

President's Message

Call to Convention

This year, for some reason, winter seems to have lasted forever. The unseasonably long dreary days, the biting cold, the howling winds, snowstorms — small and large — and icy sidewalks and roadways seem to have taken their toll on me. Winter in Wisconsin! It happens every year. I should expect it. I should know that in Wisconsin the weather is always subject to change. As they say, if you don't like today's weather, wait until tomorrow. Why do I bring up the weather just when the weather the last few days has me believing there is actually a glimmer of hope for warmer and nicer weather?

While I have complained about the weather and all the things I did not like about it, I forgot that it gave me an opportunity to put my house in order, cleaning closets, cleaning the basement, sorting out CCW files, etc. I have been anticipating warmer weather and looking forward to spring that is just around the corner. Isn't that what Lent is all about?

Lent, like the winter, is a time of preparation. Lent allows us the opportunity to put our spiritual houses in order. Instead of complaining about fasting and abstinence, be thankful that most of us have food on our table. Others less fortunate than we do not. What can you do to put your spiritual house in order during the forty days of Lent (Sundays do not count as a day of Lent)?

Pope Francis chose the theme of poverty for his Lenten message. Calling upon Catholics around the world to contribute to the efforts to feed the poor, he said, "Jesus became poor so, that by His poverty, you might become rich." Pope Francis asks us to end world hunger through a sustained campaign of "Prayer and Action." Use the days of fasting and abstinence as an opportunity to donate food or monetary gifts to your local food pantry, to charities such as Catholic Relief Services or Cross International, or buy a meal for a neighbor in need.

Lent is also a time for us to make spiritual journeys from now to Easter Sunday. Green Bay Diocesan Bishop David L. Ricken, who chairs the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent." The information below is a summary of information that can be found on the USCCB website (www.usccb.org).

1. **Remember the formula and lists:** 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, and 3 persons in the Trinity. Pope Francis

asked that we concentrate on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this Lenten season.

2. **It's a time of prayer**
3. It's a time to fast. Fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.
4. **It's a time to work on discipline.** Instead of giving up something, i.e. candy, spend 15 minutes each day in prayer with Christ.
5. **It's about dying to yourself.** Give up bad habits and create good ones.
6. **Don't do too much.** Keep this time of reflection simple and focused.
7. **Lent reminds us of our weakness.** Seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.
8. **Be patient with yourself.** Do not let anger or frustration get the better of you.
9. **Reach out in charity** to others as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.
10. **Learn to love like Christ.** Christ suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the cross for all of us. Ask for God's help in learning to love like him.

What has NCCW and MDCCW been up to since the last newsletter? First, I want to wish a very Happy Belated Birthday to NCCW. NCCW celebrated its 94th birthday on March 4.

NCCW Update

Rosa Ropers and I attended a Milwaukee Province meeting in February in Plover. The Province meetings provide a valuable resource as the president, president-elect, and spiritual advisor of each of the five dioceses in Wisconsin meet. Most diocesan CCWs are experiencing the same issues facing our diocesan council — reduction in active parish affiliates and inability to interest members in serving as officers of their parishes and vicariates. Jean Kelly, our province director, represents Wisconsin at the NCCW board meetings. Her brief update indicated that the 2013 NCCW Convention showed a profit of \$100,000. The convention success and donations have eliminated \$240,000 of NCCW's debt in seven months.

Jean also provided an update on the "WE ARE ONE CAMPAIGN." This campaign was introduced at the NCCW Convention in September and has been a success, thanks to your efforts! The campaign was to have ended in February but has been continued. A basket raffle at the MDCCW November Board meeting resulted in \$100 going to the We Are One Campaign. Over Valentine's weekend, All Saints Parish CCW, Berlin, collected \$200 in donations for NCCW's We Are One Campaign. What has your parish or vicariate

done to solicit donations for this campaign? You can still contribute.

St. Ambrose Academy Dinner

I attended St. Ambrose Academy's 10th Anniversary Benefit Dinner in December at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. I had a table with our vicariate tri-fold display, our scrapbooks, information, and brochures. St. Ambrose Academy is a Catholic school with grades 6 through 12 that provides students with a classical Catholic education. Please pray for our Catholic schools so that they continue to thrive and flourish in these troubled times.

NCCW Convention

Mark your calendars now to attend the NCCW Convention Sept. 24 to 27 at the Grand Amway Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The theme for this year's convention will be "Be the Voice of Catholic Women: Catholic Women United in Truth." The NCCW Board heard our voices regarding the high cost of attending the convention. This year's registration fee is \$340 through May 15, a decrease from last year. The room rate per night for two persons/room is \$149. Banquet and province dinners cost less than last year. The Province of Milwaukee expects to charter a bus to offer transportation to Grand Rapids. More information on the bus option will be available at a later date. Convention information is available at the www.nccw.org website.

Membership

Seventeen individuals have joined MDCCW since the individual membership category was added at the June 2013 convention. They receive a welcome letter and information on MDCCW. We welcome our individual members and all members who belong to CCW through their parishes and vicariates.

Ordination Reception

Two transitional deacons, Rev. Mr. Scott Jablonski and Rev. Mr. James Leeser, will be ordained on Friday, June 27, at St. Maria Goretti Church, Madison. It is truly an awe-inspiring evening! Plan to attend if you can and help with the reception which we host following the ordination. If you are unable to attend, please consider contributing money or food for the reception. Contact Carol Brennan if you are able to help. Please keep the transitional deacons and all seminarians in your prayers.

2014 MDCCW Days of Celebration

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the first gathering of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women! Hosted by the Sauk Vicariate, the two-day birthday celebration will be held May 20 and 21 at the Clarion Hotel, Baraboo. This year's theme is "Finding Grace through Faith, Trust & Patience." Plan to attend both days, but if not able to attend the first day, join us on Wednesday, May 21. Tuesday, May 20, will be a board meeting (open to the public), followed by praying the Rosary, a social hour, banquet, and entertainment. You won't want to miss Fr. Domenic Roscioli's "A Prayer, A Story and a Glass of Wine."

Wednesday will begin with a brief business meeting, including voting and election of new officers, followed by our keynote speaker. Fr. Donald Everts will share with us what we can do to Become Intentional Disciples. Our spiritual advisors, Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt and Fr. Lorin Bowens, will concelebrate the Mass with other attending priests. After lunch, we will have Leadership and Service share shops. Chris "Topher" Aderhold, assistant director of Camp Gray, will speak on Leadership in Service. Our Service share shop speaker will be Sue Palm from Catholic Charities who will provide us with information on the Mobile Food Pantry Program in the diocese.

There will be opportunities to purchase raffle tickets for prizes that include a queen-sized hand-tied quilt, a set of Milwaukee Brewer tickets with a preferred parking pass, a Blessed Virgin Statue, and two \$100 cash prizes as well as other cash prizes. We will also be selling tickets for our Basket Bonanza. Each vicariate is asked to donate a basket or other item. We will have vendors on Wednesday.

This newsletter includes the registration form and agenda. Join us for a great opportunity to visit with fellow CCW members from throughout the 11 counties of the Madison Diocese.

I look forward to seeing you at your spring vicariate meetings and at our 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Yours in our Lady of Good Counsel,

Coreen S. Marklein, MDCCW president

From Our Spiritual Advisor

The Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, as well as the women of one of the parishes I work with who carry out their tradition of Italian St. Joseph's Table prompted thoughts about the challenges that Joseph and many men today face.

In this year of reading Matthew's Gospel, we have been reminded of how Joseph experienced Jesus' coming. The more familiar Luke's infancy stories tell us about Mary's experiences, but Matthew tells us about how things were from Joseph's point of view.

A parishioner who lives close to some Amish families was reflecting on how deferential an Amish wife is when her husband is around. She hardly says anything; but when he's not there, she is quite talkative. The Amish seem to have been less influenced by the changing roles of men and women. In American life, most everyone would acknowledge that women are facing new challenges. They more often times than in the past work outside a family business and their time is much divided. They are pulled in more directions than their great-grandmothers were. They have less flexibility to help with Council of Catholic Women and parish events. Working with a spouse in a family business had its own stresses, but now there are often different stresses.

Changing women's roles certainly affects men, and Joseph is a useful example to men struggling with change. Many divided and rearranged families call on men to foster father and joint father and do child care in ways that men didn't years ago. A father at a baptism was feeding his child and regretted that because his wife had started a new job across the state, he seldom had this chance. I don't think my father would have said this. I don't think he saw childcare as part of his role the way many of today's fathers do! May Joseph's struggles with Mary's unexpected pregnancy — the necessity of protecting her from the vicious gossip and perhaps physical attacks might have taken place in their small community and the necessity of fleeing to Egypt over this adopted son — give us insight into some of the challenges today's families face.

Father Larry Bowens, Spiritual Advisor

From the Province Director

Let Me Be Your Servant

I was packing up everything for my first meeting as province director, and this quote came to my inbox from Jane Carter, our National Leadership Commission chair:

Pray for us to be good servants: good servants, not good bosses! All of us together, bishops, priests, consecrated persons and lay faithful must offer the witness of a Church faithful to Christ, animated by the desire to serve our brothers and ready to meet with prophetic courage the spiritual expectations and needs of the men and women of our time. May Our Lady accompany us and protect us on this journey. — Pope Francis, February 23, 2014

I knew that everything was going to go just fine. The drive to Plover, the new meeting location, the caterer, all the details that were going through my mind would work out because Our Lady of Good Counsel is with us always. The diocesan presidents and spiritual advisors arrived safely, and the meeting was very productive.

Since I have become more involved in the Council of Catholic Women, I have called this my spiritual journey. I have been open to answering this call, sometimes I feel like I am being pulled by something so great. It is definitely the Holy Spirit guiding me along. This can happen to you too. Be open to it. Listen closely. Are you being called to something more? All you have to do is say yes. We are all here to help.

We need more leaders at every level in Council, in the parish, diocese and archdiocese, districts, deaneries, and vicariates. My prayer is that everyone calls their president today and offers to help, especially in a board position.

The New Leadership Commission Program is "Follow Me: Called to Serve, Chosen to Lead." This program will help members at all levels of leadership. You will read more about this in Catholic Women magazine and Connect. You are all leaders; you just need to listen to the Holy Spirit.

I look forward to seeing you at your convention. God Bless.

Jean Kelly, Director, Province of Milwaukee

Leadership Commission

In the February NCCW *Connect*, Jane Carter, Leadership Commission chair states: "Our Holy Father calls us to witness the Gospels and evangelize..Be messengers and witnesses to the infinite goodness..and mercy of the Father."

CCW helps us to witness the Gospel by living out the mission of helping others. By being involved, we help ourselves as well as our sisters in Christ on our Spiritual Journey of growing closer to God. We also help others by being there for them or by donating to programs to help others. Being enthusiastic helps you evangelize.

Vicariate meetings, MDCCW conventions, and NCCW conventions are a great way to educate and energize yourself and others. If you aren't enthusiastic, how do you expect to get others interested and excited about CCW? If your vicariate is not meeting, then plan to attend a neighboring one. These gatherings have a spiritual content and help us grow in our faith life. They are also educational as we learn more about our organization and its programs. We develop lasting friendships with our sisters in faith, network with them and share great ideas.

Elections

Many parish CCWs and vicariates will be having elections this spring. Share those talents God gave you and say "YES!" to serve. All you need is a willingness to serve and God will do the rest.

Ideas to Spark Interest in Meetings

- Have varied programs. Examples include "A Prayer, A Story and A Glass of Wine," international night (Day), mini-retreats. Reach out to different age groups.
- Try different meeting times: morning, afternoon, weekday, weekend days
- Combine meetings with neighboring parishes.

Several of our vicariates continue to struggle since the reorganization of the diocese. If you know of parishes near you that are inactive, invite them to your parish and/or vicariate meetings. Reach out to them.

So, go to **vicariate meetings** and **conventions** and get out and **evangelize** in our parishes, neighborhoods, community, state, and beyond. Can people tell you are a Christian by the way you live? Live your faith. We can do more than pray — we can put our Faith into Action.

Andrew Carnegie said, "The older I get the less I listen to what people say and the more I observe what they do." Use your life to Evangelize and let CCW help you.

Carol Brennan

MDCCW Leadership Commission Chair

Service Commission

As food prices continue to increase and with cuts in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP — formally known as Food Stamps), the number of families seeking assistance with food is on the rise. Some of the basic daily necessities, personal care products, cleaning products and all other non-food items cannot be purchased with the SNAP card, meaning soap and shampoo for a daily shower may be a luxury.

"Caring for our Neighbors in Need," the service project being held in conjunction with our annual MDCCW convention, will collect personal care items to be distribute to those in need in our area through food pantries and shelters. In an effort to reach as many people as possible, please donate 75 percent of what you collect to your local Food Pantry or shelter and bring 25 percent with you to convention. The items collected there will be donated to the Baraboo Food Pantry (located at St. Vincent de Paul) and Hope House.

The following a list of suggested items, all should be full sized and unopened:

Toothpaste/toothbrushes
Mouthwash
Bath soap/body wash
Shampoo/conditioner
Deodorant
Razors/shaving cream
Hand and body lotion
Feminine hygiene products
Toilet Paper

Sandra Hull

MDCCW Service Commission Chair

Rural Life Committee

The 2014 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, D.C., reflected on Pope Francis' vision becoming "A Church that Is Poor for the Poor." Catholic Rural Life (the new name for the National Catholic Rural Life Conference) held its luncheon just before the main Gathering began. In keeping with the overall theme of the Gathering, the session examined how our Catholic faith informs our responses to poverty and how we can advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable in rural America.

Poverty Awareness

In order to promote a deeper understanding of the Church's social teaching in this time of global economic crisis, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released a series of messages on poverty and today's economy. Topics included Nutrition and Food Security, Fair Wages and Economic Security, Environmental Justice, and Immigration. Looking at the institutional and systemic causes of poverty in our country today, these messages are brief and in a format that easily lends itself to online distribution and parish bulletins. Go to the web site at usccb.org.

Farm Bill

The Farm Bill passed, with concessions being made. Some of the Sustainable activities were cut; but, on a whole it is of benefit for most farmers. Last year, it never got done.

God's Presence in Daily Life

In the Summer's Heat, Shade Me.

In the Dry Fields, Water Me.

In the Harvest Work, Sustain Me.

In the Hard Decisions, Guide Me.

In the Harsh Winds, Protect Me.

In the Thundering Rain, Revive Me.

In the Lonely Hours, Be Present and Stand by Me.

O Lord, I Pray. Amen.

Barbara K. Seamandel

MDCCW Rural Life Chair

Spirituality Committee

Thinking Catholic women, who read about and study their religion, gain a special insight into their faith. They also recognize more keenly the needs of the world and are fired with a zeal to do something about the problems of poverty, injustice, and meaninglessness.

One writer stated seriously that the problems of the world could be taken care of if each woman were to be really Christian. Women need not leave their own sphere of home, office or community to find ways to use their knowledge. Opportunities are provided by personal conversation, group meetings, Christian women's conferences, question box sessions, socials and in family gatherings.

Yes, a thinking and open-minded Catholic woman can make a huge statement to the world. It starts in the home, office, or in the local community. One thing that happens with reading and study is broadening our vocabulary. Your personality, home training, and education are revealed when you speak. Even the spiritual health of one's soul can be detected through speech. Our Lord said, "Out of the heart the mouth speaks."

A couple of thoughts from The Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Ignorance! That's what abusive speech reveals. With all the thousands of words in the English language, the vile-tongue has not enough intelligence to express himself in clear, clean English. What a dunce! People who lack a sense of humor resort to vulgarity, foul language, double-meaning words, and dirty jokes just to get the attention of the crowd for a few minutes. The person who is witty and well read, who has a sharp sense of humor never has to use smutty remarks or shady jokes to get a laugh. Any moron can repeat a dirty joke.

Precious! Being able to speak is a precious gift from God. Is God pleased with the way you are using your gift? Are you proud of your own record? Try to compliment rather than criticize people. Always be open to teaching and telling the truth, especially to our youth. Show the valuable qualities in your character by never telling a dirty joke.

Lucy Kippley

MDCCW Spirituality Commission Chair

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Welcome

LYNN M. GEITZ

As the Chair of this year’s 60th Celebration of the Madison Diocese of Council of Catholic Women, I am pleased to welcome you to Sauk County. I feel very blessed to be working with so many wonderful women from the Sauk Vicariate.

Having been involved with the CCW for the past four years, I am proud to serve as the CCW president for Holy Family Catholic Church, La Valle. It’s an honor to lead the outstanding women of our parish. We are such an active and passionate group of women. I also serve as the vice president of the Sauk Vicariate and will begin my role as president at this year’s Celebration.

At my home parish I co-direct the choir, chair the Capitol Campaign Committee to raise money for an annex to our existing church, and regularly assist with counting money. I also have served as an assistant to Nora Durst, director of Faith Formation.

I strongly encourage and challenge all of you to get involved in your home parish. Through our activities, involvement and faith, each of us can make a difference in our community and parish! Wishing everyone an enjoyable time of sharing and reconnecting as we “Find Grace through Faith, Trust and Patience!”

Keynote Speaker

FR. DONALD EVERTS

Reclaiming the Voice of Catholic Women

How can we call women to the table if we don’t know who they are? How can we be intentional disciples?

Acknowledging that women today lead busy lives balancing family, career and other responsibilities, keynote speaker Fr. Don Everts will talk about how we, as Catholic women, can raise our voices together and discover the power of our voices. He will share practical applications on how we — and CCW — can reclaim the voice of the Catholic Women.

Fr. Everts is the pastor of the Quad Parishes in Green Bay: St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Patrick, and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For the past five years, he has served as the Spiritual Advisor for the Green Bay Diocesan CCW. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from the University of St. Mary of the Lake — Mundelein Seminary.

His experience in multi-parish ministry has given him valuable insights into developing a sense of the universal church and the power of Catholic communities to collaborate to better serve God and to build the Kingdom of God.

SHARESHOPS

Leadership Share Shop

Chris “Topher” Aderhold, assistant director of Camp Gray, will share his thoughts on “Leadership in Service” at the leadership share shop. Prior to his current position at Camp Gray, Topher — as he likes to be called — was a part of Camp Gray’s Servant Leadership Team.

Originally from Oklahoma, he is a graduate of The Oklahoma State University. Just before finishing school, he stumbled across Camp Gray online after googling “Catholic Summer Camps.” He joined Camp Gray as a summer camp counselor, and then served as Explorer/Voyageur counselor and the Wilderness Programs Coordinator. Topher enjoys reading, being outdoors, listening to country music, traveling, “sipping coffee in the company of fine people, watching and playing sports, and rooting on his OSU Cowboys.”

Camp Gray is owned by the Catholic Diocese of Madison and is funded by the generous support of patrons and donors. Nestled on 225 beautiful acres between Baraboo and Reedsburg, Camp Gray is a co-ed, overnight summer camp and school year retreat center dedicated to enriching the spiritual lives of youth and combining faith, friends and fun.

Service Commission Share Shop

Sue Palm from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Madison will present information on the Mobile Food Pantry Program. Learn how your parish may join the 11 others who currently participate in this program, “Caring for Their Neighbors in Need.”

Spirituality Share Shop/Entertainment

Fr. Domenic Roscioli, spiritual advisor for the Milwaukee Archdiocesan CCW, will share stories about the Rosary and the Bible on Tuesday evening of the convention as he inspires and entertains us with *A Prayer, a Story and a Glass of Wine*.

After a battle with cancer forced him to retire from the active ministry, Fr. Roscioli took on projects to help his community. His outreach ministry in Kenosha led to a neighborhood cleanup program that introduced him to composting. An avid supporter of recycling, he developed and began selling compost material dubbed Father Dom’s Original Organic Compost. He marketed the compost products to charitable organizations as a way for them to raise funds.

He also started volunteering at Paul Newman’s Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, a camp for children with cancer and

other life-threatening illnesses. The priest and actor became friends. Newman, whose own line of sauces and salad dressings were created to support charitable causes, helped Fr. Roscioli get his compost products off the ground. His volunteer work at Newman’s camp led to his support of The Next Step, which serves teens and young adults who also face life-threatening illnesses.

With the help of Jody Becker, a Wauwatosa businessman, Fr. Roscioli came up with the idea of selling wine, Holy Spirits, each named after a saint. Each bottle depicts the life of a saint as a way to bring the saints marching back into people’s homes and lives. In addition to wines, the product line has been expanded to include an assortment of seasoning mixes. The products are available to individual consumers but are designed primarily for churches, schools and nonprofits as fundraising opportunities.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Incoming MDCCW President

Rosa Ropers

Time does not stand still for anyone. Two years ago when I was elected president-elect, I knew that I had two years to prepare for the duties of president of MDCCW. Those two years went by quickly; and, yes, I learned many things but found out there was so much more that being president would require. I knew that I would need the faith and guidance from those who came before me. I knew that I would require the support and guidance from all the present members. I was asked to write a biography about myself, but I chose to write about all of the members of MDCCW. Together we can do so much.

I came across an article by Doug Rice who referenced women of the Bible and thought I would share the following excerpts with you so we might learn together the roles of a good leader.

In this newsletter several Biblical women were mentioned as having the characteristics of a good leader. Many of you fit that description and I am calling on you to join with me in the leadership roles that are needed in your own parish, in your vicariate, and, lastly, at the diocesan level.

From Rebekah (Genesis 24), we learn that leaders are always willing to give more than they are asked for. They put the needs of others before their own. With your help we can do this together to strengthen the Council of Catholic Women at all levels.

From Deborah (Judges 4), we hear that leaders are always willing to inspire their followers. They encourage and motivate their members with kind words. With your help, we can do this together to strengthen the Council of Catholic Women at all levels.

From Mary, Sister of Martha (Luke 10), we learn that leaders aren't too busy for what is important. They stay focused on the important things in life. With your help, we can do this together to strengthen the Council of Catholic Women at all levels.

From Mary of Nazareth (Luke 1), we learn that leaders approach great opportunities with willingness and enthusiasm. Leaders take on the opportunities that present themselves. With your help, we can do this together to strengthen Council of Catholic Women at all levels.

And lastly from Lois (2 Timothy 1), we learn that leaders plan for the future and are mentors and teachers for future generations. With your help, we can do this together to strengthen the Council of Catholic women at all levels.

Only with your support will I be able to become the leader that is necessary for MDCCW to carry out our mission of being the voice of Catholic Women in our world, always recognizing that Christ is asking us to honor him as we work to preserve and respect the dignity of all people. I look forward to working with each of you in the years to come.

President-Elect

There are no candidates for president-elect. As Carol Brennan, Leadership Commission chair and past MDCCW president, "God does not call the qualified, "He" qualifies the called." The position may seem overwhelming but it is not. Serving MDCCW is a great opportunity to grow in your spirituality, leadership and service. It is also an opportunity to work with and meet fellow ladies in Council who share our Catholic beliefs.

If you believe that the position would be overwhelming, would you consider being a co-president elect and then co-president? Do you know another lady in Council who would be willing to share responsibilities? While MDCCW has not had co-officers in the past, why not consider this as an option. Are there two individuals that would be interested in serving Council as a co-president elect and then co-president?

The Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW) has co-presidents. According to Jean Kelly, Milwaukee Province Director and immediate past co-

president of MACCW, "the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women has been using the Co-President model for several years and this has worked very well. "We are able to share the duties of preparing for and/or holding meetings, writing newsletter articles, making calls, handling correspondence, etc. It helps when traveling to events when necessary. "If both chose to attend an event we share the expense. "It is nice to work with someone who has some experience with the organization and can help in that area and only one of us has a computer so that works out too!"

Candidate for Treasurer

Ellen Martin

(Columbia North Vicariate)

Born the third of five children, I was raised in a Catholic faith-filled household. My family lived in Kaukauna, Neenah and La Crosse, before settling in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. There, I wed Brian Martin at St. Mary Catholic Church in 1985. Two years later, we moved to Central Wisconsin to begin raising a family. Brian works for the State of Wisconsin, Department of Corrections and I have retired from my career at the K-Mart Corporation, where I worked many positions, including in the payroll department. I furthered my education by attending MATC. Currently, I work in food service for the School District of Westfield. Brian and I have been blessed with two sons, Timothy and Philip, now in their 20's.

Today, Brian and I reside in rural Oxford and have been parishioners of Good Shepherd Catholic Church for 19 years. For the past seven years, I have been President of Good Shepherd CCW and secretary prior to that. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, I serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and help lead a mission to recycle used greeting cards into fresh, salable cards. On the Vicariate

level, my term as Columbia North President ends this spring. Then I will be Director-at-Large for an additional two years. In the community, I have volunteered as an officer and president of the Marquette County Historical Society. My hobbies include gardening, camping, photography, traveling and spending time with my family and four cats.

I look forward to serving as the next Treasurer of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Candidates for Secretary

Kitty Mumm (Grant Vicariate)

I am Kathryn Elizabeth Mumm, shortened to Kitty after an Irish great-Aunt Kitty. I am honored to be named after Catherine of Sienna.

I grew up in Lancaster and returned to Lancaster when I married after attending college and teaching elsewhere. I received all of the first sacraments at St. Clement's in Lancaster, including Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion (Eucharist), and Marriage. I have spent many years at St. Clement, initially as a second grade teacher. For the past nine years I have been the Director of Religious Education. Beyond marriage and family, Catholic education is my calling.

My husband Bob and I raised our family on a dairy farm. I am the mother of six and grandmother of sixteen with number seventeen to arrive in August. For many years there's either been a baby to cradle, a toddler to laugh with or a growing child in whom I can see God's gifts emerging. They keep me grounded in simplicity.

I am a harpist and have the privilege of playing with my sister, Bernadette Schaefer, who is a violinist. Together we are known as "Sister Strings." We play for weddings, receptions, First Communion Masses, other liturgies, and various other events.

My Catholic faith sustains me, brings me joy, gives me purpose, and allows me to hope. CCW is a great way for me to join other faithful women who appreciate the desire to serve God with their lives. If elected as your secretary, I'll do my best; if not I'll continue to be involved in the great work of parish and Grant Vicariate CCW.

Alice Paul (Rock-Green Vicariate)

I was born in Southwest Wisconsin and grew up in Bloomington with my four sisters. I attended St. Mary's Grade School and Bloomington High School. I continued my schooling at Edgewood College, earning a degree in history and broad field social studies. I taught three years at St. Clement School, Lancaster, and St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains. Later, I married my husband, Charles Paul, and we have farmed between Whitewater and Milton for the last 31 years. We reared three children who were graduated from UW-Platteville, MSOE in Milwaukee, and Edgewood College pursuing careers in agriculture, engineering, and education. After staying home when my children were

young, I returned to Edgewood and earned my Master's degree in special education in 2000. I have taught for the last 14 years at Big Foot High School in Walworth. At the parish level, I have volunteered as a youth coordinator, CCD teacher, and volunteer coordinator. I am an active member of CCW and have served in various offices at the parish and deanery level. Currently, I serve as president of our parish CCW and president-elect for the Rock Green County Vicariate. Since I will be retiring at the end of this school year, I am looking forward to having more time to spend on volunteer activities. I am interested in becoming more active in serving the MDCCW and using my experience in education, agriculture, and as a volunteer to serve the MDCCW as Secretary.

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- Ho-Chunk Casino (freeshuttle to/from casino)
- Circus World Museum
- Shopping