

Message from Our President

Linda Ripp

As I write my last article for the newsletter as MDCCW President, I want to say thank you to all the ladies who make up the CCWs in the Madison Diocese especially the **officers**: Carol Rogers, president-elect; Coreen Marklein, secretary; and Patty Spragg, treasurer; **commission chairs**: Sue Barker, leadership; and Judy Lyons, spirituality; and the vicariate and parish officers.

Thank you so much for all your help in carrying out the NCCW mission statement: *the National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.*

Light of the World

My theme was “Jesus is the Light of the World, May we become a Light in the Darkness.” One of my goals was to connect women across the diocese to learn more about NCCW. I think my Pen newsletters helped do that.

One of the greatest rewards of being MDCCW President has been all the friendships I made and the chance to visit so many beautiful churches across the diocese. I’ve grown as a Catholic. The many fall and spring vicariate meetings I attended helped me grow spiritually.

Sharing the stories of others on the journey to Heaven has been very rewarding and inspiring. I know I’m not done with CCW — it has given me more than I have given to CCW. I look forward to the future of CCW.

The Boxes of Joy project brought in over a thousand boxes for needy children. Many parishes have a representative for “Walking with Moms,” a project from the US Bishop’s Conference adopted by us.

MDCCW hosts the ordination reception (with volunteers from the area). It will be held at St Maria Goretti in Madison on June 7.

With all the changes in parishes under the “Into the Deep” initiative, CCW can be a uniting VOICE. Parishes that didn’t have CCWs are now invited to be part of existing CCWs. We already had a relationship with the Madison Catholic Woman’s Club since there aren’t any active CCWs in the Madison area.

St James, Madison, has graciously offered to be the host site for our MDCCW Conference/Gathering on Tuesday, June 18, so we can have a central location.

I hope I will see many of you at our conference on Tuesday, June 18, or at the social on Monday, June 17, or at both! If you can’t make it to Madison in June, maybe I will see you at the vicariate meetings: Saturday, May 4, at Sacred Heart in Reedsburg; Wednesday, May 15, at Holy Ghost Parish in Dickeyville; or Thursday, May 16, at St. Thomas the Apostle in Poynette.

Planting for Leadership

As a final thought now that we are into more spring-like weather, I want to share a Planting Schedule for Council members (from KC clip art in the 1990s)

First plant four rows of peas: presence, promptness, preparation, and perseverance. Next plant four rows of lettuce: let us obey rules and regulations; let us be true to our obligations; let us be faithful to duty; let us be loyal and unselfish.

Then plant three rows of squash: squash gossip; squash indifference; squash

criticism. Finally plant four rows of turnips: turn up at meetings; turn up with a smile; turn up with new ideas; turn up with a determination to do the job.

From Our Spiritual Advisor

Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt

Dear Members of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:

One area that I hear people speaking about today is how people can become so quick to find fault with others or complain about what others do. Sometimes it seems that we complain far more about a variety of things than we did in the past. We are never quite satisfied.

I don't know if negative feelings have increased or if it only seems that way. I do know that the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is about optimism. As an organization we strive to see what is good and positive in our world, in the Church and in other people. This does not take away from the fact that we know there are many areas that need to be improved in life.

Just look at the variety of programs and initiatives of the MDCCW to see where the organization is working to make improvements. However, we still look forward to the future with hope and the assurance that life can continue to improve through our efforts.

This hope comes from our faith and the promise that God is always with us leading us to be the best we can be through the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, even in the face of challenges we are optimistic. That positive outlook is a gift to our world today.

Prayer, Inspiration

I invite you to gather with us on June 18 at St. James Church in Madison for the MDCCW Convention. Come and spend the day with other forward-looking, faith-filled, hopeful people. Come for a day of inspiration and prayer with Bishop Hying and the MDCCW.

Further information about the schedule and registration is in this newsletter. The theme for the Convention is "The Eucharist: God's Gift of Unending Love." The Eucharist is God's assurance from the time of the Last Supper that He is always with us.

Let us celebrate our faith together on June 18. God bless.

From Our Province Director

Lu Ann (Lu) I. Miller

Ladies, mark your calendars and start making plans to attend the National Council of Catholic Women's Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, August 13-17. Registration is now open. Deadline for registration is June 14.

"Called To An Encounter With Jesus" is a most appropriate theme selected for this gathering as every day we are called to encounter Jesus in our lives, in our families and our parishes and to share that message of love Jesus has for us!

You will witness and interactively learn ways you and your councils can encounter Jesus through the programs and education offered by attending the Spirituality, Service and Leadership Commission sessions. How do we encounter Jesus when we take on the roles of Martha or Mary?

You will also experience a profound awakening of love for the Eucharist when

attending daily liturgies or sitting silently in Adoration.

Tours/Special Events

- Tuesday, August 13: Rother Shrine
- Tuesday evening: Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist (movie and dinner)
- Wednesday, August 14: Oklahoma City Memorial Museum
- Friday FUNdraiser: “A Night on the Town with NCCW” (canal ride)

Cost: Full Registration Bundle Fee \$575.00 (includes award luncheon, province dinner and Banquet).

Spouse Registration is \$225.00

Junior Registration is \$225.00 (age 13 to 18 only)

Convention Hotel is Omni Oklahoma City Hotel, 100 Oklahoma City, OK, 73109

Refer to the nccw01@nccw.org website to register for the hotel and convention.

Hope to see many of you in Oklahoma!

NCCW Convention 2024 **August 13-17 Oklahoma City, OK**

Omni Oklahoma City Hotel | 100 Oklahoma City Blvd. | Oklahoma City, OK 73109

Registration is now open.

Leadership Commission

Sue Barker

Leadership Commission Chair

There are many up-coming events in the diocese for members of the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women to participate in. After almost a year of being a part of the “Into the Deep” process, some things have been re-arranged and other things are still in the decision-making process. If you and your group are looking for a project to be part of you have many choices.

Ordination will be held June 7 at St. Maria Goretti Church. Volunteers are always needed to prepare and help serve the reception held after the ceremony for priests and guests.

That same day there will be a pilgrimage leaving Madison going to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. This is a small group, part of a national pilgrimage going to Indianapolis, IN. The National Eucharistic Congress will be held there July 17-24. All Catholic priests, religious, and lay people are invited.

The MDCCW Convention will be held at St. James Church in Madison, June 16 and 17. Monday night will include a social with faith sharing, silent auction, and wine and cheese tasting for fun.

Tuesday will include meetings, a guest speaker, silent auction, and installation of new officers. Bishop Hying will be part of this celebration. Don't forget our NCCW Convention in Oklahoma City August 13-17!

Service Opportunity

Ordination Reception

Please consider volunteering to help with the reception for the newly ordained priests and their families and friends Friday evening, June 7, at St. Maria Goretti Church, Madison.

A service project of the MDCCW, the reception will be held immediately following the ordination in the parish hall. Volunteers are needed to unload supplies and set up at 5:30 p.m. Additional volunteers are needed for serving and cleanup from 8:00 p.m. until as late as 11:30 p.m.

Please pray for the two men who will be ordained: Rev. Mr. David Drefcinski and Rev. Mr. Anthony Kersting.

Contact Coreen at csmarklein@gmail.com or 608-393-0880 if you are able to help.

Officer Nominees

The offices of secretary and president-elect are up for election this year. As of May 3, we have two women who have agreed to be nominated for co-president-elect. If interested in being nominated for secretary or president-elect, please contact MDCCW President Linda Ripp.

Co-President-Elect

The by-laws provide for co-presidents, which starts with co-presidents-elect since this position is the steppingstone to president.

Carolyn Zentner, Princeton, has been involved in CCW for more than 30 years. She currently serves as treasurer for the Columbia North Vicariate CCW.

Encouraged by the late Fr. Phil Krogman, Carolyn helped rekindle the Green Lake Council for which she served in leadership positions. Her experience with a “great group” of women kept her active.

She worked 12 years as secretary of the Green Lake parish. The mother of two adult daughters Carolyn’s attention is with her grandchildren, almost four and eight.

Recently widowed, Carolyn is active in the Wisconsin Widows and Widowers group. She enjoys scrapbooking.

Jane Lepeska Grinde, Madison, got involved with MDCCW when she started accompanying her mother, Dorothy Lepeska, a past MDCCW president, to council meetings, including to MDCCW conventions. She also helped her mother with the newsletter, which she now edits, and took over her role as correspondent for the Catholic Herald.

A retired administrative manager with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Jane has fond memories of her mother’s MDCCW involvement. Jane and her husband Jon are parents of three married daughters and a son. They have six grandchildren ranging in age from two to nine, five of whom live in Minneapolis and one in Madison. Their son lives in Cambridge, MA. Jane has long been active in the St. James Parish which is now part of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pastorate.

MDCCW Website

Please check the MDCCW website (mdccw.com) regularly for calendar events and updates on the convention. Special thanks to Karen Gramman for her service as webmaster and newsletter designer and distributor.

69th ANNUAL MDCCW GATHERING

The Eucharist – God’s Gift of Unending Love

June 17-18, St. James Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pastorate, Madison

Dear Women of the Diocese,

The Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women extends a warm welcome to you to attend the 69th annual MDCCW Gathering Tuesday, June 18, at St. James Church, 1204 St. James Court, in Madison with an optional social event the evening before.

The theme for the 2024 Conference is ***The Eucharist – God’s Gift of Unending Love.***

Our conference is a month prior to the National Eucharistic Congress, which will be held July 17 to 21 in Indianapolis. The mission of the Eucharistic Revival is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharistic. We hope to bring about your own revival in the Eucharist and understand more about the Eucharist so that we can become more enlightened disciples of the Church.

Convention Overview

- Monday evening, June 17, Faith-Sharing/Social gathering at St. James Parish Hall, 6:30-8:30.
- Tuesday, June 18, St. James Church and Parish Hall, 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration deadline June 10

The registration fee for Tuesday is \$45 with a discounted fee of \$35 for first-time attendees. The registration fee must accompany the registration form and is not refundable but transferable. The Monday evening social event is \$20 and can be signed up on the registration form as well.

Mail to Patricia Spragg, 884 Iroquois Circle, Baraboo WI 53913.

Convention Speakers

- His Excellency, The Most Reverend Donald J. Hying, Bishop of Madison Diocese
- Anne Auger, Director of Evangelization for St. Therese of Lisieux-Pastorate 16

Please invite your parish priests to concelebrate Mass with His Excellency Bishop J. Hying, Bishop of Madison, Rev. Fr. Drew Olson, pastorate administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt, our MDCCW spiritual advisor. Invite your priests to come for the entire day and learn what MDCCW is all about and what we do.

Remember that the Eucharist is the ultimate gift from God showing His love to warm our heart and soul.

Coreen S. Marklein,
*MDCCW Secretary, St. Joseph’s Parish
CCW President, Baraboo*

Convention Co-Chairs are Linda Ripp, MDCCW President; Jane Grinde, Communications/Publicity; Sue Barker, West Dane Vicariate President; and Coreen S. Marklein, MDCCW Secretary along with several women of the Diocese working together for this great event.

New Event this Year!

Catholic Women Social Event

June 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

St. James Catholic Church Parish Hall
(lower level)

Join other women for an evening of faith-sharing and wine and cheese tasting, followed by a light supper.

Bring a favorite book or prayer to share with your table mates. Bid on silent auction baskets that are available. Silent auction ends Tuesday, at 2:30 pm.

- 6:30 Wine and Cheese Tasting
- 7:30 Light Supper (pizza, veggies) and Conversation
- \$20

Sponsored by the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in cooperation with the Madison Catholic Woman's Club.

Annual Meeting

President Linda Ripp will preside over the annual meeting which will include election of president-elect and secretary. Please contact Linda Ripp if you are interested in serving on the board as an elected officer or as an appointed commission chair.

Nominees for co-president-elect are Carolyn Zentner and Jane Lepeska Grinde. See page 4 for information on the nominee

Mass

His Excellency Bishop J. Hying, Bishop of Madison; Rev. Fr. Drew Olson, Administrator of Pastorate XX Our Lady of Guadalupe; and Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt, MDCCW Spiritual Advisor; and other attending priests will concelebrate the Mass at 11 a.m.

Silent Auction and Raffle

Bring items for the silent auction and the ticket raffle. The silent auction is the MDCCW annual fundraiser and is used to help the MDCCW continue its work throughout the Diocese.

The proceeds of the ticket raffle items will go to diocesan charities.

We ask that parishes, vicariates, and/or pastorates donate an item for the silent auction or ticket raffle. If possible, arrange to have your item to St. James in time for the Monday evening event.

Contact Sue Barker at suehurleysue@tds.net if you will be donating an item before June 10 to ensure enough space to exhibit donations so that we can plan for table placement.

About the Speakers

His Excellency Bishop J. Hying, Bishop of Madison

The youngest of six sons, Bishop Donald J. Hying was born in West Allis. He attended St. Aloysius and Immaculate Heart of Mary grade schools, and Brookfield Central High School. Bishop Hying received his bachelor's degree from Marquette University and his master's degree from St. Francis Seminary.

Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on May 20, 1989, Bishop Hying served in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in difference parishes, before and after traveling to the Dominican Republic to serve as a missionary in Sabana Yegua.

On May 26, 2011, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed Fr. Hying as Titular Bishop of *Regiae* and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. On Nov. 24, 2014, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Bishop Hying as fourth bishop of Gary, IN. On April 25, 2019, Pope Francis named

Bishop Hying as the fifth Bishop of the Madison Diocese.

Bishop Hying is a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities; the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, & Youth; and the Committee on Catholic Education. He is a member of the boards of directors for Catholic Relief Services and Relevant Radio and is the chairs the Institute on Religious Life Board as well as the St. Paul Evangelization Society.

Bishop Hying will speak about the Eucharist. In a Catholic Herald article (Sept. 20, 2023), Bishop Hying said, "The Eucharist is the holy means by which our Lord Jesus Christ lives and acts in the world, abiding within each of us. When we embrace a Eucharistic life, grounded in Christ, acting as He does in this sacrament, we become extensions of Him to others. This truth is the fundamental meaning of every vocation and apostolate in the Church."

Anne Auger, Director of Evangelization for St. Therese of Lisieux-Pastorate XVI

Anne Auger, a wife and mother of six children, will revive our interest in the Eucharist by sharing with us: **"Is The Eucharist Really God"?**

Anne earned a master's degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2003 and has worked extensively in RCIA, Adult Catechesis, and Religious Education programs throughout the Milwaukee and Madison arch/dioceses.

She served as an instructor at the Seat of Wisdom Institute in Madison and has been a keynote speaker at many parishes and Catholic events. She currently lives in Jefferson and serves as the director of evangelization for St. Therese of Lisieux-Pastorate XVI which includes Lake Mills/Johnson Creek, Sullivan, and

Watertown's St. Bernard and St. Henry parishes. Anne's husband, Peter Auger, was featured recently in The Catholic Herald for his work restoring religious statues and paintings.

Conference Charity — Babies & Beyond

Babies & Beyond journeys with women and families through the challenges and joys of pregnancy and early childhood by providing life-affirming, compassionate support, sharing materials and creating community connections.

Its Sharing Center offers free baby items for newborns and young children (birth to 4 years) of mothers, fathers, and families in need of support. Families can come to "shop" for free once a month. All items are donated. A list of urgent needs is below. Please bring an item for Babies & Beyond. Monetary donations accepted.

Urgent Essentials

- Diapers size 7, newborn, 1 – 3
- Pull-ups (all sizes)
- Baby Wipes
- Formula (All brands & kinds)
- Toddler clothing sizes 2T-5T (new or gently used)
- Baby Wash, Lotion, and Diaper Rash Cream
- Pacifiers
- New Sleepers and Pants size 3M, 6M
- Gently used Baby Equipment

Babies & Beyond

<https://babiesandbeyondwi.org>

Conference Site

St. James is part of Our Lady of Guadalupe Pastorate XX which includes St. James, St. Joseph, Holy Redeemer and St. Patrick churches and St. James School. The church and school are located at 1204 St. James Court, near Meriter Hospital and the University of Wisconsin campus, just south of Regent Street off Randall Avenue and South Brooks Street.

Entrance #1: Enter through double school doors between St. James School and Church. The stairway to the lower level is in the hall on the left side.

Entrance #2: Disability access is located on the east side entrance to the church. Follow the sidewalk around the right corner of church. The door will be located on your left. The parking lot is across the street from school/church.

Lodging

We have secured a group rate of \$98 for either a double or single rate at the **Clarion Suites at the Alliant Energy Center**, 2110 Rimrock Road, Madison. (608) 234-1234.

When reserving a room, please note it is for the Madison Diocesan Council Catholic Women, account 4870862. Located only 2.9 miles from St. James, complimentary parking, breakfast, and shuttle are included. We have given the hotel the tax-exempt number for MDCCW.

69th Annual MDCCW Conference Agenda

Registration 8:15am | Conference begins 8:45am
St. James Church,
Good Shepherd Catholic Parish
Lower level in Parish Hall

8:15 am	Registration
8:15-8:45 am	Continental Breakfast; Drop Off Silent Auction and Raffle Items
8:45 am	Welcome – Linda Ripp, MDCCW President - Opening Prayer - Welcome & Announcements - Brief Business Meeting
9:45-10:15	Guest Speaker His Excellency Rev. Donald J. Hying, Bishop of Madison
10:15 am	Visit Vendor and Commission Tables; View silent auction and raffle; buy tickets, etc.
11:00-Noon	Celebration of the Mass Mass Intention: Living and Deceased Members/MDCCW Main Celebrant: His Excellency Rev. Bishop Donald Hying, Bishop of Madison Concelebrant/Homilist: Rev. Monsignor Duane Moellenberndt Concelebrant: Rev. Drew G. Olson, Parochial Administrator – Our Lady of Guadalupe Pastorate XXII Offertory Collection: Valley of our Lady Monastery Installation of Officers (after Mass)
12:15 pm	Lunch – Dining Hall, lower level of St. James
1:15-2:15 pm	Keynote Speaker: Anne Auger, “Is the Eucharist Really God?”
2:15-2:30 pm	Last Chance for Silent Auction and Raffle
2:30-2:45 pm	Updates - Alice Krystoviak Award - NCCW Updates — Jane Schiszik, Province Director - Raffle and Silent Auction Winners Announced - Convention Wrap-up
2:45-3:00 pm	Closing Prayers and Rosary
3:00 pm	Have a Safe Journey Home



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THE EUCHARIST – God’s Gift of Unending Love

Registration 8:15 am - Conference 8:45 am

St. James Church, Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

(Conference will be in Parish Hall (lower level))

1204 St. James Court, Madison WI 53715

Please submit one registration form per person only; make copies as needed.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Parish Name/Location: _____ Vicariate: _____

Pastorate Number & Name: _____

Please check those that apply:

_____ I am a member of the current MDCCW Board.

_____ I am a Regular Attendee.

_____ I am a Parish CCW President.

_____ I am past president of MDCCW.

_____ First-time Convention Attendee.

I have the following special dietary needs _____

Fee \$45.00 \$_____ First Time Attendee \$35.00 \$_____ Monday Social \$20.00 \$_____

Registration Deadline: Monday, JUNE 10, 2024. Make Checks Payable To: MDCCW.

Send Registration and Payment to Patricia Spragg, 884 Iroquois Circle, Baraboo WI 53913

If questions, email csmarklein@gmail.com or call 608-393-0880 after 5 pm.

Fee must accompany registration form. Registrations are transferrable but *not* refundable.

Enter St. James through the School doors (stairs to lower level) or through the east side entrance of church located around the corner of the church to the right of church steps. Disability access is located at this east side entrance to either the Parish Center or Church. Parking lot is across the street from school/church in the large fenced in area where basketball courts are located.

Note: Please invite your Pastorate Priest(s). Parishes/CCWs are responsible for registering and paying for their parish priest(s), religious, etc.

Conference Charity: *Babies & Beyond*. Please bring an item for Babies & Beyond. Monetary donations also accepted.

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