

## “Council News”

### Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Affiliate of the National CCW / [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)

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Dear Sisters in Christ,

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love!*

Please be aware that we will have our **SDCCW Annual Meeting** on Wednesday, September 18, at the Center for Ministry. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend! Details further in the newsletter.

Our next **Detroit Province CCW Convention** (includes every diocese in Michigan) is being planned for April 25-26, 2025, in Grand Rapids! Many of you remember the wonderful times that we had in Clare, Ann Arbor, and Frankenmuth. We are moving the location to another part of the state so that those on the “sunset side” will be our hostesses. Much planning goes into this event, and I hope you will quickly mark your calendar and plan to bring a carload of friends! We have three speakers arranged already and have our banquet program committed. It will be a grand event that you will not want to miss!!!

Check out our Province website: [www.dpccw-mi.com](http://www.dpccw-mi.com) This contains information from each diocese in Michigan (excluding Marquette).

If you know of anyone that **would like to join** the Council of Catholic Women, please have them contact me for details.

We are **in need** of an SDCCW Spirituality Commission Chairwoman! If you feel you could be called to this opportunity, please give me a call or email for details. We also need a Leadership Commission Chair to complete our three commissions (Spirituality, Leadership, Service).

God bless you and all the wonderful work that you do in helping others through your service as a CCW member! We invite all Catholic women to join our organization!



May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us!

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**Past SDCCW Events:**

Our **Women’s Lenten Silent Retreat** was held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. Dr. Dan Osborn was our retreat leader with the theme of: *Bride and Branch: Growing Closer to the Lord*. Seventy-five women attended from around the Diocese. Our generous attendees donated \$255 to Emmaus House and \$232 to the Walking With Moms in Need program. The SDCCW also made a \$200 donation to Christ’s Mission Appeal in lieu of a stipend for Dr. Dan.

The **East Region Council of Catholic Women** held their Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 11, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Ubly. ER President, Rose Lilly, presented a talk with the title of “I Have Loved You Since Forever.” This talk was based on a book written by Hoda Kotb. Fr. Nate Harburg, pastor at Ubly, shared about his recent trip to Spain. The rosary was prayed, Mass was celebrated, and lunch was served as usual. These meetings are open to any woman of the Diocese. We would love to have many guests attend!

**SDCCW Coming Events:**

Our **SDCCW Annual Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, September 18, at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30. We will have a special representative from a MidMichigan Honor Flight tour that will tell about her recent trip to Washington, DC with her sister veterans. Erin Looby Carlson will also be with us again and will share some of her experiences at the Eucharistic Congress in Indy.

**All women of the Diocese are invited to attend!** For reservations, call Rita (989-635-7072) or Joyce (989-875-2650) by September 15. Members, \$12; non-members, \$14 (incl. lunch).

The **East Region** will have a Fall Meeting in October. The date has not been set, but notices will be sent out as soon as details are firmed up.

The SDCCW wishes to **thank Valerie Fischer** for acting as our Spirituality Commission Chair for many years. She recently accepted the nomination to be the East Region Treasurer, and she has given up her chair position with the SDCCW. Thank you, Valerie, for your constant dedication to the Council of Catholic Women!! Valerie has attended many National conventions, has been the ER President, and is a valuable member of our group with much experience and dedication. We love you, Valerie!

## News from the SDCCW Commissions--

### Service Commission Report

*Ann Lukshaitis, Chairwoman*

Hello SDCCW Sisters in Christ!!

It's August already! Please keep our CCW Sisters in your prayers this week as they attend our National Convention in Oklahoma City (August 13 – 17, 2024). At our National Convention, the Service Commission has two main areas of focus: religious orders and domestic violence.

The Service Commission is encouraging us to contact or read about a religious order we are not familiar with. I thought right away of two (the Felician Sisters who took care of my cousin in Livonia and the Religious at the Eagle's Nest in Oxford).

The Commission is challenging us to learn an Order's history, its founder, and its focus. What have been some of their experiences in dedicated service to their order, their parishes, their communities, and to our Heavenly Father?

When our Saginaw Diocesan CCW meets again, I am going to bring the results of my inquiries. I encourage you to do the same. We can share with each other what we've learned about the religious orders near and dear to us.

Blessings!

### Spirituality Commission Report

Our prayer effort for an increase of religious vocations in the Saginaw Diocese includes the recitation of this following prayer. Our 3-point initiative is **Beg – Form – Call**. Please pray this now as you read this newsletter . . .

#### **Memorare**

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you. O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer me. Amen.*

### Other News!

The **Michigan Catholic Women's Conference** will be held on October 12, 2024, at the Lansing Center in Lansing, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The theme is: *Be Loved, Be Radiant*. Even though this is not a CCW event, it is a wonderful day of spiritual enrichment that we encourage! Visit our DPCCW vendor table at the Conference!

## Affiliate News

### Christian Mothers & Women Holy Apostles Parish, Ruth

The purpose of our organization is to help each other bring up children in true Christian family life, assist the Pastor in maintaining the altars, provide the necessities of the sanctuaries according to the resources, and provide programs for the benefit of the parish.

Annual Easter and Christmas “Outreach program”: includes sending cards to parishioners in nursing homes and delivering fruit baskets to the elderly and homebound; sew and quilt baby quilts for the newborns of the parish and cut and embroider baptismal gowns to be worn by the infants during Baptism; prepare the food and serve the families of our parishioners who have passed away after their funeral; weekly soup suppers are prepared and served during Lent; Giving Tree at Christmas; and serve refreshments for the parish graduating seniors after Mass.

Fundraisers include: annual parish “Mama Ruth Picnic” where items are donated including quilts, rag rugs, etc. for the raffle; various bake sales and craft shows; cutting, sewing and selling of rag rugs; and the sale of making homemade apple pies.

Submitted by President: Linda Schumacher, Christian Mothers & Women of Holy Apostles Parish (member of the East Region CCW, Saginaw Diocesan CCW and National CCW)

#### *List of SDCCW officers—*

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## DPCCW

The **Detroit Province CCW Convention** will be at the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel on April 25-26, 2025! The hotel is conveniently located near the freeway so it will be easy to get to. Registration material will be out at the end of the year. If you or your CCW parish affiliate would like to advertise in our program book, we will have an opportunity for that! More details will come via emails. Be sure that you open the CCW email communications and check out the Province website (see pg. 1).

**NCCW News—**

If you are an NCCW Individual Member or a President of an Affiliate parish, you should be receiving emails from Nat'l about projects, happenings, voting, monthly newsletter, etc.

**If you are not getting email communications from NCCW, please, please let me know!**

We need to keep everyone in the loop!

*Since NCCW membership for affiliate parishes and Individual Members is no longer based on the calendar year, it's important that you check your emails for your renewal notice from Nat'l. Remember to check your spam folder too, just in case!*

The NCCW **Rosary Calls** are on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month. To participate, all you have to do is call in to the Free Conference Call number, you will be put on mute, and you will pray with the leaders. Let Rita know if you do not get a reminder email with the phone number.

The NCCW **Member Calls** are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. (ET). You can watch the Zoom call after it has happened by logging in to your account on the NCCW website, [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org).

The **NCCW 2024 convention** is being held in Oklahoma City this week on August 13-17. The theme is: *Called to an Encounter with Jesus*. We have nationally-known speakers, wonderful liturgies, commission presentations, a lovely banquet, and more!

Remember that the **Catholic Woman magazine**, which comes out quarterly, has a great wealth of information for its members!

