



Winona Diocese Council of Catholic Women

CONNECTING CATHOLIC WOMEN

July 2016

From our President Cindy Meling



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Open Our Eyes Lord

Dear Sisters in Christ,

What a wonderful Province Conference and I didn't see you there. I know summertime is here and so many things to do. But we need to be mindful of our spirituality during these times. We all have a tendency to not go to church during the summer. When school starts we start going to church again. Did Jesus or God take some time off, NO. They are always listening to our prayers and listening to us when we need help. Helping us through life every day, what would happen if they took time off.

Jeff Cavins was an excellent speaker talking about being disciples of Jesus to evangelize. The disciples were fishermen and not chosen but Jesus saw something in them and said come follow me. Take my yoke upon you and see things the way Jesus does and take on the world view and follow Jesus. I believe – I want to follow- I want to become like him. Be a follower and not a fan. In today's world so many things get in the way. We need to have a life of prayer (place and time), read the Bible and read scriptures. Jesus wants you more than you want him. Don't try to do it alone, go to bible studies and have a personal relationship with God. Talk to God as if you are standing in front of Him. Pick out a couple of Saints and go deep with them. Turn to kindness, love, humility and more to get a relationship with Jesus. Quite a message Jeff had for everyone.

The NCCW convention is in September 7 thru 10 and the speakers promise to be very good and leaving us with inspiration. Go to the nccw.org website for more information about it and the early bird registration ends June 30. WDCCW is planning on driving and if you want to go along let us know. I have booked 3 rooms for the event and would like to fill them, so let me know if you are interested.

Wednesday July 13th will be our next WDCCW gathering in Windom at St. Francis Xavier. This is in the Slayton Area where I am from and want to invite all of you to come and enjoy the day. An agenda will be included later in the newsletter. Ann Full will speak on Modesty and please invite the youth groups or your children and grandchildren to come. We will need to know if they are coming for meal counts by the 8th of July or sooner. It seems that in the world that we live in modesty doesn't exist and to be a follower of Jesus modesty is very important to please the Lord and yourself. The International Concerns Commission will be talking about different projects that are available. Not all project need to be done, just pick one that suits your needs. It will be an interesting day. Save the Date!!

Saturday, October 8th is the workshop for WDCCW. We have 4 speakers so far; Ann Full Infertility/God's Plan for your life, Denise Haaland on Leadership and Pat Reymann on Parliamentary, and Scott Fischbach for Legislation. I am excited for the speakers that are coming and good topics and information for everyone. More information to come. Save the Date!!

This is the Day the Lord has made, let us Rejoice and be Glad!!



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LEADERSHIP / ORGANIZATION NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2016

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, WINDOM, MN THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT:

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NOTE FROM Teri.....

Happenings in the month of July....

July is the month where newly appointed officers are installed for the upcoming terms for the council. **Please get those new names and e-mails to our President so we can update information.** We have some exciting news for our Diocese...we have a newly formed Council!

Welcome to St. Ignatius of Spring Valley, the newest Council of Catholic Women! Congratulations and a big hearty Thank You to all including:

- **Melissa Jones** of Cherry Grove for taking on the President responsibilities,
- **Joanie Betsinger** as Vice-President,
- **Joann Glady** as Secretary, and
- **Kathy O'Connell** as Treasurer.

God Bless all your endeavors and may our Lady of Good Counsel be ever at your side!

New Councils are popping up in other dioceses as well! When I attended the Province Convention in Monticello a couple weeks ago I was introduced to a gal named Eva who started a brand new council at St. Andrew's Parish. They have 60 members right now and continue to grow!

What's the #1 secret to increasing CCW? The number 1 step is to have a group of women **PRAY** —Pray for God's will to increase in numbers and productivity or even a new CCW organization in your parish!!

The #2 step to growing CCW?? Having full and visible support (words and actions) from your priest. *Meet* with your priest, *show him* the information we receive at our board meetings .

Help your parish priest to understand CCW supports, empowers, and educates women in Spirituality, Leadership, and Service. This information is for their benefit. It doesn't mean it all has to be done. This is why you talk with your priests to get his ideas as to what direction these ideas should go for your parish. Invite your parish priest to lunch!

Always pray for our priests, they are all spread thin, with so much to do.

Interesting Fact: Did you know that CCW was began back in the 1920's. Bishops wanted the women of parishes to become more active in the church. It's true! The Bishops admitted that women are needed in their local churches! When the spirit (Holy Spirit) filled women lead in the parish, the church becomes a living witness of the goodness of God.... Sometimes it may appear that a priest may not share your enthusiasm about the CCW. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with wisdom to educate gently. **Invite** others to also pray for your parish priest at the same time. **Remember it can be done if we TRUST in the LORD!** God Bless all the new councils, and councils who are struggling. Believe and trust in God! He has a mission for each one of us and that is why we are here. God Bless you & your endeavors!

Grant money is still available for parishes to begin CCW for their church. Contact Teri for more information.



Prayer for a Priest

O Jesus, our great High Priest, Hear my humble [prayers](#) on behalf of your priest, Father _____. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm [hope](#) and a burning love which [will](#) ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness, comfort him In his sorrows, strengthen him In his frustrations, point out to him that it is through suffering that the [soul](#) is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power which he has received to carry on the work of [Christ](#) in a world which needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Amen.

Taken from Catholic Online Prayers.....



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

Universal: Indigenous Peoples

That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelization: Latin America and the Caribbean

That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.





Submitted by
Bev McCarvel
 Province Director

NCCW: C-O-U-N-T-I-N-G A Million Mercies
FEED the HUNGRY; GIVE DRINK to the THIRSTY
 A Calendar of Ideas for Families---of any size!
 By Jane Carter

JUNE: School's out! For most of us, this means vacation---for hungry children this means no more school breakfast or lunch. For every trip/vacation you take with your family this summer, consider donating just \$5 a day to the Second Harvest Food Bank nearest you. For every dollar they collect, 28 pounds of food are given to those in need. That would be 140 pounds of food (and mercies!) for every day of your family's vacation---or 980 pounds for a week!

JULY: Red, white and blue are everywhere---continue the theme with your month's canned goods collection: cans of white potatoes, hominy or clam chowder, red cherries, spaghetti sauce or strawberry jam, and blue Jell-O, blueberry preserves or Gatorade! July is also a month of hot temperatures in most of the US, providing a bottle of cold water to the garbage collectors or city workers is easy and so appreciated!

AUGUST: Time to think about back to school and that means lunch boxes! Have a Peanut Butter & Jelly drive for your parish or community food pantry. Children might also ask for PB&J donations from family and close friends or neighbors.

SEPTEMBER: Focus on fruit! Donate canned and dried fruit and fruit juices of all kinds. Ask the Director/Coordinator of Religious Education if your child's/grandchild's RE classes can get involved. Fruit is often too expensive for those on food stamps and difficult for food banks and pantries to keep in stock.

OCTOBER: World Food Day is traditionally observed on October 16th----but any day in October would be fine! Pray for all those who are hungry in the world and then make a donation to the NCCW/CRS program: Help a Child Global Program where your dollars will be used in the part of the world most in need of help. Encourage children of all ages to contribute to the family donation.

NOVEMBER: Thanksgiving brings our community's hungry to the forefront and many organizations collect food, distribute baskets and reach out to those in need. Join in whatever is happening in your parish or community. It is also a great time to focus on meal prayers in your home, and include those who are hungry in your family prayers before meals. Make participating in the NCCW Day of Prayer and Fasting to End World Hunger (on the Thursday before Thanksgiving) a family event, helping your children and grandchildren to keep the THANKS in Thanksgiving!

Of course these suggestions can be used at any time throughout the year---as hunger is a constant reality. Specially designed to be done with children, grandchildren, neighborhood children or even religion classes, they are presented in a "calendar" format to show how the issue of hunger can be tied to seasons and celebrations that are already a part of Catholic family life.

Winona Diocese Council of Catholic Women

Wednesday, July 13, 2016
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
548 17th St.
Windom, MN 56101

AGENDA

Open Our Eyes Lord

8:00 – 9:00 am Registration with refreshments

8:30 am - Area Presidents meeting

9:00 am Welcome

Opening Prayer by Valerie Ehlenfeldt

Pledge of Allegiance

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Area and Parish officers introduced by Barrie Wright

Secretary's Report: approved as emailed

Roll call: Austin _____, Blue Earth _____, Caledonia _____, Owatonna _____, Rochester _____, Slayton _____, Worthington _____.

Traveling Madonna:

Treasurer's report

Correspondence:

Business: Spiritual Advisor remarks

Historian remarks

Parliamentarian remarks

Membership remarks

10:00 am - In depth - Ann Full speaking on Modesty introduced by Nancy Back

11:00 am – Mass or Patriotic Rosary

12:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 pm – In depth – Rosanne Buehler and Teri Rosendahl on projects

2:00 pm - Business: Commission Reports

Leadership – Teri Rosendahl

Legislation -Respect Life – Pornography – Eleanore Jones

Church – Valerie Ehlenfeldt

International – Rosanne Buehler and Linda Thesing

Community/Family – Nancy Back

Province Conference remarks

October Workshop

NCCW Convention – Sept 6 thru 11 /driving have 3 rooms if anyone interested

Other

3:00 pm – Door Prizes –

Closing Prayer by Valerie Ehlenfeldt

Adjourn

Hotels in Windom

Guardian Inn – 507-831-1809

Red Carpet Inn – 507-831-1120

A New, Exciting Month for WDCCW-Please Join Us!

Submitted by Kathy Wilmes, Secretary
Winona Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

The month of July is going to be an exciting one for our diocesan CCW.

I will be representing this council at the National Symposium "Hope, Help, and Healing: A Catholic Response to Domestic Violence and Abuse" being held on July 7-8 in Washington, D.C. As many of you know, this topic was addressed last year at a WDCCW meeting; this conference expands on this topic by featuring fifty speakers that will expand our knowledge on this important issue. Our thanks to WDCCW for providing the funds for our travel and to NCCW for providing the grant that includes our registration and lodging costs. I was honored to be asked to attend and am excited to bring back some news to share with our membership.



It will not be long before we have the opportunity to share with our diocesan sisters as our summer meeting is scheduled for July 13, the following Wednesday, at St. Francis Xavier parish in Windom, MN. We will have wonderful speakers on modesty and international affairs, plus wonderful food and a chance for me to share what I learned the previous week. Please come and join us for a fun, informative time!



July 04: St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Elizabeth, a Spanish princess, was born in 1271. She married King Denis of Portugal at the age of twelve. Elizabeth was beautiful and very lovable. She was also devout and went to Mass every day. Elizabeth was a charming wife. Her husband was fond of her at first, but soon he began to cause her great suffering. Though a good ruler, he did not have his wife's love of prayer and virtue. In fact, his sins of impurity were well-known scandals throughout his kingdom.

St. Elizabeth tried to be a loving mother to her children, Alphonso and Constance. She was also generous and loving with the people of Portugal. Even though her husband was unfaithful, she prayed that he would have a change of heart. Elizabeth refused to become bitter and resentful. She strengthened her own prayer life and followed the Franciscan spirituality. Gradually, the king was moved by her patience and good example. He began to live better. He apologized to his wife and showed her

greater respect. In his last sickness the queen never left his side, except for Mass. King Denis died on January 6, 1325. He had shown deep sorrow for his sins and his death was peaceful.

Elizabeth lived eleven more years. She performed loving acts of charity and penance. She was a wonderful model of kindness toward the poor. This gentle woman was also a peacemaker between members of her own family and between nations.

St. Elizabeth of Portugal died on July 4, 1336. She was proclaimed a saint by Pope Urban VIII in 1626.

Reflection: *"If you love peace, all will be well."-St. Elizabeth*

Kathy Wilmes
Secretary, Winona Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

WDCCW Business Meeting

April 12, 2016

St. Columban Catholic Church, Preston, MN

Members present: Cindy Meling, Teri Rosendahl, Bev Mc Carvel, Kitty Kerrins, Kathy Wilmes, Katie Koziolk, Msgr Tom Hargesheimer, Eleanore Jones, Nancy Back, Valerie Ehlenfeldt,

Cindy Meling welcomed attendees and called meeting to order.

Prayer led by Valerie and Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Dinner was provided by the ladies of St. Columban CCW.

Messages from Msgr. Tom:

*Fr. Gits funeral

*National Spiritual Advisor Candidates

*Catholic Relief Services Controversy

* Statute of Limitations for Abuse by Diocesan Priests ends on May 25th

Secretary's minutes were read and approved with corrections added.

Treasurer's report for the last quarter of 2015 and the first quarter of 2016 was shared and discussed. Area sharing payments will be out tomorrow. Report was approved and will be submitted for audit.

Appreciation dinner for spiritual advisors was discussed. Motion made to give Bishop Quinn a copy of *Catholic Woman*. Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion on inviting junior and senior high students to attend our diocesan Mini-Workshop in October at the reduced price of \$2/student. This was favorable to all attendees.

Discussion on the importance of individual memberships to NCCW-how much is paid and what we receive when we become members.

We need to start planning the LTD conference, which we will host in 2018, now.

Discussion on cluster affiliations tabled until July meeting.

Next meeting will be in Windom, MN at St. Francis Xavier Church July 12 and 13.

Thank you cards read from Catholic Charities, Mother Teresa, Salvadoran Missions, NCCW, Cross International Outreach, and Sr. Paul Mary from the Diocese of Winona.

Exhibition of relics presentation by Valerie.

Closing prayer, meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wilmes



COMING EVENTS

WDCCW MEETING
Wednesday, July 13th Windom, MN
St. Francis Xavier

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

Early Convention Registration

The deadline for early registration for the 2016 NCCW Annual Convention is fast approaching. The early registration deadline is **Thursday, June 30, 2016**

Accommodations

Hotel rooms at the Marriott in downtown Indianapolis are going fast. Make your reservations as soon as possible! Room rates are: \$135 single, \$149 double, \$169 triple, and \$189 quad, plus applicable state and local taxes (currently 17%) at the Downtown Indianapolis Marriott. Indiana does not accept tax exemption status for hotel rooms or food. Room reservations must be made by **August 13, 2016** to obtain the NCCW Convention rate. Make your reservation online. If you cannot go online to make a reservation, please call 1-877-640-7666, Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. It is important to indicate that you are reserving under the **NCCW room block** to get the NCCW rate. **Please, DO NOT CALL the Marriott Worldwide reservation number**, as they will not have our meeting discount rate.

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 wdccw@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

