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THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Having been taught to make a daily examination of conscience, ever since I became president I often ask myself what is Council about, are we living our mission, and are we doing God’s mission efficiently. On August 8, 2009, I heard some of the answers, when over 50 members welcomed three of the five newly ordained archdiocesan priests at a breakfast meeting. Gracing us with their presence were Fr. Phillip Ching, Fr. Charles White IV, and Fr. Michael Wilkes, who are serving as associate pastors at our affiliates of St. Lawrence, Utica, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth, and St. Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield hills, respectively. Also in attendance were Fr. Thaddeus Parker, pastor of St. Cecelia Parish, Detroit; Deacons Douglas Jackson, Brian Carroll, Bill Thome, and Larry Gerard serving us in the archdiocese; and Fr. Wilkes’ proud mom, Judy. We began and ended the morning with beautiful prayers led by Sr. Georgette. Other volunteers, including Cheryl Antonnicola, Sue Chambers, Barbara Ennis, Connie Gladhill, Kathy Rollins, Chris Wilk and Zora Dziurman and Marsha Wisniewski from St. Mary’s Retreat Center, helped make the day special and running smoothly. The spirit I felt at that event was very rewarding, uplifting and it renewed my belief in the importance of Council.

After the meeting, Georgette Anders, Geraldine Greene, Julie Racine, Grace Ruffin and I stayed for a book discussion enthusiastically lead by Catherine Fallon. The book used was “My Monastery is a Minivan” by Denise Roy. The insights and different viewpoints that came from just 6 women were very enlightening. We all agreed we should promote more book discussions. NCCW has recommended the book “What I’ve Learned from My Daughter” by Nancy Jo Sullivan, a guest speaker at the recent national convention. What a good reflection on how we accept the circumstances of our lives, despite the unplanned changes that come our way. How many of us can say that our lives have turned out exactly as we dreamed they would be?

Has our Council developed as everyone expected? Council has a mission and as members we have to reflect, grow, and adjust to what ever changes come our way. Quoting John F. Kennedy, “Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” Quoting our immediate past NCCW President Bobbie Hunt, “As members of NCCW we have looked to and built on our past; we know the present situation; we must take a leap of faith into the future. We are promised that if we have faith as small as a mustard seed, we can move mountains.” Sue Chambers, Marge Elliott, Julie Racine, Joan Shaughnessy, Chris Wilk and I will attended the National Convention in September in Jacksonville, Florida. Changes were voted into place and we want to

share these results with all our members with all our members at the Saturday, October 10th meeting at Sacred Heart Seminary. Using the theme of the convention, *Moving Forward with Faith and Joy*, we hope you mark your calendars for that date and come take a leap of faith into the future.

At the Archdiocesan level, there are some changes to be shared. Our Archbishop Allen Vigneron is in the process of implementing suggestions made by a task force to reorganize the archdiocese. As a result we will be moving from the Gabriel Richard Building and will no longer have the paid services of our office secretary, Chris Wilk, who has served us very well over the past 11 years. Plans are developing on how to adjust to these major changes. When NCCW was organized shortly after women suffrage was proclaimed in 1920, the Bishops encouraged Catholic women to aspire to leadership. I recently read: “If you want to be comfortable, take an easy job; if you aspire to leadership, put up your sails.” We are putting up our sails WITH FAITH AND JOY. Like the apostles with their empty nets, we on the sea of change must trust that God is always with us. All things work unto good for those who love God.

I recommend that each President and Representative of every affiliate as well as every Individual Member attend our October meeting. The future of Council is in all of our hands. As women leaders we need to learn together about the changes and how they can be implemented. Since October is the month of the Rosary, please remember these intentions as you meditate on Mary and our role in God’s plan. At the Annunciation can we assume Mary was overwhelmed at the news of her becoming the Mother of God? Perhaps we will be overwhelmed at the changes at the national and archdiocesan level. Mary forgot herself and immediately carried Jesus in her womb to Elizabeth to help her in her need. We immediately must come together to carry the Gospel message and to continue our work for the needy. The journey for Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem I am sure was not easy. Our transition will have its difficulties also. But the birth of Christ brought joy to Mary and Joseph despite the humble surroundings.

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**FROM THE MODERATOR**

Some time ago I had the opportunity to look at my deceased grandmother's photo album. What I found to be of particular interest was that there were many pictures of her mother and family making visits to Holy Cross Cemetery on Dix Highway in Detroit, Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit and Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit (on the street car). It seems that it was a family custom to visit the graves of the faithful departed and to offer prayers for the happy repose of their souls on or about All Souls Day.

As I write this article I notice that in the next several weeks we will celebrate All Souls Day. I would like to ask all of you to visit the graves of the faithful departed if possible and most importantly to have Masses offered for those who have died.

Our prayers are important to the dead. At each Mass in the Eucharistic Prayers, the priest prays "Remember Lord, our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again, bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence." (Eucharistic Prayer II) We are asking the Lord to forgive their sins and to welcome them into the joy of heaven.

The Feast of All Saints is an important feast in our Catholic spirituality. It is a reminder that our life, even in terms of human life, is brief in the eyes of God. One day we will rely on the prayers of those who come to Mass or make a visit to the cemetery to remember us in their prayers.

Prayers for the dead are meant to give us hope and encouragement as we commend our loved ones to the care of the Risen Lord.

Cemeteries are holy places, they are places of prayer, and the cemetery is the place where the dead wait for the joy of the Second Coming of Christ.

Please remember the deceased in your family on All Souls Day in your prayers. Your prayers will assist them and will be a blessing to them. "May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace."

In your kindness, please remember the members of the Council of Catholic Women who have died as well as our departed bishops and priests of the Archdiocese.

*Fr. Steve Koehler  
Moderator, CCW/AD*



**ALL  
SOUL'S DAY  
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

*"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen*

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- October 4.....Life Chain
- October 10.....Board Meeting at Seminary
- October 11.....Council Sunday
- October 12.....Columbus Day
- October 16.....National Boss' Day
- October 24.....United Nations Day
- November 1.....All Saint's Day  
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 2.....All Soul's Day
- November 11..... Veterans' Day  
Executive Board Meeting
- November 19.....Fast & Pray with NCCW
- November 26.....Thanksgiving Day

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The renewal of the Archdiocesan Council will give us reason for joy also. So please mark you calendars immediately and plan on attending the meeting on Saturday, October 10, 2009 as we began MOVING FORWARD WITH FAITH AND JOY.

As we approach the beautiful Thanksgiving season, let us not forget to continue thanking Our Lord for our priests in this special Year of the Priests. Beginning with our Moderator, Fr. Steve Koehler, who is guiding our sails through these troubling waters and all our parish priests who so willingly encourage us, we thank God for their dedication and commitment. St. John Vianney, patron of priests, pray for us. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us.

*Thanking you in advance and wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.*

*Lorraine McFee  
CCW President*

**NCCW CELEBRATIONS**

Did you notice in the **IMPORTANT DATES BOX** two items from National? On October 11 we should be celebrating **Council Sunday** to thank all Catholic Women for all we do, in our parishes, areas, Provinces and the USA and across the world for all our work with the Catholic Relief Services and our involvement with WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations). If time permits, put something in your parish paper about this. At least, thank the women in your parish for all their hard work!

NCCW has set aside November 19 (Thursday before Thanksgiving Day) as a day of Nationwide Fast to Relieve Hunger. Pope Benedict has said, "The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word." They are asking all of us to unite with our Council sisters in this service of charity by observing the day of fasting and prayer, asking God to give His children the grace to work toward eliminating hunger from our world.

Try to publicize these dates within your parish to keep CCW/AD and NCCW alive and well!! The Holy spirit and Our Lady of Good Counsel will guide you.

**\*\*IMPORTANT MESSAGE:\*\***

Sr. Georgette Zalewska is still looking for two or three women who are willing to serve on the Church Commission with her. Please meet with her at the October 10th Meeting. Interested call the office at 313-237-5896!

**CHURCH COMMISSION****My prayer for you today:**

1. **You will find favour with someone you don't expect...Amen**
2. **You will be too relevant to be ignored....Amen**
3. **You will encounter God and will never remain the same....Amen**
4. **The grace for completion will come on you, you shall be blessed till the blessed call you blessed...Amen**
5. **The hand that will send this message to others shall not labour in vain....Amen**
6. **The mouth saying "Amen" to this prayer shall laugh forever...Amen**

(This is a prayer to be sent to your internet friends)

**Autumn Prayer to Mary**

I came to thee when life's sweet maybells rang  
 And bright-eyed daisies in the field were seen,  
 When youthland's thrush its morning carol  
     sang  
 And bridal birch trees in festive green;  
 I whispered prayers in deep childlike trust:  
 My soul was unsoiled by sin's gray dust.

I came to thee again in life's high noon,  
 When heart and eye burned in ambition's glow,  
 When first success set up its gay festoon,  
 And distant stars appeared so near and low;  
 I spoke my prayers loud, triumphantly,  
 Yet with a secret fear that haunted me.

I come once more now that life's dusk is nigh  
 And offer thee my weary heart's last love;  
 My eyes grow dimmer and more dark the sky,  
 All earth's enchantments vanish while above  
 I see thy face and hear thee beckon me:  
 Come, rest thy head upon thy mother's knee.

*Frederick M. Lynk*

Robert, Cyril. Our Lady's Praise in Poetry.  
 Poughkeepsie, New York: Marist Press, 1944.

**FAMILY CONCERNS*****"Respecting All God's People"***

The Respect Life Program begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October. The program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities publishes a program packet each year to call attention to numerous human life issues. Each contains information on current issues, program suggestions, liturgy resources and clip art. Materials for the 2009-2010 program Every Child Brings Us God's Smile is now available. Contact your parish office or [www.uscb.org](http://www.uscb.org) for the 2009-2010 articles.

Life Chain Sunday is October 4. Please join in public prayer to end abortion. Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada. Bring your whole family to be a witness to your commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. To find the Life Chain nearest you go to [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net)

Catechetical Sunday is September 20. Most parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit offer Religious Education/Faith Formation opportunities for children and adults to strengthen our ability to be disciples of Jesus in a complex world. Out of concern for all God's people and in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People the Archdiocese of Detroit have introduced a new program for the safe environment education of young people. This program is called **Circle of Grace**. Circle of Grace is the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others. It is the recognition that God is with us always and is there to help us in difficult situations. Through the Circle of Grace Program, adults assist young people to recognize God's love by understanding that each of us lives and moves within a Circle of Grace. Your Circle of Grace holds your very essence in body, mind, heart, soul and sexuality. This is taught in a simple visual way.

***Imagine: Embracing all of the space around you knowing that God is in this space. This is your Circle of Grace.***

Because this holistic concept includes all senses it allows young people to identify uncomfortable situations long before inappropriate touch may occur. The Circle of Grace Program teaches young people to seek help from a trusted adult, reinforcing God's presence in their real life struggles.

*Catherine Fallon, Chairperson*

*Family Concerns Commission, CCW/AD*

Information for this article is from Archdiocese of Detroit Office for Safe Environments.

**ARE YOU AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER?**

**Do you want to be called by name?**

**JOIN US...NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC  
 WOMEN AND COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN/  
 ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT.**

**WE NEED AND WELCOME *YOU*.**

**CALL 313-237-5896 FOR MORE DETAILS!**

## MENTAL HEALTH

*What is the most important information I should know about antidepressant medicines, depression and other serious mental illnesses, and suicidal thoughts or actions?*

1. Antidepressant medicines may increase suicidal thoughts or actions in some children, teenagers, and young adults when the medicine is first started.
2. Depression and other serious mental illnesses are the most important causes of suicidal thoughts and actions. Some people may have a particularly high risk of having suicidal thoughts or actions.
3. How can I watch for and try to prevent suicidal thoughts and actions in myself or family member?
  - Pay close attention to any changes, especially sudden changes, in mood, behaviors, thoughts or feelings. This is very important when an antidepressant medicine is first started or when the dose is changed.
  - Call the health provide right away to report new or sudden changes in mood, behavior, thoughts or feelings.
  - Keep all follow-up visits with the healthcare provider as scheduled. Call the healthcare provider between visits as needed, especially if you have concerns about symptoms.

*Call a healthcare provider right away if you or your family member has any of the following symptoms, especially if they are new, worse or worry you:*

- Thoughts about suicide or dying
- Attempts to commit suicide
- New or worse depression
- New or worse anxiety
- Feeling very agitated or restless
- Panic attacks
- Trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- New or worse irritability
- Acting aggressive, being angry or violent
- Acting on dangerous impulse
- An extreme increase in activity and talking (mania)
- Other unusual changes in behavior or mood

*What else do I need to know about antidepressant medicines?*

- Never stop an antidepressant without first talking to a healthcare provider.
- Antidepressants are medicines used to treat depression and other illnesses. Patients and their families or other caregivers should discuss all treatment choices with the healthcare provider, not just the use of antidepressants.
- Antidepressant medicines have other side effects. Talk to the healthcare provider about the side effects of the medicine prescribed for you or your family member.
- Antidepressant medicines can interact with other medicines. Keep a list of all medicines to show the healthcare provider. Do not start new medicines without first checking with your healthcare provider.
- Not all antidepressant medicines prescribed for children are FDA approved for use in children. Your healthcare provider will give you the information.

*Bev Dubes, Chairperson  
Mental Health CCW/AD*

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS

### *Health Care Reform*

The U.S. spends more on health care than any country but ranks behind 18 other industrialized nations in medically preventable deaths. Spending on health care in the U.S. is still growing therefore the main goal of health care reform is to slow their growth.

The following are some proposals and changes in our health care system. 53% receive health benefits from on the job sponsored health coverage which has doubled in the past decade. These plans are tax-free and are more generous than those available on the open market. A public plan would make it easier to buy insurance on the open market and would be cheaper.

5% buy health insurance independently on the open market, and pay higher premiums because they are evaluated based on their health profile and pre-existing condition. A public plan would make it easier to buy insurance on the open market and would be cheaper.

26% are insured through a Public Plan covered by Medicaid and or Medicare. The pharmaceutical companies have agreed to cut drug prices to help close the prescription drug coverage gap. Prevention and management of chronic diseases could lower the overall cost of the program.

62% of Small Business offer health benefits and some are dropping coverage for their employees or reducing the proportion of insurance premiums they pay. In a Public Plan Small Business could buy in to it and be included in a large risk pool thereby brining down the costs of coverage.

15% uninsured lack any type of health benefits. The uninsured end up in the ER when they get sick. They are less healthy and develop chronic diseases and the costs are absorbed by our entire health care system. Expansion of the Medicare Program could cover the uninsured. Some of the uninsured would be eligible for federal subsidies to purchase private insurance or buy into a Public Health Insurance Plan.

Private Insurance Companies are making money by setting rates based on the health of the enroller and turning down the individuals with expensive pre-existing conditions. The Public Health Insurance Plan could prohibit insurers from rejecting anyone for coverage or base their rates on health risks.

Many Community Hospitals are operating on this margin because of below costs Medicaid reimbursements and the great expense of treating uninsured in the ER. If the uninsured received coverage, hospitals will cut down on their charity expenses. The Public Health Insurance Plan could base reimbursement rates on Medicare which does pay less than private insurers.

Doctors face high malpractice insurance costs that encourage them to perform more tests and services to avoid lawsuits. Reimbursement reform could reward doctors for keeping patients healthy rather than paying them based on services provided.

The Public Health Insurance Plan could lower the costs but critics claim it could put private insurers out of business. This didn't happen in England or Canada, they still have private insurance companies and they cover everyone in their countries. We need Health Care Reform.

*Janet Ferrari, Chairperson  
Community Concerns Commission, CCW/AD*

*(Source: Time, Volume 174, NO. 5, August 10, 2009, pg. 32-33.)*

*October-Month of the Holy Rosary*

### Operation Layette

Dear Ladies of the Council,

We really had a drought this summer. Very little was added to our baby supplies. In fact the room that houses our baby layette items could finally be vacuumed. It's good to be clean but not so good to be empty.

Special thanks to Thelma, June, Betty and Marge E. for taking the time to work on the archives. In doing so, a cabinet was emptied in the "baby room" and we now can organize the donations (we're hoping are coming) better.

Besides the 151 layettes given out from January to April, here are the numbers for May through August.

May 50, June 10, July 49, and August 41. A grand total of 150. So from January to August we've helped 301 families. Good job ladies!

Will you help us fill our coffers for the coming months? Please consider us for baby showers, your parish Giving Tree and/or an individual donation. We look forward to it all.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Little things mean a lot!

Marge Caram, Chairperson  
Operation Layette, CCW/AD

**Welcome New Members & Renewal Members:**

**Sharon Staup**

**Marvel Boyd**

**Marian Carbary**

**Elaine Birrell**

**Susan Chambers**

**50 YEARS: THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES**

**4th Annual Autumn Dinner Show Fundraiser**  
Sunday, November 1, 2009

**Official kick off event for St. Mary's Retreat House 50th Year Celebration**

2:00 p.m. Social Hour (cash bar)  
50/50 raffle

2:45 Opening Ceremony

3:00 p.m. Family Style Dinner followed by Entertainment  
"No Rhyme or Reason Raffle" 3 for \$5.00

Call Zora Dziurman at 586-482-6092 for more Information or Reservations \$30.00 per ticket

**Deadline is October 11, 2009**  
(Dress code colors: Black & White)

*Leadership—It's not the dream of a lifetime, it's the dream that takes a lifetime. It takes time to grow as a leader. It takes trials to grow as a leader. It takes God's help to grow as a leader.*

*John C. Maxwell*

**IS YOUR AFFILIATE COUNTING THEIR WORK HOURS VOLUNTEERED??**

**NATIONAL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE HOURS VOLUNTEERED BY ALL AFFILIATES IN YOUR YEARLY REPORTS!!!**

**START KEEPING TRACK!!!!**

Please call the office for the 2009 forms if your president has not given them to you.

Three Cheers go out to our Holy Bear Lady & Savvy Shopper,  
**Susan Chambers,**  
who purchased and donated 13 beautiful Holy Communion Dresses to Good Shepherd Parish in Detroit in the last month.

**THANKS SUE!!**

Please pray for the following  
CCW Members or family members who have passed away:

**Ray Gonzales, Husband of Lilia Gonzales, our Hispanic Affairs Chairperson**



**Member Fran de Frain, former rep and individual member from Sacred Heart in Dearborn.**

**ORGANIZATION**

Enclosed are five levels of Leadership taken from the National Council Bulletin Board. Hope this can be of some help in forming your organization.

**Position (Rights)** –people follow because they have to. If you are this kind of leader, your influence will not extend beyond your job description.

**Permission (Relationships)**—people follow because they want to. You have built a relationship with people you lead.

**Production (Results)**—people follow because of what you have done for the organization.

**People Development (Reproduction)**—people follow because of what you have done for them. Your commitment to developing leaders will ensure growth in the organization.


**Personhood (Respect)**—people follow because of who you are and what you represent. This level is reserved for leaders who have spent years growing people and organizations.

*Virginia Bialy, Chairperson  
Organization Commission, CCW/AD*

*Make a world of difference when you shop-  
Shop at the following websites to support causes that make a difference:*



**The BreastCancerSite.com**  
(funds mammograms for women in need)  
**The AnimalRescue Site.com**  
(funds food and care for rescued animals)  
**The ChildHealthSite.com**  
(funds food for people in need around the world)  
**The RainforestSite.com**  
(funds efforts to preserve endangered rainforests)  
**The LiteracySite.com**  
(funds free books for underprivileged children)



**Honor & Thank a Veteran on November 11, 2009  
& Pray that someday a child can ask his mother what is war!**

**INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS**

It's October – the leaves are turning colors – from green to yellow, orange and red.

It is time to get involved with your parish plans and other important meetings like the Council of Catholic Women.

The International needs are still there. Remember the articles on the Madonna Plan, Water for Life and the Penny Pot/International Book Project. Just a few pennies go a long way to provide funds to ship books to schools and missions all over the world. The IBP will be ever grateful for your donation. Together we of Council have helped ship a lot of books. Send your donation to CCW/AD, 305 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. Be sure to indicate where it is to go – Madonna Plan, Water for Life or the Penny Pot.

International Concerns also promotes other Works of Peace. There is Help-A-Child-Global. Yes, it used to be directed to an individual child but usually more than one child needs help, so now it is directed to all children in an area that need education and guidance. Your help can go to places like Brazil, India, Kenya and more.

Another serious need is the Refugee Women Emergency Fund. This problem happens when political concerns endanger helpless women and children. Catholic Relief Services try to help them move and survive in a safe area.

Another major concern is Human Trafficking that happens in many parts of the world including India. Over 100 million children are considered in danger of being trafficked because they are not in school. These children are confined to corrupt sections of India, making them vulnerable to exploitive labor markets. Can you help?

Here's some help with your Christmas gift-shopping list. Call 1-888-227-7572 and request the Works of Human Hands catalog for 2009-2010 or go on line – [www.crsfairtrade.org/crafts](http://www.crsfairtrade.org/crafts). They have lovely items that help many people from many countries.

At a recent Council gathering Beverly Dubes shared some history with me. She showed me an article from St. Genevieve, Livonia bulletin asking that we light a candle for peace on the Feast of the Assumption on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Yes it is part of Florence Edelbrock's history. She called it "Light a Million Candles for Peace." Let's try that next year. It wouldn't hurt to say the prayer now.

*Yours in Our Lady of Good Council,  
Thelma J. Sanborn, Chairperson  
International Concerns, CCW/AD*

**I found this in the Oakland Press:  
Raymond & Florence Ameloot of Armada Twp celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They were married July 16, 1949 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Utica, MI. They renewed their vows on July 18, 2009 at St. John Evangelist Catholic Church, Allenton, MI. Florence is the treasurer of Northern Area. (Thelma Sanborn)**

### MEMBERSHIP

Encouraging women to join our organization is everyone's job!! Invite your friends to come to a meeting or event and encourage membership. We need new blood in our organization, new ideas and new workers!

Next spring we will elect new officers and commission chairs. According to our by-laws, every two years these positions should get changed. We know a completely new group would probably not be in the best interest of them or the organization. In the past some commission chairs have just moved to a different commission, and that has worked, but it has also resulted in too many members serving too long. This has often happened because no new people wanted these jobs, and since it is interesting and rewarding, the women were willing to just move to a different commission.

However, 2010 is the time to really make a difference! We thank Joan Beaton for her several years of service as treasurer, but she has said more than once that she wishes to be relieved of this responsibility. Who is going to take her place? Is it you?

If you have kept your own checkbook in good shape, if you are organized and can read a balance sheet, you may be the person we need. If you are a bookkeeper or CPA by profession, we really, really would love it if you step forward and offer your expertise for this job. Think about it. Pray to the Lord and Our Lady of Good Counsel for guidance. My experience is that I have gotten so much more out of my years on Council than I have put into it. I think you will feel the same way once you get involved. Let me hear from you if you have questions-248-398-8410 or [melli723@wowway.com](mailto:melli723@wowway.com) or call Chris Wilk at the CCW office at 313-237-5896.

*Marge Elliott, Chairperson  
Membership*




### LEGISLATION COMMISSION


HB 4615, introduced by Lesia Liss from district 28, Warren and Centerline, supports having a Registered Nurse in the role of the circulator in the operating room when the patient is most vulnerable. Although this is standard practice, Michigan has no law supporting this. 38 states have specific language supporting the practice. When the Legislature returns to business in September, the bill will be heard in the Health Policy Committee. With hospital cutbacks I am concerned they will be in charge of multiple rooms or patients. Tell your representatives to support HB 4615 in committee and when it reaches the House floor. With your help, Michigan can be the 39<sup>th</sup> state to pass the RN Circulator bill.


The state, facing a \$1.8 billion budget deficit for the fiscal year beginning October 1, has proposed severe budget cuts to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Community Health. These are primarily responsible for the health and safety of the poor and vulnerable. The Michigan Catholic Conference Web site, [www.michatholicconference.org](http://www.michatholicconference.org) has posted a direct link to a prepared e-mail message to be sent to Gov. Granholm and your state senator and state representative. Help encourage our Legislators to craft a budget to protect the poor. Tell them to protect the Earned Income Credit and not try to balance the budget on the backs of the poor.

Pray that in this Congress we can get passed a responsible and fair and workable Health Care Reform.

*Julie Racine, Chairperson  
Legislative Commission, CCW/AD*







**We Give Thanks**

Our Father in Heaven,  
We give thanks for the pleasure  
Of gathering together for this occasion.  
We give thanks for this food  
Prepared by loving hands.  
We give thanks for life,  
The freedom to enjoy it all  
And all other blessings.  
As we partake of this food,  
We pray for health and strength  
To carry on and try to live as You would have us.  
This we ask in the name of Christ,  
Our Heavenly Father.

- Harry Jewell



**RETREATS AT ST. MARY'S OF OXFORD**

Getting ready for the Christmas Holidays will cause many of us to be concerned and frantic over funds and pleasing those we love. Maybe a rest after the Holiday Rush would be nice! Why not spend a weekend in prayer at St. Mary's Retreat House asking God to guide us in our concerns!

**November 6-8 "Mass Confusion"** with Fr. Ron Kurzawa. Please call Monica Gillroy of Livonia at 734-427-5908 no later than October 23.

**November 13-15 "Silent Retreat"** with Mary Schulte "The God Within". Please call Carol Fett at 810-794-4789.

**January 8-10 "Hands Folded, Eyes Down, What Now?"** with Fr. Ron Kurzawa. Please call Elaine Greenhow at 248-542-9890 no later than December 25.

**January 22-24 "Learning Forgiveness, Learning Christ"** with Fr. John Martin Shimkus, OSB. Please call Marilyn May at 248-547-0648 no later than January 8.

**Jan. 22-24 "Our Personalities at Prayer"** with Nancy Clancy. Please call Joanne Allen at 248-652-8550 no later than January 15.

The Retreat Staff at St. Mary's are always willing to give you more information. Please call 248-628-3894.

*Eugenia Schweikhart, Chairperson  
St. Mary's Retreat Center*

**NCCW MISSION STATEMENT**

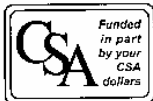
The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



**MISSION STATEMENT**

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN/AD**

Our Mission as members of the Council of Catholic Women, Archdiocese of Detroit, is to bring women together to share their faith; to grow spiritually and to unite in performing works of charity both in our community and abroad..



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