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NEW ULM DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

“CCW: Catholic Women United in Prayer, Study, & Service”

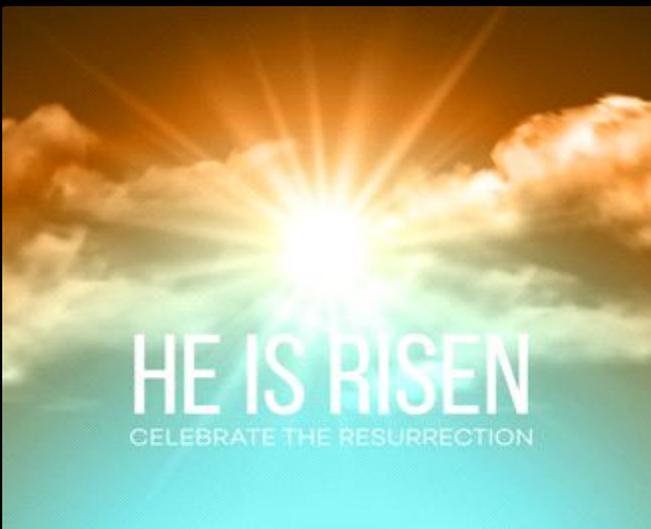
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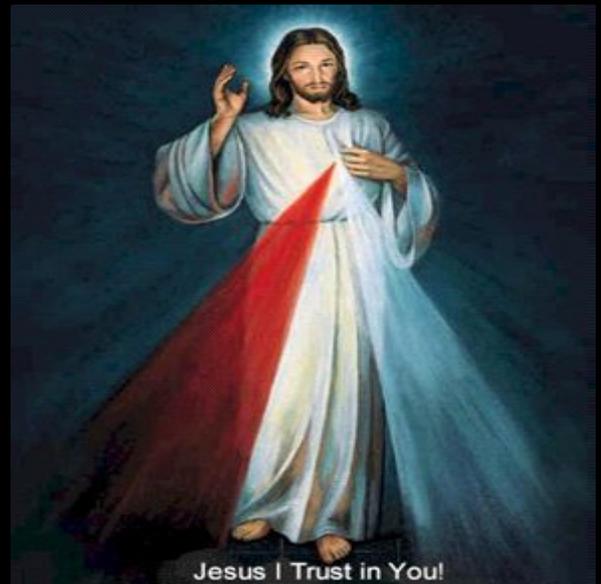
Conversion of St. Paul
January 25, 2021



Lent 2021 Begins February 17



Easter Season
April 4, 2021-May 23, 2021



Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11, 2021

NEW ULM DIOCESAN CONVENTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021
DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON

Spiritual Advisor's Message



The New Normal or is it a return to the Old Normal?

How life can change so very quickly!! Parish life is so very different today that it was just 10 months ago. Our Masses do not nearly have the quantity that frequented our churches prior Covid-19. Meetings have been suspended in many instances and drive through is the method of fund raising today. These have been stressful days, weeks and months. We haven't seen anything like this since the pandemic of the 1918 Spanish Flu and most of us were not alive to experience those days.

." One of the things that our faith teaches us to do is to reflect continually on the meaning of things around us or events that are occurring. Science can tell us what a thing is and provide us with a vaccine, but it cannot provide us with an explanation of the meaning of this virus in the spiritual realm.

Keeping in mind the words of St. John Paul II, "In Gods' plan nothing, happens by chance," we need to reflect long and hard on the meaning of this virus. I suspect that the real purpose will not emerge for some time to come. By the time this article is published a vaccine will more than likely be in the process of being distributed. We thank God for that. But that does not take away the need for reflection which will help us move forward.

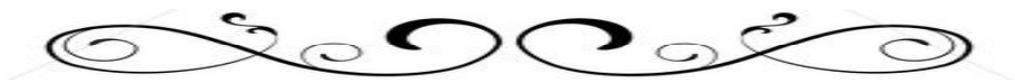
One of the basic questions that emerges upon reflection of the effects of this virus in our lives and society is how easily we are gripped by fear. The admonition of Jesus so often given in the Gospel of "Be not afraid" has become ever so important. Another question we may ask is, "How has this pandemic affected our (my) faith life? Is my faith stronger or weaker? Moving beyond myself we ask How has this pandemic affected our CCW affiliates? Crisis can have the affect of strengthening or weakening or even destroying. Challenges can help us pull together or disperse us.

What will be the new normal for our CCW's? Will there be a new normal? What will we have learned by going through this pandemic? Will we see a new purpose for CCW? Will it have affected our role in the parish and/or in the lives of our sisters and brothers in the faith?

Someone in the political world said, "Never let a crisis go to waste". I believe that we can apply that to our spiritual lives as well, of course not in a cynical or manipulative manner, but in a healthy manner. Let us use this as an opportunity to grow by reflecting on our faith lives and on our CCW affiliates. Will there be a new normal and what might it look like?

I have no answers but we need to be open to the Holy Spirit. I do know that fear is debilitating and faith empowers us in the Spirit. As we approach the beginning of Lent in a few weeks we could do well to reflect on the meaning of the virus in our lives and in the life of our parish and CCW. That will perhaps lead us to thoughts on a new normal or a return to the old Biblical Normal-seeing everything through the eyes of faith.

Msgr. Eugene L. Lozinski
NUDCCW Spiritual Advisor



From the desk of the President



It is a new year on our calendars. Let's make it a new year in our hearts. As spring approaches, we look for signs of new life. As we enter into the church season of Lent, we look toward the celebration of Easter and the new life we have in the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

This new year also brings new plans to our upcoming deanery and diocesan events. These plans include offering these events virtually so that no matter what guidelines are in place in regards to COVID19, we can still hold our spring gatherings and annual convention.

Here are the dates to mark on your calendars for the upcoming spring gatherings and convention:

Deanery One Spring Gathering – March 18th

Deanery Two Spring Gathering – April 13th

Deanery Three Spring Gathering – March 8th

NUDCCW Convention – April 24, 2021 at Holy Redeemer in Marshall, MN.

In keeping with our tradition and due to the cancellation of our 2020 NUDCCW Convention, we will be recognizing the 2020 and 2021 recipients of the "CCW Woman of the Year" award at our 2021 NUDCCW convention. These women from our diocese (one for 2020 and one for 2021) will be recognized that day as someone who has carried on the Mission of Christ in her family, her church, the community, and especially in her involvement with the Council of Catholic Women.

I would like to encourage each of our diocesan affiliates (parish and deanery) to make their annual donation to the NUDCCW scholarship program. This program has benefited so many women in our diocese by assisting with the cost for education of faith and spiritual growth. Please contact your parish CCW or visit the NUDCCW website at NUDCCW.org for further information and to obtain a scholarship application (deadline to apply is March 1, 2021).

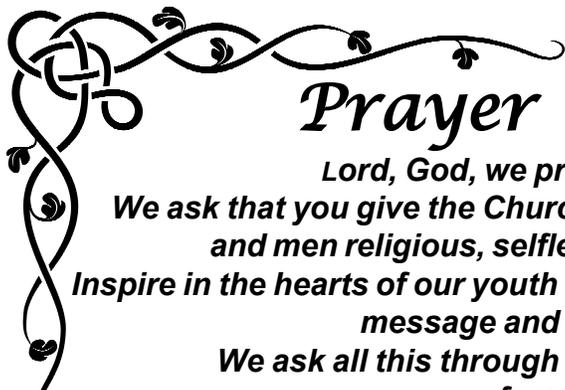
NCCW (National CCW) has a Leadership Training Development Program which it is now offering virtually. Our diocesan board participated in this training in December. This is available to any affiliate (parish or deanery) at no cost. Please visit NCCW.org for further information.

Please take advantage of the resources available at our NUDCCW (New Ulm Diocese CCW) website at NUDCCW.org and also the resources available at the NCCW (National CCW) website at NCCW.org. If you are not an individual member of NCCW, consider becoming one. They offer many virtual opportunities for enrichment such as the weekly Coffee Klatches and praying the rosary monthly.

I became President of NUDCCW in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and because of the pandemic, it seems that nothing is "business as usual". Except for this group of women who come together at the parish, deanery and diocesan levels as the Council of Catholic Women and who continually amaze me at their commitment to be an instrument of God's love. I am so blessed to be a part of this organization.

I look forward to the time when we can all be back together again in-person. In the meantime, I hope to see many of you through the various virtual platforms available. May God's blessings be upon you.

Barbara Mathiowetz, NUDCCW President



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

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought. Pope John Paul II

The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin." (CCC 1733)

"It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. ... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (CCC 1913-1915).

These quotes from Pope John Paul II and the Catholic Catechism may initiate questions in our minds. What can we do to create harmony and peace among all people? What is my responsibility? Where and how can I enhance God's Kingdom by promoting social Catholic freedom and integrity?

Our legislators, local and national, deserve to hear our voice on issues. If we do not speak up, who will defend our cherished Catholic values?

Many have already joined the Catholic Advocacy Network which sends emails promoting Political Action Alerts! Established by Catholic Bishops of Minnesota, Minnesota Catholic Conference advocates for the voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota. Join MNCatholic.org today!

Other tools for being an effective advocate are:

- Email your legislators. Contact information is available at <https://www.mncatholic.org/actioncenter/?vsrc=%02fAddress> for Minnesota Congress and
- <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/address> for US Congress
- Phone calls
- Personal visits
- Be informed about the issues which impact life and human dignity

Most important, please pray daily for our leaders!

Prayer for Civic Leaders from USCCB website

God our Father,

You guide everything in wisdom and love.

Accept the prayers we offer for our nation.

In your goodness,

watch over those in authority

so that people everywhere

may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

From the Editor

As we await for a new Bishop – please pray that we will soon have a leader to shepherd our diocese. The prayer is in the newsletter below the Calendar of Events.

It's been a year of trials and challenges but we must always hope and trust that God knows what He is doing. We will come out of this pandemic and hopefully better for it. Since we are unable to do lots of the service projects that we have done other years, are we spending more quiet time in prayer and finding innovative ways to still accomplish some of the most needed service projects.

Hopefully your CCW groups are able to keep in touch with each other through emails and phone calls. It's a blessing to be able to attend Mass again even if it's on a limited basis and the wearing of masks, sanitizing hands, etc.

I have loved doing this newsletter since its beginning but now am needing to relinquish some of the CCW responsibilities I have assumed for so many years because of age and health reasons of both my husband and I. This is one of them. **We are looking for creative persons to take on the responsibilities of creating this newsletter. Anyone interested, please contact our diocesan president, Barb Mathiowetz. I know there are talented and very capable women out there. You only need to step forward to help in this important task.**

May God's blessings be with all of you.

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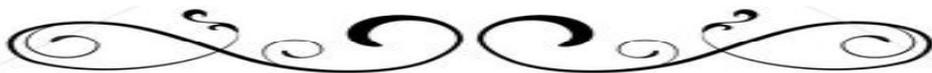


Our historian, Marjo Gruhot, has had the misfortune of breaking her leg and the last I heard was in a Swing Bed facility for healing so was unable to submit an article. Please pray for her healing.

This editor is listing some thoughts for those women who are serving in these very important positions in your parishes.

A historian has the fascinating job of maintaining the story of your parish. Everything that happens today is history tomorrow. So you want to record all that is happening in your parish into a scrapbook. Years from now, people can look at these books and read about the happenings in your parish — what people did and from pictures what people wore etc.

This past year has been challenging because many events in your parishes could not be held but it's an interesting story. Record how Mass was held – making reservations to attend, having to attend wearing masks, spaced apart etc. Maybe even take some pictures of how your church is set up to space people. These are just some ideas – use your creativity and imagination to record the history of your parish. Remember you are maintaining the fascinating history of your parish and its people.



Historian's Message

Reverence Life Committee

No Reverence Life article was submitted for this newsletter but the editor would like to include a few comments and recommendations for your parish CCW groups.

So many of us often think of Reverence Life as focusing on the preborn but Reverence Life is about respecting all life. During this past challenging year and into this year, we must be mindful of all lives, especially our elderly who are residing in assisted living and long term care facilities. They have been isolated from any or very limited visitors. This is so very stressful for all of them because we are meant to be a part of community, visiting and interacting with each other.

Things your parish CCW's can do – if you know someone in one of these care centers, call or send a card reminding them that you are praying for them. Maybe even prepare a little basket of fruit and goodies or a little gift bag of greeting cards and stamps so they can communicate with their family and friends and drop off at the location for them. Also remember the elderly in your parish who may not have the means or are fearful of leaving their homes.

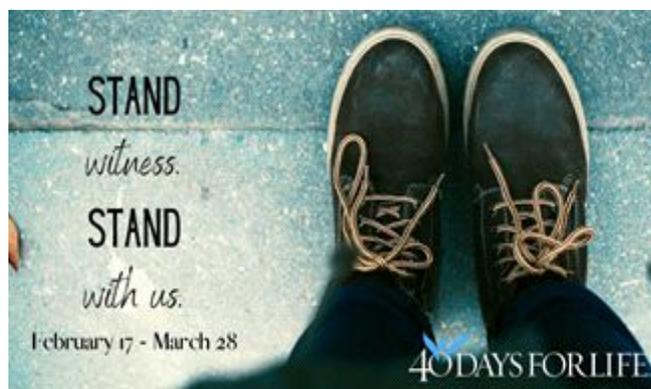
In addition, we need to remember our special needs persons many of whom have been under the same restrictions as our long term care patients if they are in special group homes or apartments.

We are all created in the image and likeness of God and must be respected and cared for regardless of physical abilities.

Coming forth again will be "Forty Days for Life" scheduled for February 17 – March 28.

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused 40-day prayer vigil outside an abortion facility in your community. Are you called to stand witness to send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion?

I know for many it is difficult to physically participate in the prayer vigil but your CCW groups can pray for all those that can and do participate. **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL LIFE!**



LEADERSHIP

By Betty Thooff

Commission

"Christ, be our Light! Shine in our Hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our Light!"

We sang those lyrics at Mass and I thought how fitting with the COVID affecting so many of us.

Spring is the season of new life and new beginnings! Let us spring into action and get going! Many of you may ask – how can we get going with COVID hanging over our heads?

We can begin each morning with prayer and ask God to help us see something new in that day – maybe just a sunrise or a new song or someone utters a new phrase or a priest does a reading that we haven't paid attention to before.

We can always call a friend or a CCW member or better yet, do a zoom meeting or a social distancing meeting to actually see people praying and talking about their faith.

I'm sure things looked dark to Christians when Jesus was placed on the cross, but the resurrection brought us new life after death. We can look forward to the light of Christ shining for us as we enter into the spring season.

I also urge CCW members to pay attention to upcoming Deanery Spring Gatherings and the NUDCCW Convention. It may be done via zoom or with social distancing as details aren't all worked out yet.

Please pray for those ladies in leadership positions to make the best possible decisions that will lead Catholic women to prayer and to see the light of Christ.

Mary Ann Kramer from Lucan, MN, our CCW sister in Christ, passed away on December 21, 2020. Her love of CCW was so evident by the various positions she held in all rings of the Council of Catholic Women. She served as her parish CCW president many different times, New Ulm Diocesan CCW President from 1974-76, St. Paul/Minneapolis Province Director from 1981-83, NCCW Third Vice-President from 1983-85, NCCW First Vice-President from 1985-87 and then serving as our NCCW President from 1987-89. She was chosen as New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women “Woman of the Year” in 2015 in recognition of her life-long contributions to CCW and role as outstanding model of service to others.

IN LOVING
Memory



Many of you will remember her as being a very active part of the Diocesan CCW Leadership Team for many years – utilizing her many leadership skills and creativity in the many parish leadership training sessions held in the diocese each year — only to retire when her health and the failing health of her husband took so much of her time.

She is survived by her eight children and will certainly be missed by all of them along with many CCW sisters, not only in our diocese but throughout the country.

Please remember her in your prayers and thank God for blessing our diocese with this wonderful woman for so many years.

New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Associates

This group was organized a number of years ago – an idea brought forth by a past Diocesan President. The goals were set – all past and present DCCW board members would be eligible to join the Associates by paying dues each year; therefore even after going off the board a past board member could remain connected with the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women of which many of these members had dedicated many hours.

The members of this group are encouraged to pray for the success of the work of our current DCCW Board and with the dues collected it would lend financial help for DCCW programs. For many years the Associate dues have covered the cost of printing and postage for one issue of the diocesan newsletter (approximately \$600-\$700) of which this is one of them. This group tries to gather once during the year for a luncheon and mostly to reconnect with each other, many of whom had served together on the board at one time. This year, of course, we could not gather because of the COVID-19 pandemic but hopefully we will gather again in the coming years.

Many of you may not be aware of this group but we should be thankful for their support through their prayer and financial help to our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Today this group is headed up by Jan Noyes, Audrey Prokosch and Chris Heiderscheidt, all past DCCW presidents who maintain an updated list of all eligible members and then keep a mailing list of current members.

If anyone has any questions about this group, please contact one of these ladies.

SERVICE

By Lori Rixe

Commission

I am a busy mom. I have three kids, I work, I cook, I clean, I try to do everything, and I am extremely blessed. I have found that it is easy to forget to serve others. God knows me. I believe he has put conveniences in my life to help me. Here are some tips that I have found that help me so that my favorite charities are not forgotten.

Set up automatic payments with your bank

Each week we run the same race. Get everyone up, get dressed and get out the door. In the first years of our marriage, I would forget to write the church a check until December. Now I set up a payment with our online banking. I put in the amount I wanted taken out and the bank does the rest. I can change it according to our financial status, but it is always listed with my other bills. I see this as a necessity. I want a church to worship in, therefore I will help it stay open.

Set up autopayments on a credit card

First and foremost, be financially responsible and only use credit cards if you are going to pay them off each month. If you do that, then setting up an autopayment with a charity is easy. I do this with the charity unbound. They take money from my credit card each month. I pay my credit card bill, and everyone is taken care of.

Pay as soon as you get the info

If I set something aside, it will sit there for months. It is easier for me to send money, clothing, food as soon as I am asked.

Keep a little cash stashed in your coat

When I go out shopping, I keep some money stashed in my coat. During my check out, I give some of that money to the cashier before I leave and tell them to apply it to the next persons bill. It is one small act of kindness in our rushed world.

Get rid of clothes as soon as they don't fit.

I do not like extra clutter in our house. Each spring and fall I try to go through my kids and my clothes. I box them up and immediately get them out of my house. There are tons of places to bring used clothing. I will donate to the place that is the easiest for me at the time.

Set reminders on my phone

I will forget anything I am supposed to help with if I do not put it on my calendar. I like my phone calendar. I always have my phone on me, so it is easy to see reminders. I even put ingredients for my funeral salad on there.



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 18, 2021

Deanery 2---Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Deanery 3---Monday, March 8, 2021



NEW ULM DIOCESAN CCW CONVENTION

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Holy Redeemer Parish, Marshall, MN

Our Diocesan Convention Speaker: ANGELA KENNECKE

Angela is a veteran broadcast journalist and award-winning investigative reporter. Her reporting has uncovered fraud and corruption, which has resulted in changes to state laws.

Over the last decade, many of Angela's stories focused on the growing opioid crisis. On May 16, 2018, the day her 21 year old daughter, Emily, died of an overdose, Angela was working on an investigation into Good Samaritan Laws and overdose deaths. She interviewed three parents whose children had died of overdoses. Following Emily's death, Angela realized there was an important meaning and a lesson that she could take away from those interviews.

Her daughter, Emily, died of fentanyl poisoning. Angela has taken Emily's story nationwide and even internationally. She speaks tirelessly about the issues surrounding opioid addiction, a parent's frustration and sense of helplessness and tells it all from the perspective of a mother who has lost her child. Angela believes when tragedy and setbacks strike, the only thing you have control over is your response. Angela's response to the loss of her beautiful and beloved daughter is to turn heartbreak into action by erasing the stigma surrounding addition and advocate for more funding, better treatment and more research and understanding of substance use disorder.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION IS BEING PLANNED TO BE HELD — HOPEFULLY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON — IF NOT — WE WILL TRY SOME OTHER CREATIVE WAY TO REACH OUT TO ALL OF YOU – POSSIBLY BY A VIRTUAL CONVENTION OR A ZOOM GATHERING. Please plan to attend in whatever way we offer this important convention.

PLEASE WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

SCHOLARSHIP

By Sandra Jerzak

The New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women annually sponsors a very unique Scholarship Program. Money is available to all CCW groups and parish members who are volunteers or employees involved in various parish ministries. The Scholarship Fund is intended to help with registration expenses of educational seminars, virtual/on-line classes to improve skills in your ministry and/or further your growth of the Catholic Faith. Our faith education is never finished. We are constantly challenged to grow in our faith and to help others in their faith journey.

The Deaneries have received the scholarship information booklet and should be passing it down to the parishes. The booklet provides the program guidelines, eligibility requirements for candidates and the 2021-22 Scholarship Application form. One requirement is your parish CCW must donate some monies to our scholarship program. We are grateful to all of the parishes who are so generous in their giving which allows this program to continue to be a vital part of our organization. NUDCCW Board seeks your continued support and giving to the Scholarship program.

Don't let COVID deter you from learning skills to improve your leadership role in the parish community or be enlighten with newfound knowledge of our Catholic Faith, or perhaps network amongst other Catholics women at the NCCW convention. NCCW is providing virtual training opportunities FREE. Possibilities are endless to grow!

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER: To be considered for a Scholarship at the April 2021 NUDCCW Convention all completed applications need to be received by March 1, 2021. And parish donations must be received by March 1, 2021 for your parishioners to be eligible for a scholarship.

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Anyone having questions, please contact Sandra Jerzak, NUDCCW Scholarship Coordinator.
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SPIRITUALITY

By JoAnn Masters

Commission

PROMOTING PARISH PRAYER

"As they go through the Bitter Valley, they make it a place of springs." This verse from the 84th Psalm jumped out at me as I was praying the Liturgy of the Hours a few days ago. An image came into my mind of the prayer warriors I know bringing spiritual relief to God's people as they journeyed through the rugged terrain of the past many months. If you think about the prayerful people you know, they do tend to possess a certain sensation of quiet joy and peace which is contagious.

We, as the women of CCW, are committed to service, study, and PRAYER. Although COVID restrictions have set up great roadblocks for our usual service projects and group study, this is the perfect time to encourage prayer in our parishes. There is something about the winter months and Lent that opens us up spiritually. I want to emphasize prayer for our holy priests and deacons but also offer some further suggestions for other prayer.

SHEPHERD OF THE FIELD: This has been a favorite CCW mission – to stimulate prayer for our beloved priests, deacons, and seminarians. Who could be more deserving? Each parish CCW has been matched to one or two of these special men and has the responsibility to see that meaningful prayer is offered for them. Your deanery officers pass the annual assignments along to your parishes. You can also find assignment charts on our website for all three deaneries. Birthdays, ordination days, and addresses are included. Frequent prayer is the priority. Pray for them at your meetings, add them to your personal prayer lists, publicize them in your bulletins, and have Masses offered for them. It is good to send them a card letting them know your CCW is giving them prayer support. As our parishes decrease in number through closing or combining, we have fewer CCW units than active/retired priests, deacons, and seminarians. If there are dynamic prayer groups in our parishes who would welcome the assignment of one of these good men, we would appreciate hearing from them.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: This ministry is closely related to our Shepherd of the Field program as it concentrates on prayer for our priests. Do you have an apostolate in your parish? If not, you should check out their website: www.sevensistersapostolate.org In their words, this apostolate "...is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest..." Each parish group consists of seven women, one who is the coordinator as Anchoress. Each of the seven sisters selects a day of the week and commits to pray a Holy Hour for the holiness of their pastor. If you are interested in forming a Seven Sisters Apostolate in your parish, contact Chris Heiderscheidt, coordinator for the New Ulm Diocese.

Some other suggestions for promoting parish prayer, especially if social distancing is still necessary:

1. Rosary prayer before meetings if held and before Mass when possible.
2. Make Rosary guides available to all who desire them. Make Rosary recordings available at cost price. We have found that people have developed the habit of praying the Rosary in their cars.
3. Make Divine Mercy Novena guides available (Good Friday until the day before Divine Mercy Sunday.)
4. Although Zoom does not lend itself well to group prayer, it works well to pray with one other person (or a leader in one locale and two or more responders sharing a locale.) This will work with either the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
5. Praying the Liturgy of the Hours prayer through Zoom. Again, Zoom does not work well with groups but using two or three locations is doable. You can use your computers for the Zoom application and either a phone app or Liturgy of the Hours books for the prayer. Tutor the Liturgy of the Hours using Zoom in the same way. Many would like to pray this "public prayer of the Church," but have given up when trying to navigate the various parts. If you are proficient, you can assist others in mastering it.
6. Attend Eucharistic Adoration at every opportunity.

It is my hope that these comments may have spurred some ideas about prayer activity you can promote in your parishes. Let us take these words of Pope Saint John Paul II to heart, *"In prayer you become one with the source of our true light – Jesus Himself."*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

100th ANNIVERSARY NCCW CONVENTION RESCHEDULED FOR AUG. 26-30, 2021 (as of this printing)

WUCWO NORTH AMERICAN REGION CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED FOR AUG. 25, 2021

Jan. 18 - Jan. 25 Christian Unity Week

Jan. 31 - Feb. 6 Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 17, 2021 Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent

Deanery CCW Spring Gatherings

Deanery 1 March 18, 2021

Deanery 2 April 13, 2021

Deanery 3 March 8, 2021

Look for details regarding these events and what will be offered!

March, 2021 Chrism Mass, Location TBD
(Blessing of the Holy Oils used in parishes throughout the year)

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 24, 2021 NUDCCW 61st Annual Convention, Holy Redeemer, Marshall

Every Day Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
AND for a New Bishop



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*Mary, Mother of the Church,
Pray for Us*

Prayer for a new bishop

Almighty God,
Who by the Holy Spirit moves the hearts
of Your people,

Direct the counsels of those who are
appointed to choose a bishop for
the Diocese of New Ulm, that we may
be given a pastor who in faithfulness and
wisdom shall lead Your people
in the way of holiness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Mary, Mother of the Church,
pray for us.*

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A.S.A.P. – Always Say A Prayer



There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry,

A.S.A.P – Always Say A Prayer.

In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time" is rare.

Do your best; let God do the rest:

A.S.A.P. – Always Say A Prayer.

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.

Slow down and take a breather,

A.S.A.P -Always Say A Prayer.

God knows how stressful life can be;

He wants to ease your cares,

And He'll respond to all your needs,

A.S.A.P. – Always Say A Prayer.

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