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Council of Catholic Women Diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee

President's Message

The time of my last message to you was the approaching Advent season and now we are approaching the end of our Lenten journey, preparing for the overwhelming sadness of the crucifixion of Jesus and looking forward to the glorious resurrection of Our Lord. We continue our journey together in *faith and love in action* as the DCCW.

In January, I attended the Diocesan sponsored "Hearts on Fire" along with many of you. The day was filled with inspirational and informative speakers. Bishop Parkes unveiled the vision for our diocese "A Church Fully Alive, where we can joyfully proclaim, celebrate and live the love of Jesus Christ."

Also in January at our board meeting, we elect-

ed Peggy Clark as the next FCCW Treasurer and she will be officially installed during the FCCW Province Dinner at the NCCW Convention held in Orlando, September 9-12, 2015. Congratulations Peggy. Our web site was approved and is now up and running. If you have not visited it yet I urge you to do so at <https://ptdccw.org>. If you have events coming up or pictures from events that you want to share please send them to Linda Husbands (our great web master) Lindah403@gmail.com.

The convention packets were handed out at the board meeting for the 40th Annual Convention of PTDCCW scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pen-

acola. The theme for the convention is "Our Family — Our Future." We have two speakers who will be addressing topics related to the family and evangelization, Dr. Tom Neal and Sister Margaret Kuntz, ASCI. We will also share "We Are Called to Witness" a NCCW program that challenges us to evangelize through our actions. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

I would like to thank everyone who donated their gifts of food and time to the receptions for the Jubilee Mass and the Rite of Election. This year FCCW Hugs for the Homeless campaign ended in February and again I thank everyone for their participation and efforts to help the homeless of our diocese.

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March 2015

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Past President, Hermi Hadi, dies

Hermi's commitment to her faith was the true definition of her life's work. She began her service in the Council of Catholic Women at Blessed Sacrament Church in Tallahassee, then moved to the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More to help establish the St. Thomas More Women's Club in 1976, now called the St. Thomas More Council of Catholic Women, she served many years as president also serving on other levels of council as President of Eastern Deanery (1983-85), President of the PTDCCW (1988-1990) and President/Province Director of the

FCCW (1991-1993). Hermi served as President of the Associates of NCCW, Inc. during their 30th anniversary celebration (1999-2001) and helped lead the campaign to raise funds for the construction of "Mary's Garden" dedicated on the grounds of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington D.C., co-sponsored by the Diocese of Orlando. Hermi received "Our Lady of Good Council Award" from the FCCW in 2004.

She served as a volunteer for the St. Vincent DePaul Society and sat

on the board of Casa Caldrone. In her parish, she served many years as the sacristan of the 8:30 a.m Mass and as an extra-ordinary minister of the Eucharist.

Her love of home and friends in Tallahassee is long standing. Hermi lived a full and active life beginning most days with a three mile walk, swimming or gardening.

Hermi was 88 years old when she passed away, this month. She will be missed by her Sisters in Council.

On the opposite page, is the registration form for our upcoming convention, April 25th in Pensacola. Please use it to register for this exciting and informative day in Pensacola.

President's Message continued....

At Catholic Days at the Capital, we visited with our legislators asking for their support on 3 bills and one budget item and participated in the Red Mass. I personally was very inspired at the luncheon by Mr. Jeff Atwater's speech. He is the Chief Financial Officer for the

State of Florida and the highest ranking elected Catholic official in Florida. Mr. Atwater thanked us for being there because he believes that we were called by our faith in baptism and we need to publically stand up for our faith. If you were not able to attend this year you

have another chance next year to "Be One Voice" with your sisters in council.

Our journey continues.... Be Blessed. Be a Blessing.

*Cynthia Lacour,
President*

40th Annual Convention
Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women



“OUR FAMILY- -OUR FUTURE”

April 25, 2015

REGISTRATION FORM
(Please Print ALL Information)

Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Name to be printed on badge: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ zip _____

Cell/telephone: _____ Affiliation _____

Please check status: Clergy* _____ Religious* _____ Member _____ Guest _____

Spouse _____ First time attendee to convention yes _____ no _____

Registration fee for the convention is \$30 Deadline to register is April 19

- Clergy and Religious do not need to pay the registration fee.

Registration fee is \$35 if postmarked after April 19

Registration fee includes Continental Breakfast and Bishop’s Luncheon

Please indicate if you have any dietary restrictions: _____

Registration form and check payable to DCCW should be mailed to:

Kay Hale

3544 Falling Brook Drive

Pace, FL 32571-8997

For questions or further information, email Kay at LKHale@bellsouth.net or call:

Home (850) 994-4175 or cell (850) 293-0479

Leadership Commission Report

Dear Council Members,

Leadership is innately a part of each one of us. We all influence the people around us in one way or another. How we influence each other is directly connected to our creed of life. Who influences your style of leadership? How do you interact with those around you. What is your purpose?

We are women of faith, called to witness and share the good news. This is central to how we should lead with “courage, wisdom and love.” The National Council of Catholic Women, NCCW, has a new program, “We are Called to Witness” it is a resource for all of us. All materials can be downloaded from the NCCW website. It contains ideas and reflections to help you become an even better leader as we spread the “good news” through our actions and our lives.

An informed leader is an effective leader.

Don’t forget that each meeting, convention, conference and workshop is an opportunity to “Witness.” A time to share our faith, our energy and love. Opportunities to share and influence those around us in love, gracious hospitality and prayerful reflection. Our model and our patroness is Mary the mother of Jesus. Our plan of action is to witness the good news of Jesus Christ.

Carol Giguere

Leadership Commission, DCCW

Prayer before Holy Communion:

Sweetest Jesus,
Body and Blood most Holy,
be the delight and pleasure of my soul,
my strength and salvation in all temptations,
my joy and peace in every trial,
my light and guide in every word and deed,
and my final protection in death. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

The Aquinas Prayer Book, Sophia Institute Press, 2000

REFLECTION:

If a good preparation before Communion is so important, a good thanksgiving after Communion is of even greater importance. St. John Chrysostom says that when a person has eaten some delicious food at a banquet, he is careful not to take anything bitter in his mouth immediately after, lest he should lose the sweet flavor of those delicate viands. In like manner, when we have received the precious Body of Jesus Christ, we should take care not to lose its heavenly flavor by turning too soon to the cares and business of the world.

Submitted by Roslyn Guyette,

Spirituality Commission

Convention News and Updates

EXECUTIVE BOARD — ANGEL CHALLENGE

The Pensacola-Tallahassee DCCW Executive Board members have accepted the challenge! The Board Members are each seeking 20 “angels” to support our DCCW by purchasing angel pendants. Each board member needs to sell one pendant for each dollar figure from \$1 to \$20. To become an “angel” simply contact one of the four Executive Board members and purchase your angel pendant! All angels will be recognized at our convention, April 25 in Pensacola.

MONEY TREE DRAWING

Maybe money really does grow on trees! The PTDCCW will have a drawing for a \$300 money tree at the 2015 Annual Convention. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You need not be present to win. See your affiliation president for tickets — and good luck!

ADDRESS CORRECTION: IMPORTANT

The registration form included in the convention packets, have the wrong address for mailing!!!

The address given was:

3455 Falling Brook Drive

The correct address is:

3544 Falling Brook Drive

The convention registration form included in this newsletter has the correct address!!

We Are Called to Witness

We are all called to share the Good News

Designed especially for Councils of Catholic Women, these nine topics will provide resources to incorporate the New Evangelization into your existing programs.

Beginning with your own personal spirituality, hospitality, family and community outreach, you will find these topics easy to incorporate into existing meetings, events and CCW projects.

The components of the program are:

1. Finding the joy of Jesus in yourself
2. Sharing the joy of the Gospel with other Catholics
3. Hospitality and Welcome
4. Hearts to Love and Hands to Serve
5. Holy Holidays
6. Reaching Out to Young Women in College and Beyond
7. Faith Sharing in Everyday Life

8. Social Justice Spreads God’s Love
9. Learning Never Ends

The entire NCCW

New Evangelization program

“We Are Called to Witness”

is available on the NCCW website

www.nccw.org

Download the program and print exactly what you need for your council.



For Immediate Release

Washington, D.C February 18, 2015 — National Council of Catholic Women decries *50 Shades of Grey* and Offers New Domestic Violence Resource.

For more information, please contact Laraine Bennett at 703-224-0990 or lbennett@nccw.org

Nearly 1 out of every 4 U.S. women are the victims of severe intimate partner violence, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Women are much more likely to be victims of intimate partner violence with 85% of domestic abuse victims being women.

This past weekend, the highly publicized movie *50 Shades of Grey* was released, with two sequels planned. This film normalizes intimate partner violence and glamorizes sexual exploitation of women. “The National Council of Catholic Women has written a letter of dissent to Universal Studios and I urge you and your parish Council of Catholic Women to write editorial letters and contact your movie houses to ask that they not allow the film,” says Dr. Rebecca Woodhull, President of the NCCW.

In her letter to the President and CEO of Universal Studios, Dr. Woodhull emphatically denounced the vigorous marketing of sexual violence, domination and submission to impressionable movie-goers, in whose minds deviance, sexual exploitation, and violence against women will become normalized. She stated in the letter, “I have encouraged our national membership to not only boycott this movie but also to speak out against it and every other type of pornography, morally illicit or sexually explicit media.”

Since NCCW’s first Resolution on Pornography in 1970 and the first Resolution on Domestic Violence in 1993, the National Council of Catholic Women has worked to raise awareness about the dangers of pornography and to protect women from domestic violence. Domestic Violence affects women, children, the workplace and legal systems; it is a critical health-care issue and a right to life issue.

A new 51-page resource, *Women Healing the Wounds*, provides everything women need to know about the issue and what we, practically, can do about it. It is available to download free of charge, at nccw.org. *Women Healing the Wounds* includes a customizable safety flyer, a section on teen dating violence (a growing problem), resources, Church teaching, and more. Please visit the website, www.nccw.org.

For more information, call Laraine Bennett at 703-224-0990 or email lbennett@nccw.org.

Holy Week

God of such unwavering love,
how do I "celebrate"
the passion and death of Jesus?
I often want to look the other way
and not watch,
not stay with Jesus in his suffering.
Give me the strength
to see his love with honesty and compassion
and to feel deeply
your own forgiveness and mercy for me.
Help me to understand
how to "celebrate" this week.
I want be able to bring
my weaknesses and imperfections with me
as I journey with Jesus this week,
so aware of his love.
I ask this in the Name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



The best mathematical equation ever seen:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

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Dates to Remember

April 24, 2015 DCCW Board Meeting TBA

April 25, 2015 DCCW Convention,
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Pensacola FL

September 9-12, 2015 NCCW Convention,

Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista

located in the Walt Disney World Resort

Information: www.nccw.org

Second graders were asked: If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?

- She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
 - I'd make my Mom smarter, then she would know that it was my sister who did it and not me.
 - I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes in the back of her head!
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