



HDCCW Happenings

Summer Edition 2021



Message from the Board

While the effects of the past year and the pandemic remain, one thing is certain, Council has remained strong. We have shown that not even a pandemic can keep us from continuing our mission.

As Councils begin to meet it is time to reignite the fire! According to Webster’s Dictionary, reignite means to begin or to burn again; to give new life or energy. One of the components in Pope Francis’ Lexicon for Ministry is Periphery- go forth from our comfort zone!! If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we can succeed and flourish when we go outside our comfort zone.

“A strong woman is a woman determined to do something others are determined not to do.” – Marge Piercy. As we begin to meet in person and plan events and programs, each time let us ask ourselves “what’s the worst that will happen?” Then push yourself a little further.

The HDCCW wishes you the best as you begin to start the Council year. Please know that you are in our prayers for a successful year. We stand ready to support you in any way possible.

In this “new normal”, we have seen a new era for Council. May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless us and guide us as we continue this wonderful work.

Steps to Ignite the Fire in Our Councils



Many Councils are getting ready to reconvene and begin to meet in person once again. This can be an exciting time of renewal and growth for your organization and the women who serve it. However, it can also be a time of uncertainty and “how do we get back into the groove?”

These steps can assist you and your members to regain the level of excitement each one had when they became a member of the CCW.

- ▶ **Renew your focus** -- What is the mission/goal? Remind the members of what you are collectively accomplishing and why it matters.
- ▶ **Reinvigorate the vision**--Return to the original vision periodically. This reminder reengages people emotionally and reestablishes their sense of purpose and vision.
- ▶ **Motivation**--Understand what motivates each individual member.
- ▶ **Learn**--Step away from the issue and examine it objectively. What can you learn that can fuel future success? See the silver lining in possibly an “out of the box” idea(s).
- ▶ **Creativity**--Create some team spirit with a social event, tea, or activity, which everyone can participate in.
- ▶ **Input**--Conduct a team workshop and ask for input from members on how to improve/move forward. Encourage ANY ideas presented.
- ▶ **Team Effort**--Conduct a team-building exercise or icebreaker– something requiring cooperation to succeed, as well as foster pride on completion.
- ▶ **Celebrate**--Celebrate the greatness of all your Council has accomplished and can continue to accomplish. Sincerely celebrating a positive accomplishment, no matter how big or small, can recharge the members.

Calling all cooks!!



We are interested in savory and sweet recipes to share in future issues. Email a favorite of yours to HDCCWHappenings@gmail.com

Remember to include your name and parish.



HDCCW Grant Program

Does your council need money to restart or to pay NCCW affiliation dues this fall? Remember that financial help is available through the HDCCW Grant Program. To apply for funding or to answer any questions regarding eligibility, contact Nancy Bauer, HDCCW Treasurer, at hdccwtreasurer@gmail.com.



October is Council Month

Join us as we Celebrate with the CCW

Traditionally, October is Council Recognition Month and is a perfect opportunity to introduce all Catholic women to the Council of Catholic Women and invite them to learn more about us – who we are and what we do.

Please check out our website: hdccw.webs.com for suggestions on ways to promote your Council and to celebrate with us during the month of October.

Parish Council NEWS

Parish councils are encouraged to publicize their upcoming **fall events**. Make your plans and send them to us at: HDCCWHappenings@gmail.com. **Deadline for the next Issue is August 14, 2021.**

Mark Your Calendars

Fall Mini Retreat	September 25	St. Catherine Laboure Church
Boxes of Joy	October 30	Project Leader Kit Order Deadline
HDCCW Baby Shower	November 6	Diocesan Center

Membership Prayer



Prayer for the Membership of the Council of Catholic Women

Lord, we thank You for the countless blessings You have bestowed on the Council of Catholic Women. We thank You for the many gifted women who have served, and those who continue to serve their family, parish, and community.

We pray for the graces we need to be courageous and loving leaders in the Church. We pray that the CCW will continue to grow and thrive through the generosity of our members and all who support our Mission.

Lord, we ask for Your guidance, to guide us in supporting, empowering, and educating Catholic women throughout our Diocese so that we may be an active voice in our parish and community.

May we always use the gifts obtained to build up Your Kingdom as we reach out and connect with Catholic women of all ages.

We ask all these things through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness of the Council of Catholic Women. Amen.

Favorite Name for Christ



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5

If there is one thing we learned during the pandemic, it is how interconnected we all are. We are not as autonomous as we imagined. And that's a good thing! We were not created to be self-sufficient but created to live connected to God and to each other.

The following is a list of biblical citations that appear in the New Testament and contain names and titles of Christ. Be one of the first 10 individuals to complete and submit your responses to hdccwhappenings@gmail.com to win a prize. Be sure to identify yourself!

Revelation 1:8; 22:13
 John 6:35
 Matthew 13:55
 Luke 23:35
 I Timothy 1:15; Colossians 1:1
 John 10:11, 14
 Hebrews 3:1; 4:14; 7:26
 Acts 2:27
 John 1:29, 37

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Spirituality Corner

We recently celebrated the
Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16th.

The Blessed Mother appeared at Mount Carmel to St. Simon Stock. Most notable about Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the institution of the scapular.

On July 16, 1251, St. Simon, a priest in the Carmelite religious order, was on his way to the Holy Land. The group decided to stop to pray on Mount Carmel. It was during that prayer that Mary appeared to St. Simon. She appeared holding Jesus as a child in one arm.

On her other arm, she held a scapular. This is a long piece of sleeveless cloth worn by Carmelites in the Carmelite religious order. She promised that all those who wear this cloth and follow Christ faithfully will be brought by Our Lady into heaven at their deaths.

The lay scapular consists of a necklace-like cord that is worn around the neck, with a badge on each end resting on one's chest and back. The badges contain brown wool similar to the Carmelite habit. The wearer agrees to live a faithful life and pray the Rosary. In return, he or she receives the grace of being ushered into heaven by Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

In order to be eligible for the scapular promise, one must be enrolled in the Brown Scapular Confraternity. This is a simple ceremony which can be performed by any priest. The members of the Confraternity have the added benefit of sharing in all the spiritual benefits of the Carmelite Order.

The scapular must be 100% wool without plastic casing and should not be pinned or affixed to clothing. It is worn over the head, under one's clothes, with one square of wool hanging on the chest and the other on the back.



Spiritual Adoption Update

RESPONSES TO OUR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Our spiritually adopted babies are now five months old. They are 12 inches long and weigh about one pound. The mommies can now feel them kick and move around. Beginning on July 29th, those individuals who joined the program will be getting the six month old development of their adopted babies.

The Commissions for Legislation/Respect Life, Family Concerns and Community Concerns have been receiving many positive responses to this program. The following are some of these:

- 1) Great idea! I'm joining.
- 2) This is an awesome program.
- 3) Thanks for the monthly developments.
- 4) Joy, Peace and Blessings.
- 5) Praying that my Maria will not be aborted.
- 6) Precious bundle.
- 7) God Bless All who are praying.
- 8) Precious gift from God.
- 9) I continue to pray for Gabrielle Marie.
- 10) Thank you. Praying for this precious child.

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HDCCW Fall Mini Retreat "Joined in Our Faith"

Date:
September 25, 2021

Location:
St. Catherine Laboure Church
4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg
8:15a.m.-2:00p.m.



SAVE THE DATE

Please plan on joining the women of HDCCW for a day of prayer, Mass, workshops, food, and fellowship.
Registration information will be available shortly.