

MIAMI ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

NEWS



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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>

2023 National Council of Catholic Women Convention



This year's annual convention was held August 24–26 at the Hyatt Regency in Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the complete picture gallery, Please visit this link:

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❖ Fall 2023 ❖

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A message from The President

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



Dear Council Sisters,

First and foremost, I want to say I am sorry I missed the Presidents meet and greet, but Covid does not care who it infects, and unfortunately, we are still and probably will be dealing with it for a long time to come.

I want to thank those of you who came to the mass at Holy Rosary/St Richard where we gave Khloe Paredes the very first National Golden Rose award. She was so grateful and how truly respected and loved she is in her affiliation, Fr. Daniel Houde could not say enough good things about her and her family. Thank you to Fabiola our VP who is our own paparazzi photographer at large!!! Lisa Marie Gill, the Orlando Diocesan President and her mother even drove down to attend the mass. Lisa Marie wanted to be here for our meeting, but they had two ladies' husbands pass away last weekend in Orlando, so unfortunately, they will be attending funerals during the weekend. She asked us to please keep them in your prayers.

I have to ask that everyone start coming to the meetings, we are not strong and cannot grow unless we meet together, pray together and work together to keep building CCW, working to keep it growing not only for us but also at the request of the Archbishop. Several people asked if we could do a Zoom meeting again, regretfully that is only for extreme weather emergencies and hopefully never again for a pandemic. Meeting in person is so important and this is something we need to work on.

Also, the calendar is being worked on and we will have an eventless event, and we are working on having an in-person event, but we must have the support of everyone to participate to make it work. District Presidents this is where your help and support is needed most at this time, to make sure your presidents come to the meetings, show their support, and help with decision making and growth ideas.

I thank you all who did come, and anyone who needs my help or the training team's help, please reach out, that is what we are all here for, to work together and to support each other in Christ's name and under the guidance of our dear Mother Mary.

Blessings and joy to all,

Karen

MACCW President

North District Council of Catholic Women

This summer I attended The MACCW Meet & Greet hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes. It was wonderful to see our sisters from other Districts and catch up. I particularly enjoyed hearing how others are attracting new members into their affiliations. A lot of great information was given along with important dates for the upcoming year's events, timelines, and deadlines we will need to follow this 2023-2024 year. I also attended the MACCW Fall Board meeting, and it was good to see so many of you there.

As I finished my first year and start my second year as your North District president, the most important and saddest things I have learned is that we are in danger of losing our ND affiliates one by one! Why is that? One reason is that most of you are tired! You have been holding your affiliates together for some time and some of you by yourselves. Because of this you can lose sight of all the good things CCW does for others and just concentrate on keeping things together until you just can't do it any longer. We need to lay down our burdens ask God for help and reach out to other CCW members that have been in your shoes and ask for help. We all need to listen to others, be open to change and try new things.

Secondly as a nation we have lost connectivity with each other. Personal communication is declining at an extraordinary rate. It started with cell phones and the internet. The pandemic accelerated this loss with working from home, online schooling, zoom meetings for all types of communication from attending mass to ministry meetings. The result of all of this is that we now have a nation of lonely people.

This needs to change by getting people back to Mass and attending outside activities, joining ministries particularly our CCW ministry will help people to reconnect with people of like minds. The positive thing is that people are ready to reconnect with others so now is the time to start talking with people in your church and reminding them that we are there, and we need their help.

2 Corinthians 6:2 "Behold, now is the acceptable time."

We have a lot of experience in our NDCCW, MACCW and Florida Councils. Your help is needed on this journey to strengthen each of our affiliates. May our Lord Jesus Christ guide us on this Journey.

Love, Peace, and Joy,

Linda

Linda Langley,

President North District



"I do not think of reward. I am working for God and do so cheerfully." Saint Marianne Cope



Service

- Home for the Homeless

Dear Sisters of MACCW,

Welcome back from our Hot Summer of 2023.

Again, I repeat the phrase (from last year's letter), We are all glad to be active in the causes MACCW supports. I, Cynthia (Cindy) Rojas am the MACCW Chairperson for the Hugs for the Homeless.

Depending where one is on the economic scale, it determines how we are adjusting to inflation or the rise in cost of goods. The rise of essential basic products to feed, clothe and have a roof over us is becoming harder and harder for low-income families, the elderly, and individuals to make ends meet day by day. More and more can't afford the rents, food, medicines.

Our State of Florida not being affordable to our most vulnerable populations, they either become homeless or leave Florida. In this time of extreme need, I am requesting all efforts to raise funds and hopefully exceed what MACCW achieved the year of 2023.

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

For the dates of monies collected to be turned to Sharon Utterback on February 12, 2024.

Please reach out to me with any questions or ideas that can assist your Church Affiliation to 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 and email address is c19g59r@gmail.com

Many Blessings,

Cynthia

Cynthia (Cindy) Rojas



Legislation

Josephine Gilbert, Commission Chair

Save the Date: February 6-7, 2024!

Catholic Days at the Capitol (CDAC)

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.

Stay tuned for the registration, MACCW is securing the bus to take all participants to Tallahassee. Please start making plans to attend.



Presidents make this a line item on your budget to send at least one or two persons for CDAC. Even though you might have a member going, you can sponsor another person. I will be making calls in December to remind the presidents.

I am also reminding you to join the Florida Advocacy Network. <https://flaccb.org/join-flcan> You will only have to register one time, this to contact your legislators when the network needs to do so. To advocate on a specific issue and needed you to contact your legislator to urge them to support and be against it.

Josephine

Josephine Gilbert
Legislation Commission Chairperson.



Scholarship

Mary Weber, Commission Chair

The MACCW Scholarship Committee members are MACCW Spiritual Advisor Fr. Michael Greer, MACCW President Karen Lorenzen, Treasurer Kitten Auer, Secretary Bette Clark, Diane Tugander, Barbara Asfendis, Josephine Gilbert, Marie Mohammed, and Chair Mary Weber. We want to thank all of you for helping to make our 2023 Annual Scholarship Fund Raising Event on February 25, 2023, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale a success. It was the largest attendance in recent years. Msgr. Dariusz Zielonka, Chancellor for Canonical Affairs for the Archdiocese of Miami, started the luncheon off with a prayer. We Honored Ana Rodriguez-Soto, Editor of the Florida Catholic Miami Edition, for "Continued Support of Our Efforts in Fostering Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Miami." We were pleased to be able to meet the 2022 scholarship recipient, Astrid Cadevilla, who is attending Archbishop Edward McCarthy 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 raised \$15,211.23.

The scholarship committee met on March 26, 2023, to judge the 37 scholarship applications that were sent in from 16 different schools. Three of the applications were missing

requirements to be eligible and were not judged. We choose 4 girls to receive a scholarship of \$4,000.00 each, to attend the Catholic high school of their choice. The 4 girls are: from St. Mary Cathedral Catholic School, Sasha Jean-Felix, who will be attending Immaculate LaSalle High School; from St. James Catholic School, Christine Bien-Aime, who will be attending Msgr. Edward Pace High School; from St Lawrence Catholic School, Milagros Funes, who will be attending Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory School; and from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic School, Ashley Elvir Lainez, who will be attending St. Thomas Aquinas High School. The girls were presented with the MACCW Lucy Petrillo Scholarship Award Certificate at the MACCW Annual Meeting Luncheon on April 29, 2023.

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.

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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.

Thank You!

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SAVE THESE DATES!

2024:

February 06-08

***Catholic Days at the Capitol
Tallahassee, FL***

February 24 Scholarship Luncheon

May 3-5 MACCW Annual Convention

August 13-17

***NCCW Annual Convention
Oklahoma City, OK***

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 Burse 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.

Current NCCW Partners/Programs

- ☐ Catholic Climate Covenant – Earth Day Resources
- ☐ Catholic Relief Services – Madonna Plan and Water for Life
- ☐ Catholic Mobilizing Network – Ending the Death Penalty/Promoting Restorative Justice
- ☐ Education For Justice – A project of Ignatian Solidarity Network
- ☐ National Catholic Educational Association
- ☐ National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations NFCRV.org
- ☐ Purse Fund
- ☐ Religious Alliance Against Pornography
- ☐ U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

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**Tuesday, Aug. 13th —
Saturday, Aug. 17th 2024**

Omni Oklahoma City Hotel

Registration opens April 1st!

