

NEW ULM DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN
Reflecting God's Joy
Missionary Disciples - Mission Possible
AWAKEN - ENGAGE - REFLECT - REJOICE

September & October, 2018

FALL - THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL!



***WHAT ABOUT OUR CCW GROUPS?
IS THE HARVEST PLENTIFUL?***

Can we find willing and enthused leaders and worker disciples in our parishes this coming year to carry out the harvesting of Christ's mission here on earth?

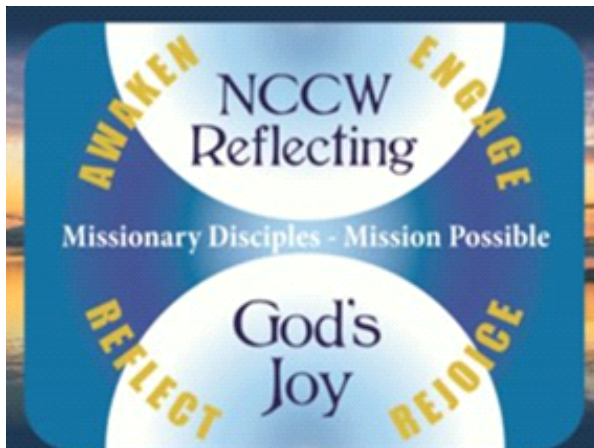
PRAYING --- LEARNING --- SERVING --- REJOICING



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION

was held in Pittsburgh, PA from August 29th to September 1st. A number of women from our diocese, along with our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor attended this worthwhile convention. We came home again ready to carry out God's work with enthusiasm and energy.

THE THEME



Attendees listening to one of the convention speakers.



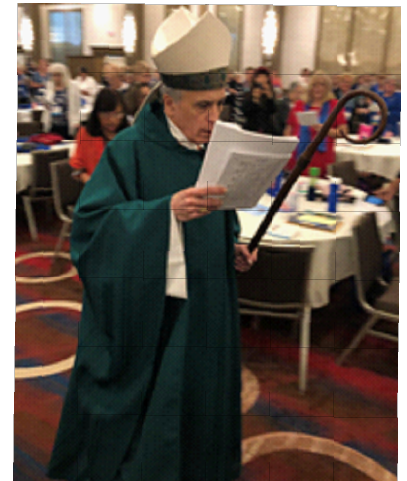
Some of the New Ulm delegation at a local restaurant enjoying a luncheon break during convention!



Principal Celebrant: His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, President of the USCCB, processing in for the Closing Liturgy.



Procession at one of the wonderful convention liturgies. Our Spiritual Advisor along with others from around the country. The first one is Fr. Miguel from the Orlando diocese followed by our Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. Gene Lozinski.



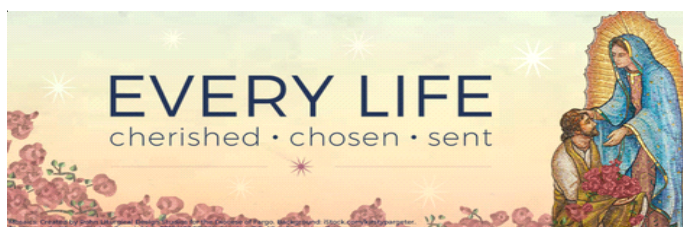
KEYNOTE SPEAKER Most Reverence Frank Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, spoke powerfully on *Disciples Called to be Joyful Signs of Contradiction in the World*. **Did you know the word HOPE appears 75 times in the Bible none out of the mouth of Jesus but 63 times from St. Paul and the reason for this is because Jesus is HOPE!** Other speakers were Gina Loehr who titled her talk "Blessed is She Who Believed": Embracing the "Impossible" Mission and Bob Rice an Associate Professor at Franciscan University in Steubenville extended his message of Joy of the Lord through speaking and music. His message - love, joy and peace always appear together. True Joy always endures!

Catholic Relief Services and Cross Catholic Outreach had representatives speaking about their work and the good they are able to do with all of the donations from NCCW members. **SO keep on promoting the Works of Peace through Catholic Relief Services and the Boxes of Joy project through Cross Catholic Outreach.** -Cross Catholic showed a video of the little children receiving their Gift Box last Christmas and it was heart-rendering. Go on www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxofJoy to find out more about the project. The closing business session of the convention ended with a delegation from Atlanta, Georgia inviting us to attend the NCCW convention to be held in Atlanta August 22-25, 2019.

SO START PLANNING TO ATTEND.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - October 7, 2018

Respect Life Theme for 2018



Respect Life Month is all of October but special emphasis is focused on the Respect Life Theme on the first Sunday in October.

Reminder - do something special in your parish to call special attention to the importance of life at all stages. Possibilities: Serve coffee and rolls after Mass, include respect life intercessions in your prayers of the faithful, make posters to emphasize the preciousness of life, hand out respect life pens or the little feet, etc.

40 Days for Life -

The 2018 Fall Campaign runs from Wed., September 26 to November 4th.

Opening Rally will be on Thursday, September 27th from 11:30 a.m.-1p.m at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in St. Cloud. The speaker will be Shawn Carney,, co-founder and National President of 40 Days for Life and responsible for growing 40 Days for Life nationally and then internationally. Proud to have him in Minnesota at the Opening Rally.

During the Campaign,, there will be praying from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the public sidewalk in front of the planned parenthood in St. Cloud. Please come join them as we all pray for an END TO ABORTION.

Please consider a time when you can possibly travel to St. Cloud to join those in prayer. Please call Judy Haag (local leader) for details. 320-453-7592 or judy4life@meltel.net

CCW RECOGNITION SUNDAY - October 14, 2018

Bishop LeVoir has proclaimed Sunday, October 14, 2018 as Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday. Please try to do something that week-end during the Masses to promote CCW and also a chance to give recognition to women in the parish for all that they do.

I have also attached the 2018 Proclamation. with this newsletter. Please print it and post in your parish church if you have not done so already.

DONATIONS TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES OR CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH



Nourish the soul. Bridge the gap between faith and action. Restore hope and human dignity. AND ease suffering around the world. When you give to either of these organizations more than 90% will go directly to those who need it most. Remember NCCW partners with Catholic Relief Services and Cross Catholic Outreach with their humanitarian efforts. **Send all donations from your CCW to the NCCW Office making the check out to NCCW and then designate where the donations are to go and they will forward to these organizations.** National Council of Catholic Women

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Saints Cosmas & Damian Feast Day - September 26th



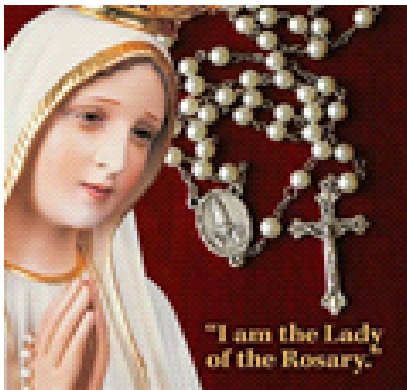
Little is known of the lives of these two saints. They were twin brothers born in Syria in the third century. They became known as "the holy moneyless ones" because they purportedly cared for the sick and did not charge a fee for their services. They were arrested during the persecution of Christians by Diocletian in 303. They suffered martyrdom and were buried in Cyrrhus, Syria. Veneration to Cosmas and Damian began almost immediately, because they were so well-known.



A church erected on the site of their burial was enlarged by the emperor Justinian. Devotion to the two saints spread rapidly in both East and West, and a famous basilica was erected in their honor in Constantinople. Their names were placed in the Roman Canon probably in the sixth century.

The feast day of these saints gives us an opportunity to thank God for the great Christian witness of such faithful twin brothers, and it also reminds us to pray for all those who give us medical care and for those who are in need of medical care, particularly those who cannot afford it.

They are patron saints of Barbers, Pharmacists, Physicians, Surgeons.



October - Month of the Holy Rosary

October has long been the month dedicated to the Rosary. Pope St. Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7th) in 1573 to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks, a victory attributed to the praying of the Rosary. While devotion to this prayer waned a bit in the years after Vatican II, interest in this long-practiced devotion is experiencing a resurgence as the faithful rediscover the beauty and spiritual benefit of this meditative practice. The name "rosary" comes from the Latin "rosarium" which means "rose garden."

The rosary has had a long history and gone through many stages of development. The use of prayer beads actually precedes the time of Christ. Hindus used them to keep track of prayers said during the day. Early monastic orders would pray the 150 psalms daily. At first they used pebbles in a small pouch in order to keep track. Later it developed into using a string of 150 knots and finally a rope with 150 beads. Members of the laity who did not necessarily know the psalms by heart or had a book to read them wanted to have a comparable version so the tradition of praying 150 "Our Fathers" was born and in time the "angelic salutation" of Gabriel was added before each "Our Father" and later on Elizabeth's greeting was added to this. Still later, the prayer of "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death" was added and the Hail Mary as we know was developed.

In the year 1214, Mary appeared to St. Dominic and encouraged him to spread devotion to the rosary. He founded a Rosary Confraternity to aid in this task and 100 years later Blessed Alan de la Roche picked up the task of promoting the rosary. He divided the rosary into 10 "Hail Mary" decades preceded by the "Our Father." In the 15th century the mysteries of the rosary were assigned to each of the decades.

In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three young shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. She declared herself to be "Our Lady of the Rosary" and repeatedly urged the children to recite the rosary daily.

In more recent times, Pope John XXIII taught that the Rosary must have a threefold purpose: "mystical contemplation, intimate reflection, and pious intention." On October 16, 2002 Pope John Paul II added a new set of five mysteries to the rosary. Known as the "Luminous Mysteries", they focus on Jesus' public ministry. Pope John Paul II wrote that "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christ-centered prayer. It has all the depth of the gospel message in its entirety.

Although the manner in which the rosary is recited has changed through hundreds of years the results of praying the rosary are still the same.

LEADERSHIP

Recently I was going through some of my old CCW files, pictures, notes, etc. and ran into this picture. It brought back memories of the many training sessions we have had through the years.

This was one of our early leadership trainings and was held at Holy Redeemer in Marshall. At most of our CCW leadership training days each year, we tried to use visuals, etc. to emphasize and help women to learn about their faith, help them recognize the important work that they do in their parishes and give them ideas for activities and events they could hold!

At this particular training, the theme was to emphasize "TEAMWORK".

The whole diocesan board was involved with this training. The members of the Diocesan Board portrayed a baseball team with each diocesan board member as a player on a baseball team serving a specific role on the team and emphasizing that a baseball team has to work together to win a game. SO, too, each of our diocesan board members served a specific role on the board, whether it was an officer, commission chair, region president, etc. and work together to provide our CCW parish groups with resources to help in accomplishing all of the activities and tasks in the parish. Each person is important and plays an important role in carrying out Christ's work here on earth whether you are an officer, commission chair, a working member or the member that prays daily for the successes of our group efforts.

THIS STILL HOLDS TRUE TODAY - EVERYONE - each member - HAS A PART TO PLAY AND IS AN IMPORTANT ASSET TO THEIR CCW GROUP!



DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANY OF THESE DIOCESAN BOARD MEMBERS?

A clue: Nancy Hanna from Redwood Falls was our NUDCCW President when this picture was taken!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTIONS



Pope's Prayer Intention for September

Universal: Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October

Evangelization: The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Bishop's Prayer Intention for September

General Intention: For favorable weather and a favorable harvest. May all of our farmers be kept safe from all harm and injury.

Bishop's Prayer Intention for October

General Intention: That many would turn to Our Blessed Mother during October, the Month of the Most Holy Rosary, asking her intercession for peace and unity in the world through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of her Son, Jesus Christ.



FROM YOUR EDITOR

Dear Sisters in Christ ---



Please do not forget to take advantage of opportunities that are available to help make serving in your positions easier - the many resources on the NCCW website and our own DCCW website.

www.nccw.org

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Take some time and explore these websites to see what would be helpful in accomplishing with your parish CCW.

Sheri Wohlfert, 2014 NCCW National Convention speaker and speaker at our 2016 DCCW Convention, had an article in the current Catholic Woman magazine. She gave some excellent tips for our faith growth. First of all before doing anything: hit the 'Pause" button and ask Jesus to enter your day.

1. PRAY EVERY DAY.
2. STUDY THE FAITH
3. ENGAGE IN PARISH LIFE
4. SERVE OTHERS' NEEDS.

WOW - aren't these good suggestions for all of us. In all that we do, please remember God being the center of our life!



We thank all of you for serving and doing your part in carrying out the work of Council in your parish. Blessings,

Donna Sanders

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