



Winona Diocese Council of Catholic Women

CONNECTING CATHOLIC WOMEN

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From our President Cindy Meling



Dear Sisters in Christ,

I have great news from National Council of Catholic Women that they are solvent. We have all worked hard to have this happen and we should be very happy. The 2016 NCCW convention is being held in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is close for all of us to attend. We should be looking to the nccw.org website to sign up to attend the convention. While you are on the website check it out. There are interesting things happening and lots of things to see and read. Individual membership is \$60 and gets you access to the Catholic magazine, the Connect, and voting rights at the convention.

The next interesting thing that is happening is a movie premiere of "The Young Messiah". The NCCW has been given the opportunity to have this movie at the White Bear Township 17 Theatre at 1180 County Rd J, White Bear Lake, MN 55127. This will be shown on Thursday, March 10th, the day before it is shown in theatres. The Winona Diocese CCW is selling tickets for \$10 per person. The WDCCW Board, Area Presidents all have access to this information. You can contact them or me 507-220-1712 to get tickets or information. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Another interesting thing is the Province Conference being held June 13 and 14th in Monticello, MN at St. Henry Catholic Church. There are 5 speakers for the two-day event; Mary Beth Hicks who spoke at the NCCW convention; Christine Schicker from EWTN; Jeff Cavins, a national and international speaker; Jason Adkins, head of MN Catholic Conference; Kathy Langer from Catholic Charities. It is quite a powerhouse of speakers. Mark your calendar and more information will be available later.

The New Ulm Diocese is having its convention on April 23rd in Minneota at St. Edward's, they have an excellent speaker, Sherri Wohlfert. She was a speaker at the NCCW convention, very humorous and deep faith and writes at JoyfulWords.org. Everyone is welcome to attend and can pay at the door.

The Winona Diocese Council of Catholic Women has its own facebook page. If you look on the page, you can see that we have been posting the "Best Lent Ever" by Matthew Kelly. It is using the book, "Re Discover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly and there are other speakers from Dynamic Catholic. It makes you think about your journey with Jesus. I hope you visit the page and like it and receive information that we post for you.



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.



Our next meeting for WCCW, will be Wednesday, April 13th in Preston at St. Columban Catholic Church. The address is 408 NW Preston St. Preston is part of a tri parish and more information on the gathering will be coming in the next newsletter, but you need to put it on your calendar. I hope to see you there since we haven't been to Preston before and it's been since October since our last full meeting.

I have given you a lot of information to ingest, so will end my article. Hope you are having the best lent ever and have a blessed Easter.

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

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NCCW Resolution "Action Points"

Consecrated Life Resolution Action Points—

- Include prayers for vocations at all meetings.
- Become aware of local religious orders & tour their facilities & learn of their mission focus.
- Assist local orders in raising funds & awareness of their needs.
- Purchase goods that may be made by the order to financially support them.
- Offer an NCCW membership to a motherhouse or group of sisters.
- Invite your priest to speak to your CCW group.
- Honor special anniversaries of your priests.
- Create a monthly prayer calendar for daily prayers for your pastor or bishop.
- Invite a religious man or woman to speak on the Year of Mercy.
- Take a priest out to dinner to celebrate his vocation.
- Send an appreciation card to a sister or priest.

NCCW Website Action Points—

- Include the posting of the NCCW website address in all publications & printed information that is distributed to council members at meetings & in all e-communications.
- Diocesan presidents could encourage parish affiliate members & individual members to go to the NCCW website "at least once" for their information.
- Diocesan presidents, PD's, etc. can use the website to check on the accuracy of local memberships.
- If a D/ACCW has a page on their diocesan website, put the NCCW website link on the diocesan website or at least display it prominently on your page.

End Persecution of Christians in the Middle East Action Points—

- Publish the Angelus Prayer in parish bulletins & diocesan papers & explain the purpose.
- Invite guest speakers to increase the awareness of Council members on the persecution issue.
- Pray the Angelus Prayer at local, diocesan, & province meetings.
- Collect donations for relief organizations that help displaced & persecuted Christians.
- Read publications/books that describe the lives of our fellow Christians in the Middle East so you can discuss the topic.

Influence of the Media on Marriage & Family Action Points—

Print the Media: What is the Message? program from the NCCW website & refer to it at meetings & publicize it.

Use the USCCB website for information on media.

Distribute Media: What is the Message? brochures in parishes & at Council meetings.

Publish awareness articles in parish bulletins & diocesan newspapers referencing the websites cited in the resolution.

Organize workshops & presentations by guest speakers on the topic of media for use at meetings.



POPE’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

March

Universal: *Families in Difficulty*

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.



children may

Evangelization: *Persecuted Christians*

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church

The Best Part of Our Journey is Yet to Come- Please Join Us!



Kathy Wilmes
Secretary, WDCCW

As many of you know, I have a grandson that I love with all my heart. One of our favorite games to play together is building forts and castles that rise high in the sky, then remaking them into something better, stronger, and more suited to our playtime story. Whether with Legos and Lincoln Logs in winter or sand in the summer, our greatest joy is being in each other’s company, imagining then reimagining; knowing that the end result is never truly in sight, as long as we continue to grow in each other’s love. I, along with the rest of our executive board, invite you to join us on April 13th in Preston as we as a Diocesan CCW redraw our area maps to better reflect our changing populations and so better meet our organizational needs. There will be wonderful speakers and, of course, great food, but we will also have this extremely important topic to discuss.

In Isaiah it says “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”(vs.19). Winona Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has been in existence for seventy-five years; please come and help us as we perceive what we can be in this new generation. Hope to see you there!

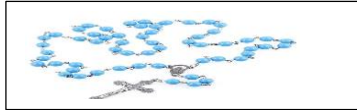
Spirituality Commission
Legislative, Respect Life & Anti-Pornography

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We need to do a lot of praying! Mary requested that we say the rosary daily. We are told that we will have peace if we do this. This is what she requested at Fatima! The Pope needs our prayers with so much in the media about his press questions and his responses. In the first 1900 years we were spared the media and now we are on notice.



Attend your precinct caucus March 1! The law-making process in our state and nation begins with precinct caucuses. Pro-life laws will not be enacted unless pro-lifers are active in grassroots politics. Only a small percentage of citizens attend precinct caucuses, which means your single vote profoundly impacts public policy. You can help stop the horror of 1 million unborn babies killed by abortion each year. **It is critical that you be there to vote for pro-life delegates and be a delegate yourself.** At a precinct caucus you elect delegates and alternates to your county convention, discuss issues and propose resolutions and elect local party leadership. The county auditor at your county courthouse can tell you which precinct you live in and when and where your party's precinct caucus will be held. The Secretary of State's Office has online information on precinct caucuses here www.sos.state.mn.us (see "Election & Voting"). If every pro-lifer Minnesota voter attended a precinct caucus on March 1, they would change the face of our government. Resolutions serve to express citizens' sentiments and should be proposed when chances of passage are good. Here are four pro-life resolutions:

"Be it resolved that we urge the Minnesota Legislature to pass a ban on dismemberment abortions, a cruel procedure in which an abortionist pulls apart the body of an unborn child in the womb piece by piece, and often crushes the head, as the baby bleeds to death."

"Be it resolved that we urge the Minnesota Legislature to pass a ban on taxpayer funded abortions."

"Be it resolved that we urge the Minnesota Legislature to protect women by instituting basic regulations and inspections of abortion facilities, which remain unregulated and undisputed in Minnesota."

"Be it resolved that we urge the Minnesota Legislature to oppose any attempts to legalize assisted suicide."

In 2016 we want to ban dismemberment abortion, stop taxpayer funding of abortion and require that abortion facilities be licensed by the state.

You need to contact your state legislators and urge them to support pro-life bills.

The legislative session begins March 8 and proponents of assisted suicide hope to advance the legislation further during the 2016 session. **S.F. 1880 (H.F. 2095), authored by Sen. Chris Eaton, DFL-Brooklyn Center, is part of a nationwide effort orchestrated by Compassion and Choices, the leading assisted suicide advocacy organization.** Minnesota law currently prohibits assisted suicide. S.F.1880 would overturn this protection by authorizing a doctor to prescribe a lethal dose of medication to a patient for the purpose of suicide. But legalizing assisted suicide poses a host of dangers. **The bill's many problems are explained at the website of Minnesotan Against Assisted Suicide-www.mnaas.org.** Your legislators need to hear from you, too-about

why S.F. 1880 is unnecessary and a prescription for abuse. Contact information is online at www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/legislators. State legislators contact is:

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State Office Building

St. Paul, MN 55155

House Info: **651-296-2146**



Minnesota State Senate

State Capitol

St. Paul, MN 55155

Senate Info: **651-296-0504**

Visit MCCL’s Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and other social media pages and share their posts about the value of life with your friends. Find links at www.mccl.org.

Love Life! Respect It! Protect It!

The National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) has had great victory. This hotel company will remove all on-demand porn. InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG), an international hotel company with over 4,900 properties and brands like **Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn**, has worked with NCOSE to strengthen and enforce its policy to **not distribute pornography through its on-demand video services**. NCOSE is grateful to InterContinental Hotels Group for the priority the company placed on working with us in order to ensure that none of its hotels profit from sexual exploitation. IHG has also pledged to continuously inspect all of its hotels to ensure the standard is enforced.

Africa could be termed the last battleground of the Church. It is the only significant place the Church is seeing any growth. Close to 200 million Catholics inhabit, the so-called Dark Continent, a term given in derision by colonial powers. Africa is a target, politically, culturally and most important, spiritually. Africa is still viewed by many Western elites as a “colonial” seedbed. Because of its poorer economic status, various elites see an opportunity to advance their agendas of evil: contraception, sterilization, abortion, population control, homosexuality, climate change and so forth. This is being done largely through the United Nations, financed by Western governments, especially the United States. U.S. money is used to essentially try and buy off leaders of various African nations. They begin promoting the Obama agenda, and then the Church runs into conflict with those leaders. The other method that the U.S. government uses to get into African nations is the huge sum of money - hundreds of millions each year - that it awards Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CRS does work to alleviate poverty, but it also allies itself with other groups pushing the population control agenda through sterilization and contraception. Those U.S. government dollars, like all government dollars, come with strings attached. Washington, D.C., under Obama, has been relentless in pushing its agenda, and it uses a compliant CRS as another means to introduce its agenda into African nations. His Excellency Bishop Borwah, an outspoken African Bishop, told us he was greatly concerned that CRS does nothing for the soul when they are doing their so-called poverty fighting. Between the indirect approach of using CRS to gain a foothold and establish thrust with the people, and courting government leaders with promises of money in exchange for acceptance of immoral policies, Africa appears to be target number one for diabolical used to corrupt the West looks to be the same weapon by which he will introduce evil into African nations. Catholic leaders who keep supporting Obama, his policies, his party, his power structure and playing along with it in the name of social justice and fighting poverty are setting the table for the destruction of the Faith down the road in Africa. And consider this: The Catholic population in Africa has more than tripled since 1980, and if current trends hold, in the next generation just 20 years from now, 24 percent of Africans will be Catholic. This would result in a Catholic population of nearly half a billion in Africa - just over 20 years.

In our state all of the Senators and Representatives are up for election. Hopefully the next President of the U.S. will be appointing a new Supreme Court Justice.

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) will be on March 8 - South Metro, Burnsville, MN, Mary, Mother of the Church, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., and another on March 15 - SE Minnesota, Rochester, MN B'nai Israel Synagogue, 6 - 9 p.m. We will focus on strategies to communicate with your lawmakers throughout the session both electronically and in person. Go online: www.jrlc.org. Mail check:: JRLC 122 W Franklin Ave, Suite 315, Minneapolis, MN 55404-2452. Feb. 6 - March 15 is \$20

FAMILY & COMMUNITY CONCERNS COMMISSION

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As Easter is fast approaching, I recall a foreshadowing of the gifts that the Magi gave at Epiphany. The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Easter is traditionally a time to bring new members into the Catholic Church. Baptism and Confirmation are administered at the Easter Vigil.

St. Matthew recorded that the Magi brought three gifts, each also having a prophetic meaning: gold, the gift for a king; frankincense the gift for a priest; and myrrh -- a burial ointment, a gift for one who would die. St. Irenaeus (d. 202) in his *Adversus haereses* offered the following interpretation for the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh respectively King, God, and Suffering Redeemer as well as virtue, prayer, and suffering. (<http://catholicherald.com/stories/Straight-Answers-Who-Were-the-Magi,6976>)

The following can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

A priestly, prophetic, and royal people

783 Jesus Christ is the one whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and established as priest, prophet, and king. The whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them.208

784 On entering the People of God through faith and Baptism, one receives a share in this people's unique, priestly vocation: "Christ the Lord, high priest taken from among men, has made this new people 'a kingdom of priests to God, his Father.' The baptized, by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated to be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood."209

785 "The holy People of God shares also in Christ's prophetic office," above all in the supernatural sense of faith that belongs to the whole People, lay and clergy, when it "unfailingly adheres to this faith . . . once for all delivered to the saints,"210 and when it deepens its understanding and becomes Christ's witness in the midst of this world.

786 Finally, the People of God shares in the royal office of Christ. He exercises his kingship by drawing all men to himself through his death and Resurrection.211 Christ, King and Lord of the universe, made himself the servant of all, for he came "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."212 For

the Christian, "to reign is to serve him," particularly when serving "the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder."213 The People of God fulfills its royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ.

(http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p123a9p2.htm)

Mark 15:22-23

And they bring him into the place called Golgotha, which being interpreted is, The place of Calvary. And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but he took it not.

John 19:39-40

And Nicodemus also came, (he who at the first came to Jesus by night,) bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. They took therefore the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths, with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Apocalypse (Revelations) 8:3-4

And another angel came and stood before the altar, having a golden censer: and there was given to him much incense, that he should offer of the prayers of all saints, upon the golden altar which is before the throne of God. And the smoke of the incense of the prayers of the saints ascended up before God from the hand of the angel.

(<http://fisheaters.com/incense.html>)

For great family ideas about Lent and Easter: <http://catholicmom.com/kids/lenten-activities-for-children/>

A great resource for relationships (dating, engaged, married, and family life):

<http://www.foryourmarriage.org/>

Please make a point to attend as many opportunities as you can during Holy Week. Some parishes host Seder meals before the Mass on Holy Thursday. Good Friday services and Holy Saturday are also very important to attend. These days are called the Easter Triduum. Interesting to note, the Mass that begins on Thursday night is completed at the Easter Vigil. Pay attention when you attend these events and notice how things are different from regular Mass.



Upcoming events:

March is devoted to St Joseph as the father of Jesus and husband to Mary. Let us take time to pray for his guidance as our society is set on destroying the very moral fiber of family life upon which is the foundation for society itself.



Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday following Easter)...I encourage you to say the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The following link gives information regarding this great, merciful jewel of prayer. By clicking on the (+) by Forms of Devotion, it will drop down more information regarding this devotion (including Novena information).

<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php>

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ST. MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA of the Blessed Sacrament was born Helena Kowalska in a small village in Poland on August 25th, 1905. When she was almost 20, the third eldest of ten children entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, whose members devoted themselves to the care and education of troubled young women. Helena Kowalska received her religious habit in 1926 and was given the name Sister Maria Faustina. As permitted by her congregation's custom, she added "of the Blessed Sacrament" to her newly received name. Sister Faustina only had a few years of formal education and so, was assigned to humble tasks, usually in the kitchen or garden. She performed all of her tasks with a smile that radiated joy. She received many extraordinary spiritual gifts during the 13 years she lived in her congregation, such as: revelations, visions, hidden stigmata, participation in the Lord's Passion, visions of purgatory, Heaven, and hell, the gift of bilocation, the reading of human souls, the gift of prophecy, and the rare gift of mystical engagement and marriage. Sr. Faustina was directed by Jesus to write down the messages she received, which are now compiled into a work that is known as Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul. She was specially chosen by Our Lord to be the Apostle of His Mercy and at His specific request, made a sacrifice of her own life for cooperation with God's Mercy in the task of saving lost souls. She had a burning love for the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation and a deep devotion to the Mother of Mercy who, in visions to Sr. Faustina, strengthened her in fulfilling her mission. On February 22nd, 1931, Our Lord Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina and brought a wonderful message of Mercy for her to share with all mankind. She wrote in her diary under the same date, *"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'"* A short time later Jesus again spoke, *"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.... Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."* After bearing innumerable sufferings for the conversion of sinners, Sr. Faustina was finally consumed by tuberculosis and entered the Kingdom of Heaven on October 5th, 1938 at the age of 33. The process of her beatification began in the 1960's. She was finally beatified on the first Sunday after Easter, April 18th, 1993, by Pope St. John Paul II. Seven years later he canonized Saint Faustina on April 30th, 2000 and proclaimed the first Sunday after Easter as the Feast of Divine Mercy.

On September 1st 2015, the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge launched a petition drive requesting the Holy See to name St. Faustina a Doctor of the Church. You can sign the petition here if you like:

<https://secure.marianweb.net/thedivinemercy.org/doctor/index.php?page=marian-home>

Devotion to God's Divine Mercy bears some resemblance to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus wants us to know that His Mercy is greater than our sins and wants us to have complete trust in Him and His Mercy and trust that we are forgiven when we repent.

Church of the Resurrection in Rochester has a wonderful celebration every year on Divine Mercy Sunday, typically between 2PM and 5PM and I highly suggest going if you are able to attend. Check with your local parishes to find out who may be holding this devotion in your area! A multitude of Graces are poured out on Divine Mercy Sunday and this is a good way to celebrate and receive the promises of this wondrous Feast!

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND PROMISES

Our Lord gave to Saint Faustina the Divine Mercy Chaplet which is recited using a Rosary (or without, if you don't have one with you). This chaplet can and should be said on a regular basis, given all of the graces available through it. It is especially said as a Novena which begins on Good Friday and concludes the evening before Divine Mercy Sunday. You can find an explanation on how to recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/how-to-pray-the-chaplet-of-divine-mercy.cfm>

Promises for Praying the Chaplet

"Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this Chaplet. Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize my unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of my mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them." (Diary, 848)

"Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it, they will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were

Promise of the Grace of Mercy for the Dying

"It pleases me to grant everything souls ask of me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one. Write this for the benefit of distressed souls; when a soul sees and realizes the gravity of its sins, when the whole abyss of the misery into which it immersed itself is displayed before its eyes, let it not despair, but with trust let it throw itself into the arms of My mercy, as a child into the arms of its beloved mother. Tell them no soul that has called upon My mercy has been disappointed or brought to shame. I delight particularly in a soul that has placed its trust in My goodness. Write that when they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge but as the Merciful Saviour." (Diary, 1541)

"At the hour of their death, I defend every soul that will say this Chaplet as I do my own glory. When this Chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated and His unfathomable mercy envelops the soul." (Diary, 811)

"I desire that this mercy flow out upon the whole world through your heart. Let no one who approaches you go away without that trust in my mercy, which I so ardently desire for souls. Pray as much as you can for the dying. By your entreaties, obtain for them trust in my mercy, because they have most need of trust, and have it the least." (Diary, 1777)

Example of the Chaplet Saving a Soul

"My daughter, help me to save a certain dying sinner. Say the Chaplet that I have taught you for him. When I began to say the Chaplet, I saw the man dying in the midst of terrible torment and struggle. His Guardian Angel was defending him, but he was, as it were, powerless against the enormity of the soul's misery. But while

I was saying the Chaplet, I saw Jesus just as He is depicted in the Image. The rays that issued from Jesus' heart enveloped the sick man, and the powers of darkness fled in panic. The sick man peacefully breathed his last"
(Diary, 1565)

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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
- Wagons
- Riding toys Bicycles
- 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 wdccw@dow.org. Our President reviews all items and reserves the right to decline them before they are printed.
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