

Service Commission Report

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Called to Change the World

“Each of us has a mission; each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect of the dignity of each human person.” — Pope Benedict XVI

Do you remember the Donkey Project? The Global Solidarity Partnership began in 2002 with the Diocese of Novrongo-Bolgatanga in Ghana, and in 2005 The Donkey Project was started. The purpose was to supply donkeys, along with plows and carts, to the women there to help with their farming which would otherwise be done by hand. In 2009 a self-sustaining donkey farm was begun, but it needs \$20,000 a year to keep it going. In the past many parishes sold Fair Trade chocolate with the proceeds going to this project. Your parish can do that as well as sell other fair trade items by hosting a SERRV sale. Information on SERRV can be found at www.serrv.org.

Caps of Love is a service project promoted by the National Council of Catholic Women. Recycling plastic caps raises money to buy wheel chairs for disabled children. As there are only a few places in the United States that recycle this type of plastic, all caps must be shipped to the founder of Caps of Love in Florida. Get started in your parish by visiting www.nccw.org and clicking on Caps of Love under Commission Resources at right of the page. There you will find a wonderful flyer to display. More information can also be found at capsoflove.com.

Please visit our website (www.mdccw.com/commissions.html#serviceResources) to download a copy of **“Women Healing the Wounds.”** It has a wealth of information on domestic violence and ways you can respond and help women in your community. This resource includes a list of examples of abuse- and violence-warning signs in a relationship and a flyer you can customize with your local shelter information.

Start saving those caps today!

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