

Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
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Welcome to Spring!

Spring tends to awaken newness all around us with the Season of Lent offering a new awakening to our spirit and its growth. Let us thank our priests the many opportunities for us to be washed clean through the sacrament of Reconciliation. For the forgiveness that only our Lord can give. Lenten sacrifices and goals can be sustained as well as an ongoing transformation into devoted disciples.

Our council has many challenges and tasks before us for the year 2022-2023. We held the election for the office of Province Director consisting of three candidates considered and admired for lives given to serving in ways that conform with the council mission statement and guidelines of the Church. It took time to fill each of the offices for the SDCCW Board, Committees and Commissions. Our roster of contacts including the national, province, diocesan, deanery and parish levels is just one of the needed changes. We are revising the Guidance and Resource Manual to make the wording more understandable and clarify intended meaning to the many sections that lay out the rules, procedures and descriptions that formulate our councils. Our commissioners and committee chairs provide pertinent input for our knowledge and spiritual growth. We learned from our Respect Life Commissioner that an open hand with thumb folded across the palm alerts you that the individual is in trouble, needing help.

We will continue to sponsor some charities with monetary contributions to help meet their needs. One woman will be honored as the recipient of the Pax Christie Award from a group of five finalists. For the second year, ten young women of our diocese will be recognized for their committed faith with the Golden Rose Award. Mr. Hennesy makes it possible with his contribution for four post high school scholars to continue their education.

The June 19 and 20, 2023 convention theme is "Preparing for the Journey Home." This may seem unusual for a convention but are we not here "to know him, love him and serve Him in this life and be happy with Him in the next?" Every minute, every breath needs to have that goal, that theme in our minds and hearts lived out in our daily lives. We can become holy as He is holy, "for nothing is impossible with God."

The love, generosity and kindness at the heart of our women is proved out in the reception we received from the ladies of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Weyerhaeuser with the beautiful reception at our deanery meeting in February. St. Joseph's CCW stepped up to host and assist us in the many duties necessary to plan the 2023 convention and St. Peter's CCW of Winter hosted our diocesan Feb. 14, 2023 at Radisson. These parish women are what epitomizes women of God, living out their lives in His service. They have learned the value of "treating others as you would like to be treated."

May the giving of self, which is evident, in the women of CCW throughout Wisconsin continue to help us grow in virtue and increase our membership.

Love & Prayers,
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