

SERVICE COMMISSION

MDCCW BOARD MEETING, November 6, 2021

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As we continue with our 2021-2022 MDCCW year, it is my hope that you include one or more service projects in your Parish, Women's group(s), Council of Catholic Women, Vicariate, etc. If you have not already done so, plan your meetings throughout the year to a particular theme and then plan your service projects as well. By doing so, you will be able to plan your meetings and events around your theme and/or service projects.

- **BOXES OF JOY:** Last year we sent 750 BOXES OF JOY to children in Latin American countries. Boxes of Joy continues to be MDCCW Service Project for 2021. This project is in full swing with the drop off site at St. Peter's Parish, 7121 Highway K, Middleton. Drop off and packing times are:
 - Saturday, November 13, from 2 pm to 4:30 pm
 - Sunday, November 14, from 3 pm to 5 pm

If you are not able to drop your boxes off, please contact Coreen Marklein to make arrangements for pick-up. Volunteers are needed to assist with the packing on the above dates. Please contact Coreen Marklein if you are able to do so.

- **WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED (WWMiN):** This project was selected by USCCB – Time of service for pregnant and parenting women in need. *Everyone* should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances. While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women.

This project was introduced in the Diocese of Madison on Saturday, October 23, with training conducted at Holy Name Heights. Representatives from more than 17 diocesan parishes were represented at this training session followed by Mass with Bishop Donald J. Hying presiding. The training provided parishes with “the tools to become reliable connectors to local resources and partners in filling service gaps”. Future trainings will be held later this year with the hope of introducing a diocesan-wide website by spring 2022. Suzanna Herro from the Madison Catholic Women's Club has played a key role in bringing the program to Madison. Walkingwithmoms.com

Watch for Service Commission updates on the MDCCW website.