

MIAMI ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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>

Join us for Catholic Days at the Capitol

March 7-8, 2023



Each year during the legislative session, Catholics from across the state gather in Florida's capital 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
- 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

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A message from The President

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



Good morning Father Greer, and all my CCW sisters in Christ,

I attended the FCCW Conference with several of our ladies from MACCW. The theme was "Love One Another". At this time in our lives and what is going on around the world and also so close to us in our own backyards, with shootings and crime on the rise, there is no better time in our lives to pray daily for the safety and health of others. We need to pray to Jesus every day to keep Satan at bay and protect our families, friends, neighbors and our planet. We need to pray to all Love one another right now, just as the song says.

The keynote speaker was Jim Towey, who was a personal friend of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, he is the author of the book "To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa". He did the first reading at her Mass of Canonization in Saint Peter's Square. He also created the Five Wishes advanced directives, which is something I have been giving out to my clients for years, and we have also gone over it and given it out to our members at All Saints as well. I will have copies of this at our Annual Meeting for those who have never seen it. We can go over it then when everyone has it in hand.

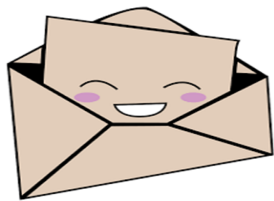
I also had lunch with Archbishop Wenski to go over my thoughts and ideas for the future of CCW, he truly backs us and wants to help us grow. He has asked all our level of advisors to be at hand and to help us bring in more Latin and Haitian members and affiliations. Also to help find a way to bring in younger members to help Council grow strong and survive for many more years.

As I have said previously, 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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a Report from the MACCW Vice-President

On October 20th 2022, I attended the FCCW Conference in Sarasota. We had a good turnout of MACCW members in attendance. The Conference collected donations for Hurricane relief and the victims in the Diocese of Venice.

Good Shepherd CCW sent a check for \$1,000.00 and several different types of gift cards.

The Conference host presented different topics, such as:

- ❑ Advocacy
- ❑ A Catholic Social Ministry Gathering from January 28th to Jan 31st 2023 in Washington DC
- ❑ March for Life which will be held January 13-14, 2023 in St. Augustine
- ❑ Mentoring with Love with the NCCW LTD Team, enforcing the importance of training.

"Love One Another Through Service"

Author, Jim Towey spoke about his book, "To Love and Be Loved," which is a personal portrait of Mother Teresa. He signed some books at the end of his lecture.

Archbishop Wenski celebrated the lovely Mass and announced the "Come to Tampa Bay 2024" theme for the next FCCW Conference.

On November 1st, I traveled to Minneapolis to attend the NCCW Convention. The Conference Theme "Wide Open Hearts abiding in Faith, Hope and Love" started with a friendly night of games. The following days were filled with camaraderie and knowledge. The Conference hosts requested donations in the form of toiletries for their project, "Sharing & Caring Hands."

In 1985, Mary Jo Coperland founded the "Sharing and Helping Hands" to serve homeless people, low-income individuals & families. They provide services for over 240,000 people each year.

I attended the exhibit, "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World by Blessed Carlo Acutis". After the exhibit, EWTN presented a documentary titled "I am with you" and held a presentation of how blessed Carlo was an Influencer from God by Marilyn Santos, the Associate Director and Secretariat of Evangelization & Catechesis.

Our own Josephine Gilbert President of Friends of NCCW for WUCWO presented her report. Great Job Josephine!!!

Cross Catholic Outreach created a slideshow and highlighted our "Boxes of Joy."

The Service Commission shared troubling statistics related to human trafficking... every 2.5 hours a child falls victim to human trafficking. Women and children are more vulnerable and more susceptible.

The best presentation came from the Leadership Commission Session with their theme: Regain, Retain and Grow. They performed a sketch using the TV series Mary Taylor Moore. Diane Tugander narrated the sketch. One of the best answers was that one of the advantages of belonging to CCW is that we make good, life-long friends. To ensure commitment and attendance we talked about the importance of staying in touch. We should reach out to women we have not seen in a while by sending a personal note or even making a quick phone call.

We need to actively participate in our meetings and engage in meaningful one-on-one conversations via e-mail, text and even via social media. It is also beneficial to ask members on their preferred method of communication.

From the Education Committee, Ellen Bachman, talked in her "Peek-a-boo, I see you!" about "looking to see all the Possibilities". The Committee focused on "inclusiveness". She gave information on ways of inviting and including members from different ethnic backgrounds into our Councils. Josephine Gilbert, Father Ted Costello, and I shared our different backgrounds with the audience.

On December 3rd, I attended the MACCW morning of Reflection at All Saints, a wonderful speaker and nice company.

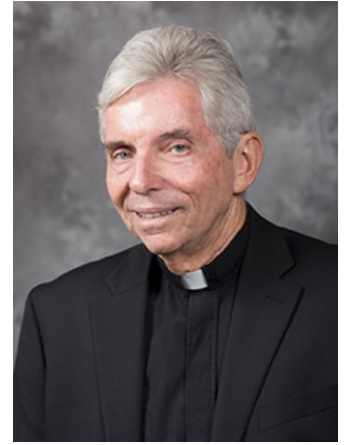
If you need to purchase Healing Mass Cards, please contact me to see how we can make the transaction.

Respectfully

Fabiola Sanchez-De Armas
MACCW Vice-President



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



Greetings in the Lord – Sisters:

Just after we put aside decorations and presents for the Christmas Season, we embark on what completes Christ's mission and saving deeds.

Lent – remembering Christ's 40 days in the desert – speaks of His sacrifice and saving deeds for humanity. The great "Act of Thanksgiving" – the Eucharist – which we celebrate daily, recalls particularly Jesus' death on the Cross. His great demonstration of love – we call the "Sacrifice of the Mass". As the Scriptures remind us, "we proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes again"!

Easter – "Then comes the morning and yesterday's sorrow's behind". These lyrics of a song leads us to the most significant and saving deed of Christ, his Resurrection and being raised to heavenly glory. The new Life Christ received comes to us – especially in Holy Communion.

Likewise, in another hymn, we sing "if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever... I will raise you up on the last day"! Therein Christ shares life eternal with and in us.

So the sorrows and sufferings we encounter leave way to the fullness of life through Christ's dying and rising. May we embrace the Eucharistic Revival our Church now celebrates and be renewed in faith and life!

Yours in the Lord,

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

Scholarship

Mary Weber, Commission Chair



*You are cordially invited
to the Miami Archdiocesan
Council of Catholic Women
24th Annual
Scholarship Luncheon*

Saturday, February 25, 2023

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL, 1100 SE 17TH Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

2023 Honoree - Ana Rodriguez-Soto

Editor, Florida Catholic Miami Edition

"Continued Support of Our Efforts in Fostering Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Miami"

Meet Scholarship Recipients

Raffle Grand Prize \$500.00!!!!

Auction & Reception at 11:30 AM Luncheon at 12:00 PM

Proceeds to Benefit the MACCW Scholarship Fund

Donation: Luncheon \$50.00/person – Due by February 10th - After Feb. 10th - \$55/person

For more information, contact Mary Weber 305-469-3515 or maccwscholarshipfund@gmail.com

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

North District

Linda Langley, President

We held our General Meeting October 29 at Saint Gabriel, Pompano Beach. Our speaker was Sister Bethany Marie Miller SCTJM, a Servant of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, she delighted and inspired us with her presentation on Love and the quickest path to God is through Love.

I attended the MACCW Morning of Reflection on December 3 at All Saints Catholic Church, Sunrise. There was a mass at 8am with registration following at 9:00am in the Family Center. The Speaker was Brother Inigo Johnpaul SCTJM, a Servant of the Pierced Heart of Jesus and Mary. He was inspiring

and his openness and wonderful presentation added to my Advent journey. We are truly blessed to have the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary in our Diocese.

We held our Board meeting January 21 at Saint Paul the Apostle, Lighthouse Point. Our General meeting will be March 18 at Saint Helen, in Lauderdale Lakes. We have numerous things taking place this winter and we will report on these at the next MACCW meeting.

Linda Langley
President, ND of MACCW

Central District

Catherine Donn, President

The Central District of MACCW held their Fall General Meeting on October 29, 2022, at St. Rose of Lima Church in Miami Shores. We had 28 people in attendance. We were grateful for the presence and guidance of our new District Spiritual Advisor, Father Christopher Marino, Pastor of the Cathedral of St. Mary, the Archdiocese's Mother Church. He had some insightful and inspiring words for the members.

I am very grateful for those that stepped up to make the meeting happen, and very grateful for the prayers, cards and Prayer Square received due to the unexpected death of my father.

MACCW & District officers, and Affiliation presidents' reports were given, and our District budget was adopted.

Peggy Hart gave a talk on domestic violence, Mary Weber reported on the Box of Joy project, and we resumed the Christmas Gift Card Drive for our Seminarians.

The Rite of Reception of our new the Pilgrim Virgin was read by the Presidents of Cathedral CCW (bringing statue) and St. Rose of Lima (receiving statue). St Rose brought the Pilgrim Virgin to the Cathedral meeting on December 18th.

A nominating committee was appointed, and the ladies will report on the slate of the officers at the Spring Board Meeting. That meeting date, time and place to be determined.

Catherine Donn
President, CD of MACCW

Spirituality

Claudia Charles, Commission Chair

On December 17, 2022, I attended an Advent Brunch sponsored by the Women of the Parish at St. Augustine Catholic Church. I was alone and so as I entered the doors of the Student Center, I looked for familiar faces at a table that had a vacant chair. God heard my prayer, because there in front of me were three familiar faces, seated at a table with a vacant chair.

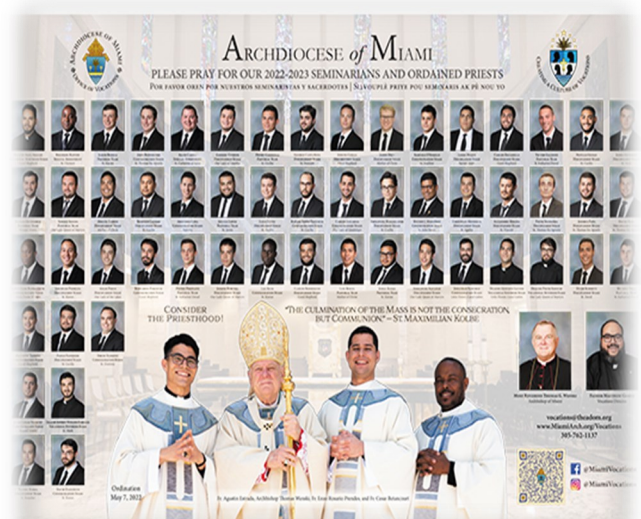
Sally Jude was present at the same event and she too had come alone. As we exchanged greetings, I had the presence of mind to do one of two things: (1) leave my table and sit with Sally or (2) leave Sally alone at the table with no one to talk to. Sad to say, I did not want to do either because both were outside of my comfort zone. As God would have it, several ladies starting walking towards us, ladies whose faces were familiar to Sally and were members of the same women's group.

Matthew Kelly has written a book entitled "Holy Moments" that addresses those "why me," "is that all that there is," and "I want more" moments. He calls them "sacred truths" that are designed by God to transform us into the person He has created us to be. If we are not attentive, alert, and aware of what is happening in and around us, many of our "holy moments" are overlooked and we miss out on God's blessing. To my dismay, God had presented me with such a moment in my encounter with Sally and I had failed recognize it.

Be encouraged to stay awake, attentive, and alert! God in orchestrating the events of our lives is always creating "holy moments" designed to transform us into the person He has created us to be.

The Women of the Parish are sponsoring their first Women's Conference 2023, January 26 - 28, "Undone, Freedom for the Feminine Heart," at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Mark your calendars. It promises to be an event you would not want to miss.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to those Affiliations in both the North and South Districts for gift cards donated to the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Miami. Because of your generous contributions, Central District surpassed the anticipated goal of fifty-five.



Service

Peggy Hart, Commission Chair

MACCW supports various service projects, including the **Madonna Plan** and **Water for Life**. Since we are no longer collecting money for the Change for Change program, it has been suggested that we now support the **Vocation Purse Club**.

The **Vocation Purse Club** assists women seeking to enter religious life with their financial obstacles. While vocation numbers have increased, many continue to be derailed or deferred due to educational debt. The average candidate to religious life owes \$33K in student loans, a great burden for many religious communities. Your support can directly help young Catholic women pursue their dream and realize their vocation of becoming religious sisters and nuns as they focus their lives on service, spirituality, and leadership - which are the pillars of NCCW!

Since 1958, the **Madonna Plan** has supported Catholic Relief Service's Child Survival Project,

which works with pregnant women and women with children under age 5. The project addresses healthy behaviors and provides needed health services, such as vaccinations and immunizations to pregnant women and their children, as well as support groups for breastfeeding mothers.

The **Water for Life** program was established in 1978 to make safe and clean water available to women and their families in developing countries. Historically, the program has funded wells in villages throughout Africa and Latin America for the development of stronger communities by establishing irrigation, sanitation systems and basic hygiene education.

Please send donations for CRS joint programs to the NCCW Office: 10335-A Democracy Ln Unit 201, Fairfax, VA 22030. Make checks payable to NCCW and indicate CRS and the program (Madonna Plan or Water for Life) in the memo line.

Golden Rose Award

Marliese Ljuba, Committee Chair

The Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will recognize a young woman from the diocese, for her outstanding skills in leadership, spirituality and service.

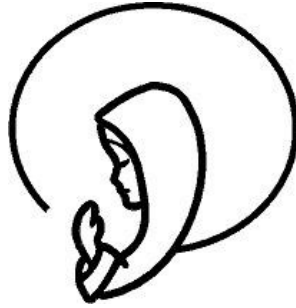
We will celebrate this young lady at the Golden Rose Award luncheon on Saturday April 29th, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Ft. Lauderdale. The chosen young lady will receive The Golden Rose Award, an individual membership in the National Council of Catholic Woman, and a check for

\$250.00.

Our goal is to recognize and promote the value of young women "making a difference" in today's world, one good deed at a time....

Thanking you in advance for helping recognize the good works of your youth.

In Christ,
Karen Lorenzen
President MACCW



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GOLDEN ROSE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Qualifications:

- A young woman who is a high school student
- She should show leadership abilities.
- She should portray Spirituality
- She should be involved in a service project
- She should be a practicing Catholic who attends Sunday Mass regularly.

Please submit, on a separate page, a description of her accomplishments along with her name, address, e-mail and phone number.

Application submitted by: _____

Contact information: _____

Pastor's Approval: _____

Please submit forms to:
Marliese Ljuba
843 Largo Road
Key Largo, FL 33037
MLjuba33@gmail.com

Deadline is March 31st, 2023

Thank you for helping recognizing an outstanding young woman from your parish.

In Christ,
Karen Lorenzen
President MACCW

SAVE THESE DATES!

2023:

February 25 Scholarship Luncheon

March 07-08

Catholic Days at the Capitol
Tallahassee, FL

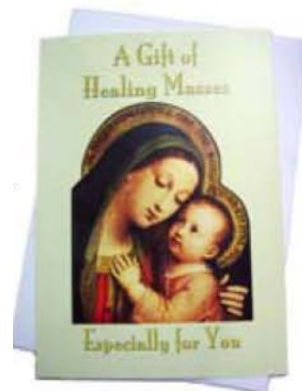
April 29 MACCW Annual Convention

June 25 Haitian Mass

August 24-26

NCCW Convention

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.

Miami Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women (MACCW)

2023 Annual Convention

April 29, 2023

Embassy Suites Hotel, Sarasota

Join us for a One Day

Annual Meeting on

Saturday, April 29, 2023

at the Embassy Suites,

Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

9:00am – 4:00pm

Breakfast and

Award Luncheon included



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

August 24th-26th

Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City

170 South West Temple

Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Registration will open

April 1, 2023

