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President's Message

Greeting Ladies,

All I can say is THANK YOU!! It has been a great 4 years and an honor to serve as your HDCCW President.

It was fitting that our theme for our convention was *“Be God’s Hands On Earth.”* If the last two years has taught us anything, it has taught us that we can do anything we set our minds to do. We must continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus now more than ever. This means stepping out of our comfort zone and stepping out in faith and with God’s grace. He truly equips, empowers, and entrusts us to participate in his ministry and the mission of the CCW.

We have accomplished so much despite the challenges of the last 2 years by embracing new initiatives, designing the CCW for future generations. I am proud to say that we brought the Council into a new era. Our mission is service, and we are now recognizing our young adults and Council sisters for their service to the church and community with the Golden Rose and Our Lady of Good Counsel Awards. We began to communicate with all of you more through various methods (YouTube, website, Zoom, grant program, and newsletter). Our weekly Rosary, walks and spiritual adoption brought us together during this difficult time and our followers continue to grow in these programs.

I would like to thank the Executive Board and all HDCCW Board members for their support and dedication. I would also like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to the Council of Catholic Women. The Council is successful not because of one person, but because of each and every one of you. As women, we are especially called to be the hands of Jesus wherever we go.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Diocesan President. Please continue the great work in your Councils. Congratulations to the new Executive Board, may Our Lady of Good Counsel guide them to continue moving our mission forward.

May God bless you, and Our Lady of Good Counsel keep you. Please continue to pray for each other, as I continue to pray for all of you.

-submitted by Alycia Laureti

Spiritual Advisor's Message

I recently read an article about a man who worked on Wall Street for a number of years and did very well financially. He was on a trip to Europe with a group of friends, and some of them decided to take a side trip to Medjugorje. He went along, but when he got there, the hotel arrangements were not what he was expecting. So he made up his mind the he was going to leave the next day. He went to sleep that night and had the most comfortable and peaceful sleep he had had in years. So he decided to stay for a few days. The following day he had this inclination to go to confession. His mother was a very faithful Catholic and had been praying for years for him to come back to the church. It took him a day or so, to work up the courage – but he finally went to confession. His life changed forever after that.

He came back to the states, and after some time had passed, he decided to leave his job. He wanted to take some time to discern as to what he should do with the rest of his life. He finally did enter the seminary and is now a priest in a southern diocese. He credits his vocation to the prayers of his Mother, and the Blessed Mother who led him to Her son, as She always does. It was through Her, that Jesus came into the world. She now tries to bring those in the world to Her Son.

May is a wonderful time to increase our devotion and reverence to the Blessed Mother. Our earthly mothers can and do impact our lives in such a wonderful way. Our Blessed Mother can do the same in each one of us, on a spiritual level. Some of the ways to increase our devotion to Our Lord is to pray Her prayers – the rosary, the Memorare and the litanies. Read about Her and Her approved apparitions. Consecrate yourself to Her. Ask Her to give you a heart like Hers - one that is pure, humble, cheerful and trusting.

-submitted by Reverend Edward Keating

Congratulations to all



*Installation of HDCCW Officers for 2022-2024
(shown from R-L)*

Jeanne Warren	President
Terri Gelles	Vice-President
Linda Hartzell	Secretary
Linda Melenchek	Treasurer



**Our Lady of
Good Counsel
Award**

*Jeanne Warren
2022 Recipient*



The HDCCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award recognizes a woman in the Diocese who has made a significant contribution at any level of Council.

Jeanne Warren, our 2022 recipient, is a member of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Middletown. She has demonstrated her generosity and support by serving in many capacities of leadership. Her willingness to assist in any way necessary to further the mission of CCW is a testimony to her leadership. Yes, she has held office at all levels of council, but more importantly, she leads by example. Congratulations, Jeanne!

HDCCW Scholarship Awards



Yhnu Tran- \$1,000
St. Catherine Labouré Parish

Cassandra Lanza \$500 St. Katharine Drexel Parish

Hannah Fletcher \$500 Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

The Scholarship Committee appreciates the generosity of all our Parish CCW's that donated the beautiful baskets for the Silent Auction at Convention. The proceeds from the auction benefit the HDCCW Scholarship Fund.

Golden Rose Award



The intent of the Golden Rose Award is to recognize a young woman in the Diocese who has made a significant contribution to her parish and community in service and leadership. HDCCW is pleased to announce and congratulate our first award recipient.

*Monica Fazzolari
St. Margaret Mary Parish
2022 Recipient*



Commission Corner

Family Concerns

Last April 10th, after a major family event, my sister (who lives 100 miles away) and my brother and I went on a hike followed by brunch. I later learned that April 10th was "Siblings Day". What a blessing to spend a few hours alone with my siblings who are usually working or caring for other family members. We hope to make this an annual event. If you have siblings, consider reserving some time with them on Siblings Day or a date of your choice.

Two additional family dates are coming up...Pope Francis has established the fourth Sunday of every July (7/25/2022) to honor grandparents and the elderly saying

"Grandparents are the indispensable link educating children and young people in the faith."



If you have grandchildren or young family members, this is a good opportunity to invite them to Mass and discuss your faith.

The Harrisburg Diocese is hosting the Golden Anniversary Mass on July 10th at Good Shepherd Church in Camp Hill at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed! Contact Terri Rosenstein at tlrose48@comcast.net if you can help during the day of the event. This is also a chance to congratulate long-term married couples and to listen to their experiences.

And remember..."what can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

- submitted by Terri Gelles and Linda Melenchek
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Community Concerns



Warmest thanks to everyone who brought baby items for the Infant and Toddler Collection at the Convention. Your generosity was wonderful! The items were adorable and will be so appreciated by the mothers! Christopher Meehan, Director of Development for Catholic Charities, was grateful for all the donations and took them to Lourdeshouse Maternity Home last week.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated the beautiful Prayer Shawls at Convention. The shawls were given to ladies in attendance who had asked for one for themselves or friends who are facing health challenges. Your lovely handmade knitted or crocheted Prayer Shawls will wrap the recipients with love and prayers and bring them comfort!

**May God Bless You
for sharing your generous hearts!**

-submitted by Kathy Kokoski and Debbie VanNoy
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"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Ps. 51:10

District Corner

NORTHERN DISTRICT 2022 REPORT Activities from September 2021 to April 2022

Boxes of Joy

Filled Baby bottles with change for Birthright

Filled Jared Boxes (Plastic Shoe boxes) for Evangelical Hospital for children

Prayer Shawls

Money for Cow or Goat for a family in Nicaragua

Extraordinary Ministers

Senior Award (Scholarship) for Senior Girl

Clean Church & Meeting Room

200 Club to raise money for Senior Award

Help at Fish Fry

Cancelled stamps to Sisters at Notre Dame

Confirmation Brunch

Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Made Little Dresses in Africa

Made Teddy Bears for Birthright & Manna (for poor families)

Card Fronts for St. Jude Children's Ranch

Help with Socials at Churches

Collection for HOPE Fund after Masses

Rummage Sale

Plastic Mat Project for Sister Church in Haiti

Morning of Reflection in preparation for Lent

Adopt Nuns at St. Cyril and Methodious

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Poinsettias for Christmas for homebound

Flowers for Homebound at Easter

Christmas Bake Sale/Raffle for High School Scholarship

-submitted by Marge Schmader, District President

My Favorite Saint



My favorite Saint and the one that stands out for me is a lesser known one, the mother of our Blessed Mother Mary – **Saint Anne**. Her Feast Day is July 26, born 50 BC.

She and her husband Joachim lived in Nazareth and prayed to God to bless them with a child after many years of childlessness. It is believed that they were visited by an angel who promised them a child who would be born of Immaculate Conception. Following the birth of Mary, Anne dedicated her to God's service.

The New Testament does not offer any details about Anne. What we know about her is rooted in tradition handed down by the church. Anne acquired sainthood centuries later. My chosen Confirmation name was Saint Anne.

-submitted by Harriet Glass

*“Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew,
like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.” Deut.32:2*

Meet a Board Member

Bonnie Finnerty

Scholarship Committee Co-chair

I am fairly new to both the Board and CCW. I had always admired the good work of the CCW so about 2 years ago I finally joined our council.

Raised in Scranton, I moved to Harrisburg in 1992 so that my husband could attend law school. We've been married almost 35 years and have five children, ages 34-18, and four delightful grandchildren.

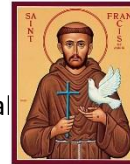
I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Secondary Education and a Master of Science degree in Reading from the University of Scranton. For many years I taught middle and high school in both public and parochial schools. My first teaching job, though, was at a Bais Yaakov, an all-girls Orthodox Jewish school. It was a wonderful experience, and the Lord had reasons for leading me there. That job led to a full-time contract in Cumberland Valley School District when we moved here!

I left teaching to be home with my children. I began teaching Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and then became Director of Religious Education at Saint Margaret Mary's where I am a parishioner. In that position, I grew deeper in my faith and met so many beautiful people. I am always delighted to run into former students who are now young adults.

After homeschooling our youngest for two years and then sending him to Bishop McDevitt, I began discerning my next chapter. For about a year I prayed before the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord to lead me where he wanted me to go. A position for Education Director at the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation opened and I applied.

I have been working there part-time for three years, with the mission of educating the public on the three key issues: abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. I love what I do and pray that we will see the end to abortion in our lifetime.

I am currently a member of the Saint Margaret Mary Parish Pastoral Council, serve as an extraordinary minister, lead a Date Night committee, and am on the Respect Life Committee. I love to exercise, dance, read, and cook, but most of all, I love spending time with my family.



International Commission Co-chair

Born and raised in Johnstown, PA, I moved to the Harrisburg area after college. I currently live in New Cumberland and am a member of Saint Theresa of the Infant Jesus Parish. I have been married to my husband, JD, for 24 years and we currently have four cats. I anxiously await his retirement so we can travel more often.

I serve in various leadership capacities with CCW. I am currently the President of both my PCCW and Cumberland-Perry District, and I serve on the HDCCW Board.

My attendance at the NCCW National Convention a few years ago in Pittsburgh proved to be full of surprises for me. It was here that I first met the ladies of the HDCCW Board who so graciously took me under their wing. Through their kindness, knowledge, and joy, I felt like I made friends for life. This is the organization I want to be associated with. It was there that I was asked to become a member of the HDCCW board and join the International Commission. As fate would have it, one of the vendors was Cross Catholic Outreach. This began our commission's association with the Boxes of Joy program.

I volunteer with Contact Helpline and currently serve as its Board President.

“Why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.”

Matthew 6:28-29

HDCCW Convention 2022



President Laureti with representatives from Greensburg Province



President Laureti and Emily Jaminet



Madeline Tymes, representing Knights of Saint Peter Claver, Philadelphia

Jeanne Warren, Convention Chair



Board members Gigi Luto, Bonnie Onomastico, Kathy Wingert

HDCCW Convention 2022



Emily Jaminet, Keynote Speaker



Board member Marie-Bernadette Plum, Workshop Presenter



Delegates from Seven Sorrows Parish



Gigi Luto selling basket raffle tickets



Conewago District ladies assist at Registration

*SAVE THE DATE
April 16, 2023
97th Annual Convention
Diocesan Center Harrisburg*

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Program Cover



**(l-r) Board member Patricia Fraley
Past President Marge Schmader**



First time attendees

Additional convention photos can be found on our website.

Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Art Contest.

Angelina's first place artwork was used as the Convention program cover.

Thank you to all student participants.

First Place



Angelina Lee

Trinity High School
Grade 11
Good Shepherd Parish

Second Place



Jessica Dick

Bishop McDevitt High School
Grade 10
Saint Patrick's Cathedral

Third Place



Peyton Currie

Bishop McDevitt High School
Grade 11
Saint Catherine Laboure Parish

Weekend Retreat



The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the Tenth Annual Weekend Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Retreat begins on Friday evening, June 10th until noon on Sunday, June 12, 2022. Our Retreat Master is Monsignor William King, Vice Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary. The registration deadline is May 23. [Registration forms are available on our website.](#)

<http://hdccw.webs.com/retreat>

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HDCCW Weekly Rosary Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Special Days

June 2022:

June 19th - Father's Day

July 2022:

Social Wellness Month

July 4th - Independence Day

July 17th - National Ice Cream Day

August 2022:

August 15th - Relaxation Day



"Love Our Lady and make her loved; always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible."

-Saint Padre Pio

Join us either via Zoom or by phone using the information below.

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