

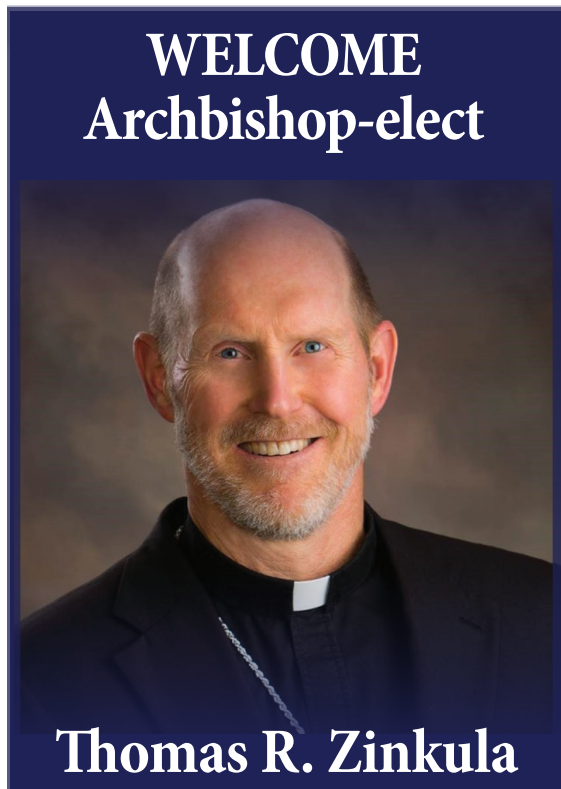
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ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2023

The ACCW Annual Meeting will take place on October 21, 2023 at St. Edward Parish in Waterloo. Our keynote speaker will be Fr. Joseph Sevcik, who will speak about The Eucharistic Revival. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas R. Zinkula, with concelebrants and deacons in attendance. There will be a silent auction, door prizes and displays. You are invited to bring a basket or a single item (valued at \$25) with you to support the ACCW silent auction. Additional information and registration for the Annual Meeting can be found on page 4, and online at: <https://dbqarch.org/accw-events>.




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The Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) is a volunteer organization for women. We are united for apostolic action at the request of the Archbishop of Dubuque. We are affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO). We are a voice for the women of the Dubuque Archdiocese to speak and act as a unit on matters of mutual interest.

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President

Monica Fulton

Autumn of 2023 is abuzz with activity!

A few months ago, we bade farewell to retiring Archbishop Michael Jackels. Now we welcome his successor, Archbishop-elect Thomas Zinkula. The ACCW Board hopes that women from the area can assist in the Installation Mass on October 18, and have offered several ideas.

The NCCW Annual Convention, calling us to be on the Path of Renewed Encounter with the Eucharist, was hosted by the Diocese of Salt Lake City on Aug. 24-26. The speakers, the Commission sessions, the liturgies, all brought us together and we returned home with renewed spirits. Thank you, Ann Dietrich, for fashioning the stole for the silent auction. Thanks also to those who provided items for our entry for the purse auction.

The ACCW Annual Meeting is fast approaching. I hope to see many of you at St. Edward Church in Waterloo on Saturday, October 21. Our theme of Eucharistic Revival will help us to be inspired and united in a more intimate relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.



Past President

Joanne Pohland

2023 Priest Convocation

ACCW Members provided hospitality during the opening of the 2023 Priests' Convocation at Divine Word College in Epworth on June 19, 2023. Delicious homemade pies with ice cream and beverages were served to the priests as they arrived. We heard many appreciative comments, and it was a great opportunity to share some information about ACCW with our priests.



ACCW members present included (left to right): Kim Schmidt, Raegan Reid, Leone Burgeson, Joanne Pohland, Ann Dietrich, Lynne Chapman, Sue Martinek, Sheila Rassman, and Carrie Rassman.



President-Elect

Billie Burhite

How many times do we hear God's call and not respond due to fear, uncertainty, and no desire? Today while reflecting on the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I found myself thinking "What if Mary had said no?" I cannot imagine life without Jesus, without the forgiveness and eternal love of our lord Jesus Christ.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is about the promise Jesus gave us to put all trust in him and you will have eternal life. So while we have so much to be grateful for, please remember those who are poor, hungry, lost, unhealthy in mind and body. Take time to lift them up today and love them as Jesus and Mary did. As ACCW women we must strive to love like Mary.

Did You Know?

Five First Saturdays Devotion

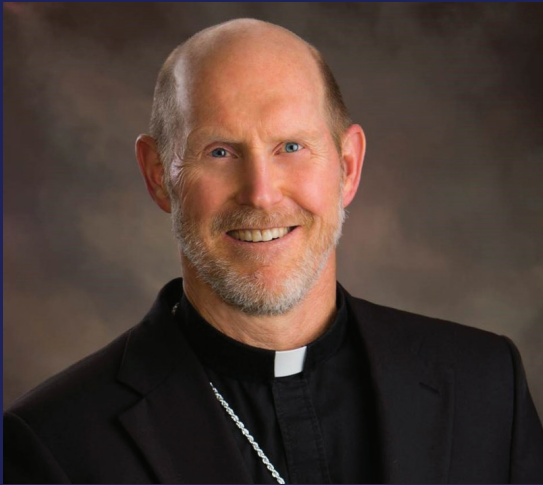
The NCCW encourages women throughout the country to pray the Rosary daily and practice the First Saturday Devotion. In December, 1925, Our Lady promised Sister Lucia at Fatima that, for all those who fulfill the Five First Saturday devotion, she would "assist them at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls." To complete the devotion, with the intention of making reparation for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the First Saturday during five consecutive months:



1. Go to confession [within eight days].
2. Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion [in a state of grace].
3. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary.
4. Meditate for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Many of our archdiocesan parishes don't currently have a Saturday daytime Mass. In these cases, you can attend the Saturday evening Mass for the first Saturday. Practice this devotion yourself, and encourage others in your parish to make the First Saturdays. Invite a group of Catholic women to lead the rosary on the First Saturday. If you would like to learn more about the Five First Saturdays devotion, go to: <https://americanneedsfatima.org/prayers/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion>.

Welcome Archbishop-Elect Thomas R. Zinkula!



Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Thomas R. Zinkula as our archbishop-elect! Bishop Richard Pates has served as Apostolic Administrator of the archdiocese since April 4, following the retirement of Archbishop Michael Jackels, and will continue in that role until Archbishop-elect Zinkula's installation on as the eleventh Archbishop of Dubuque on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

The archbishop-elect is a native son of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, growing up on a farm near Mount Vernon. He served as a pastor in faith communities in Dubuque, Rickardsville, Balltown, Sherrill, Holy Cross, Luxemburg, and Cedar Rapids. He also served as judge and judicial vicar for the Archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal, and was rector for St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque. He shares a deep connection with his predecessors, having been confirmed by Archbishop James Byrne, ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Daniel Kucera, appointed as pastor, judicial vicar and episcopal vicar by Archbishop Jerome Hanus, and appointed rector of the seminary by Archbishop Michael Jackels. Bishop Martin Amos joined Archbishops Jackels and Hanus in ordaining Zinkula as Bishop of the Diocese of Davenport in 2017.

Archbishop-elect Zinkula delivered a message during a press conference on July 26, the day his appointment as Dubuque's eleventh archbishop was announced. This message can be found in a Special Edition of the *Together* newsletter found here: <https://dbqarch.org/together>. Watch Bishop Richard Pates' recorded interview with the archbishop-elect here: <https://dbqarch.org/archbishop-elect-zinkula>.

Join us for the ACCW Annual Meeting, where newly-installed Archbishop Thomas Zinkula will be our celebrant!

Cards and Welcome greetings for Archbishop-elect Zinkula may be sent **after the October 18th Installation Ceremony** to:

**Archbishop Thomas Zinkula
1229 Mt. Loretta Avenue
Dubuque, IA 52003**

Thank you, Bishop Richard Pates!

We thank Archdiocesan Apostolic Administer, Bishop Richard Pates, for graciously stepping out of retirement to shepherd the people of the Archdiocese of Dubuque following the resignation/retirement of Archbishop Michael Jackels on April 4, 2023, and during this interim time as we await our new archbishop. As he moves back into retirement following the installation of Archbishop-elect Thomas Zinkula, we thank Bishop Pates for supporting the mission of the ACCW, and we wish him well.



From NCCW President Patricia Voorhes



July 30, 2023

Archbishop-Elect Thomas R. Zinkula
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dubuque
1229 Mt Loretta Ave
Dubuque, IA 52003

Your Excellency:

On behalf of the thousands of Catholic women serving the Church across America united under the National Council of Catholic Women, I extend sincere congratulations on the announcement of your appointment as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Dubuque by His Holiness, Pope Francis.

The United States Bishops created the NCCW in 1920: "To give the Catholic women of the country a common voice and an instrument of common action in all matters affecting Catholic or national welfare." Our members, active in parishes and dioceses across the country, advance the priorities of the USCCB through NCCW programs that respond with Gospel values to the needs of our Church and society.

We will pray for you as you assume a new leadership role in the Church leading the flock of Catholics residing in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. We also look forward to meeting with you after your installation to discuss how the women of Council can assist with the needs of the Church in your diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Patricia Voorhes". The script is fluid and cursive.

Patricia Voorhes,
NCCW President

cc:

Most Reverend Most Reverend William A. Wack, NCCW Episcopal Liaison
Mrs. Florine Swanson, Province Director – Province of Dubuque

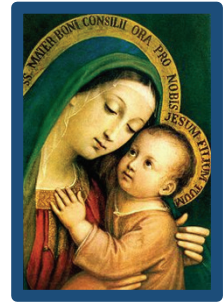


63rd Annual ACCW Meeting Saturday, October 21, 2023

St. Edward Parish
1423 Kimball Ave, Waterloo, IA 50702

Keynote Speaker:
Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Mass Celebrant:
Archbishop Thomas Zinkula



Agenda:

8:00 AM	Registration, Refreshments, Exhibits, Silent Auction
8:45 AM	Call to Order Welcome/Opening Prayer Keynote Address by Fr. Joseph Sevcik "Eucharistic Revival"
9:45 AM	Business Meeting
10:30 AM	Break, Exhibits, Silent Auction
11:00 AM	Mass with Archbishop Thomas Zinkula Concelebrants and Deacons in attendance Presentation of Awards
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Afternoon Session
1:30 PM	Closing Remarks, Door Prizes, and Final Blessing



Registration Form - 2023 ACCW Annual Meeting

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish/Cluster: _____ **Parish City:** _____

Registration Fee: **Before October 10: \$20.00**
 After October 10 or at the door: \$30.00

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Lisa Hemesath
c/o ACCW Annual Meeting
1116 240th Street
State Center, IA 50247

Archdiocese of Dubuque Council of Catholic Women
An affiliate of the



Or register online at <https://dbqarch.org/accw-events>.



Spiritual Advisor

Fr. Daniel Knipper

We pray for the repose of the soul of the following Archdiocesan priest who has died recently:

Fr. Louis C. Zee

Born: 3/20/1933

Ordained: 1/31/1959

Died: 6/18/23

May his soul rest in peace!

These are exciting times, aren't they?! I say this because of the many events taking place in the coming months:

1. The appointment of Archbishop-elect Thomas Zinkula to the Archdiocese of Dubuque, with installation to take place on October 18, 2023. Many ACCW members will be involved with the installation ceremony. I join all of you in congratulating and welcoming Archbishop-elect Zinkula on this appointment, as we are praying for him and we look forward to working with him.
2. The ACCW Annual Meeting on October 21 at St. Edward Parish in Waterloo.
3. The National Eucharistic Revival and the involvement of the ACCW in many parish events planned within our parishes across the archdiocese.
4. The Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion Shrine on September 20 & 21, 2023.
5. The ACCW Annual Meeting on October 21 at St Edward Parish campus in Waterloo.
6. The Feasts of All Saints Day on Nov. 1 and All Souls Day on November 2.
7. Thanksgiving Day on November 23.
8. The Feasts of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8. And Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.
9. The Advent season, followed by Christmas on December 25.

It will be great celebrating all of God's blessings with one another this Fall. I will remember all of you in all these grace-filled celebrations. Fasten your Holy Seat Belts, because here we go!

Congratulations to Diaconate Class XX!

Newly Ordained Permanent Deacons for the Archdiocese of Dubuque are shown in this photo at the conclusion of their Ordination Mass on Saturday, June 24, 2023.



Front row (left to right): Michael Knipp - Blessed Sacrament in Waterloo; Douglas Aldinger - St. Mary in Eldora and St. Mark in Iowa Falls; Bishop Richard Pates, Apostolic Administrator; Ronald Meyer - St. Thomas Aquinas in Ames and Ss. Peter & Paul in Gilbert; Timothy DeWees - St. Joseph in Marion | Back row (left to right): Terri Wenthold - St. Aloysius in Calmar, Our Lady of Seven Dolors in Festina, St. Francis de Sales in Ossian, and St. Wenceslaus in Spillville; Timothy Neal - St. Ludmila in Cedar Rapids; James Wolf - Sacred Heart in Manly and Epiphany in Mason City; Michael DeMouly - St. Columbkille in Dubuque; Brian Logan - St. Joseph in Marion.

Join Fr. Dan Knipper on a Bus Trip Pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Champion, WI September 20-21, 2023

Find refuge and spiritual healing on the peaceful, sacred grounds where the Blessed Mother appeared to Adele Brise in 1859. Along the way we will visit St. Francis Cathedral, Sisters of the Holy Cross Convent in Green Bay, WI and St. Norbert Abbey Church in De Pere, WI.

The bus departs Wednesday, Sept 20 from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Lawler at 7 AM, with additional pick-ups in Calmar and McGregor. We will return late Thursday.

For sign-up information, contact Teri Rosendahl:

dbq166ff@dbqarch.org or 507-450-0912.

Registration deadline is September 10.

2023 ACCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award

Each year the Dubuque Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women honors one woman who has shared generously of her time and talents with the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award. This award recognizes outstanding contributions made in the areas of service to the Church, her parish, and the community, including local, state, and national involvement.

Women currently serving on the ACCW Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated.

To nominate a woman, please complete the Nomination Form below. To complete the form, you will need to provide:

- a narrative **from an ACCW member or parishioner** about the nominee (two pages or less) including a description of the nominee's Church activities, community involvement, leadership, spirituality, education, professional experience and other relevant personal information and service, and any ACCW or NCCW involvement if applicable
- a letter of support/endorsement **from the parish priest**

Nominations open June 1, 2023 and close on September 15, 2023.

The award presentation will take place at the ACCW Annual Meeting in the Fall 2023.

Return the nomination form to Barb Sauser, 636 Highway 136 N Cascade, Iowa 52033 or email sbsauser@netins.net no later than September 15, 2023.

2023 ACCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award Nomination Form

Nominee: _____ Parish/City: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please attach the following:

- a narrative **from an ACCW member or parishioner about the nominee (two pages or less).** Describe the nominee's community involvement, leadership, spirituality, education, professional experience and other relevant personal information and service, as well as any ACCW or NCCW involvement.
- **one letter of support/endorsement from the parish priest**

Nominated by:

Name: _____ Parish/City: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Nominations open June 1, 2023 and close on September 15, 2023.

2023 ACCW Golden Rose Award

The Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) recognizes a young woman who has made a significant contribution to their parish and community in service and leadership.

A nominee for this award should be:

- A young woman, age 14-21, who resides in the Archdiocese of Dubuque
- A practicing Catholic who attends Sunday Mass regularly
- An active member of her parish who shows leadership, goes above and beyond in activities and service projects (youth groups, ministries, volunteer work, etc.), and is an outstanding role model of service to others in her community
- A faithful servant who reflects the Gospel values in her everyday life,
- A young woman who abides by the mission of the ACCW as “a voice for the women of the Dubuque Archdiocese to speak and act as a unit on matters of mutual interest”

To nominate a young woman for this award, please complete the Nomination Form below. Please provide:

- A **description** (two pages or less) of your nominee that addressed the above-mentioned criteria. Describe her Church activities, community involvement, leadership, spirituality, education, and other relevant personal information and service, as well as any ACCW or NCCW involvement if applicable.
- A **signature** indicating the parish pastor’s approval (found at the bottom of the form below)

Nominations open June 1, 2023 and close on September 15, 2023.

The award presentation will take place at the ACCW Annual Meeting on **Saturday, October 21, 2023.**

Return the nomination form to Barb Sauser, 636 Highway 136 N Cascade, Iowa 52033
or email sbsauser@netins.net no later than September 15, 2023.

2023 ACCW Golden Rose Award Nomination Form

Nominee: _____ **Parish/City:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Please attach the following:

- A **description** (two pages or less) of your nominee that addressed the above-mentioned criteria. Describe her Church activities, community involvement, leadership, spirituality, education, professional experience and other relevant personal information and service and any ACCW or NCCW involvement if applicable
- A **signature** indicating the parish pastor’s approval (found at the bottom of the form below)

Nominated by:

Name: _____ **Parish/City:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Pastor’s Approval

Pastor’s Signature: _____

Nominations open June 1, 2023 and close on September 15, 2023.



Spirituality Commission

Mary Pedersen

Revival is Here!! Revival is Here!!

The Holy Spirit desires to breathe new life into each and every aspect of our lives as women of God, of the Church, and of ACCW. Come, Holy Spirit, Come! As the dawn ushers in a new morning, so the Spirit sweeps us into new life!!!

The Revival, planned to bring us into a deeper and more alive relationship with Jesus, is here and now!

Please be sure to read/study about the revival, to participate in (or help organize) events in your parish, and beyond!

The Four Pillars of the Eucharistic Revival:

1. Reinvigorate Worship – How is the Spirit breathing new life into parish/personal worship?
2. Personal Encounter – How is the Spirit bringing you into a more personal encounter with Jesus?
3. Robust Faith Formation – How are you growing deeper with Jesus through study and prayer?
4. Missionary Sending – How are you taking the good news of Jesus to your neighbors, the poor, and the outcast?

Our archdiocesan contact for the Eucharistic Revival is Fr. Joseph Sevcik: j.sevcik@dbqarch.org

We pray the Holy Spirit breathes new life into our hearts, our families, our friendships, our churches, our communities—one woman at a time! How will you participate in the Revival? What will you do to breathe new life into your faith? How will we, as ACCW members, make a difference?

Be on the lookout for opportunities and events on the Revival! Please be willing to help support through your efforts! Please contact the Spirituality Committee with your ideas or for support in your efforts!

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



Seven Sisters Apostolate

Leone Bergeson

The Seven Sisters Apostolate includes over twenty thousand individual women praying Holy Hours for their priests worldwide, serving 6 continents, 27 countries, in all fifty U.S. states. Our Archdiocese has almost 600 Sisters praying dedicated Holy Hours for their priests.

I was part of the team that made and served pies to the priests at their priest Convocation in June. I took the opportunity to hand Bishop Richard Pates a letter explaining the Seven Sisters Apostolate's involvement in our Archdiocese, as well as the Fasting Brothers dedication in conjunction with the Holy Hours. Bishop Pates responded with a letter of appreciation for the ministry of Seven Sisters Apostolate. He said it was a very worthy undertaking. He also said, "I pray God blesses all involved in this effort. It brings great consolation." He also thanked the ACCW women for the delicious pies.

On August 4, the Church celebrated the feast day of St. John Vianney. He is the patron saint of parish priests, and one of the three patron saints of Seven Sisters Apostolate. He also had a deep friendship with Bishop Loras of Dubuque who tutored him. As a priest in Ars, France, St. John Vianney was known to spend 11-16 hours in the confessional daily. People were attracted to him because of his faith, piety and repentance. Let us pray for our priests, that they may grow in grace and have a heart after Christ as did St. John Vianney.

September is the month devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Mary (feast day September 15). October is the month of the Holy Rosary. In November, we remember the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Seven Sisters can pray accordingly with these themes during the respective months.

*There is nothing so great as the Eucharist.
If God had something more precious,
He would have given it to us.
~ St. John Vianney*

CHECK OUT THE ACCW WEBSITE!

<https://dbqarch.org/council-of-catholic-women>

for the following resources:

- Online or Printable Membership Form
- Printable Promotional Flyer
- ACCW Brochure
- ACCW/NCCW Placemat
- *The Link* Quarterly Newsletter
- Deanery Doings
- and more!



Leadership Commission

Sheila Rassman

Fall greetings Dear friends in Christ!

The theme for this year's NCCW convention is Path of Renewed Encounter. Many of our councils continue to renew their former projects/programs with vigor. As you evaluate what projects to keep as worthy of your time and what to let go, you will make your group stronger. We know that when we give of ourselves, we use our hands and feet in God's work. In helping others, we find that we also help ourselves to be the best version of who God created us to be. We are blessed in this archdiocese to have so many rich offerings to help us grow in our faith and service.

This year marks our 63rd Annual ACCW Meeting which will be held on October 21st at St Edward Parish in Waterloo! This is the highlight of the year for our organization. We invite you to join us for a day of spirituality, fellowship, Mass, delicious food, silent auction, and wonderful talks! Look for more information in this issue of *The Link*.

The National Catholic Conference on Restorative Justice will be held on Oct. 5-7, 2023 at the University of St. Thomas School of Law campus (Minneapolis, MN). This year's theme is "Journeying Toward Restoration." Ever aware of past and ongoing violations of dignity and relationships, "Journeying Toward Restoration" signifies a renewed promise for restorative justice as an instrument for human flourishing both within and beyond the institutional Church. Live and virtual options are available. To register go to: https://whova.com/portal/registration/cmne_202310/

May your life be filled with renewed blessings!



Parliamentarian

Rozena McVey

Expect the Unexpected...Gracefully

Sometimes things do not go as we have planned, and we are very disappointed. I experienced this recently. I had planned for an event, lined up workers, etc., only to find when I arrived at the event that the women in attendance were not assigned to work, and were not members of the organization.

I must admit this upset me and I stewed about it for days. Looking back, I should have talked and prayed to our Blessed Mary for acceptance of the situation.

May I smarten up and realize events are not always going to go as planned but must be adjusted. A lot more prayer and a lot less complaining (on my part) would have helped.

God Bless, and may you ask Our Blessed Mother to be with you in times such as I experienced.

ACCW Membership

Individual Membership

Membership for individuals is \$10, which includes your subscription to *The Link* and one vote at the Annual Meeting. Register online or with a printable form available on the website:

<https://dbqarch.org/council-of-catholic-women>

(Scroll down the page to find "2023 ACCW Printable Membership Form.")

ACCW Dues Paying Parish Membership

Dues paying parishes have two votes at the Annual Meeting. Cost of parish dues follow a scale according to the number of women in the parish. This cost of parish dues is listed in the online form at:

<https://dbqarch.org/council-of-catholic-women>

Checks may be made payable to ACCW.

Individual and parish membership dues and forms may be sent to:

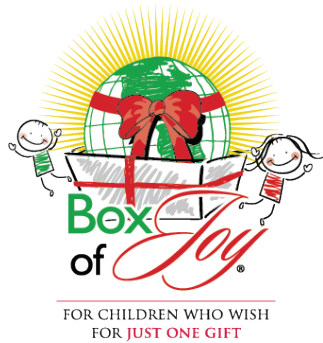
Lisa Hemesath, ACCW Treasurer
1116 240th Street
State Center, IA 50247



Service Commission

Raegan Reid

It is once again the time of year when we start looking forward, thinking of Christmas and how we can be of service to others in need.



Box of Joy, from Cross Catholic Outreach, provides schools, parishes, organizations, and families with an inspiring opportunity to send gifts to Haiti, Guatemala, and other developing countries. A *Box of Joy* is a Christmas gift box that is packed with donated toys, clothing, school supplies, and other items. Each child who receives a *Box of Joy* also receives a rosary and a booklet in their own language that tells The Story of Jesus. *Box of Joy* provides hope to children in need. Each gift represents Christ's love, and it may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

By getting involved with *Box of Joy*, you can help bless tens of thousands of children this Christmas season! Last year, 118,990 children received a *Box of Joy*. And since this outreach's beginning, 512,885 *Box of Joy* gifts have blessed vulnerable children living around the world!

Join us again to bless even more kids this year. Scan the QR code here or go to <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/>, and get your community involved in this engaging work of mercy!



Youth & Adult Awards

Barb Sauser

As the start of school is here, I would ask that, if your family is part of a Girl Scout group, American Heritage Girls, Camp Fire USA, 4-H, Junior Catholic Daughters, Catholic Youth Groups or Religious Education Classes, that you make a contact with the adult that serves as a leader. Encourage them to explore the information about the awards program through the ACCW. The website helps to explain the award areas by grades, from kindergarten through 12th grade. Check out this website and/or share with youth leaders for more information: <https://dbqarch.org/awards>.

The awards committee will be reviewing applications for the Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Golden Rose Awards. The application forms can be found on pages 6 and 7 of this issue of *The Link*, and on the ACCW website: <https://dbqarch.org/awards>. The deadline for nominations is September 16th. Our two recipients will be honored at the 2023 Fall Meeting scheduled for October 21st at St. Edward Church in Waterloo.

If you have questions about the awards process, please contact me at sbsauser@netins.net or call 563-852-7033. I look forward to reading about the women in our archdiocese who give generously of their time and talents in their parish and communities.

ACCW Calendar 2023

October 9	ACCW Board Meeting 7:00 PM via Zoom
October 21	ACCW Annual Meeting St. Edward Church, Waterloo
November 2	ACCW Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 PM via Zoom
November 6	Deadline for submissions for Winter 2023 issue of <i>The Link</i>
November 20	ACCW Board Meeting 7:00 PM via Zoom
December 4	Winter 2023 issue of <i>The Link</i> is sent



Historian

Rose Ann Jero

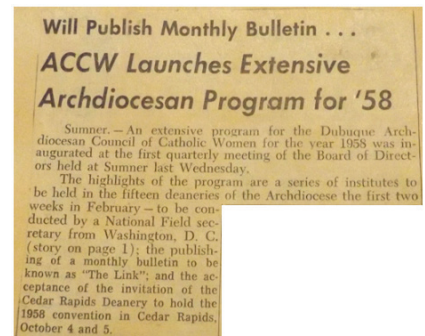
In upcoming issues of *The Link*, we will look back on the history of the organization, and look forward to what these events mean for ACCW and the Church today. In this issue, we share the history of our quarterly newsletter, *The Link*.



Happy 65th Birthday to *The Link*!

Yes, *The Link* has been serving the women of the Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women for 65 years! Since 1958, the Dubuque ACCW has used this newsletter as a means to proclaim the Gospel. A news article published in *The Witness* on January 16, 1958 announced that “the Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women at its quarterly meeting decided to publish a monthly news bulletin to be known as *The Link*.”

As the goals of DACCW and technology have changed through the years, *The Link* has evolved as well. *The Link* began in 1958 as a monthly publication. In 1996, it was published six times each year. Because of printing and postage costs, in 2009 the DACCW Board voted to publish *The Link* only four times each year.

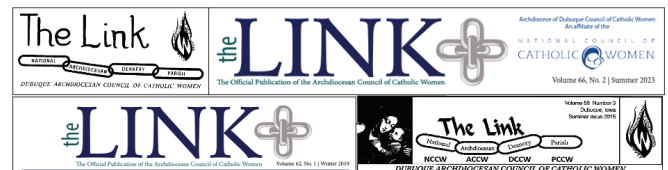


Early editions featured a priest’s article, with his picture on the front page. He was known as the moderator, whose title later became Spiritual Advisor. The president’s and editor’s messages and reports by the commission chairs were accompanied by pictures. In 1999, some clip art was introduced. Additional photographs were included in the Fall, 2007. The front page of that issue included a picture of the women who attended the NCCW Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Photographs have since become an important part of *The Link*.

Creation and distribution of *The Link* has also been an evolving process. In 2009, Scott Printing and Design was used for graphics, printing, and mailing *The Link*. The biggest change came with the first colored edition, Vol. 60 No.1, published in January 2017. An Archdiocesan graphic artist was enlisted to compile the publication, and the Archdiocesan Print Shop printed and mailed the copies. COVID prompted the latest big change, which introduced more technology as *The Link* was made available online. You can now read *The Link* anytime on this webpage:

<https://dbqarch.org/the-link-newsletter>.

The publication has always been called *The Link*, although the masthead has changed over the years. In 1999, the flame was added. In 2015, Our Lady of Good Council was added. When the publication went to color, the masthead was changed to its current design.



The current president and editor are responsible for the content of *The Link*. Through the years, different titles have been given the women in charge of the publication: Editor, Publicist, and Communications Committee. Neva Fischer was one of the editors. Margaret Kolash then assumed that responsibility. When I interviewed Margaret about her time as editor, she said, “Members sent me handwritten copies of their articles, and I had to decipher them and type them. I then drove to the Pastoral Center in Dubuque and used the mimeograph machine to make copies, stapled the copies, put address labels on them, bundled them, and took them to the post office to mail.” In 2009, Neva became editor again. In the Winter of 2010, I, Rose Ann Jero, assumed the duties of editor, and in Spring 2021, Lynne Chapman accepted the position.

ACCW history is so important! One critical means of documenting this history is through *The Link*! If you have old copies of *The Link* or have memories of the good old days, please contact me at ljero@centurylink.net. The History Display at the October Annual Meeting will celebrate the 65th birthday of *The Link*. Please consider sharing any memories and old copies of *The Link* to be featured that day!

As we celebrate the birthday of *The Link*, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide the contributors to the publication as they use *The Link* to share the gospel message.

NCCW News



Florine Swanson

Dubuque Province Director

By the time you read this, my term as the Dubuque Province Director will be completed and a new Province Director

will have been installed at the NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City. Connie Sampers of Red Oak in the Des Moines Archdiocese will serve us well over the next two years.

In the meantime, I will have been installed on the NCCW nominating committee with our first deadline of December 15, 2023 for the office of treasurer. As is true in any organization, there is the importance of finding new leadership members that are qualified for the office. Each of you have a responsibility to help identify leaders to move our organization forward.

Eight years ago, I said “yes” to serving as the representative from the Mason City Deanery on the Archdiocesan Council. Little could I have envisioned the impact that “yes” would have on my life, as I became the President-Elect, the President, the Past President and then the Dubuque Province Director. Thank you for believing in me.

From the beginning, I emphasized the word Change. For organizations to stay vital and grow, it is important to find new leadership and new ideas while sharing the wisdom of the past. If you are asked to serve, hopefully you will say “yes,” whether it is at the local, deanery or archdiocesan level. The Holy Spirit asks us to say “yes.”



Alma Meyer

NCCW Leadership Commission,
retiring NCCW Nomination Committee and
Associates Board Member

LEADERSHIP TEAMWORK LESSON

As we approach the fall season and see geese flying south in the “V” formation, I’m reminded of a popular 1990’s teamwork version of “Lessons on Life from Geese”. The lessons are still applicable today in life’s good and difficult times, promoting leadership, teamwork in our family, organizations, and in our daily lives. It takes words of support and inspiration to energize each other’s skills, capabilities and God’s unique gifts, ministry, talents and resources, especially needed for those leading and serving at “the point!”

Check out this link: <https://www.ajrecruitment.com/blog/7-leadership-lessons-we-can-learn-from-geese/>, and apply the

lessons of strong loyalty, giving and accepting help, supporting one another, offering recognition, and improving group dynamics to create a sense of community in our families, Council, parishes, and in

our circles of friends. It is a reward, a challenge, and a privilege to be a contributing member of a team. “Are YOU the next LEADER(s) to “fly” the long distance of service?

Looking forward to welcoming our new spiritual shepherd, Archbishop-elect Thomas Zinkula to the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and supporting our newly-elected NCCW leaders. Wishing blessings and lessons on “Paths of Renewed Encounter,” as we convene and continue to embrace the synodal process, Eucharistic Revival and God’s will, and wherever the Holy Spirit leads us in the new year of Council Leadership, spirituality and service.

Eternally grateful for prayers, past encounters and leadership mentors!



Thank you Florine!

We are grateful for Florine Swanson who is completing her term as Dubuque Province Director.

Welcome to Connie Sampers from Red Oak, in the Des Moines Diocese, who was installed as Dubuque Province Director at the NCCW Convention.



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Iowa Catholic Women promote Christ-centered spirituality,
which empowers us to serve the mission of Christ in our daily lives.

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Deacon Spotlight



Deacon Brian Zeman
*Director of Life, Earth, and Social Justice Ministry,
Archdiocese of Dubuque*

Reflection offered on July 16, 2023 ***“Seed that scatters on rich and poor soil” (Matthew 13:1-9)***

Iowa is known for its rich farmland, where many seeds are planted, and the harvests of corn and soybeans are tops in the nation. Iowa is now also known across the country for being a state which advocates for the rights of the unborn, with the Legislature recently passing the new Heartbeat Law.



This past week, as I watched the news reports and photos on social media about the bill and the protests at the State Capital, I also wondered if Iowa would become known for its great division on the issues of life.

Let's make it clear that the sanctity of life is non-negotiable. The Church and our four Iowa Bishops stand firmly in defense of human life, having issued a joint letter commending the Iowa Legislature for passing a law that prohibits abortions after a child's cardiac activity can be detected. But the Bishops go on to state that “we should commit ourselves to work for the protection of all vulnerable populations from violence.”

So, with this important truth out on the table, how do we move forward to evoke change and navigate through this great division? We move forward as Jesus taught us... with great love, not ever wavering our position on absolute truth, but by learning and understanding why some may not believe as the Church does, just like Jesus when faced those on shoreline who had not yet fully received the Word.

This week's Gospel speaks of rich soil and growth, with Jesus using parables to help create understanding. This figurative form of language is used to trigger reflection, drawing the listener into the story and eventually helping us understand. He also used parables in Matthew's gospel because of the mounting division he faced between those who followed him and those who had not yet received his teaching. The contrast is illustrated as Jesus speaks of rich and poor soil, and it is where I suggest that this Gospel may provide clarity towards a better understanding of those who don't yet believe in the teaching of Holy Mother Church on the issues of Life.

Let's start by looking at the hard soil where the seed has fallen on the path but is snatched by the birds. Could that soil and seed be the words we speak about Life that are immediately brushed aside and disregarded because of the powerful way our culture has framed the subject? Through the use of words, those who do not believe in the sanctity of life have found a way to turn a developing child in the womb into a harmless clump of cells.



The hard soil and the birds are the strong voice of our culture. The birds may even represent the evil one who is snatching up the seed, just like he has done by invasively changing cultural norms. A culture that has known abortion to be legal for over 50 years, a timeframe that has allowed multiple generations to grow up knowing abortion to be legal... therefore, it must be ok? Let us pray for those among us, and for a change of heart for those who find the culture's teaching stronger than that of the Church.



Next, look at the seed that has fallen on rocky ground. It quickly takes root but doesn't last because the roots have not grown deep. These may be people who have heard and recognized the Church's teaching on life, maybe have even agreed with it, but have let those thoughts dissipate because they are swayed by the crowd and do not have the conviction to stand up for life. Let us pray for those who do not yet possess the courage and conviction to stand up for what is right.

Deacon Spotlight continued...



Finally, let us look at the soil that doesn't produce a yield because of the worries and anxieties of the world. These may be people who know in their hearts that the killing of innocent life is wrong, but choose this path anyway. Maybe it is a college-aged woman with no one in the family or circle of friends to support her, emotionally anxious and scared about the disruption of her life's plans. Or, maybe it is a married couple whose financial state is in such peril that they allow worries about finances to help them decide to do the unthinkable.

Our faith does not just concern itself with protecting babies, but all human life, from the immigrant to the aged to the person on death row. Let us pray for those who do not understand that they can turn to the Catholic Church. And let us pray that we, the Church, can always provide them with a loving alternative to the ways of this world.

Let us connect to those who are angry about the new Heartbeat Law, understanding their motivations, but never validating them. Let us meet them where they are... so they go from being just a face in the crowd on the shore listening to Jesus, to becoming a true believer.

As Iowans, let us rejoice in the yield that will come from the seeds that have been scattered and sown with the Heartbeat Law, and let us encounter those who do not yet believe in the sanctity of Life. Let us meet them with love... let us pray for their hearts to be softened and for understanding to bloom...so that someday we may all live in a world where life is cherished and respected.



Editor's Note: During the week following Deacon Brian's homily, an Iowa District Court judge issued a preliminary injunction temporarily blocking the Heartbeat Law, which would have prohibited nearly all abortions once fetal cardiac activity can be detected, around six weeks of pregnancy. The law includes exceptions for rape, incest, and to save the life of the mother, but requires a report from health officials or law enforcement in those circumstances. The District Court judge's injunction blocks enforcement of the new law while legal challenges play out. Read the document here: <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/23879180/temporary-injunction.pdf>.

In the meantime, Iowa effectively reverts to its previous legal limit of abortion up to 20 weeks of pregnancy. The Iowa Catholic bishops have supported enactment of the Heartbeat Law, stating "We urge people of good will in Iowa both to work for an end to the practice of abortion and to join us in tireless, unrelenting and compassionate solidarity with pregnant women in distress, with the men who fathered these children, and with families in need." Read the Iowa Catholic Bishops' statement here: <https://iowacatholicconference.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ICC-statement-on-on-heartbeat-passage-2023-final.pdf>.

To learn more about Deacon Brian Zeman's work in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, check out his webpage found here: <https://dbqarch.org/life-earth-and-social-justice-ministry>

SAVE THE DATE!!

2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference:
Beauty in Christ
Saturday – January 27, 2024
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Mark your calendars for this teleconference event, designed to gather women in your parish/cluster for a morning of friendship, faith, and formation! Speakers will be announced soon! Watch for more information!



FamilyMatters

— Archdiocese of Dubuque —

Check out the latest issue of the **Family Matters Newsletter** for resources and ideas to help your family live your Catholic faith at home!

<https://dbqarch.org/family-matters-newsletter>



Deanery News

CEDAR RAPIDS



Billie Burhite

Representative

Pies to Support Priests

The Cedar Rapids Deanery is already working hard at making the perfect pie crust for the Pies to Support Priests fundraising in November. Every year we, as an ACCW team, make crust and fillings for over 100 Apple, Cherry, Pumpkin, Chocolate pies and Cheesecake. This year we will be offering Tollhouse Pie. If you would like to support a priest in the Cedar Rapids Deanery, please spread the word about these delicious pies!



DECORAH



Julie Vulk

President

The Seven Sisters Apostolate recommitted to their hour of prayer for Fr. Hertges and Fr. Knipper on June 7 following the morning Mass. Seven women, each taking a day of the week, pray specifically for our parish priests, and for a deepening devotion to the blessed Mother for them. Both Fr. Hertges and Fr. Knipper have a group praying for them, along with many others as substitutes when needed. All priests in the Decorah Deanery have a Seven Sisters group. We place our priests under the tri-patronage of Madonna of the Grapes, St. John Vianney and St. Margaret Clitherow. If you are interested in learning more about this beautiful ministry, contact Kathy Hawkins (anchoress for Fr. Hertges) at 563. 419.2616 or Julie Vulk (anchoress for Fr. Knipper) 563.380.8412.



Parishes in the Decorah Deanery celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi in a variety of ways:

- Notre Dame in Cresco: Eucharistic procession following Mass on Saturday afternoon.
- St. Benedict in Decorah: Eucharistic procession after Mass on Sunday, followed by a Pancake Breakfast.
- St. Joseph the Worker Cluster (Fayette, Clermont, Sumner, West Union): Eucharistic Adoration. Each parish will also be having Eucharistic Adoration coinciding with the daily mass schedule.
- CFOS Linked Parishes (Calmar, Festina, Ossian, Spillville): Outdoor Eucharistic procession at Spillville, using a 250-year-old monstrance from St. Clement Church, which closed in the 1950s.
- Linked Parishes of Holy Family of the Bluffs (Harpers Ferry, Lansing, New Albin, Wexford): Celebrated Masses with greater solemnity using more candles, incense, and music.
- St. Patrick in Waukon and St. Mary in Hanover: St. Mary celebrated the 125th Jubilee of their current church building. Father Jerry Blake, native son of the parish, celebrated the Mass followed by a short Eucharistic procession.
- Christ Our Hope Cluster (Fort Atkinson, Lawler, Little Turkey, Protivin, St. Lucas, Waucoma): St. Lucas conducted an outdoor Eucharistic procession after Sunday Mass.
- Trinity Cluster (Monona, McGregor, Postville): Outdoor Eucharistic procession Saturday evening after 6pm Spanish Mass in Postville and after Sunday morning Mass in Monona.

Other Deanery Doings:

Notre Dame in Cresco hosted the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles exhibit June 21 thru July 1, 2023. One small faith sharing group from Decorah attended together, followed by dinner together! Christ our Hope Cluster will be hosting the display Aug. 5 thru Sept 10. Each parish will have a section of the display. Travel to each parish to view the entire exhibit!



The quarterly meeting for the Decorah Deanery was held July 11 at Notre Dame Parish in Cresco. Those present enjoyed Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass, and a beautiful presentation on Eucharistic Community offered by Fr. Jacob Rouse, followed by a short business meeting. Here is the link to Fr. Jacob's talk: <https://www.youtube.com/live/Z1cw1oWnvu8?feature=share>

Deanery News

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DUBUQUE



Kim Schmidt
Representative

On Sunday, June 11, the Dubuque Deanery celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi with Eucharistic Adoration and a social in the church basement, followed by Night Prayer. A group of approximately 20 people gathered at Sacred Heart Church, Holy Spirit Parish in Dubuque, and Fr Steve Garner led the prayer. Cookies for the social were provided by women from the parish's women's ministry group, Women of Worth.



Women of Worth (aka WoW) is set to begin its Fall session on Relationships on Thursday, Sept 21st from 6:30-8:00pm at Holy Spirit Parish, Sacred Heart campus, in Dubuque. All are welcome!



MARSHALLTOWN



Jean Miller
Representative

We thank the Lord that Marshalltown Deanery now has a representative! Jean Miller is a loyal ACCW member, serving as deanery treasurer for several years and faithfully attending deanery meetings and several annual meetings.

The women of the deanery recently acknowledged three priests. A note was sent congratulating Fr. Casey Flack on his ordination to the priesthood and welcoming him to the Marshalltown Deanery. He will be serving as associate pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and Catholic Student Center in Ames, and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Gilbert. A message of congratulations was also sent to Fr. Jeffrey Frieden on his ordination to the priesthood. The Marshalltown Deanery feels attached to him since he was baptized at St. Cecilia Church in Ames. And Fr. David Kucera received congratulations on his recent retirement from Holy Family Parish in Reinbeck. Fr. Kucera also has roots in the Marshalltown Deanery.

St. Patrick CCW in Tama did not meet during the summer. The women's time and energy was spent on hosting RAGBRAI. The Tama CCW has a full slate of officers, and is ready for the Fall season under the leadership of their newly-elected president, Diane Novak.

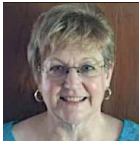
St. Joseph Church CCW in State Center has had a busy summer! In June, we hosted the annual Rose Festival ecumenical worship liturgy at St. Joseph Church. The early morning rain didn't dampen our service! Deacon Jim Kurtenbach offered a wonderful message, and CCW served coffee and doughnuts to all from our community who attended. How wonderful to open our church doors to all for this wonderful community event! Our Second Annual Parish Picnic in the Park was held in July. Parishioners enjoyed a great time of fellowship and fun! The CCW also helped with community Vacation Bible School, and our famous homemade macaroni and cheese was the feature item for over 30 children in attendance. \$870 in Mission was collected and donated to the West Marshall school district to pay off negative lunch balances.

St. Gabriel Ladies Aid was working hard in July as well. The ladies served a fundraising lunch at Dakins Community Center during Zearing Days. The lunch was great and everyone was happy to enjoy eating in the air-conditioned comfort of the Community Center!

Deanery News

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MASON CITY



Chris Leichsenring
Representative

The Seven Sisters Apostolate at Holy Family Cluster (St. Francis, Belmond; St. John, Clarion, and Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove) gathered with their pastor, Fr. Jerry Blake on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Each received a copy of the NCCW booklet, *Pray the Rosary with the National Council of Catholic Women*.



NEW HAMPTON



Yvonne Kisch
Representative

Women in the New Hampton Deanery have been accomplishing many projects within their parishes.

Some that have been reported for this time include: serving at the funeral luncheons, delivering food to the needy through the parish or food pantries, donating funds and supplies to the youth groups that attended Catholic Heart Worker Camp.

A group of talented women make quilts that are given to homeless shelters or organizations, and the needy in their parish. The work continues in all parishes. We are thankful for all who share time and talents!

WATERLOO



Marlene Mangrich
President

The president of the Waterloo Deanery ACCW group connected virtually to the summer archdiocesan meeting conducted in July, as members continue to make strides forward in matters of leadership and service to those in need. Our August 28 meeting was hosted by St. Edward Parish in Waterloo.

All ACCW members across the Archdiocese of Dubuque are invited to St. Edward Parish in Waterloo as the ACCW hosts its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 21. We hope to see you there!

May all enjoy the last warm days of summer, asking the blessing of adequate moisture to reap a bountiful harvest.

Pray for Our Priests!

Please continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Pray for active pastors in our parishes, for hospital chaplains, and campus ministers. Pray for retired priests. And please pray especially in thanksgiving for those retired priests who continue to actively serve in parishes across the Archdiocese of Dubuque. We are grateful for their continued service. Pray, as well, for our seminarians and deacons, and for a wellspring of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

When you are praying the Rosary, include this “**Rosary Decade Prayer for Priests**”:

*God our Father, please send us holy priests,
all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus,
all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary,
in union with Saint Joseph. Amen.*

Refer to the Priest Prayer Calendar on the back cover of this issue of *The Link*, as a simple way to pray for all of our priests throughout each month.

Consider joining a Seven Sisters group in your area and pray for your parish priest each week! To learn more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate, contact Leone Burgeson at 563-451-5828 or rlberge@msn.com.



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Priest Prayer Calendar

Monthly Prayer Requests for Active Priests in the Archdiocese of Dubuque

Prayers can be offered as a Mass, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Adoration, Fasting, Acts of Charity, or as you desire.

1 Pope Francis, Archbishop Zinkula, and all bishops	2 Fr. Philip Agyei Fr. Rodney Allers Fr. Francis Anane	3 Fr. Gabriel Anderson Fr. Paul Attah-Nsiah Fr. Ray Atwood Fr. Frantz Augustin	4 Fr. Andrew Awotwe-Mensah Fr. Greg Bahl Fr. Paul Baldwin Fr. David Beckman	5 Fr. Jerry Blake Fr. Scott Boone Fr. Marvin Bries Fr. James Brokman	6 Fr. Scott Bullock Fr. Raymond Burkle Fr. Dennis Conway Fr. Martin Coolidge	7 Fr. Donald Czapl Fr. Rick Dagit Fr. Ralph Davis Fr. Brian Dellaert
8 Deacons & Religious men and women of our Archdiocese	9 Fr. Noah Diehm Fr. Alan Dietzenbach Fr. Kyle Digmann Fr. Jeffrey Dole	9 Fr. Jacob Dunne Fr. Richmond Dzekoe Fr. Kevin Earleywine Fr. Solomon Farinto	11 Fr. John Flaherty Fr. Steven Garner Fr. Phillip Gibbs Fr. Kenneth Glaser	12 Fr. James Goerend Fr. G. Robert Gross Fr. John Haugen Fr. Thomas Heathershaw	13 Fr. Nils Hernandez Fr. Donald Hertges Fr. Henry Huber Fr. Aaron Junge	14 Fr. Donald Kombob Fr. Jerry Kopacek Fr. Anthony Kruse
15 Men and women in Religious, Diaconate and Priestly formation	16 Fr. Mark Kwenin Fr. Andrew Lawrence Fr. Joshua Link Fr. Paul Lippstock	17 Fr. Douglas Loecke Fr. Neil Manternach Fr. Nicholas March Fr. Andrew Marr	18 Fr. Gary Mayer Fr. Michael McAndrew Fr. Thomas McDermott Fr. Dennis Miller	19 Fr. John Moser Fr. Mark Murphy Fr. Raphael Nana Andoh Fr. Paul Hta I Naw	20 Fr. Ivan Nienhaus Fr. Anthony Nketiah Fr. Benjamin Nkrumah Fr. Martin Obeng	21 Fr. David O'Connor Fr. Gabriel Oduro Mensah Fr. Mark Osterhaus Fr. Christopher Podhajsky
22 Retired Archbishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious	23 Fr. Dennis Quint Fr. Nicholas Radloff Fr. Tyler Raymond Fr. Casey Flack	24 Fr. Steven Rosonke Fr. Jacob Rouse Fr. David Schatz Fr. Jeff Frieden	25 Fr. Michael Schueller Fr. Jon Seda Fr. Joseph Sevcik Fr. Emmanuel Fenelus	26 Fr. Sean Smith Fr. Craig Steimel Fr. Kyle Tietz Fr. Jangill Maime	27 Msgr. Thomas Toale Fr. Andrew Upah Fr. Benjamin Valentine	28 Fr. Dustin Vu Fr. Douglas Wathier Fr. Austin Wilker
29 For an increase in vocations to the Diaconate and Religious Life	30 For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood	31 For all priests in the Archdiocese of Dubuque	 <p>"Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your Divine Grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen." USCCB "Prayer for Priests"</p>			

Consider joining a Seven Sisters ministry in your parish/cluster to pray for your pastor(s)! Contact Leone Bergeson at r1berge@msn.com to learn more!