

President's Report

Pensacola-Tallahassee Council of Catholic Women

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In October I attended the FCCW Board meeting in Orlando and Diane Tugander the new FCCW President/Province Director announced that the theme for her next two years is taken from the Gospel of Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for Me". She stated that "each diocese in Florida has its own uniqueness and faces different challenges, but one common problem in Florida is and continues to be homelessness and so FCCW will once again be actively involved in the "Hugs for the Homeless" campaign. I hope each of your affiliations will join in participating in this corporal work of mercy. The FCCW board will also be focusing on "Human Trafficking" and "Immigration Issues" for the next two years.

Also at the meeting it was announced that the 2016 FCCW Conference will be held in St. Augustine and guess what 2018 will be our turn. Talking about our turn in 2017 the President/Province Director Elect will be from our Diocese – so start planning and praying. Diane also asked each Diocese to go back 10 years in our records and prepare a list for each year showing each affiliation that paid dues to NCCW. Once done if an affiliation is no longer paying dues try to find out why. Betty has been working on this for our DCCW – thank you Betty.

With the news from last year being reported – what a busy schedule we have coming up over the next few months. The FCCW board meeting is Feb. 3rd and 4th, Feb 7th is the Jubilee Mass in Pensacola, Feb 14th is the Jubilee Mass and Rite of Election in Tallahassee, Feb. 16th and 17th are Catholic Days at the Capitol and the red Mass, Feb. 21st is the Rite of Election in Pensacola and March 10th is the premier of "The Young Messiah". The NCCW is partnering with Motive Entertainment to host the premiere of THE YOUNG MESSIAH with 25 groups around the country for this simulcast event. I joined in a conference call last Wednesday to get information about the event and what we will be required to do, the showing will be in Pensacola and I will be sending more information out as soon as I receive it.

Oh and I don't want to forget CONVENTION in April 14th thru 16th – more about this later in the meeting.

A big, tall shout out to our Bishop – the new Episcopal Liaison to NCCW from USCCB – let's all remember to thank him for his support.

As we work together and through our affiliated organizations to support, empower and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service let us always remember to:
Inspire...Dream...Laugh...Love.

Ladies, Our journey continues -

Cynthia Lacour

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