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NEWSLETTER WEST DANE VICARIATE Council of Catholic Women!

Affiliated with the Diocese of Madison
 Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW) &
 National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)

April 2021

Connecting Catholic Women in the West Dane Vicariate of the Diocese of Madison EASTER

Vicariate President's Message

SPRING brings a renewal of many things in our lives. Many of our councils continue to renew their former projects/ programs with vigor. As you evaluate what projects to keep as worthy of your time and what to let go, you will make your group stronger. We know that when we give of ourselves, we use our hands and feet in God's work. In helping others, we find that we also help ourselves to be the best version of who God created us to be.

THANK YOU for allowing me to be your vicariate president for the past several years, as it has certainly been a rewarding experience. I have met some wonderful people who were willing to step in and offer their help and guidance as we connected with the affiliates and shared helpful information. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the council in that role.

VIRTUAL was part of our Spring Vicariate meeting, hosted by St. Christopher in Verona, which enabled us to safely gather. President Sue Barker and her committee presented a wonderful two hours of faith filled messages along with a liturgy that created a special ending. As we postponed the board of directors election last year, it was time to present a slate of officers for this next term for the West Dane Vicariate Board. With newly elected President Sue Barker, I know that the Vicariate Board is in good hands. The board, under Sue's leadership, will be a learning opportunity for anyone considering to become more active in the leadership role of council. To complete the board we are still, praying and hoping, that one of you will step forward and assume the role of Vice President. I encourage you to email Sue Barker at: suehurleysue@tds.net regarding any questions you might have and your willingness to serve.

FUTURE of MDCCW... is looking bright! Join us for the MDCCW Convention on June 12th. You will come away from that gathering with a sense of renewal for yourself and a connection with other Diocesan Council of Catholic Women! See the MDCCW Newsletter for registration information!

Rosa Ropers, Outgoing President West Dane Vicariate Council of Catholic Women

GATHER MDCCW CONVENTION ! Saturday, June 12, 2021 10:00am-12:30pm

A fast paced VIRTUAL MDCCW Convention is being prepared for you, which celebrates 101 years of the National Council of Catholic Women! Each parish may host their own small in-person gathering to view or you can choose a personal all-virtual participation.

West Dane Vicariate is the host and you will see many familiar faces in the entire presentation as its locations were filmed around our vicariate!

Highlights include our Keynote Speaker Bishop Hying, followed by a LIVE Q & A session! Singer-songwriter Anna Nuzzo provides a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and international author Jeannie Ewing presents Finding Joy in the Chaos. Additionally, you will recognize familiar faces throughout our Vicariate as we share some personal favorite prayers! Registration is needed to provide you the link, which can be found in the March Newsletter of MDCCW online (www.mdccw.com) or by contacting your CCW President! Questions? Contact: Rosa Ropers at rosa.m.ropers@gmail.com

MEET YOUR NEW WDV PRESIDENT!

Sue Barker joins us from St. Andrew Church, Verona (St. Christopher Parish). As a dedicated CCW member at her parish, she's well suited to lead our Vicariate this year! Next Month, we will hear from her!

PARISHES

In the West Dane Vicariate

- Ashton - St. Peter Parish**
Rev. Christopher Gernetzke, Pastor
- Cross Plains - St. Francis Xavier Church**
Rev. Scott Jablonski, Pastor
- Martinsville - St. Martin of Tours**
Rev. Christopher Gernetzke, Pastor
- Mt. Horeb - St. Ignatius Church - (St. Michael the Archangel Parish)**
Rev. Chahm Gahng, Pastor
- Paoli - St. William Church (St. Christopher Parish)**
Rev. Robert Butz, Pastor
- Perry - Holy Redeemer Church (St. Michael the Archangel Parish)**
Rev. Chahm Gahng, Pastor
- Pine Bluff - St. Mary of Pine Bluff Church**
Very Rev. Richard M. Heilman, VF, Pastor
- Verona - St. Andrew Church (St. Christopher Parish)**
Rev. Robert Butz, Pastor
- Waunakee - St. John the Baptist Parish**
Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor
- Westport - St. Mary of the Lake Church**
Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor

West Dane Vicariate INCOMING BOARD of DIRECTORS !

- President:**
 Sue Barker
 (St. Christopher, Verona)
- President Elect:**
 VACANT for now
- Secretary:**
 Joan Pregler
 (St. Peter, Ashton)
- Treasurer:**
 Kelly Huntington
 (St. Peter, Ashton)
- We are still SEEKING a
 President Elect - Join Us!**

*"If you are the leader,
 if you can be of service
 and help people,
 then do it.
 That's what God wants us
 to do, love one another
 with our whole hearts."*

Barbara Young Birds
 NCCW Leadership
 Commission and featured
 Cover Story in Catholic
 Woman Magazine 2021

No Parish CCW?

We are here to help you
 connect with Catholic
 Women on the MOVE!
 Contact Rosa Ropers at
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

May 8 & 9

Right to Life Dane County
Rose Sale at participating
parishes.

June 12

MDCCW CONVENTION

August 25-28

NCCW Convention

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EASTER SUNDAY
April 4, 2021

The Triduum and Season of EASTER

From the depths of despair during the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the agony of abandonment after His death, comes the glorious revelation of His Rising from the dead to new life. Purchasing for us, reconciliation with God, a pathway to Heaven, an intercession between earthly life and spiritual life. We are saved!

MEMBERSHIP

Vicariate Presidents, Please send your Vicariate's MDCCW Annual Dues of \$50.00 now.

Individual Members

Catholic Women in parishes that do not have an organized Council (CCW) but would enjoy becoming active and support the work of MDCCW, can become Individual members! Dues are \$10.00/year.

Dues may be sent to
MDCCW Treasurer:
Katie Crosby,
3917 County Road A,
Lancaster, WI 53813

SPIRITUALITY

Postcards for Our Priests

Postcards are NOW AVAILABLE

For you to Pray for a Priest for a Year!

Heaven knows we need our Priests! Starting Holy Thursday, you can offer a Spiritual Bouquet for a priest or other religious for this next year.

Contact your CCW President now!



SERVICE

BEYOND 40 Days for Life

40 Days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil is typical during Lent, and the recent 40 Days for Life campaign to end abortion brings the Light of Christ into our world; to dispel the dark and evils of abortion. Of course, this evil doesn't stop between the autumn and spring time sidewalk vigils! Discover what God has done.... Imagine what He can do! Find out at vigilforlife.org!

Let us all pray for an end to abortion.

WALKING with MOMS in NEED

Help Bishop Hying achieve an active effort in the Walking With Moms in Need Program by providing resources at your parish. The Pro-Life Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is developing extensive educational, pastoral, and action-oriented resources for parish use. Learn how you can engage your parish!

Contact Susanna Herro at 608-255-2020
or susannaherro@gmail.com
Learn more at: www.walkingwithmoms.com

LOVE TO WALK ? 101 EASY Miles !

Between now and August, NCCW has a 101 mile 'Walk to Convention' Fundraiser happening at your own pace, on your own path, on your own schedule! How easy is that?

***Register, *Walk, *Pray!**

Record your progress - get prizes!

Register at www.nccw.org ('scroll to Current Events')

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

DID YOU KNOW? In NCCW's First Twenty Five Years ...

101 years ago, NCCW provided the voice to Catholic Women, who began to shape social policy. Born during the women's Suffrage Movement, this recognition by the US Bishops placed women faithfully and reverently in a leadership role, which upholds the values of their shared Catholic faith. In their first 25 years, they endorsed the work and actions of the Children's Bureau and the Women's Bureau of the Dept. of Labor, promoted social justice and world peace and the diminution of armaments among governments of the world.

AROUND OUR (WEST DANE) VICARIATE

FEATURE: St. Peter Catholic Church

Ashton (Middleton) Wisconsin

Affectionately known as St. Peter of 'Ashton', one can see the church steeple from miles away in this north western portion of Dane County. This historic church surrounded by rich agricultural lands can boast of early settlers building the church with local materials, whose generational families still occupy the pews today. Holding an innate strong work ethic, the parishioners have never flinched from making sure that the parish and St. Peter Catholic School were provided for.

St. Peter's Fish Fries are legendary works of cooperation, where a bountiful meal is served with enthusiasm and joy! Next Drive Thru Fish Fry is April 16th 5:00-7:30pm.

The CCW partners with other groups within the parish to accomplish its fundraising and charitable works such as the Faith Formation Program and the Youth Group. Proud moments include collecting 575 Boxes of Joy from Diocesan parishes.

Our CCW has a Quilt Raffle right now to fund our many charitable causes. This contemporary quilt has 2400 2" squares and is aptly named 'St. Peter's Square! At 100" x 100", it will warm the hearts of many!

Tickets are \$2ea or (3)\$5 available at the parish office.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joan Pregler,
President St. Peter CCW



Garden Angel in Cross Plains