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"May Our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God: and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come."

Partial quote from the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of the Council of Catholic Women.

NEWSLETTER WEST DANE VICARIATE **Council of Catholic Women!**

Affiliated with the Diocese of Madison Council of Catholic Women (MDCCW) & National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)



Connecting Catholic Women in the West Dane Vicariate of the Diocese of Madison SEPTEMBER celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Matthew, St. Vincent de Paul, and Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

Vicariate President's Message

September is a very busy month for everyone. With school starting, football games, regular CCW meetings, Fall Vicariate and National CCW Convention, we will have plenty to do this autumn.!

Have you held a Bake Sale with funds going to helping a member pay for convention? If not, now is the time to do it.

Do you have a theme for your CCW meetings this year? Walking with Moms in Need or addressing Human Trafficking are great causes for you to consider.

Our Fall Vicariate Meeting will be held October 6 at St. Martin's Church in Martinsville. More information can be found in this newsletter; please plan on attending and meeting other women with a passion for our church and the Blessed Mother.

Registration is still open for the NCCW Convention in Minneapolis, November 2-5, if you are still thinking about it. Don't forget to celebrate the Labor Day Weekend before you jump into your autumn events!

May we always pray the NCCW Prayer to Our Lady: 'Intercede for us, that we may be Wise, Courageous and Loving Leaders of the Church. '

Sue Barker

Sue Barker, President West Dane CCW Vicariate "If Not Me, Who? If Not Now, When?"

GATHER West Dane Vicariate's Fall Meeting

Our Gists to Share: Women & Leadership Thursday, October 6, 2022 4:00pm-8:00pm **Guest Speaker** 4:30pm Rosary, 5:00pm Mass, 6:00pm Dinner and Program Rhonda Holler, At St. Martin of Tours Parish, 5959 St. Martin Circle, Cross Plains (VP of Global Talent Hosted by the CCW of St. Martin of Tours Parish Management at Labcorp) Rhonda will help us REGISTRATION: \$15 per person due by September 23rd! explore our gifts for Reserve Now Call Becky at (608) 284-7246 or leadership roles in email beckyfr13@gmail.com our parish, home, Or send check to St. Martin of Tours CCW att. Becky Frederick work, and c/o Martin of Tours Parish, 5959 St. Martin Circle, Cross Plains 53528 community. WIDE Charts NCCW CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ELIZABETH (Liz) KELLY

Held at the Marriott Minneapolis City Center In the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Events at your parish in the West Dane Vicariate? Send information to joanpregler@gmail.com by the 25th of the month prior to the event.

PARISHES

In the West Dane Vicariate Ashton - St. Peter Parish Rev. Christopher Gernetzke, Pastor Cross Plains - St. Francis Xavier Rev Scott Jablonski Pastor Martinsville - St. Martin of Tours Rev. Christopher Gernetzke, Pastor Mt. Horeb - St. Ignatius (St. Michael the Archangel Parish) Rev. Chahm Gahng, Pastor Paoli - St. William (St. Christopher Parish) Rev. Robert Butz, Pastor Perry - Holy Redeemer (St. Michael the Archangel Parish) Rev. Chahm Gahng, Pastor Pine Bluff - St. Mary of Pine Bluff Very Rev. Richard M. Heilman, VF. Pastor Verona - St. Andrew (St. Christopher Parish) Rev. Robert Butz, Pastor Waunakee - St. John the Baptist Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pasto Westport - St. Mary of the Lake Church Rev. Msgr. James Gunn, Pastor

West Dane Vicariate **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

President: Sue Barker St. Andrew Church, Verona President Elect: VACANT Join us for an exciting year ahead! Secretary: Joan Pregler St. Peter Parish, Ashton Treasurer: Kelly Huntington St. Peter Parish, Ashton Join Our Growing Council!

No Active Parish CCW?

Connect with Catholic Nomen around the area! Contact Rosa Ropers at rosa.m.ropers@gmail.com

The Mission of the NCCW is to Support, Empower, and Educate all Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service

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Connecting Catholic Women in the West Dane Vicariate of the Diocese of Madison

CALENDAR of EVENTS

September Individual parish CCW Bake Sales! October 6, 2022

West Dane Vicariate Gathering at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville. Rosary at 4:30pm followed by Mass, Dinner, & Program. See page 1.

November 2-5, 2022 NCCW Convention - Minneapolis, MN

> SPIRITUALITY September - the Month for

Archangels

Michael the Archangel has his story

written as early as 3rd-century BC Judaism, followed by Christianity and Islam. Known as the Patron Guardian of the Catholic Church and Vatican City, St. Michael the Archangel is most known for leading the fight against Satan and the dragon. Scripture refers to him often in the book of Daniel.

Gabriel is written into scripture along with

St. Michael and shares in his status as an archangel and defender of the people of God. He is most known as God's messenger, especially at the Annunciation with the Virgin Mary and to Zechariah in the Gospel of Luke.

Raphael has the early biblical status as being the angel who heals in the Book of Tobit, but also one of the three angels appearing to Abraham. He is the patron saint of medical workers, marriage, and travelers. The seat of the Diocese of Madison is named: St. Raphael's Cathedral.

Feast Day for Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels is September 29th.

AROUND OUR (WEST DANE) VICARIATE What are the Vicariates in our Diocese?

The West Dane Vicariate is only ONE pastoral region set by the Diocese of Madison called 'Vicariates'. The TEN parishes in our West Dane Vicariate (*see page 1*) are led by Vicar Forane Monsignor James L. Gunn, St. John the Baptist Parish, Waunakee.

The (9) Vicariates are:

Columbia North VicariateEast Dane VicariateGrant VicariateJefferson VicariateLafayette VicariateMadison VicariateRock-Green VicariateSauk VicariateWest Dane Vicariate

Boo Boo

SERVICE

Box of Joy! Get Ready for Another Great Collection Year!

 Boxes are available for your parish to participate in providing delightful gifts to children

at Christmas! Endorsed by NCCW and organized by the Madison Diocese CCW for Cross Catholic Outreach, the <u>Box of Joy</u> brings hope and joy to children. Contact your parish leadership team or <u>www.mdccw.com</u> to obtain your boxes!



Labor of a Different Kind How to Walk With Moms In Need

You know your parish. You know the nooks, crannies and message centers where the information is available. You know the storage closet capacity. You know of parish member's life specialties: vocations, careers, and talents. You know people who can help people. This knowledge is a rich resource and can be used to help orientate a new visitor or a new parishioner. All it takes is for you to labor for God and share this knowledge. With open eyes, open arms and a willingness to labor in friendliness, your parish will become a welcoming place for women and families in need.

> <u>'Walking With Moms in Need'.</u> What Can You Do at Your Parish? www.walkingwithmoms.com Or email: wwminmadison@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP Coffee Anyone?

CATHOLIC WOMEN

Do You Know That NCCW has a seat on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops?

NCCW has a voice at the USCCB for representing issues concerning women and children, its connection to women in the pews, and its ardent concerns in the secular world.

NCCW as founded by the US Bishops, is consulted for updates, focus groups and progress in areas of social concern.

NCCW draws strength from its Catholic Bishops and aligns its programs to meet all Catholic doctrine and guidelines.

We are the Voice of Catholic Women

NCCW MEMBERSHIP

AFFILIATIONS If your parish CCW pays dues to NCCW, then ALL parish women are already members!

VIRTUAL AFFILIATIONS are available! Monthly ZOOM gatherings begin for individual members to stay connected and benefit from a small group format!

Individual Members Catholic women in parishes without an organized Council (CCW) can become Individual Members of both NCCW and MDCCW!

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What can happen over a cup of coffee?

- * A smile is shared, a laugh, a common topic and an acquaintance is made
- * A listening ear, a compassionate touch and a friendship is born
- * A plan to meet again, solve some challenges and a partner is gained
- * A familiar face at mass, at parish events and a neighborhood is formed
- * A connection is interwoven between families and a network is built
- * A helping hand, a resource, a comfort and a community of support is yours .

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