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Council of Catholic Women Diocese of
Pensacola/Tallahassee

February 2016

President's Message, Cynthia Lacour

This will be my final message to you as your President. I want you to know that even though I was a little hesitant at the beginning of my term I know now how blessed I am that the Holy Spirit showed me "the way" to "HERE" to the Council of Catholic Women... to you. Thank you for inspiring me to deepen my faith...being a part of the Dream we have to share our faith...all the laughter we shared at gatherings and conventions...all the love, friendships and prayers we shared and will continue to share.

With that being said on with the message, the convention packets were handed out to the Deanery Presidents and by now have been forwarded to the Affilia-

tion Presidents. I invite all of you to join us on April 14-16, 2016 at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Sandestin FL. There is more about convention in this newsletter, please read the articles and plan to attend.

February kept me on the move attending the FCCW board meeting in Orlando, returning for the Jubilee Mass and then off to Tallahassee for the Catholic Days at the Capitol and the Red Mass, then back to Pensacola for the Rite of Election. Thanks to everyone who donated food and time to the receptions in Pensacola and Tallahassee.

The FCCW meeting was filled with information on Human Trafficking, Immigration, Our Lady of Good Counsel Award, the 2016 FCCW Conference and the 50th Celebration of the formation of the FCCW Miami Prov-

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Award

This award was established by the FCCW in 1999. Through the years we have recognized and honored women who have served in various positions of Council. Now is the time, once

again to recognize women who are still involved in Council or women who have gone to be with the Lord. FCCW recognizes women who promote Christian values and re-

spect for all. Start thinking of that special member that should be nominated. **Deadline is April 1, 2016—forms to Cynthia Lacour, DCCW President, cclcdl7@gmail.com**

Speakers at our Convention will Amaze and Inform You!

This is going to be a really special event—but you can experience it only if you are there! Register early because you won't want to miss becoming a part of **“Catholic Women Fully Alive in the Spirit!”**

Hear how the Council of Catholic Women is uniquely gifted to be the welcoming face that shows all women that “Hospitality is the Heart of the Gospel” and there is a special place for everyone in our organization.

Learn how your SMILE is the beginning of Evangelization and the mark of a willing servant.

Discover why you are filled with

the desire to serve and reach out to those in need, both physically and spiritually.

Celebrate how you are empowered by the SPIRIT of God, supported by friends and provided with facts, tools and resources—everything you need to be **“Catholic Women Fully Alive in the Spirit!”**

Our convention committee has been working to put together a rewarding program of informed and inspirational speakers. We are honored to have Jane Carter as our keynote speaker, **“Wise, Courageous, Loving Leaders: Catholic Women, Fully Alive!”** She will also present a workshop entitled **“Spirit-filled and Ready to**

Serve”.

We are honored to also have, Shelia Hopkins, NCCW President to present a talk entitled **“Women Matter.”**

Diane Tugander, our FCCW President will host a workshop; **“Is Your Membership ALIVE?”**

Erica Johnson, the communications Director of the P/T Diocese will present a workshop; **“Sharing Christ in a Digital World.”**

You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear Sheila, Diane, Erica and Jane — Spirit-filled and Ready-to-Serve women.

Make plans to attend our convention, April 14-16 at Bayside Resort in

Caps of Love Project — A Final Report

THANK YOU to all the parishes that participated in the Caps of Love project. 18 months ago we learned from NCCW about this opportunity to help provide funds for wheelchairs to assist children with handicapping conditions. You all embraced the idea and set about collecting all the plastic caps you could find...at home, at the ball fields, from your neighbors and co-workers, at doctors' offices, etc. Many of you went

the extra mile and also sorted the caps by separating out all the small, opaque water bottle caps. Those caps were reimbursed at a higher rate when recycled. After all that collecting and sorting you then found a way to transport the caps to the DCCW meetings so they could be taken to South Florida to the donation site.

The director at the site said that it takes about 2 tons of caps for enough money for one child's

wheelchair. Our energetic DCCW collected about 3 TONS of caps!!! If the donation site were closer to North Florida we would no doubt have continued this worthy project. It was a remarkable success which proved once again that “many hands make light work!” Thank you for the generous donation of your time to be of help to needy children.

*Sue Steverson,
Project Chairperson*

Special Diocesan and Local Events

“The Young Messiah”

I am excited to announce that the Pensacola/Tallahassee DCCW is joining with the NCCW in hosting a premier showing of “The Young Messiah” on March 10th at 7 pm.

The movie will be shown at different theaters across the diocese on this date and at the local 7 pm time. This movie gives us a wonderful opportunity to show the film industry that we want and will support Christian family entertainment films. More information will be distributed to the affiliations as we receive it. If you would like to see a trailer go to youngmessiahresources.com.

DCCW Membership is UP. We have 923 members and last year we had 747. The increase is due in large part to the re-establishment of **East Central Deanery** with 113 members.

WELCOME BACK LADIES WE MISSED YOU!!

NCCW National Convention will be held Sept. 7-10, 2016 at the Indianapolis Convention Center, in Indiana. This is NCCW’s 96th year and the theme is “Instruments of Mercy.” The 2017 convention will be held in Dallas Texas.

Seminarian Emergency Fund GALA, Your help is NEEDED.

With unusual expenses existing beyond the reach and scope of the Diocesan budget or the Burse Club, the establishment of an “Emergency Fund” for the seminarians of our diocese was thought a worthy project to attempt. A formal dinner/dance was chosen as a good way to begin. It will be held at St. Mary Parish Life Center, Fort Walton Beach, coming in

July, date to be determined. Between now and July help will be needed with the following: creating print advertisement for newspapers, radio, TV and internet sites, corporate business etc. Setting up the facility, decoration and servers as well as cleanup, creation of tickets and souvenir program booklets. In short we need your help, wherever and whenever. Please contact: Maryann Coker at 850-433-6328 or Kay Hale at 850-994-4175 or LKHale@bellsouth.net.

Spring Fling, Flea Market Sale, at The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, April 9, 2016 8am—3 pm. Pensacola FL. Arts & Crafts, Antiques, Lunch, Plant and Garden Booths.

White Elephant Sale, at Nativity of Our Lord, Pensacola FL 8 am to 6:30 p.m. Unusual items, crafts, gifts etc.

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
Grant, we pray, that by word and example, he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

....Amen

Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Candidates for Office

Sue Weathersbee, Candidate for President



I have been active in the Blessed Sacrament Women's Guild and a member of National Council of Catholic Women since 1975. I have served in many capacities in the last 40 years. My involvement has included being Circle Chairman, Guild President, Deanery President along with serving as Secretary and Treasurer for the Guild, Deanery and Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Currently, I am involved in my parish as a member of Mother Seton Circle and serve as a Eucharistic Minister. I am currently Vice-President of the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The Council of Catholic Women has been a large part of my involvement over the past years and the success of the organization is important to me. It would be a pleasure to serve as the President of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Mary Sauvageau, Candidate for Vice President

Mary was born and raised in Albuquerque, NM. She began her collegiate studies at the University of New Mexico and earned her teaching degree from Minot State University in North Dakota. For the next twenty years, Mary supported her husband's Air Force career, raised three great kids, and taught elementary school. In 2010, Mary retired from teaching at St. Mary Catholic School in Fort Walton Beach. That year she became a member of the St. Mary Parish Council of Catholic Women (CCW). After a year, Mary became Council President and held the office for three years. During these years, Mary strived to grow council membership; incorporate technology into their proceedings, and pursue new ideas and projects. Mary served next as President of the West Central Deanery CCW. Mary is appreciative of the mentorship of both fellow Council members and Spiritual Advisors. She has enjoyed meeting and working with many wonderful women on various Council projects and programs. Mary is a parishioner of St. Mary Church in Fort Walton Beach. She and her husband Bud reside in Shalimar, FL and will celebrate their 30th anniversary this year. Their three adult children are Joey, John and Jessica.



Linda Husbands, Candidate for Secretary



Linda is a member of Blessed Sacrament Church in Tallahassee. She has been a member of Mother Seton Circle for around 20 years and has served as President of both her circle and of the Blessed Sacrament Women's Guild. She also served two terms as President of the Eastern Deanery for the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. She is currently the Secretary and Webmaster for the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Linda is married to Chuck Husbands and they have four sons and six granddaughters. She retired from the State of Florida in 2009 after 38 years where she was a Systems Analyst and Project Manager for the Agency for Health Care Administration. She currently enjoys genealogy research, bird watching, fishing, camping, hiking, knitting, reading and time with her grandchildren.

Charlotte Mackey, Candidate for Treasurer

Charlotte is an active member of Nativity of Our Lord Church serving in the Music Ministry as Organist and Cantor for 20 years. She is on the Collections Count Team, member of the Craft/Sewing group, Bereavement Committee, as well as Parish Directory Committee. She joined the Ladies Society in 2010 and was part of the Service Commission leading to President 2012-2014. In 2014, she was elected Vice President of NW Deanery, stepping up last year to serve as President when Martha Seep moved. She is married to Frank Mackey and they have 6 sons, 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She retired from Federal Government after 30 years and Milton City Government after 10 years. She believes active communication is the key to success in all activities. She enjoys sewing, embroidery, genealogy, and spending time with family and friends. She is honored and hopeful of serving on the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women as Treasurer.



Leadership Commission, by Lindamarie Richardson Kelly

I hope that everyone had a very blessed and happy Christmas and New Year's. At the beginning of the New Year most of us make New Year's Resolutions and I hope you kept NCCW in mind. We all know the benefits of belonging to NCCW but many women don't, so let's share.

1. Offer up prayers every day for NCCW and for their mission to support, empower and educate Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and service.
2. By memorizing the NCCW Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, we can petition Our Blessed Mother's help to become Wise, Courageous and Loving Leaders of the Church.
3. To speak to at least one woman about NCCW and what it means to you each week. Always have an application for NCCW membership in your purse to give out.
4. Talk with your Priest or Deacon about ways to get more information about NCCW into your church.
5. Print copies of the monthly e-newsletter, the *Connect* and pass them around at your CCW meetings. After reading your *Catholic Woman* magazine, pass it on. Relate or remember something you've learned from attending the NCCW Conventions to other women. **Always share!**
6. Encourage women to join the Birthday Club or Legacy Circle.
7. **BE THE VOICE OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** in everything that you do. Always **BE ENTHUSIASTIC**, inviting and welcoming. **BE EMPOWERING** to educate women in the needs of the Church and Society with Gospel Values. **BE HONEST**, speak with love and compassion.

REMEMBER, YOU ARE THE IMAGE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN!

Leadership is more than knowing the structure of an organization. There are volumes of information on how to run a meeting, encourage new membership, and on how to develop programs. On reflection the qualities of leadership are more than organizational skills. Leaders need a heart that is **LOVING to all in the membership**, **COURAGEOUS to speak out about the good qualities of belonging to the CCW within the parish and out in the community**, and **BOLD enough to adopt new programs and ways to achieve our gospel goals.**

We are all leaders in our lives at some point. What qualities do you bring to Council? Let us each reflect on our prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel that **"we be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the Church."**

...Carol Giguere

Catholic Women Fully Alive in the Spirit
Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
41st Annual Convention
Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort-Bayside, Sandestin, FL
April 14 - 16, 2016

Registration Form

Please Print:

Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ Affiliation _____ E-Mail _____
 Parish and City _____ Clergy Religious Member Guest Spouse _____
 First Time Attendee at DCCW Convention: Yes () No () DCCW Board Member: Yes () No () Voting Member: Yes () No ()

Registration Fee:

Registration.....\$40.00 \$ _____
 (Clergy, religious and spouse do not pay registration fees.)
 Late Registration (after March 15).....Add \$10.00 \$ _____
 Registration closes Monday, April 7.

Meals:

Thursday, April 14 "Island Time" Fun Night-----\$20.00 \$ _____
 Friday, April 15 Lunch--Chicken Caesar Salad & Chowder \$25.00 \$ _____
 Friday, April 15 Banquet Dinner--(Choose 1 entree)
 Pan Seared Pork Loin with Green Peppercorn Sauce () \$40.00
 Roasted "Catch of the Day" with Chianti Butter Sauce () \$40.00
 Saturday, April 16 Lunch--Italian Buffet-----\$25.00 \$ _____

***Please indicate any special dietary needs: _____ ***

Total Due..... \$ _____

Checks are to be made payable to: DCCW Convention Fund

Mail check and registration form to: *Dottie Kime, Attn: DCCW Convention 2016*
104 Little John Court, Niceville, FL 32578
Phone (850) 678-9263 / E-mail: kimect@cox.net

Refund request must be made in writing to the West Central Deanery and mailed to the above address.
No refunds will be issued after April 7, 2016.

Office use only: Date Received _____ Check # _____ Amount _____ Registration # _____



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**PENSACOLA - TALLAHASSEE DIOCESAN COUNCIL
OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**
Thursday, April 14 - Saturday, April 16, 2016 **GROUP CODE: 23J03S**

Name _____ Number in Party: Adults _____ Children _____
Company Name _____ Business Phone _____
Address _____ E-Mail _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Sharing With _____
Arrival Day/Date _____ Departure Day/Date _____
Please select method of payment:
Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Signature _____
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Your cut-off date for reservations is **March 15, 2016**, after which rooms will be sold on a space-available basis.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES

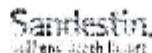
Rooms will be made available three days prior and three days post event on a space-available basis.
A deposit of one night's room rate is required to secure rooms.
The room rate quoted **DOES NOT** include 11.5% taxes.
All requests are subject to availability at time booking request is received.
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<u>Accommodations</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
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Dates to Remember

March 10, "The Young Messiah" Christian Movie

March 27, Easter

April 1, Deadline for Good Counsel Award

April 14, DCCW Board Meeting, Sandestin FL

April 14-16, DCCW Convention Sandestin FL

July, Seminarian GALA, St. Mary Parish Hall, Ft. Walton Beach

September 7-10, NCCW Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana

October 27-29, FCCW Conference, Jacksonville FL