**“I was especially edified by the example of**

HARRISBURG DIOCESAN

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



**Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel**

God of heavenly wisdom, You have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus to be our guide and counselor. Grant that

we may always seek her Motherly help in this life, and so enjoy Her blessed presence in the life to come.

O Mother of Good Counsel, Patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, intercede for us that we may be wise, courageous and loving leaders

of the Church. Help us, dear Mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your Son.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God’s creation and compassion for all God’s children.

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.

Amen.

**your deep faith and love of the Eucharist. I am**

**greatly impressed by the breadth and depth of**

**the work of the Council, at the parish level, the**

**diocesan level and world-wide.***”*

 ~ Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer

 Bishop of Harrisburg

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**SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION**

Membership is open to all women of the Harrisburg Diocese 18 years & older. It provides a network of support through affiliated parish Council of Catholic Women organizations. The Council offers opportunities for personal faith growth, and promotes Catholic values through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

District Councils of Catholic Women representing the 44 parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg:

**CONEWAGO-** Annunciation BVM, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph, St. Joseph the Worker, St. Vincent de Paul

**CUMBERLAND‐PERRY-** Good Shepherd, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, St. Joseph, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Patrick, St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus

**DAUPHIN-** Holy Name of Jesus, Prince of Peace, Seven Sorrows BVM, St. Catherine Laboure, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

**LANCASTER-** Mary Mother of the Church, St. Peter, Columbia, St. Peter, Elizabethtown

**LEBANON-** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Gate of Heaven, Sacred Heart, St. Joan of Arc, St. Paul the Apostle

**NORTHERN-** Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Columba, St. Joseph, Berwick, St. Joseph, Milton

**NORTHUMBERLAND-** Divine Redeemer, Our Lady Help of Christians, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission

**SETON-** Corpus Christi, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Ignatius Loyola

Y**ORK**- Holy Infant, St. Joseph, St. Mary’s

 

**Church**

*Assist women on their journey to greater faith, hope and charity as they strive to imitate Jesus Christ and Our Blessed Mother Mary in their daily lives*

**Annual Weekend Retreat**

 June

 Mount Saint Mary’s

 Emmitsburg, Maryland

**Annual Convention**

 ***Cardinal Keeler Center***

***Union Deposit, Pennsylvania***

**SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Community Concerns**

*family life within the Church and society; preserve and protect the sanctity of marriage; promote vocations*

**Hispanic Apostolate / Migrant** Ministry *provide funding through our Hispanic Apostolate/Migrant Ministry collection*

**International Concerns**

*promote and support works of peace and justice globally; educate Council on worldwide issues**Catholic Relief Services, Water for Life, Madonna Plan, Help-A-Child*

**LEADERSHIP COMMISSION**

**Legislation / Respect Life**

*Addressing issues such as Dignity and Sanctity of*

*Life; Integrity of the Environment; Immigration Reform; and Health Care*

**Organization**

*Supporting the Council in our Parish and District*

*providing resources in order to fulfill our goals*

**Public Relations** *promoting the Council**of Catholic Women organization – events and programs*

**Special Diocesan Activities Fund (SDA)**

Mission Statement

*“To support, empower and educate all Catholic*

*women in spirituality, leadership and service;*

*to inspire while promoting Gospel values in a constantly changing world.”*