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One Hundred Years Ago, NCCW was Born!

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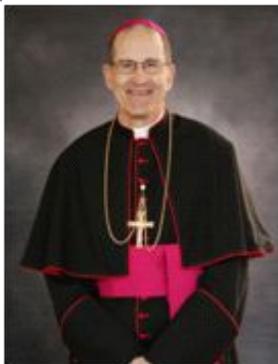


*New Ulm Diocesan Council
of Catholic Women*

Sixty One Years Ago, NUDCCW was Born!

Shortly after the establishment of the New Ulm Diocese

1959 - 2020



THE AD LIMINA VISIT

The bishops of Region VIII (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops are making their ad limina visit to Rome and the Vatican from January 11–18, 2020.

What is an ad limina visit? At the heart of the visit is the pilgrimage to the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and a meeting with the Holy Father, Pope Francis. For each region in the United States, the ad limina visit takes place every five to seven years, depending on the Holy Father's schedule.

To prepare for the visit, each bishop prepares an extensive report on his diocese. The report (known as the Quinquennial Report) includes material from the last report to the present. The last ad limina visit for Region VIII was March 2012, so the current report covers the period from 2011 through 2018. These reports were sent by the bishops to the Holy Father this past summer. In 2012, the Holy Father was Pope Benedict XVI. This time it will be Pope Francis. This will be my first meeting with Pope Francis, and I am looking forward to meeting him and praying with him.

Also included in the ad limina visit are meetings of the bishops with various dicasteries and congregations in the Vatican. At these meetings, we will discuss matters of interest to Region VIII and the particular office that we are visiting. The dicasteries and congregations include Laity, Family and Life; Promoting Integral Human Development; Doctrine of the Faith; Bishops; Clergy; Divine Worship; and so forth. We will also have a visit with the Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin.

When in Rome, the bishops will celebrate Mass at the four Papal basilicas: St. Peter, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major. Each of these churches is magnificent and rich in Church history. For example, the tomb of St. Peter can be found in the Basilica of St. Peter and the tomb of St. Paul can be found in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. The bishops will stop and pray at each of these two tombs for an extended period of time.

While in Rome, the bishops will be residing at the Pontifical North American College. This is the college where seminarians from the United States study for the priesthood. A number of our priests have been educated at the North American College. The college is located only a short distance from the Basilica of St. Peter.

There will not be much time for sightseeing on the ad limina visit. The schedule is filled with work-related activities, as well as prayer and socialization. It will be good to visit the Eternal City and the Vatican with my brother bishops. It will be a privilege for me to celebrate Mass at the four Papal basilicas and meet the Holy Father.

I will keep the Diocese of New Ulm especially in my prayers while on the ad limina visit. This includes special prayers for the NUDCCW. Please pray for the bishops that they have a fruitful ad limina visit.

The Most Reverend John M. LeVoir

Bishop of New Ulm



From the desk of the President



The New Year 2020 is finally here and many of us make New Year's resolutions to hopefully make some changes in our lives. Maybe we want to begin a new diet or cut back on our screen time or work on a relationship with a friend or family member. These are all good ideas but how about adding a resolution to increase your time reading the Scriptures and spending more time praying and talking with the Lord? Perhaps one resolution would be attending one or more CCW event listed below. Let us focus on Jesus and how much He loves you. Listen to the prayers at Mass with fresh ears. Receive him with joy in the Eucharist. Jesus is the light of the world and no darkness can overcome him.

There are so many things this year for CCW women to attend and to show unity in prayer, study, and service. I encourage all women to mark their calendars, attend and show support to the women who are working hard to provide these events. Below are some highlights of things happening in our Diocese:

Deanery One will host their Spring Gathering at St. Raphael, Springfield, MN, on Thursday, March 19th.

Deanery Two will host their Spring Gathering at St. Eloi, Ghent, MN, on Tuesday, April 14th.

Deanery Three will host their Spring Gathering on Monday, March 9, at St. Anthony, Watkins.

The Deaneries will be sending out information advertising their themes and speakers when the dates get closer.

The **New Ulm Diocesan Convention** is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2020, at Holy Redeemer, Marshall, MN. Our theme is "Trust in God's Goodness". The morning speaker is nationally known speaker, Angela Kenneke, who will be speaking on depression and suicide. She will tell her story of her daughter who committed suicide. The afternoon speaker will be a panel from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of New Ulm. The afternoon session will be open to questions and answers. The Catholic Charities panel will have professional counselors who will be able to answer questions about depression/suicide.

The **Province Conference** is scheduled for June 19/20, 2020, at St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta, MN. The theme is "Remembering our Past, Living our Present, Hopeful for our Future". The highlight will be the showing of the interview video of the three NCCW past Presidents from Minnesota.

The **National CCW Convention** is scheduled for August 26-29, 2020, at Arlington, VA (Washington DC area). Information about the upcoming convention is on the NCCW website. If you would like to attend, please fill out a NUDCCW Scholarship form to help defray some of your expenses. Deadline to do that is March 1, 2020. A scholarship form can be found on the NUDCCW website or contact your parish Scholarship Chairperson.

This year as we look at calendars for the year 2020, let us think back a century ago (100 years) to the beginning of CCW and acknowledge the Catholic Women who founded the CCW. On March 4, 1920, the National Council of Catholic Women was founded by the United States Bishops (National Catholic Welfare Council) with the stated purpose: "To give to the Catholic women of the country a common voice and an instrument for unified action in all matters affecting Catholic or national welfare. To ensure proper Catholic representation on, and the proper recognition of Catholic principles in national committees, and national movements affecting the religious, moral, and material well-being of the country." Did you know that emphasis was given to the education and formation of Catholic Women so they could exercise their new-found civic duties granted them on the "Right to Suffrage" in 1920? Did you know that the Catholic Women created and funded the National School of Social Services in Washington DC now housed at Catholic University of America? Did you know that they diligently promoted social justice and world peace among all governments of the world? Did you know that the CCW endorsed minimum wage, Social Security, and health insurance legislation? Did you know that they launched the Military Council of Catholic Women? Did you know that they worked to end human trafficking, commenced working toward an end to abortion and euthanasia, created and implemented the RESPITE program, created and funded Mary's Garden at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, and the list goes on and on. The CCW pledged support to the United Nations, focused on international relations, just peace treaties, human rights and opposition to genocide. Check out the website www.nccw.org to learn more about the last 100 years and have your parish CCW join (if they are not already) and become an individual member (if you are not already) of this great organization.

Betty Thooft, NUDCCW President

Spiritual Advisor's Message



Dear Council of Catholic Women,

In the last few years we have heard a lot of Church chatter about being welcoming. We have heard how a welcoming attitude helps promote our efforts at evangelization and the strengthening of the faith. Many suggestions have been proposed to help make our parishes and CCW Councils welcoming.

Our Councils of Catholic Women do so much to help our parishes be welcoming and open as they provide receptions for various and sundry events. Usually CCW is the "go-to" organization as soon as a meal or bars and coffee are needed. I know that I am indebted to their graciousness in my parishes.

But of course, we can always do better. It is always good to examine what kind of attitude we convey and what kind of remarks we make or conversations we have. We do so much good and we have so much good to offer, it would be too bad if that is somehow undone by our off the cuff remarks or with an attitude that is negative.

One of the best things we can all improve on is an approach and attitude that is positive and gracious. The best way to create a positive attitude is to try to build up a spirit of gratitude to God for all the blessings that he has bestowed upon us. Our faith ought to be a great source of joy in our lives. If we truly believe we are so richly blessed by God, we will convey that in our attitude and approach to what we do. If we truly believe that something would be lacking in our lives and community without our faith and CCW Councils we will volunteer with a positive attitude.

Our CCW Councils and parishes were built on the shoulders of people who were extremely generous with their time, talent and treasure. They were built and maintained on the shoulders of men and women who were willing to sacrifice. When we have a real spirit of sacrifice that will be contagious. It may not produce immediate results, but eventually people are inspired by works of charity and love, especially if they are done with a spirit of genuineness and sincerity and not simply out of obligation or begrudgingly.

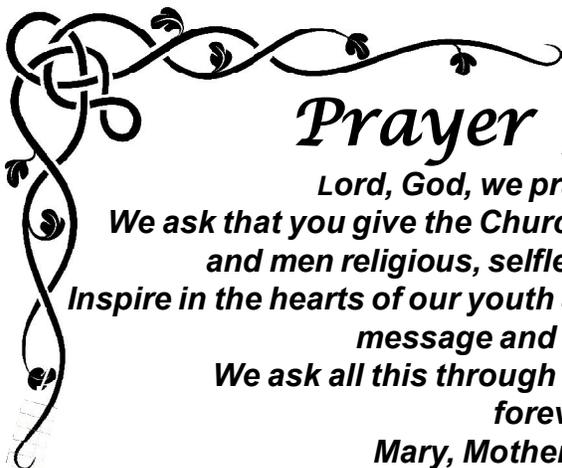
We live in very challenging times. So, we all need just do all we can. If we are spirit-filled, genuine and doing all we do for the love of God we are doing all we can do. And then we can trust that God will multiply our efforts and use them to accomplish His plan which may not always look like ours.

As we approach Lent this year may we listen attentively to the Gospel on Ash Wednesday when Jesus asks us to pray, fast and give alms. If we implement that kind of spirit in our lives with a real sense of doing God's will we will be doing that which we can to foster His work.

I want to thank each and every one of you for doing all you can to be genuine, faith filled women who are striving to do God's will. May you be rewarded for your effort's and may God's blessings be bestowed on you in abundance. Know that you are valued and appreciated.

Msgr. Eugene L. Lozinski

NUDCCW Spiritual Advisor



Prayer For Vocations

Lord, God, we praise and bless your holy name.

We ask that you give the Church of New Ulm holy priests, dedicated women and men religious, selfless deacons and zealous missionaries.

Inspire in the hearts of our youth a spirit of generosity to commit their lives to the message and ministry of Jesus, Your Son.

We ask all this through Him who lives and reigns as our Lord, forever and ever. Amen

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

From the Editor

Our Lives are hectic and our society doesn't make it any easier for us but God never asks more from us than He knows that we can handle. Our CCW work does take time out of our busy lives but know while doing this work you are carrying out God's work here on earth.

Parish Presidents – we thank you for the work that you do and please share the information in this newsletter with your parish CCW members. This newsletter is a great source of information provided to you from your DCCW Board of Directors. There are many ideas, reminders etc to help you plan programs or events along with opportunities that you and your members can participate in. The Diocesan CCW Board and the National CCW Board, both of which are always striving to provide resources to parishes to help them with their CCW work and addressing concerns that our parishes may have so that they can meet the needs of its members.

Again, if you have any questions and you don't know who to ask, please feel free to contact me and I will forward your question to the appropriate person to respond to you.

God's Blessings to all of you.

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT WUCWO IS?



(Stands for World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations)

The World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO) was founded in 1910 and now represents 100 Catholic women's organizations worldwide, active in 66 countries including all continents and some island states, representing more than eight (8) million Catholic women of every walk of life. WUCWO's aim is **to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelization and to work for human development**, particularly in increasing educational opportunities, poverty reduction and the advancement of human rights beginning with the fundamental right to life. They have a website - www.wucwo.org if you want to find out more about this organization.

NCCW is one of the 100 Catholic Women's organizations who are members of this organization. We have a representative that serves on this board. Currently, Maribeth Stewart, our past NCCW President, is serving as our representative on the WUCWO Board.

There is a WUCWO General Assembly approximately every 4 years. The last one was held in Dakar, Senegal, Africa in October of 2018. There are regional conferences held every other year. Our WUCWO North American Region Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 just before our 100th anniversary NCCW Convention in Arlington, VA and any member can attend these events. Attending one of these events makes you realize how global our Catholic Church is.

We also have a subsidiary organization within NCCW called Friends of NCCW for WUCWO which serves as a big financial support for our participation in the World Union of Catholic Womens Organizations (WUCWO). Dues that are paid to be members of Friends (\$25/year) are used to help fund our representative to attend the WUCWO board meetings which are usually held in Rome where the head office of WUCWO is located.

For your information, Your newsletter editor currently serves as Vice President of Friends of NCCW for WUCWO (this subsidiary organization within NCCW). Please contact her if you want to learn more or want to become a member of "Friends."

The 40 days for Life is a 40-day campaign of prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a constant, peaceful vigil to end abortion (<https://www.dnu.org/40-days-for-life>). The 40 Days for Life campaign last fall took place Wednesday, September 25 - Sunday, November 3, 2019, and we look forward to the 2020 campaign. According to the 40 Days for Life website, "The crisis of abortion is enormous. A tragedy of epidemic proportions, abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, taking an estimated 40 million lives every year" (<https://40daysforlife.com/history/>). As Catholic Christians, we value all life, and consequently, we should all support the intent of 40 Days for Life. Please participate in the 40 Days for Life, if at least in spirit, and be the voice for those lives that cannot speak for themselves. When we pray and fast with a repentant and contrite heart, God will hear us and heal our sorrows, and bless and protect the souls of the unborn. Take your story about the afflicted unborn to your church and community, and seek the power of collective prayer to end abortion.

The Annual National March for Life 2020 will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020 in Washington, D.C., while the March for Life at the state level is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at noon on the state Capitol grounds in St. Paul. Please attend in person or prayer and help others in the fight to end abortion. For more information about the March for Life campaign, please visit the following websites: <https://www.mccl.org/march> and <https://marchforlife.org/>.

LEADERSHIP

By Ronda Mathiowetz

Commission

Our Council of Catholic Women is made up of many layers of women who have chosen to serve the Church in a positive and meaningful way. These layers begin with each parish and spans across the whole United States and the World. These levels of our organization need good communication for our message to be heard and allow us to be the voice of women throughout the world.

Often times we say yes to serve on one of these boards but feel inadequate to do that job well. In 2017 NCCW recognized the need for mentoring new members and created a "Mentoring: Women to Women" document to help councils grow. Here are a few key points:

Women seek mentoring relationship in their lives:

- to strengthen the bonds of friendship
- a role model
- encouragement and help to keep going
- insight beyond her own knowledge

Mentoring:

- allows individuals to recognize their potential contributions to council
- engages participants more fully in council programs and activities
- enhances council with new talents, gifts and ideas

MANAGE THE RELATIONSHIP

ENCOURAGE

NURTURE

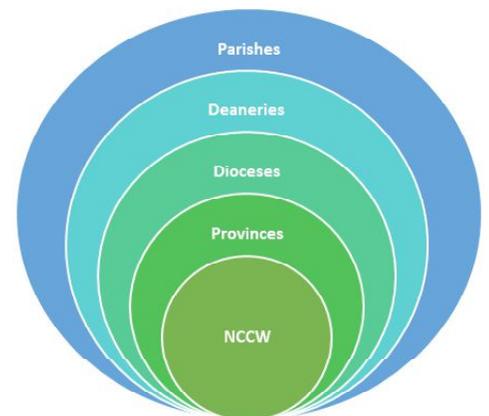
TEACH

OFFER MUTAL RESPECT

RESPOND TO THE LEARNER'S NEEDS

(Acronym from David Clutterbuck)

Please go to nccw.org and find the many ways NCCW can help your council grow and be the voice of Catholic women. God Bless You



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

COMING EVENTS in 2020

SPRING CCW DEANERY GATHERINGS

Deanery One ——— St. Raphael's, Springfield ——— March 19, 2020

Deanery Two ——— St. Eloi's, Ghent ——— April 14, 2020

Deanery Three ——— St. Anthony's, Watkins ——— March 9, 2020

NEW ULM DCCW 61st ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Holy Redeemer, Marshall, MN

“Trust in God's Goodness”

Morning Speaker: Angela Kenneke

addressing the topic of Depression and Suicide and relating her story of coping with her daughter's suicide.

Afternoon Session: Catholic Charities Panel which will be open to question and answer session.

ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS PROVINCE CONFERENCE

June 19 & June 20, 2020 at St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta, MN

“Remembering our Past, Living our Present, Hopeful for our Future”

A special video will be shown:

Interview of our 3 past NCCW Presidents from Minnesota: Bette Hillemeier, Mary Ann Kramer & Joan McGrath

100 ANNIVERSARY NCCW CONVENTION

August 26th – 29th, 2020 in Arlington, VA (Washington, D.C. area)

“NCCW 100 Years: A Vision for the Future”

More details about each of these scheduled events will be coming to all of you in the near future so watch for this information

How blessed we are as members of the Council of Catholic Women to have these opportunities for GROWTH in our faith, PRAYING and INTERACTING with our sisters in Christ. Why not take advantage of these opportunities and attend a few of these events??????

SERVICE

By Lori Rixe

Commission

If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Matthew 18:6

Digital Safety

My 8-year-old daughter recently asked me if she could buy a chrome book. My initial answer was a firm "no." After all, she is only 8! However, my savvy daughter has taken note of her mother's sly negotiating skills. She worked her mother over skillfully, promising to pay for the above chrome book with chores. She knows my weak points.

I knew the potential for letting evil into my home; I also knew the harm of limiting the outside world. Either way, I gave in. By the way, you shouldn't judge me, the bible says so.

I sat down with my daughter and told her that if she was going to have this device, there would be rules. I told her that not everything we find online is good. I told her about some of the traps that kids can fall in, I mentioned briefly about pornography, predators, etc. I hope and pray that this decision will only allow us to be completely transparent about electronic media and the good and bad that goes with it.

I was pleasantly surprised when the chrome book showed up. It pairs nicely with my phone. Allowing me to monitor and block almost all content that isn't age appropriate for her. It was locked so tight I couldn't even download some of the games I wanted on it for her. I'm having issues because it is too secure!

What does this have to do with service? As Catholics we have an obligation to serve our families. Part of that service is in the endless picking up, cooking and cleaning. Part is our obligation to try to protect them. During the upcoming months, make a promise to protect your children and grandchildren. Learn how to block certain websites and set up boundaries with electronic media so that they grow to learn how to use it for good. Our digital age doesn't have to be filled with horror stories. It can be filled with sharing joy, love and the power of God. We just need to learn how to use it for good.

NCCW recommends the following website <https://www.faithandsafety.org/safe-web-browsing>. It contains talking points to have with kids, ways to block adult content, and a blog containing upcoming media topics. It has a great blog post that everyone should read called *Changing our Point of View* by By Rev. Andrew Demotses.

Enjoy the children while they are young. Raise them to know how to love their neighbor through the internet as well as on the street.

Prayer to End Domestic Violence

(Please pray on the First Saturday of every month to end domestic violence)

O God, our world at times is divided and hostile. Some people consider themselves dominant over others based on gender, race, color, class or status. Through your Son's cross our world can be reconciled; the walls of hostility can be broken. We pray for all women who experience the pain and suffering of violence, that they may feel your healing touch and be at peace in your living embrace. We pray for those who victimize and abuse others, that they may see the errors of their sins and seek repentance. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, may we understand and support those who may come to us for help. We ask these things through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The 2020 Regular Session of the Minnesota Legislature is scheduled to convene on **Tuesday, February 11**. There will be many opportunities in 2020 to advocate for life and dignity throughout the session and through elections in November. It's not too early to begin asking questions of candidates. Where does the candidate stand on abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, caring for our environment, marriage and family, religious liberty, immigration, the poor and vulnerable?

It's also crucial to pray for our country, beginning today.

Below are prayers covering the nine Advocacy Areas identified at Minnesota Catholic Conference, taken from <https://www.mncatholic.org/novena/>. Please include them in your daily prayer reflection.

Heavenly Father, you created us to love and serve you in everything we do. Please help us support candidates who will protect the rights of citizens to worship and fully practice their faith. Amen.

Heavenly Father, you created every human life with unrepeatable and inestimable value. May we elect candidates who have a profound reverence for the sanctity of human life, and seek to protect all lives from the moment of conception to a natural death. Amen.

Christ Jesus, you told us that You are present in the "least of these." Please help us elect officials who will support policies that complement our own individual efforts to care for the poor and vulnerable. Amen.

Heavenly Father, you gave us this earth to till and to keep. May we elect leaders who pursue policies that respect the gift of creation and ensure its bounty is available to all, now and in the future. Amen.

Heavenly Father, you created man to work, glorifying you in our everyday labors. Help us to elect officials who recognize the dignity of work, and are committed to just economic policies. Amen.

Lord God, you willed that all children be conceived, born, and raised by a loving mother and father. Help us to discern and support elected officials who respect your plan for the family and will support its integrity through public policy. Amen.

Christ Jesus, you call upon us to welcome the stranger in our midst. May we elect officials who pursue policies that recognize the dignity of all migrants. Amen.

God the Father, you ask all parents to lead their children on the path of wisdom. Help us to discern and elect candidates who will support parents in this important vocation. Amen.

Heavenly Father, you desire that all your children are adequately cared for. Guide our election day decisions so that we might choose leaders who are committed to ethical care for all. Amen.

During the USCCB General Assembly held this past November, a letter and scripts which will compliment, not replace, past content of Forming Conscience for Faithful Citizenship were presented. The videos are expected to be available early this year.

A statement of Archbishop Charles Chaput on 8/12/2016 is relevant today and throughout this year. "The next few months will determine the next decade and more of our nation's life. We need to be awake, we need to clear our heads of media noise, and we need to think quietly and carefully before we vote. None of us can afford to live the coming weeks on autopilot.

By Marjo Gruhot



This year we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Council of Catholic Women's organization. There are many things coming up this year for you to participate in.

As I refer back to the previous historian scrapbooks, there are many memories and stories that are documented by pictures and articles. There were many new thresholds made by the Council of Catholic Women as I review the past articles and hopefully there will be many more to come. As we move forward, I strongly encourage women of all parish CCW's to send me photos and articles of activities in your parishes for the NUDCCW scrapbook.

We have accomplished so many good things in these past 100 years and we are positive for the future of CCW.

Historian's Message

SPIRITUALITY

By JoAnn Masters

Commission

RECALLING ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Catholics of a certain vintage can remember the St. Michael prayer being part of the pre-Vatican II Mass. In those days, the protection of Saint Michael and the Guardian Angels was taken seriously. One of the first prayers taught to Catholic children was the Guardian Angel prayer and all were confident that their Guardian Angel never left their side.

Even after the Prayer to St. Michael was eliminated from the Mass, some parishes continued to remain in their pews after the final blessing and recite the prayer together. In some cases, the St. Michael prayer was added as an ending prayer to parish or private rosaries. Although devotion to this great archangel never really died out, prayer to St. Michael and the Guardian Angels became greatly diminished in our Catholic culture after the 1960's.

Something happened in the '90s! It could be speculated that there was a widespread "angel hunger" after the societal upheaval of the past thirty years. Suddenly, angels of one sort or another were everywhere. Chubby-cheeked cherubs of the Vatican artist, Raphael, became special favorites, appearing on everything from stationery to wall décor. Graceful angelic figurines became collector items - a decorating trend that was pleasant but not especially soul-felt. The depiction of angels as God-sent protectors and messengers was somewhat more evident in the popular 90's TV series, "Touched by an Angel," which was accepted as uplifting but fictional. Amid this new interest in angels came Pope Saint John Paul II. On Sunday April 24, 1994, he recommended this prayer be used by all Catholics as a prayer for the Church when he said: "May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle we are told about in the Letter to the Ephesians: 'Draw strength from the Lord and from His mighty power' (Ephesians 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St. Michael the Archangel (Revelation 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had a very vivid recollection of this scene when, at the end of the last century, he introduced a special prayer to St. Michael throughout the Church. Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world." After Pope Saint John Paul II's exhortation, came the actions and words of two successive Pontiffs. Before his retirement, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI ordered a magnificent bronze statue of St. Michael the Archangel for the Vatican Gardens. On July 5, 2013, shortly after his election, Pope Francis joined with Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in a blessing ceremony for the statue. After giving loving words of appreciation to Benedict XVI, Pope Francis spoke in strong language about the importance of God's angels to the faithful including this quote: "On the journey and in the trials of life we are not alone, we are accompanied and sustained by the Angels of God, who offer, so to speak, their wings to help us overcome the many dangers, to be able to fly above those realities that can make our lives difficult or drag us down. In consecrating the Vatican City State to St. Michael the Archangel, let us ask him to defend us from the Evil One and cast him out." Indeed, it appears to be clear that three great Popes have requested that it is time to recall St. Michael into the God-given service of protecting Holy Church and the people of God from the evils of the time.

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Year of 2020 NCCW celebrating 100th Anniversary (Founded March, 1920)
- Jan. 19 - Jan. 25th Prayer for Christian Unity Week
- Jan. 26th - Feb. 1st Catholic Schools Week
- Feb. 8, 2020 NUDCCW Board Meeting, St. Mary, Bird Island
- Feb. 26, 2020 Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent
- Deanery CCW Spring Gatherings**
- Deanery 1 Thursday, March 19, 2020 St. Raphael, Springfield
- Deanery 2 Tuesday, April 14, 2020 St. Eloi, Ghent
- Deanery 3 Monday, March 9, 2020 St. Anthony, Watkins
- April 2, 2020 Chrism Mass, Location TBD
(Blessing of the Holy Oils used in parishes throughout the year)
- April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord
- April 25, 2020 NUDCCW 61st Annual Convention, Holy Redeemer, Marshall
- June 19 & 20, 2020 St. Paul & Mpls. Province Conference
St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta
- August 25, 2020 WUCWO North American Region Conference, Arlington, VA
- August 26-29, 2020 NCCW 100th Anniversary Convention, Arlington, VA
- Every Day Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life



SPRING WILL COME AND SO WILL THE DEANERY SPRING GATHERINGS

Please plan to attend and encourage the women in your parish to attend. Watch for details in the coming month regarding theme, speakers, etc.

Deanery 1---Thursday, March 19, 2020

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Deanery 2---Tuesday, April 14, 2020

St. Eloi, Ghent

Deanery 3---Monday, March 9, 2020

St. Anthony, Watkins

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*At My Lowest: God
is My Hope*

*At My Darkest: God
is My Light*

*At My Weakest: God
is My Strength*

*At My Saddest: God
is My Comforter*