

# 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>

Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary invite you to a :

## EUCCHARISTIC - MARIAN CONGRESS

*"Be Not Afraid: The Two Hearts Will Triumph"*

October 7, 8, and 9, 2022



"Jesus in the Eucharist is the Heart of the life of the Church, and today it beats strongly giving His transforming love in every beat, to change the human heart and to change modern civilization. Our culture, our civilization has forgotten love because it has forgotten God!"

The great saints were formed by Our Lady to be totally Eucharistic like Her. She knows that only the Eucharist can transform the human heart, and she also knows that only Eucharistic hearts can transform the culture into an environment, into a place of values, of principles and a way of being that cultivates the potency of love, of true greatness, in the human being.

May the Immaculate Heart Triumph to bring in the triumph of the Eucharistic Heart!"

Mother Adela

Foundress SCTJM

❖ September 2022 ❖

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## A message from The President

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



Father Greer and all my CCW Sisters in Christ,

*"My flesh for the life of the world" ..... We all need to join the  
Eucharistic Revival.*

Monday June 19, marked the beginning of the National Eucharistic Revival. This is a three-year renewal in the source and summit of the Catholic Faith.

The mission of the Revival is to engage dioceses, parishes, and families to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Please go to the website to learn more, and to be involved:

[National Eucharistic Revival: A Grassroots Response to God's Invitation](#)

#### Important dates to have on your calendars:

FCCW Conference - Oct 20 - 22, 2022 in St. Augustine.

Let's have a good showing from MACCW!!!!

NCCW Convention - Nov 2 - 5, 2022 in St. Paul, Minneapolis.

Pack your warm clothes!!!

MACCW Morning of Reflection - December 3, 2022 at

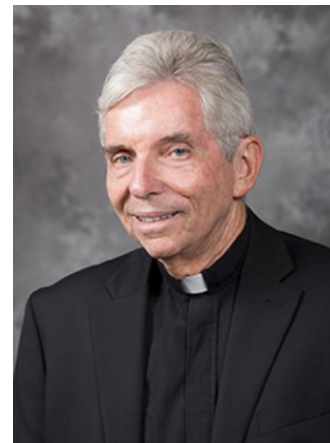
All Saints Catholic Church, Sunrise, FL

Blessings,  
Karen Lorenzen  
MACCW President

**FOR MORE NEWS, INFORMATION AND PICTURES  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE @ MACCW.ORG**



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



We are assisted by the talents of our Spiritual Advisors and value their insights and inspiration which contribute to our sisters' spiritual growth and achievements.

For the Central District, we now welcome Very Reverend Christopher Marino, Rector of St. Mary Cathedral and Dean for N.E. Miami Dade Co. He will work with and support our ladies with a kind, insightful and encouraging manner – and is most desirous to take on this position. We joyfully welcome him. His culinary arts are well recognized.

Previously, Fr. Patrick Charles was assigned to St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish to the position of Spiritual Advisor Fr. Marino assumes. There he helped found a parish group and affiliation

Now with his move to St. Clement's in Ft. Lauderdale from Central District, he has been asked and approved by the Archbishop to help animate and establish the Council's presence with our Haitian sisters.

So we welcome Frs. Christopher Marino and Patrick Charles. We look forward to their contributions and thank them for their "Yes", like Mary's...

Yours in the Lord,

Very Rev. Michael J. Greer, V.F.



**NATIONAL**  
**Eucharistic**  
**Revival**

## **Revival's in the Air**

### **AN EXCITING JOURNEY AHEAD**

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States.

Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our

very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, **Jesus is present**, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*

**JOHN 6:51**

# Spirituality

Claudia Charles, Commission Chair

Very often when I am out and about, I see people traveling with water bottles, some of which are made of BPA free plastic and others are made of stainless steel. Such bottles are used for various purposes, one of which is to remain hydrated.

Hydration is currently a major health concern; yet many people fail to meet the daily fluid recommendation necessary for the body to function as it should. The failure to meet this requirement is called dehydration.

Physical dehydration also occurs when we use or lose more fluid than we take in; consequently, the body does not have enough water or other fluids in its system to carry out its normal functions. Hence, when we suffer from physical dehydration, it is critical that we rehydrate as quickly as possible by drinking plenty of fluids and eating foods high in water content such as fruits and vegetables.

As human beings, we have a physical nature and a spiritual nature. The physical identifies with the material world, and the spiritual interacts with God and the spiritual realm. And just as we become dehydrated in our physical, we also become dehydrated in our spiritual. So, what do you do when you experience spiritual dehydration? What do we do when the soul is thirsty, and the spirit is dry? What do we do when our faith wavers, our hope falls into despair, and we are not inclined to pray? Just as in physical dehydration we drink plenty of fluids and eat foods high in water content, Jesus invites us to come Him and drink of that life giving stream. We are told that whoever drinks of the water He has to offer they will never

thirst, for the water that He offers becomes in us a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Today I would like to share with you three upcoming events that will serve to hydrate your spiritual well-being:

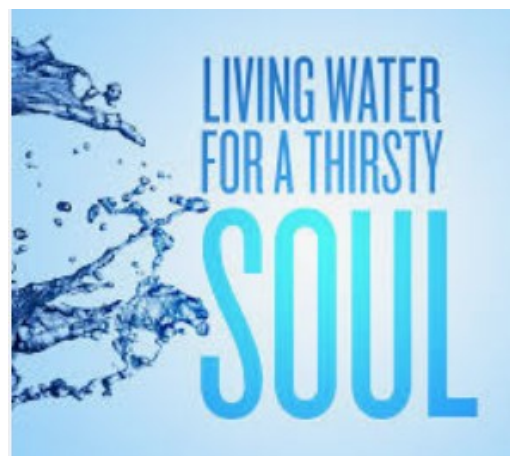
[Eucharistic Marian Congress](#) sponsored by the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, October 7 to October 9, 2022, at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center.

[MACCW Morning of Reflection](#) is scheduled for December 3, 2022 at All Saints Catholic Church. Guest speaker is Father Matthew Gomez, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Miami.

[National Eucharistic Revival](#) – sponsored by the USCCB is scheduled for July 17 to 21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. For more information visit:

[www.eucharisticrevival.org/congress-2024](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org/congress-2024)

I pray that you give each event serious consideration and participate in at least one, if not all three, that your thirst is quenched, your soul revived,, and you might find new life in Him.





# Legislation

Josephine Gilbert, Commission Chair

## What is FLCAN?

FLCAN is an acronym of Florida Catholic Advocacy Network. FLCAN is a statewide, online community established by the bishops of Florida that exists to **connect**, **educate**, and **mobilize** Catholics across Florida's seven dioceses on public policy issues pertaining to life, dignity, and the common good.

## Why should Catholics participate?

Pope Francis reminds us, "Each son and daughter of a given country has a mission, a personal and social responsibility." As Catholics we are called to participate in public life and to apply Gospel values to our political activities as a joyful public witness to the Church's social teachings.

FLCAN provides the opportunity to speak on behalf of the poor, the disabled, the sick or dying, the unborn, the elderly, families and children, immigrants, the imprisoned, and others in need. By raising our voices together, we strengthen the presence of the Catholic faithful in the public square.

## What do subscribers receive?

FLCAN subscribers receive via email:

- Action alerts on key bills at both the state and federal levels that allow for quick and easy messaging to elected officials
  - Reports, summaries, and educational materials that identify legislative proposals affecting issues important to our faith
- Calls to prayer for the people of our state and nation, and for our elected leaders

Type Florida Catholic Advocacy Network in your browser, it will take you to the page. Please note that sometimes when forward this link, might lose your set-up. Therefore, it is very important everyone register, another advantage is that sometimes you might need to send the message same day or within hours and if you are registered, you can respond within one to two minutes, depends on how fast you can read. I will send this page out via email to membership, just right click the link below to open the hyperlink, take you directly to registration.

[Join the Florida Catholic Advocacy Network \(FLCAN\).](#)

## Mark your calendars:

***2023 Catholic Days at the Capitol  
will be held on March 7-9, 2023***

# Scholarship

Mary Weber, Commission Chair

## Please SAVE THE DATE!

## **The 2023 MACCW Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon**

**Saturday, February 25, 2023**

**At the Embassy Suites Hotel**

**17<sup>th</sup> Street Causeway, Ft. Lauderdale**

**Don't miss it!**

We ask that you NOT to schedule any of your affiliation events on this day. The Scholarship Raffle was very successful last year, thanks to your participation. Many of you donated gift cards and purchased raffle tickets.

We are again asking individuals and affiliations to contribute gift cards towards the Scholarship Raffle. We will be sending out raffle tickets to affiliations for you to sell before the event.

Those that are not able to attend, can participate in the Scholarship Fundraiser by purchasing the Scholarship Raffle Tickets. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the event. We are continuing with our Silent Auction.

If you know of anyone who can help with the cost of sponsoring the fundraiser or donating gift cards or auction items, please contact The Scholarship Committee at:

[maccwscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:maccwscholarshipfund@gmail.com)

We thank you for your support.

Mary Weber,

MACCW Scholarship Committee Chair

# Service

Peggy Hart, Commission Chair

- ♦ Sign up for **Boxes of Joy** at [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org). Reminder: Boxes need to be delivered to your nearest Drop-off Center during Box of Joy Week (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>). If you have any questions, please email Lourdes Armas at [lourdesarmas@bellsouth.net](mailto:lourdesarmas@bellsouth.net)
- ♦ Help the council raise money at the **Hugs for the Homeless** event. For more information contact Cindy Rojas at [c19g59r@gmail.com](mailto:c19g59r@gmail.com)
- ♦ The Haitian Mass and reception will be held to provide complete layettes for soon to be Haitian mothers. Contact Elizabeth Samuels at [elizabethsamuels14@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethsamuels14@yahoo.com) or Theresa Reynolds at [Theresa.reynolds@assurant.com](mailto:Theresa.reynolds@assurant.com) for event information.
- ♦ October is Respect Life Month, and the 1<sup>st</sup>

# Hugs for the Homeless

Cynthia Rojas, Commission Vice-Chair

Dear Sisters of MACCW,

We are all glad to be active again in the causes the MACCW supports. I, Cynthia (Cindy) Rojas am the MACCW Chairperson for the *Hugs of the Homeless*. In this time of uncertainty, we need all efforts to raise funds and hopefully can exceed what MACCW achieved in 2021.

I encourage each affiliation to continue to use the same methods on raising monies for the Hugs for the Homeless.

We are asking the monies collected to be turned in Sharon Utterback [no later than](#)

Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances please contact Patricia Salois at [pspsalois5@gmail.com](mailto:pspsalois5@gmail.com)

- ♦ Support Catholic Relief Services: The Water for Life Fund and The Madonna Plan, to help people in need around the world. For more information contact Cathy Donn at [cathydonn58@gmail.com](mailto:cathydonn58@gmail.com)
- ♦ October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Join the Women's Fund virtually via Zoom on Thursday, October 6th from 9:00 am-10:30 am, as they help raise awareness. For more information visit <https://womensfundmiami.org/>
- ♦ January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The Tree of Life Parenting Center will be hosting a Walk for Freedom in Miami. Register to walk at [www.a21.org](http://www.a21.org). For more information\_\_contact Gloria Martinez at [CONTACT@TREEOFLIFMIAMI.ORG](mailto:CONTACT@TREEOFLIFMIAMI.ORG) or Peggy Hart at [peggyhart@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyhart@hotmail.com)

**February 14, 2023.** Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions or ideas so that we can assist your Church Affiliation achieve the goal of raising monies for the Hugs for the Homeless, as well as making the public more aware of Homelessness.

My phone number is 954-701-2657.

Many Blessings,

Cynthia (Cindy) Rojas

**FCCW  
Province  
of Miami  
13th Annual  
Drive**



# MORNING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

All Saints Catholic Church  
10900 W. Oakland Park Blvd.  
Sunrise, FL 33351

8:00am- Mass in Sanctuary

9:00am- Registration in the Family  
Center with a light  
continental breakfast

10:00am- Presentation by:  
Fr. Matthew Gomez,  
Vocations Director for the  
Archdiocese of Miami

12:00n- Light Lunch

## "PREPARING THE MANGER OF OUR HEARTS"

A basket will be  
available for in-kind donations.  
Our "Morning of Reflection" event is  
sponsored by:  
All Saints Council of  
Catholic Women.

RSVP by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> to Peggy at  
860-977-5415 via call or text or by  
email: [pmd-meme65@att.net](mailto:pmd-meme65@att.net)

Fr. Matthew Gomez  
was ordained a priest  
for the Archdiocese of  
Miami on May 12, 2018.

On July 1, 2020 Archbishop  
Wenski assigned him to be the  
Vocations Director with residence  
at the Cathedral of St. Mary. Please  
pray for him, for all the seminarians  
discerning God's will for their lives, and  
for those who are considering a vocation  
to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.



## **SAVE THESE DATES!**

### **2022:**

**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**

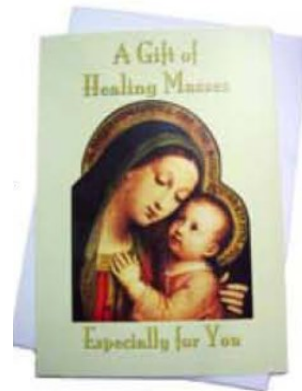
Catholic Days at the Capitol

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***

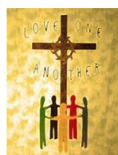
FCCW President/Province Director Tammy Farr, the Venice Diocesan Council of Catholic Women as host diocese, and Bishop Frank J. Dewane cordially invite you to attend the :

25th Biennial Conference


to be held in

Sarasota, Florida,

October 20-22, 2022.




*"Love One Another"*



**Box of Joy** provides schools, parishes, organizations, and families with an inspiring opportunity to send gifts to Haiti, Guatemala and other developing countries.

A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoe box, donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items by participants from U.S. parishes, schools and groups. Each gift represents Christ's love and may be the only Christmas gift children in developing countries are blessed to receive.



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