



Winona Diocese Council of Catholic Women

CONNECTING CATHOLIC WOMEN

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From our President Cindy Meling



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Open Our Eyes Lord

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The agenda for the meeting on Wed., April 13 at Preston, is later in the newsletter. We have planned on two excellent speakers for the day. Kristina will shed a new light on refugees and immigration. You might go home with a new attitude and understanding of what they go through day to day. Msgr. Cook will enlighten us about the Lady of Fatima and the Rosary. I can't wait to hear both of them. Country Trails Inn and Suites is available for housing 507-765-2533 or 888-378-2896. I believe they have a swimming pool, so bring your swimsuits. I hope to see you there.

I hope your Easter was special for you, spending time with family and telling the story of the Passion to all the children so they know the real reason for Easter.

Later in the newsletter you will find the flyer and brochure for the Province Conference. Print it off and register for the day and a half event. The speakers are excellent and have great topics to entertain you with during the conference. Put the date on your calendar and talk to others about going and bring a car load. There is an outlet store close so you can do some shopping as well. June 13 and 14 will be exciting days to attend. Reserve your room and just wait for the excitement to begin.

The need for communication is so important these days. With trying to reach the younger generation, we have to use the internet and reach them through newsletter on line, through facebook, and through web pages. Everything is at our fingertips. The cell phone or smart phone is the way the younger generation is reached. It is in their hands almost 24 hours a day. They are searching for happiness, for love, for what they are going to do for the day. We need to join them and show them that God is the way for what they are searching for in their life. We need people to help us do this. Are you one of those? Are you waiting to hear from God, do I do this? This is the call that he is sending you, help us with communicating with everyone. We are losing ground with the older generation leaving to make room for the younger generation. We need to reach them, come join us and help us reach out to everyone with ideas and your talents. Come to Preston and join us. This is the Day the Lord has made, Let us Rejoice and be Glad.



Mission Statement:

The Winona Diocese Council of Catholic Women Acts through it's Affiliated Organizations to Support, Empower, and Educate All Catholic Women in Spirituality, Leadership, and Service. WDCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the Modern World.



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What does the word “Leadership,” say to you? In my way of thinking it is someone who “gets the ball and runs with it!” When we get the ball some of us do not know which way to run?!!

One concept we do understand, is that we cannot possibly please everyone! Where and who do we turn to when we can’t seem to please someone or we can’t figure out how to solve a problem?

I used to over-think and spend voluminous amounts of time trying to figure out things myself. What do I do now you may be wondering??

ASK GOD FOR HIS WILL in all we do for our CCW, church, community and world!

God bless you all and ask GOD for help. It’s a lot easier too! Now, that wasn’t hard!

Have a great Easter season,

Teri Rosendahl



POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL



- **Universal:** That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.
- **Evangelization:** That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

Spirituality Commission
Legislative, Respect Life & Anti-Pornography

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Physician-Assisted Suicide (SF 1880) was stopped in MN on Jan. 17th. Thank you to all who may have contacted your legislators! You do make a difference.

I attended the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) in Rochester on March 15th. They covered a number of issues that they think are important and wanted us to contact our Legislators on them.

They are as follows:

1. **Affordable, Accessible Child Care for all Minnesota Families**...action on the recommendations of the bi-partisan Legislative Commission to End Poverty in MN by 2020.

The Legislature did not pass a tax bill last year although momentum on Child and dependent Care Tax Credits grew. There was a \$103 million expansion of the credit in Gov. Dayton's budget proposal, and bills from Sen. Eaton and Rep. Loon containing more targeted versions of that expansion (HF 1064, SF 1494). The House omnibus tax bill (HF 848) included a \$35 million expansion that increased the income limit for the credit to \$68,000 for families with two children, and increased the maximum credit to \$2,100. **This year's tax bill should give a \$73 million boost to the Child and Dependent Care Credit.**

2. **Raising MFIP (Minnesota Family Investment Program) Grants**...There should be no poor among you. Support HF 869 (Franson) and SF 734 (Hayden). **Raise basic MFIP grant levels by \$100 per month** by using TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), federal dollars given to the state, funds for their originally intended purpose. This increase is included in the Governor's budget.

3. **Safe Harbor Funding for Victims of Human Trafficking**...a violation of human dignity. **Support an additional \$5.3 million in the biennial appropriation for Safe Harbor services.** Last year's legislation and increased appropriation was contained in SF 552 (Pappas); HF 1061 (Miller). We expect these two legislators to author the next expansion.

4. **Restore the Vote**...in this Year of Mercy. Support the Restore the Vote Bill, HF 342 (Cornish); SF 355 (Champion). **House leadership needs to be convinced** if this bill is to move forward.

5. **Gun Violence and Public Safety**...balancing rights and responsibilities. For several years the gun debate at the Minnesota Capitol is volatile, anguished, and overly-partisan. **We need to let legislators know that a broad portion of the population supports gun sales background checks to save lives.** Rep. Norton recently introduced legislation requiring comprehensive background checks in HF 2415. It warrants serious discussion inside and outside of the Capitol.

6. **Payday Lending Reform** If you lend money to the needy, charge no interest. Exodus 22 Stop the debt trap with action on payday lending reform. HF 1545 (Hoppe)/SF 1815 (Hayden) is the Governor's bill that limits interest to 30% APR and requires new reporting from payday lenders. This bill needs to move to spark a new debate. **JRLC supports a system of loan caps and cooling-off periods to eliminate the debt trap similar to what almost passed in 2014.**

The Legislators are only in session until May 23.

You can reach your legislator at:

Senate information Office

Room 231, State Capitol

(651) 296-0504

(888) 234-1112

House Information office

175 State Office Building

(651) 296-2146

(800) 657-3550

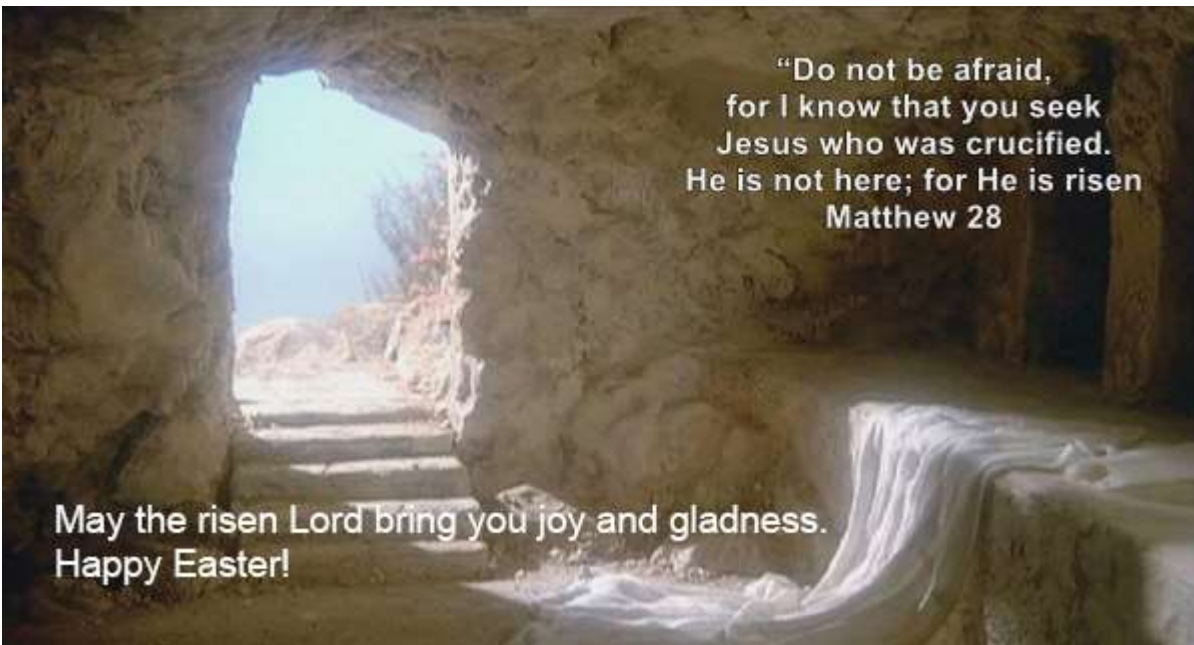
Hearing or speech disability use MN Relay Service - 711

If questions or want to Contact with JRLC: JRLC, 122 W Franklin Ave,
Suite 315, Minneapolis, MN 55404 (612) 870-3670 www.jrlc.org



Be aware that porn is accessible in our libraries as well as on the internet. Let's emulate this monk who went into brothels and stand for the exploited. In the early seventh century a desert monk traveled to Alexandria in Egypt where he spent his nights hiring prostituted women for the evening. But instead of requesting the expected services, this man spent the evening praying with the woman and teaching her about her God-given value. The man, Vitalis of Gaza, was eventually killed by a pimp who found out what he had been doing and demanded that he stop interfering with his business. Vitalis later became known as Saint Vitalis of Gaza. For as long as people have been sexually exploiting others for their own personal gain there have been those among us willing to stand up to these sexual profiteers and defend the dignity of the exploited. Let's be one of them. The National Center on Sexual Exploitation has followed the example of Saint Vitalis by standing up for the exploited.

Love Life! Respect It! Protect It!



**WDCCW Treasurer
Kitty Kerrins**

Happy Easter to all. This is my first time participating in the newsletter and hopefully I can continue in future issues. I think the best information I can share with you will come in the month the quarterly meeting is held. This issue contains the "Income/Expense Report for Quarter 4 and Year-to-date" for 2015." In April I will publish the same report for Quarter 1 of 2016 and any other information from the April meeting that is pertinent to financial information. Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding information and I also hope to see you April 13th in Preston. Enjoy Spring!

INCOME	Bank Balance 9/30/2015	Year-to-Date
	\$ 47,903.00	
Member Dues	11,965.19	14,291.19
Mother Theresa	980.00	1,095.00
Father Ruiz (California Jesuits)	730.00	945.00
Salvadorian Mission (Brother Regis) Shipping	1,645.00	3,003.80
Rochester Medical Mission Shipping	915.00	990.00
Religious Education Scholarship	380.00	455.00
Endowment Fund (Catholic Charities)	120.00	120.00
NCCW We Are One	243.00	377.35
White Ribbons, Pins etc	108.00	108.00
Interest Income	13.48	2,048.71
Meeting Lunch Collections		462.50
WDCCW Convention/Workshop & Purse Raffle	2,405.00	2,405.00
Special Collections/Good Samaritan Fund--St. Augustine	433.80	433.80
Advertising Income		450.00
NCCW Exp Refunded	530.00	660.00
DOW Deposit Funds Returned		20,000.00
Wabasha Area Funds	1,190.74	1,190.74
	\$ 21,659.21	49,036.09
TOTAL INCOME		

EXPENSE		
NCCW Dues	275.00	450.00
Executive Committee:		
Mileage	660.88	1,485.16
Printing		172.28
Supplies/Postage		149.90
Meals	437.76	1,577.76
Lodging	257.33	784.33
Special Collections/Good Samaritan Fund--St. Augustine	433.80	433.80
Speakers	502.30	

		1,202.30
NCCW We Are One & Happy Birthday--\$95.00	328.35	423.35
Charity Donations	4,363.80	4,363.80
Area Sharing Dues		6,668.01
NCCW Convention	863.07	3,994.95
WDCCW Convention/Workshop	1,161.79	1,550.44
Province Conference/Expense	240.77	740.77
WDCCW Trucking	750.00	750.00
Ribbons, Pins etc.		
Social Ministry Gathering		
Spiritual Advisor		1,060.52
Seminarian Scholarship	2,000.00	2,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSE **12,274.85** **\$27,807.37**

Checkbook Balance 12/31/2015 **57,287.36**

Expenses - Adjustment made of 388.65 from NCCW Convention to WDCCW Conv from 3rd qtr.
 Entries were 30.05, 280.00, 8.60 and 70.00

**Winona Diocese Council of Catholic Women
 St. Columban Catholic Church
 408 NW Preston St.
 Preston, MN 55965
 Wednesday, April 13
 Agenda**

- 8:30 am - Registration
 - Area President meeting
- 9:00 am – Welcome
 - Prayer by Valerie Ehlenfeldt
 - Business meeting
- 10:00 am – Kristina Hammell from Rochester Catholic Charities speaking on Refugee Resettlement Program; the plight of the refugee.
- 11:00 am – Mass celebrated by Msgr. Hergesheimer
- 12:00 pm – Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Msgr. Thomas Cook speaking on Our Lady of Fatima and the Rosary.
- 2:00 pm – Reports and business meeting
- 3:00 pm – Closing Prayer by Valerie Ehlenfeldt



Mary Beth Hicks is an author, columnist, and speaker for more than a dozen years from the interesting section of parenting and culture. Her column "Teachable Moments", is featured in the Catholic Digest magazine and appears each week on EWTN radio's Sun Rise Morning Show with Matt Swain. Currently she serves as Director of Marketing at FAITH Catholic, the publishing and communications company of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing, Michigan. You can check her on her website at www.marybethhicks.com. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and serves on the advisory board of Parent Television Council, an organization seeking to promote decency on the airwaves.



Christine Schlicker works with EWTN as the Market Representative and is responsible for expanding EWTN's distribution, coordinating volunteer activities of EWTN Media Missionaries, working with other dioceses and media affiliates in the North Central Region of the United States. With the way our media is so secular in its programming, EWTN gives us choices with our faith and values in mind.

Monday, June 13, 2016

- 5:00 PM Patriotic Rosary
- 5:30 Registration
- 6:00 Banquet
- 7:00 Mary Beth Hicks & Christine Schlicker

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

- 7:30 AM Registration
- 8:00 Confession
- 8:45 Mass
- 9:45 Refreshments
- 10:00 Jeff Cavins
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Jason Adkins lunch
- 12:15 Kathy Langer
- 2:00 Closing Prayer

Silent Auction items will be available for purchase.



Jeff Cavins is a National and International speaker who brings his zeal and excitement of his love for Jesus Christ. After 12 years of being a Protestant Minister, he returned to the Catholic church under the guidance of Bishop Paul Bradley. With many degrees under his belt, he travels to many places in left of Evangelization. Six years he presented and hosted "Life on the Rock", a live talk show for young adults on EWTN. He even substituted for Mother Angelica on her live show when she was traveling or ill. Jeff still continues to appear from time to time on EWTN. Now he is a part of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in the office of Evangelization.



Jason Adkins is the head of the Minnesota Catholic Conference. He works with the Bishops of Minnesota to help in the legislative process with issues involving a faith based voice. He helps in shaping our lawmakers to know more on the needs of human dignity, common good and education of Catholic Values.



Kathy Langer works with the Biscove of St. Grant with Catholic Charities. She will give us information on the needs and work to do for the least of our brothers and sisters out there.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Parish/City _____
Diocese _____

- June 13, 2016 \$35.00
 June 14, 2016 \$35.00
 Both (June 13 & 14) \$55.00

After June 1, 2016—price will
increase by \$10.00

Please enclose this form with payment
and send to:

Marcia Simon
2596 Lonsdale Blvd
Northfield, MN 55057

Make checks payable to:
Province of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Total Enclosed _____

Hotel Accommodations:

Best Western- Monticello
89 Chelsea Rd
1-877-349-2415

Single room \$73.99—\$5.00
additional person

Americ Inn Motel ~ Monticello
118 7th St. East (by Perkins)

1-800-295-4775
Single room \$65.00 extra
persons additional

**Reserve before May 15 for this
rate and please mention
Council of Catholic Women**

**For More Information, please visit
the following websites:**

www.acowarchspm.org

www.stclouddccw.org

Or call the ACCW Office
651-291-4545



**Province of St. Paul
and Minneapolis
Archdiocesan Council
of Catholic Women**

Sowers of Hope!

June 13 & 14, 2016

St. Henry Catholic Church
1001 East 7th Street
Monticello, MN 55362
763-295-2402

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN will be having the Bishops & Rector’s Dinner on April 22 at the Rochester International Event Center. This is the main fund-raiser for the seminary.

For more information call (507) 494-8844. See the March Courier ad on p. 15 for more information.

SERVICE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

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Greetings to all! There are many projects that we can work on during these cold months and we will update you on the most recent changes. It’s a good time to sew the pillowcase dress, diapers and britches.

At our January Board meeting it was decided to collect items for the Sacred Heart Haiti Missions. There is a warehouse in Rochester, MN. There is a need for many items but especially needed are clean bed sheets, crucifixes, empty medicine bottles with caps, sewing machines and folding chairs at this time. There is a detailed list for more items for The Sacred Heart Missions at the end of this letter. We will not be collecting for the Brother Regis/ Salavatorian Missions but still could give monetary donations. We will continue to collect items for the Rochester Medical Missions.

There is new information for our **Card Front** collection. They do not accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards and prefer card fronts 5”x7” or smaller.

Both Missions take bandages. You can use worn sheets and pillow cases. Cut 3 inch strips. Each strip should be 10 feet long. Roll 3 strips on one roll to equal 30 feet. This could be a good project for a youth group if they need service hours.

Items Needed for Haiti

Mens Clothing

- Shoes in good condition
- Long sleeve shirts
- Short sleeve shirts
- Dress shirts
- Hats and caps
- T-shirts
- Neckties and belts
- Blue jeans
- Dress pants
- Light weight suits
- Socks and underwear



Medical

- Bandages
- Wheelchairs and crutches
- Walkers and canes
- Rubber gloves
- Pill Bottles

School Supplies

- No English books
- Pen and pencils
- Crayons
- Backpacks
- Paper-notebook, colored paper
- Any item needed for school



Baby and Kids Clothes

Most everything lightweight
Socks and shoes
If you'd like to sew a diaper,
baby seats
Baby wipes
Baby blankets



Toys

Stuffed toys, Riding toys
Wagons

Dolls
Floor toys for handicap
Trucks and cars
Most simple toys that are not technical



Ladies Clothing

Most anything lightweight (no polyester)

Handbags
Wedding dresses
Underclothing
Jewelry, scarves, shoes, socks
No Shorts



Christmas

Christmas trees
Gift wrap and ribbon
Tree decorations
Nativity sets

Household

Chest of drawers, not too large
Tupperware or plastic containers for food storage w/ lids
Small tables and folding tables, no coffee tables
Chairs-Folding, small wooden and outdoor plastic
Bookcases
Dishes-plates, cups, bowls, forks and spoons
Twin bed and frame
Cast Iron pans, no Teflon pans

Tools

All hand tools
Nails
Shovel and pick axes

Bedding

Sheets in all sizes
Comforters and blankets
Sponge pads
Pillow and cases in all sizes
Sleeping mats

Miscellaneous

Candles
Kleenex and paper towels
Music stands
Musical instruments

Craft and Sewing

Treadle and electric sewing machines
Fabric, Thread. Needles & pins
Embroidery floss
Lace and trim
Zippers and scissors

Hygiene

Shampoo and conditioner
Soap and lotion, deodorant
Baby powder and baby lotion

Religious

Altar linens, Vestments
Anything used for Mass
Rosaries, Medals
Holy pictures in frames



Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Thank you for sharing your time and talent in our mission to serve others. Keep up the good work!

COMING EVENTS

WDCCW Meeting
Wednesday, April 13th in Preston
St. Columban Catholic Church.

Province of St. Paul & Mpls. Conference
June 13, 14
Monticello, MN

2016 NCCW Convention
Catholic Women: Instruments of Mercy
September 7 - 10, 2016
Indianapolis, IN

Anyone is welcome to contribute articles to this E-news. Cutoff date for articles is the 26th of each month. Please send your submission to wdcw@dow.org. Our President reviews all items and reserves the right to decline them before they are printed.

Fran Berreau
Communications Committee for the WDCCW

