

Spirituality Commission Report

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Focus on Faith and Prayer

This was my first time attending a NCCW Convention, and I must say it was very overwhelming meeting so many women of faith from all around the United States. I tried to take notes and listen to the wonderful speakers, but it all goes so fast.

I came away with many ideas that we can do on a local level and share with other women. With the Year of Mercy ending soon, I heard the many works of mercy that our fellow women were doing in their parishes and vicariates. One thing that kept resounding was to pray, pray, and to pray more. We cannot expect to take back our country without our many prayers and Rosaries. We need to pray for our Pope, cardinals, bishops, priests, seminarians, and sisters.

To help young women who want to become sisters to pay off their college loans, the Vocation Purse Club has been started. Just like the seminarians, the convents will not take young women until their college debt has been paid off. We Catholic Women can get involved at a local level to help raise money for this worthy program.

A lot of the things convention speaker Beth Mahoney talked about, I was proud to hear that we are already doing on a local and diocesan level. We are involved with the protesting at the abortion clinic in Madison; we support the Women's Care Center in Madison; we support the Hope House for abused women, just to name a few.

I want to thank all the ladies who welcomed me and made me feel part of their team from Wisconsin. I have many wonderful memories and hope more women will want to go and experience this for themselves. Next year, the convention will be in Dallas, TX. Our very own Carol Brennan from Berlin will be sworn in as the new Province Director replacing Lucille Brandner of Medford.

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