of Christ, and realize that stepping up to be part of our CCW is what we all joined for, to be a servant for Christ, to make friendships and to be there for each other.

We can all do this together, no job is too big or too small for us to do together and help each other, if we keep praying to Jesus and Mary, and we will keep growing in our organization and grow stronger in Christ.

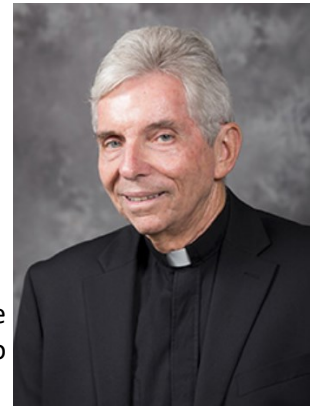
Blessings,

Karen Lorenzen, MACCW President

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MACCW Spiritual Advisor
Very Rev. Michael J. Greer, V.F.



The scriptures say: “Let us go rejoicing ...” As we begin with new leadership, I wish to offer my support and encouragement not only to the archdiocesan board, but also to parish affiliations and their officers. While at times we may be overwhelmed by our responsibilities, let us remember the guidance Mary the Mother of the Lord offers at the site of Christ’s first miracle in Cana: “do as He says”.

Through the preaching and teaching of Christ, we have our foundation and inspiration. It relates to serving our God and supporting one another. Mary, whom we honor and are called to emulate this year at Pope Francis’ request,

spoke very little, as we find in the Bible, but showed us “the way” to going forth with Christ.

In life today – filled with sorrows and sadness – we are offered inspiration through His holy Mother. Let us ask her inspiration and intercession. With her help we will find joy in Jesus!

Yours in the Lord,

Very Rev. Michael J. Greer, V.F.
Spiritual Advisor / MACCW

Spirituality

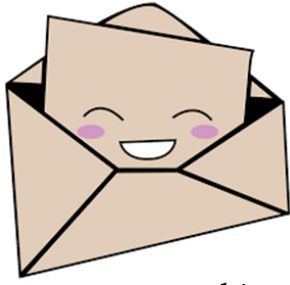
Claudia Charles, Commission Chair

On June 5th we celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost, a day commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and Mary the Mother of our Lord fifty days after His resurrection. The Holy Spirit is often referred to as the Forgotten Person of the Trinity, in the Nicene Creed, He is the Lord, the Giver of Life, and at other times He is referred to as the Love between the Father and the Son. As a catechist, my students were often reminded that given the three stages of the Rites of Initiation, they were born into the family of God in the sacrament of Baptism, nourished by the Bread of Life in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, and empowered to become a disciple of Christ in the sacrament of Confirmation. We are baptized in the name of the Holy Spirit at Baptism and sealed with the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. Upon the completion of our initiation, the power of the Holy Spirit is a constant presence in our lives to assist in our spiritual growth and development.

Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and gave birth to the Son of God. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit when she heard the voice of Mary at the time of the Visitation and the baby in her womb leaped for joy. Mary Magdalene and the other ladies found the tomb empty because Jesus had been risen from the dead by the power of the Spirit of God. And on the day of Pentecost, Peter delivered a Spirit-filled message that converted the hearts of three thousand men, not including women and children.

The pandemic has dampened the faith of many; however, it is our prayer that by the power of the Holy Spirit our faith is restored, our hearts enkindled with the fire of God’s love, and we are empowered, strengthened, and motivated to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us as members of the Council of Catholic Women.

“Our mission is singular, to be united with Mary as our guide.” Of ourselves we can do nothing, but in and through and with Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and guided by our Mother Mary in the person of Our Lady of Good Counsel we can and will do all things to the honor and glory of God and the edification of the faithful.



a letter from the MACCW Immediate Past President: Marliese Ljuba

After a two year hiatus due to Covid, the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women held our 62nd convention in Deerfield Beach. We had approximately 125 women attend, including 4 from the newly formed CCW of Diocese of St. Thomas, the US Virgin Islands. The theme of the convention was "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God". This has been the theme of my presidency, and I hope that it will continue to be a reminder to all of the great things we can expect from our Lord as we continue to serve him.

One of the main highlights from the convention was the Golden Rose Award. MACCW presented the first Golden Rose Award to Grace Chaffins from Our Lady of Lourdes parish. Grace was chosen for her outstanding service, leadership and spirituality. My hope is that this award will bring awareness to the faithful young ladies of our diocese about the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. With the award, the young ladies will always remember MACCW and hopefully return one day as an active member.

During the convention five girls were awarded \$5,000 scholarships each to attend a Catholic high school of their choice. To date MACCW has awarded over \$316,000 in scholarships to over 71 recipients.

The ladies of MACCW joined in the Crowning of the Blessed Mother, followed by a Living Rosary led by newly ordained Fr. Enzo Rosario. We had Fr. Ryan Saunders speak about Catholic Days at the Capitol and the importance of our role as Catholic voters. Fr. Matthew Gomez, the archdiocesan vocation director, spoke about the importance of

supporting vocations and asked the women to pray for vocations and keep their eyes open for any potential young priests at their parish that may need support.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski celebrated the Saturday vigil Mass with the ladies, including some women of the hotel staff. His message to those present was to be faithful to God and stand up for the Catholic Faith. "Opening our hearts to others and their needs, recognizing Jesus in the person of the prisoner, the migrant, the hungry, is an opportunity for each one of us for salvation and blessedness."

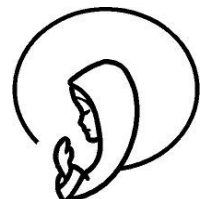
The closing banquet ended with MACCW presenting Archbishop Wenski with a \$3500 donation for the archdiocese's burse fund. Another check for nearly \$7000 from the MACCW proceeds from Hugs for the Homeless was presented to the Archbishop for the Msgr. Bryan O Walsh Children's Village. The Children's Village is a shelter for unaccompanied minors.

The last day of the convention closed with a memorial prayer service for our beloved deceased members of MACCW, followed by the installation of the new MACCW board.

I would like to thank all those who helped and supported me during my term as MACCW President. I wish Karen Lorenzen, the new president of MACCW and the new board continued success. My hope is for the future of MACCW to unite and grow in membership.

Always remember: WE ARE CATHOLIC WOMEN STRONG!

God's continued blessings,
Marliese Ljuba
Immediate Past President,
MACCW





North District Council of Catholic Women

Dear CCW Sisters,

We had an unusual two years dealing with the Coronavirus. We had to have a number of meeting via Zoom. Our fundraising was challenging, but we succeeded and had a productive year.

North District had three raffles: A tote bag with many surprises inside, a raffle for a Rosary CD and we had a White Elephant Sale at each of our meetings.

We introduced something new. "A Prayer Partner". At each meeting everyone would sign their name on a slip of paper and deposit into a basket. During the meeting, the Church Chair went to each table and had the ladies choose a slip of paper. That would be their Prayer Partner until the next meeting.

Our Affiliations held many fundraisers, Teas, Fashion Shows and Card Parties just to name a few. They also had spiritual events like Days of reflection and meetings to pray the Rosary weekly.

We supported the MACCW Scholarship Luncheon, the Haitian Mass and we were the Host District of this year's MACCW Convention.

Some of our Commission Chair projects were:

Community- Collecting tabs for the purchasing of vests for police dogs

International- Filling shoe boxes for Seafarers

Family- Hugs for the Homeless

The money we received from the Hugs campaign last year went to two homeless shelters: Broward Partnership Homeless Shelter and Hope South Florida. At our November General Meeting and Breakfast, we had a guest Speaker from Broward Partnership Homeless Shelter, Donna Minott. We also gave a check to Hope South Florida.

This year we gave our portion of the Hugs money to Monsignor Byron O. Walsh Children's Village.

The clothing we collected for children at this year's MACCW Convention went to Broward Partnership Homeless Shelter.

The Outstanding Member Award for North District went to Clara Villanueva from St. Vincent. The Our Lady of Good Counsel Award went to Bette Clark from St. Andrews.

We are ending our season with a Communion Breakfast June 25th at St. Andrews. 9am Mass followed by breakfast. Then we will have a Guest Speaker, the President of Turning Point Transitional Services, Sylvia Johnson.

Blessings,

Flo McGrath, President

Central District Council of Catholic Women

The Central District of MACCW held their Spring General Meeting on April 25, 2022, via Zoom. The District now has Co-Vice Presidents, filled by Avril King of St. Mary's Cathedral CCW, and Barbara Asfendis of St. Bernadette CCW. The Corresponding Secretary position remains vacant, and we need to fill the three commission chair positions.

St. Bernadette CCW and St. Bartholomew CCW are not meeting at this time for various reasons, however, we were able to meet and spend time with some lovely Women of Fiat from St. Stephen Protomartyr CCW at the Haitian Mass/Layette event, and at Convention.

On behalf of the Central District, I attended Good Shepherd's CCW Tea in March, and St. Andrew's Tea in April.

In May, I also visited the Broward Outreach Center/Miami Rescue Mission/The Caring Place on Scott Street in Hollywood, and donated four (4) very large bags of toddler clothes. These clothes were collected at Convention due to the NCCW Children Matter Doll Campaign. (The Center helps men, women, and children with meals, safe shelter, life-changing residential programs, employment, and housing - resulting in transformed lives. Their passion is to follow the Lord Jesus Christ's great commission by serving others. They have been serving people experiencing homelessness in both Miami and Broward since 1922).

Our Budget Committee prepared a budget for the 2022-2023 year, and we will be continuing discussions about upcoming events and funds. We are also letting everyone know we will no longer be taking shirt orders at this time. Thanks to everyone who supported our District fundraiser and purchased blue and red polo shirts over the past several years. And we once again thanks to North District and all the women who so graciously and spectacularly organized and worked the 2022 MACCW Convention.

The District's Pilgrim Virgin is in 'static' prayer mode at this time, and she will begin traveling once her protective case is completed and a circulation plan is in place. If anyone knows of someone who can help out by making this case, please let us know.

Our Fall General Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022, and will be hosted by St. Rose of Lima CCW; this meeting is listed on the MACCW calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Donn

President, CD of MACCW



South District Council of Catholic Women

Dear Madam President and Board Members,

We are so blessed to be back meeting and attending events again as Sisters in Christ. Let us all pray that we can continue to meet in person.

Our main fundraiser this year was the South District Tea by the Sea. It was a huge success! We had over a hundred ladies in attendance. Prizes were awarded for the best hat, and tablescapes. Great fun was had by all that attended.

As President of South District I was invited to attend St. Andrews High Tea. The ladies of St. Andrews did a beautiful job. Our very own Fabiola Sanchez De Armas won a huge basket full of goodies.

I also had the pleasure of attending the MACCW Convention in April. The convention was a great success. Spirituality and fun was had by all. ByLaws were discussed and voted on. I was pleased that affiliations now have both voice and vote.

Affiliation Presidents or the appointed delegate are now responsible to attend all of the MACCW board meetings. Many members spoke during the ByLaws discussions. This is a great sign of hope for the future of MACCW. At the convention we had the end of one Board and the beginning

of the new Board. I am excited to see what the future will be for MACCW as we all work together.

This year South District decided to split the proceeds from Hugs for the Homeless. Half of our proceeds were donated to the Msgr. Bryan O'Walsh Children's Village, also known as Boys Town, and the other half was donated to the Chapman Partnership. Both charities are very worthy organizations and were very grateful to receive the donations.

I hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer. Looking ahead to the fall, I am planning events for South District that will be both Spiritual and Fun. And as you all know as Catholic women, there of course will be fundraising events as well.

Please pray for the continued success of all the CCWs.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Eaves
President, SDCCW



Legislation

Josephine Gilbert, Commission Chair

You will receive your information from three different sources: Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FLACCB), United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and NCCW Legislative Advocacy. If you need to send anything regarding legislation, it must be approved by President Lorenzen and the material must be from these three sources.

Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops - (FLACCB)

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FLACCB) is an agency of the Catholic Bishops of Florida. It speaks for the Church in matters of public policy and serves as liaison to the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government. The archbishop and bishops of the seven (arch)dioceses in Florida constitute its board of directors.

All the 7 diocese of Florida makes the Province of Miami. The FLACCB serves as liaison to state government on matters of concern to the Catholic Church in the seven dioceses of the Province of Miami, as a nonpartisan public policy voice on behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Florida.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - (USCCB)

Our purposes under civil law are:

- to unify, coordinate, encourage, promote and carry on Catholic activities in the United States;
- to organize and conduct religious, charitable and social welfare work at home and abroad;
- to aid in education;
- to care for immigrants;
- and generally to enter into and promote by education, publication and direction the objects of its being.

NEWS:

On April 14, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law HB 5 that limits abortions in Florida to the first 15 weeks of

pregnancy. The new law also includes provisions to improve infant health and analyze and reduce fetal and infant mortality.

Religious freedom Week June 22-28

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

Save The Date:

2023 Catholic Days at the Capitol will be held on March 7-8

Each year during the legislative session, Catholics from across the state gather in Florida's capitol city to put their faith and civic responsibility into action.

Catholic Days activities include:

- A legislative briefing on policy issues affecting human life and dignity
- Pre-scheduled meetings with lawmakers and/or their aides
- The opportunity to view the legislative process in action
- An awards breakfast for Catholic Days participants, Florida's bishops and legislators
- Box lunch available on 22nd floor of the Capitol
- Group photos of each diocesan delegation with their bishop
- Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit concelebrated by the bishops of Florida to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government

Please stay tuned for the registration information. MACCW Affiliations are encouraged to have at least one or two members on the bus. Now that we are back in the public square, Madam Presidents, start preparing so that your affiliation can be included. Please make CDAC a line item in your Affiliation budget. You will be hearing from me and President Lorenzen sometime in the fall.



Scholarship

Mary Weber, Commission Chair

The MACCW Scholarship Committee members are MACCW Spiritual Advisor Fr. Michael Greer, MACCW President Marliese Ljuba, Treasurer Kitten Auer, Secretary Bette Clark, Diane Tugander, Barbara Asfendis, Josephine Gilbert, Marie Mohammed and Chairman Mary Weber. We wish to thank all of you for helping to make our 2022 Annual Scholarship Fund Raising Event on February 19, 2022, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, a success. Bishop Enrique Delgado started the luncheon off with a prayer. We Honored Oscar Cedeño, Cardinal Gibbons High School Principal, for "Making a Difference in Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Miami". We were pleased to be able to meet 2 of the 2021 scholarship recipients, Isabella Parra, who is attending Cardinal Gibbons High School, and Aolani Dominguez, who attends St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Alexis Battoo, a 2020 scholarship recipient who attends Cardinal Gibbons High School, thanked us for enabling her to attend her "dream high school". They gave us an update on their experiences in high school. On behalf of the scholarship committee, I would like to thank you for the outpouring of support from the membership. Thanks to our benefactors and all of you, we exceeded our goal this year and raised \$22,833.00.

The scholarship committee met on April 2, 2022, to judge the 39 scholarship applications that were sent in from 14 different schools. Ten of the applications were missing requirements to be eligible and were not judged. We choose 5 girls to receive a scholarship of \$5,000.00 each, to attend

the Catholic high school of their choice. The 5 girls are: from St. Mary Cathedral Catholic School, Yardora Bayard, who will be attending Msgr. Edward Pace High School; from St. Helen Catholic School, Julie Nguyen, who will be attending Cardinal Gibbons High School; from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic School, Astrid Cadevilla who will be attending Archbishop McCarthy High School; from St. James Catholic School, Rosedele Joseph, who will be attending St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and from Annunciation Catholic School, Amanda Desravines, who will be attending Msgr. Edward Pace High School. The girls will be presented the MACCW Lucy Petrillo Scholarship Award Certificate at the 62nd Annual Convention Luncheon.

We will continue to seek ways to make the MACCW Scholarship Program a financially sustainable and viable enterprise. We are seeking additional sources to help finance the scholarships. If you know of anyone who can help with the cost of sponsoring the fundraiser or donating auction or raffle items, please contact any of the members of the Scholarship Committee at:
maccwscholarshpfund@gmail.com

The 2023 Fundraiser will be held Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale.

Please SAVE THE DATE! Don't miss it!

We ask that you try NOT to schedule any of your affiliation events on this day. We thank you for your support. We hope you will continue with your generosity to the scholarship fund so that together we can continue to invest in the future Catholic leaders of our world.

SAVE THESE DATES!

2022:

August 13 President's Brunch

October 05 FCCW Registration deadline

October 20 - 23

FCCW 25th Biennial Conference
Sarasota, FL

November 02-05

NCCW Annual Convention
Minneapolis, MN

December 03 Morning of Reflection

2023:

February 25 Scholarship Luncheon

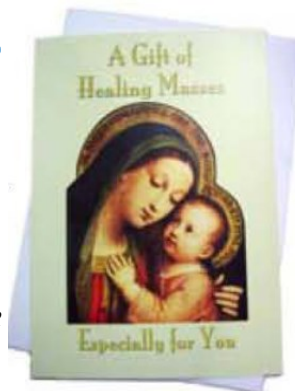
March 07-08

Catholic Days at the Capitol
Tallahassee, FL

June 25 Haitian Mass

Healing Mass Cards

*Designed & made
especially
For MACCW.*



What better way to let others know that they are in our prayers when they are sick, than by sending a MACCW Mass card?

The offering for each card is \$5.00, and the masses will be said at St. John Vianney Seminary. Proceeds from the sale of the cards go towards the MACCW Seminarian Bursary Fund. Please contact Fabiola DeArmas at 786-457-6422 for your supply to have on hand. To keep postage fees to a minimum, we suggest that you purchase several cards at one time.

Florida Council of Catholic Women (FCCW)

25th Biennial Conference

October 20-22, 2022

Embassy Suites Hotel, Sarasota

FCCW President/Province Director Tammy Farr, the Venice Diocesan Council of Catholic Women as host diocese, and Bishop Frank J. Dewane cordially invite you to attend the :

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October 20-22, 2022.



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