

Southwest Deanery Report

April 2015

The Southwest Deanery includes four affiliations: Catholic Church of the Holy Spirit, Little Flower Catholic Church, St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church and St. Thomas More Catholic Church with a total membership of 163 ladies. We are blessed with Sister Margaret Kuntz serving as our Spiritual Advisor.

Our affiliations support their parish communities and Pastors in many ways. They serve as lectors and Eucharistic ministers; host breakfasts, Lenten dinners, receptions for funerals, First Holy Communions and Confirmations, feast day celebrations and past president luncheons. They participate in adoration, Memory tree and Angel tree, bible studies, prayer shawl ministries and parish retreats.

Our affiliations support their community by feeding the homeless at Thanksgiving and Christmas, serving meals at Ronald McDonald House, sponsoring food drives for Catholic Charities, as well as, baby showers for the Alpha Center and Mary's Shelter, a fashion show for St. Vincent de Paul, sponsor Camp Happy Sands, a Blood Drive and many Caring and Sharing events. Several ladies attended the Catholic Days at the Capitol to unite as one Catholic voice to the legislature. We support our Seminarians with prayers, masses, cards and gifts.

Our affiliations support the SWDCCW and DCCW by hosting deanery meetings and the Advent Morning of Renewal, donating to the Basket for DCCW convention, assisting in the Jubilee Mass and Rite of Election receptions.

Our affiliations support the FCCW and NCCW by participating in the "Hugs for the Homeless" (\$ 1,400. was donated to St. Joseph Free Medical Clinic), "Caps for Love", "We are One" campaigns and Water for Life campaign.

Our Southwest deanery supports its affiliation by sponsoring the Annual Advent Retreat that was hosted by Little Flower Sodality this year with Fr. Casserly celebrating mass and with guest speaker Father Christopher LeBlanc whose Topic was "Joy of the Gospel". Forty ladies attended from 6 parishes. At our Fall meeting Cynthia Lacour spoke about the NCCW convention and our need to emulate our Motto – **BE THE VOICE OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**. She handed out information obtained from the NCCW convention which helps us to fulfill our goals to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. I would like to thank all the ladies for all their prayers, support and efforts over the past year and thank the officers for their service to our deanery. On March 21st SWDCCW assisted Sister Kuntz with the Retreat at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Chipley Florida. Msgr. Flaherty was the Retreat Leader and the theme was "Living the Gospel of Joy". Seventy women attended.

Thank you and God bless.

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