

# THE CHANNEL

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## NCCW MISSION STATEMENT

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## DCCW PRESIDENT

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St. Augustine Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)

President Message

### National Council of Catholic Women

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Welcome everyone to the latest edition of the DCCW Channel. Your resource for everything happening or upcoming events with your Councils of Catholic Women in many parishes across our Diocese. The Channel is shared with every priest in our diocese. I hope you will take the time to study it, to see the impact your Sisters in Christ are having on your church and community and have a conversation with your priests about “What Can We Do Better?” Your Sisters in Christ are movers and shakers, dedicated to their parish, community and to each other.

We are fast approaching our 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual DCCW Convention in Marywood on April 12 – 14, 2024. You should all have received the convention packet consisting of the Convention Registration, Hotel Registration and Convention Ad form. I pray you will take the Convention Ad form to various businesses, churches or other affiliations so they can continue to support your councils. This will help us defray the cost of publication.

Our convention theme this year is “Hearts for the Harvest “- Bringing Souls to the Lord. The upcoming National Eucharistic Revival has gained so much momentum that our world will be transformed. We are called by our Most Reverend Bishop Erik Pohlmeier, to pursue evangelization with a zeal as none before. Matthew 9:35 “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few”. This is the will of our Lord when he was filled with compassion for all the troubled people who sought him out. This is what he is asking us to do. As strong women of faith, let us take up this challenge as we have multiple opportunities to share the gospel with many diverse people within our sphere of influence.

Our convention hosts - St. Augustine/St. Johns River Deanery - have been planning and constructing to make this a memorable convention. Our Keynote Speaker will be Father Sebastian Garcia speaking to us about the Eucharist. We are planning other diverse speakers and many fun activities. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

## Holy Faith:

In late summer we began pulling together a Memorial Book for Holy Faith Church. The book is a memory book of all the funerals that Holy Faith has hosted. That Memorial Book was processed up to the Altar at the beginning of our All Souls Mass on 11/2. As part of the Mass families who have lost loved ones get to bring a candle up to altar as their name is called. We assisted with lighting and passing out candles and bringing up candles for those who could not carry one.



We made a small donation for Water for Life this year and since then have been gathering loose change at each meeting.

On December 20<sup>th</sup> one of our members hosted a wonderful Holiday Party of us. Thank you, Judy and Mike Lukowski.



We sold \$50 worth of Belk Tickets

Beginning January 27<sup>th</sup>, we are holding our Hugs for the Homeless Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each of 12 for \$10. Tickets are available after each Mass through 2/11/24. The winner will be announced on Monday 2/12.

This fall we will be hosting a spaghetti dinner for Holy Faith Families after the 5pm. Details to come.

## St. Patrick's:

St. Patrick's held a Thanksgiving pie sale and raised \$700 for Hugs for the Homeless. We presold more than 40 pies.



We collected more than 400 coats and socks for homeless. These were distributed to Grace Marketplace. GRACE opened on May 5, 2014, and has become a one-stop shop for people without housing, providing food, shelter, and services aimed to end homelessness.

We are planning a retreat for March 9th at St. Madeleine's in High Springs, with Sisters of St. Joseph as the speakers.

We continue to help our Knights of Columbus at their annual Gator Nationals fundraiser. We are having a fun night of Friday Bingo once a month.

We are looking forward to helping the underserved with their dental and medical needs by volunteering out time supporting the FreeDOM clinic.

## St. Francis Xavier:

Collected over \$2000 for Water for Life.

Distributed Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts to needy in their community.

Hosted Christmas crafts for the children and held an Epiphany party.

Are now weekly serving coffee and donuts.

Plans for helping Knights with Fish Fry dinners.

Will sponsor casserole breakfast to raise funds for Hugs for the Homeless. Considering a Mardi Gras or St. Patrick's Day parish celebration. Report on file.





All our Affiliations have been busy as you will see in the articles following.

Please join us on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for our annual morning of reflection.

**Join North Jax Deanery**  
**Saturday, March 2, 2024 11am to 2pm for**  
**Adoration and Stations of the Cross**  
**at the Historic Riverside**  
**St. Paul's Catholic Church**  
**2609 Park Street, Jacksonville**

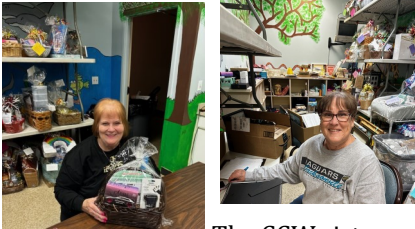
**Lunch following \$12.00 per person RSVP by February 22nd to Robin Conley at 904.314.4959**  
**or [jrjconley@gmail.com](mailto:jrjconley@gmail.com)**

**Payment options:**

**Check payable to NJD mailed to: Robin Conley 2128 Herschel St Jax 32204 or**  
**Venmo: [@Robin-Conley-3](https://venmo.com/@Robin-Conley-3)**

Hope to see you all on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and then at our 93<sup>rd</sup> annual DCCW Convention.

Diane Bilodeau



Sacred Heart Jacksonville  
Council of Catholic Women  
Report to North Jax Deanery



The CCW sisters of Sacred Heart have been hard at work as always.

Since our last report, we delivered approximately 30lbs of aluminum pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. The staff were very appreciative and gave us a brief tour of the facility. Our service chair is now encouraging us for our next service project to collect paper towels for Catholic Charities and collect funds for the parish St. Vincent DePaul ministry.

Our members continue to support the Women's Help Center with diapers. Our Silent Auction Team has also delivered 2 car loads of baby items to the Nest and the Women's Help Center.



Speaking of the Silent Auction team, they have been hard at work collecting items and making beautiful baskets, over 200, for Sacred Heart's Spring Carnival's (sponsored by our CCW) Silent Auction on March 8th-10th. Come join us! There will be food, fun, entertainment and chances to win beautiful baskets and gift certificates. Our carnival chair, Susan Pritchett and team, have been hard at work now for months. Because of their hard work and dedication, the carnival is always a success and a fun time for the parish.

We sponsored a trunk for the Sacred Heart School's Trunk or Treat in late October. The trunk was decorated with pumpkins, some which were painted at our October meeting. Our trunk or treat team enthusiastically gave out candy, dressed in costumes themselves. It was a fun night for all.



Our sisters helped light and distribute candles to parishioners at the Mass of Memories on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The first Saturday of December, our CCW sponsored an Advent Morning of Reflection for the parish with the Sisters from the Pierced Heart of Jesus and Mary as the presenters. The theme was Preparing our Hearts as a Resting Place for the Child Jesus. It was a beautiful morning.

The Religious Article Shop reopened the first weekend of December, freshened up with new paint, display cases, and merchandise. The team has worked hard making the reopening a success.

We sponsored the parish's New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance with the theme "On the Red Carpet." All of the celebrities had a good time.



Our meetings begin with the Rosary, then a lot of food and fellowship.

Don't forget to join us at the Spring Carnival, March 8-10<sup>th</sup>.

She girds herself with strength, she exerts her arms with vigor. Proverbs 31:17

These are the sisters of CCW.

Submitted by

Shaun Burgess, Pres. Sacred Heart Jax



Here at St. Patrick's, we have been quite busy, we implemented "Share Your Blessings" Christmas gifts. Our parishioner's generosity allowed us to serve 12 families with 35 children. SPCCW delivered over 120 presents and 7 bicycles to Catholic Charities!

Our semi-annual Christmas Cookie Sale was again a huge success! Again, our parishioners' monetary contributions allow us to support multiple local charities. Our ladies really bake up a storm of homemade goodies.

Once again, our parishioners come through for us as we collect for the FOOD PANTRY at St. Pius: They contributed 840 lbs. Nonperishables during 2023!

For our January meeting, our meeting was brief but our time was longer. We were able to share our Christmas holiday memories with each other over some delicious Christmas cookies, Cocoa and Warm Cider Wine.

For our February meeting, our guest speakers will be Dr. & Mrs. Peter Kuhlman. February is "Heart Health" The Kuhlman's are the parents of our own Father Joseph.

Then we are getting ready for Lent by doing the Stations of the Cross through the eyes of Mary for the parishioners.

We are also heading up our Church's 65 anniversary picnic for our parishioners. The picnic will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> and we are selling t-shirts to mark the occasion.

Lastly, we are working on our upcoming elections for the new year.

Respectfully submitted.

Rebecca Morris – President

St Patrick Jacksonville Northside

A Chili Cook-off was held in January 2024. It was a success! Stay tuned for upcoming events.

**W I N N E R S**

**CHILI COOK OFF**

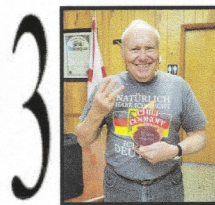
**JANUARY 13, 2024**



**1**  
Maria Luna



**2**  
Mike Dallas



**3**  
Berny Foerster



**Judges**

Michael & Lizzy Fierro,  
Oyuki Molina, and  
Tom Claudio.  
Missing is Mary Cook



**Best Decorated Table**

The 2023-2024 CCW year began with a New Board. It was a little rocky at first as we had to feel our way in uncharted waters to get to our comfort zone. We are there and going full steam ahead!

We started off September with our first General meeting, we had new faces to the group which was such a pleasant surprise, and it is important to note, we still see these new faces and they continue to attend meetings and are getting more and more involved! We had our monthly bake sale and our senior luncheon.

For October, we celebrated Counsel Sunday on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and read our proclamation in addition to wearing our CCW scarves. For our General Meeting, we had 3 of our Knights join us to talk about what they do to raise money, how we can partner more with them to support our Church etc.. We had a Bake Sale on October 14<sup>th</sup> that was in combination with our OLC Yard Sale. It is an awesome opportunity to see all of our Sisters In Christ working together. Hopefully at our next event, we will see even more ladies involved. We began our yearly raffle for our Nativity, this year, it was a **JOY** yard sign with the Nativity inside the "O". Much thanks to Nicole Magnum for the generous donation. Such beautiful work.



November came so quickly - we had our Annual Fun, Friends and Fashion Event which is a Fun Fundraiser that is very beneficial to CCW. We also had our traditional Senior Luncheon with Turkey, Ham and all the trimmings. It is another great way that we can salute our Seniors, Celebrate Thanksgiving and share our Love. This year we delivered a few meals to some of our shut in Senior Families as well. Showing God's Love to our Church Family! We also provided a complete Turkey Dinner to a few families that were in need so they could Celebrate a traditional Thanksgiving. A few of our crafty CCW Sisters had a booth at a couple of our local Markets this Fall where all the proceeds go to one of our CCW Sisters to help with medical bills for her daughter who has Epilepsy! Showing God's Love to our Church Family!



And then it was December, Christmas, such a Fabulous Time of year! Our Church had a Float in the local Callahan Parade, a first for many years! We ultimately were awarded a First Place Trophy!! Although this was not a CCW event, there were quite a few CCW Sisters who walked or rode in the parade with all of us wearing OLC t-shirts and passing out candy to all in attendance. It was so much FUN; we are already wondering what 2024's Parade Theme will be. We had Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, it was great participation from our Parish Families in addition local families who come each year. This year, we provided gifts and stockings to 13 children, Gift cards to Father Bui, Father Lim, our OLC Altar Servers and a gift to our OLC Office Manager. We provided complete Turkey Dinners to a few families that were in need so they could Celebrate a Christmas to hopefully make their hearts happy!

Excited for what lies ahead in 2024!

Laura Benjamin

President, OLC CCW

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Senior Luncheon



Since our last report, St. Paul's Guild held another successful bake sale right before Thanksgiving, raising \$1400.

Our October parish canned soup collection brought in just shy of 450 cans for St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry.

We experimented with holding two meetings this year on Sunday afternoons, one in November, and another in February, to attract new members. The November meeting's theme was Women of the Bible, and at the February meeting, we will participate in a prayer card craft project. Fr. Leonard is due to visit for lunch, and we're hoping we can talk him into crafting with us!

December was busy, with our second annual Christmas Coffee on the Patio, held in the front of the church and on the lawn. The Knights of Columbus helped out with some of the goodies, and we set up a craft table for the kids. The weather was beautiful, and people hung around and mingled. It was lovely!

My favorite meeting of the year is December's Cookies, Cards and Carols. We held the meeting in the cozy Rectory dining room, and enjoyed appetizers, a cookie exchange, and signed cards for senior care facilities. A fun evening for all!

We also sponsored a parish-wide collection of throw/lap blankets for area memory care facilities, collecting 156 blankets and delivering to four facilities in our community.

The Bishop joined us last Sunday to celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and stayed for a parish breakfast hosted by the Knights, and the Guild. We had a huge crowd, despite the freezing temps.

We're not slowing down in February, either! The Guild is hosting a blood drive with LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, Sunday, February 11, 9-1 in our parish parking lot.

For our monthly collection, we are encouraging parishioners to renew the devotion of spending time with our Lord in Solemn Adoration, and recording the total number of hours. We will provide a link to an online counter for those who wish to participate.

Plans are in the works for a Parish Picnic in the spring, helping with the school's 100th Anniversary Celebration Auction and Festival, hosting a Diaper Drive for Emergency Pregnancy Services, and maybe another Bank Sale in May, after the new officer's installation.

Stay tuned for our next update in time for Convention!

Jennifer Prive

President

St. Paul's Guild/Council of Catholic Women

Our 2 Parish affiliations – Christ the King and Blessed Trinity have been busy with various activities. Christ the King collected school supplies for three schools; provided a pot luck dinner for the First Friday mass in December and held their annual bake sale & raffle also in December. This spring they have plans to do a fund raiser for Devine Mercy House and will host the spring Deanery dinner.

Blessed Trinity hosted their 11th annual Parish Thanksgiving feast, collected toiletries for distribution by the Knights of Columbus food boxes delivered to families in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas and collected items for boxes for Boxes of Joy. They also had a very successful weekend collecting for Hugs for the Homeless. This spring they will have their annual fund raiser and will host an English tea party.

At the Deanery level we collected Christmas cards for 2 nursing home residents and each resident received 3 cards. We did some fund raising at our fall dinner with a 50/50 raffle and a “Luck of the Draw” for door prizes donated by members. We will do these again at the spring dinner.

At our fall deanery dinner Sr. Molly, SCTJM and Sr. Catherine Nazaret, SCTJM from Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary spoke about the founding of the Religious Institute of Sisters of Diocesan Right.

As noted in the last newsletter, we currently have just 2 affiliates in South Jax Deanery. Letters were sent to the priests of 9 parishes in the Deanery who do not have affiliations. Women from 2 parishes, St. John Paul II & San Jose have reached out for more information. We will continue to follow-up with St. John Paul II to assist with getting a CCW started and with San Jose to determine their level of interest.







**Rest In Peace!!** Blessed Trinity CCW experienced the loss of 3 of our beloved Sisters: **Laura Petruccelli, Maxine Mahal & Nilda Gold** are now in the arms of our Lord watching over us from above! We thank them for their years of service as we continue to support them into death. They will always be remembered for their talents and giving hearts and the love they had for our Lord and Blessed Mother.

Timing couldn't have been better to open our recruitment / membership drive during the weekend on August 26-27, 2023 then to also welcome our new Pastor, Fr. Matt King. Members of CCW gave pulpit announcements after mass and members of CCW were outside with information about our ministry and mission as we promote the spiritual welfare of the women of Blessed Trinity Parish. We welcomed many new visitors during our 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting on September 14, 2023. We also welcomed our new President, Angela McNerney!



It has been a standing tradition that CCW would join the Knights of Columbus by collecting full-size toiletries for distribution with the baskets/bags of food that the KCs provide for needy families at Thanksgiving. We asked the Parish to join us in this effort and the BTCC Family answered the call. We collected over 120 bags containing these full-size toiletry items. We even had some left over for the Christmas Baskets!

**TRADITION** ~ The ladies of CCW once again hosted the 11th Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23, 2023, immediately after Mass. Dinner preparation began the night before and started early (6:00am) to begin deboning about 10 turkeys and preparing all the fixings for this Thanksgiving Day Feast. We fed over 150 people. It was a lot of fun and rewarding to be able to give back to those who sometimes aren't able to put a meal of this size on their tables.



Speaking of Holiday Season, our **CCW 'Pot Luck' Christmas Party** was a DIY event following a fun game of Advent Bingo (*yes, there is such a game, and it was fun testing our knowledge of Advent!*). Ladies were also asked to bring Christmas "stuff" to create a table display (*this is where the DIY came in*) and were given a table number where they would join others in testing their creativity. Again, fun fellowship! We also brought manager scenes that were displayed which were later blessed by our visiting elf, Fr. King!



In the middle of all this we also...

- Collected items for the Boxes of Joy
- Hosted the South Jax. Deanery Fall Dinner
- Contributed to the BTCC 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; and
- Legacy Bingo

Our Annual CCW Annual Fundraiser is just around the corner. This year we are excited to announce our packages will include a Michael Kors Large Tote and a Masterbuilt 30" Digital Smoker (*something for both the ladies and the men!*) Each package will also be filled with MUCH more (*value \$1,000 ea.*). Ticket Sales will begin on April 6th and 7th & April 20th and 21st after all Masses with the drawing on Monday, April 22nd after the 8:30am Mass.



# ST. AUGUSTINE DEANERY & ST. JOHNS RIVER DEANERY

**PATTIE HALLE**

## President Report



### Our Deanery consist of:

Mary Queen of Heaven	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Sacred Heart – Fleming Island	St. Joseph
San Juan del Rio	St. Luke

A very busy year for all of our Affiliates with still lots to go till the end of May.

Some events that each of our Affiliates have completed:

### Mary Queen of Heaven

- Cookie Walk/Craft in December for Hugs for Homeless
- Volunteers help at a football even at MQH.

### Sacred Heart, Fleming Island

- Helped with cupcakes at first Daddy/Daughter Dance
- Supported Sisters of St Joseph, St. Augustine with refreshments for their Open Nativity House in December
- Had a memorial Bingo night.
- Helping with 150 Year Celebration in June 7-10, 2024

### San Juan Del Rio

- Speaker for Human Trafficking
- Winter retreat (one day) December
- Bunco for Hugs for Homeless

### St Joseph

- Boxes of Joy & was a drop off center for boxes of Joy.
- Craft Circle had a sell and raise funds of \$1400 for Church.

### St Elizabeth Ann Seton

- Helping raised funds by doing bingo/craft/bake sale in November for Capital fund for building, along with helping to donations to Outreach, Priests and their school.
- Planning several trips, one to Key West in Oct/November
- Helping with a Day of Reflection – Monastery in February
- Supporting Food Banks

### St Luke

- Monthly Food Distribution
- November Turkey dinner at Food Distribution with KoFC.
- Helped with Parish Christmas Party.

### Major Event:

Each of our Affiliates will come together to prepare for Hosting 93<sup>rd</sup> Year DCCW convention in April 12-14, 2024, at Marywood. This will be a great time of working together to prepare our duties of hosting at Convention. Our theme will be based on 'Hearts for the Harvest.

Getting nomination for full board of officers for our Deanery for 2024 – 2026 to be installed March 2024.

Dear Council Sisters and Reverend Fathers across the diocese.

It gives me great pleasure to report to you the results of the Belk Sale held November 3-5, 2023.

As you may know the money from this sale funds NCCW Respite and other life supporting programs sponsored by DCCW.

On September 29, the feast of Saint Michael, I mailed fifteen packets of tickets and general information to fifteen affiliations. Two additional packets were hand carried to two affiliation presidents.

In the weeks leading up to the sale I worked in the Belk store at The Avenues Mall selling tickets. These three days at three hours per proved to be helpful for sales.

I am thrilled to share with you, and greater than the previous year you raised \$1395.00. At the DCCW board meeting to be held 1/27/24 a decision will be made as to the organizations and amounts benefitting from your hard work.

Although each affiliation has received a hand written thank you note, for such an outstanding total donation another thank you is justified.

THANK YOU!

Many Blessings, Julie E. Rothery, NCCW Respite



## *Spirituality Commission Report*

*DCCW Board Meeting*

*Each of us has the gift to share by not only words, but by action, Our Faith. Bringing examples/samples into our CCW's is a great tool to be able to share. It only takes a Spark to get a Fire Going ... that's how it is with God's work... one flame at a time...*



*Items working for Spirituality Commission for 2023 – 2024.*

- *Day of Reflection for DCCW:*
  - *February 17, 2024 – 9 am – 3pm*
  - *Christ the King Catholic Church*
  - *Speaker: Father Ron Camarda*
  - *Good will donation*
- *Monthly*
  - *Sending for posting to DCCW Facebook page, members emails on devotionals topics etc.*
- *DCCW webpage*
  - *Once a quarter – article for webpage*
  - *Day of Reflection has been added along with facebook page.*
- *DCCW Convention*
  - *Preparing presentation for Spirituality Commission*

### ***Something to think about: Morning with Jesus (Guidepost)***

***'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. John 13:35 NIV***

***Summary:*** *Jesus knew unity would be a struggle. He prayed that those who followed Him would live in harmony. .. that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. John 17:23 ESV*

*Unity and love go hand in hand. Love is the glue that holds us together and can create a unity that will impact the world. We will have disagreements, but despite our differences, we can remain unified in our faith if we keep our focus on living as Jesus did and loving each other as He loved us. Differences can come together to be beautifully unified. – Jeannie Blackmer*

*Submitted by.*

*Pattie Halle, Spirituality Chairperson*

Our Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women membership is growing and attendance at monthly meetings has been consistently strong. From the beginning of this 2023-2024 term, our members have showed up with enthusiasm for every project and event. They bring with them the joy of Christ Jesus and it is evident in what they have accomplished. In the last Channel published we included accomplishments through the end of October.

## **Accomplishments November 2023 – 2024 include:**

### **November:**

The Hugs for the Homeless Fundraiser held the first weekend of November at all Masses produced \$2,642 in donations. We partnered with the Sacred Heart music ministry for an "All Souls Day Rosary." CCW members lead the rosary and at the beginning of each decade the names of parishioners, family members and friends who had died during the year were read. The choir provided hymns and special music. This was an extraordinarily beautiful and moving service.

Our November CCW Meeting included a Craft Project making Faith Themed Thanksgiving Decorations to take home or give away. The theme for our meeting was thankfulness and in memory of a founding member who passed away in September. She had been an avid bingo player. We affectionately called our meeting "The Amy Oliver Memorial Bingo Party." Amy left a legacy of family, faith, and determination. Our members enjoyed the bingo and the fact that 4 of Amy's children attended too. Also at the meeting, we heard from Sue Horn, one of the guidance teachers at Clay High School who started Clay Cares Boutique. The boutique provides food and other items to some students who might not otherwise be able to get them. Sue picked up all the specified food and hygiene items our members generously donated.

Pattie Halle and others are participating in the planning for the Sacred Heart Catholic Church 150th Anniversary Celebration. The American Heritage Girls asked if CCW could provide cupcakes for their first "Daddy Daughter Dance." The girls were thrilled with the 500 cupcakes we provided, and their dance was an enormous success.

Some of our ladies, members of "Scrappy Sewers," helped the American Heritage Girls with a special sewing project making Christmas gifts for a local assisted living and convalescent facility.

Sacred Heart CCW hosted the Fall Deanery Meeting.

We provided refreshments for the annual Veteran's Day Concert. Donations were collected and provided to the local American Legion Chapter.

### **December:**

We sponsored an Advent Evening Reflection, featuring two harpists who lead attendees through a lovely evening of music and meditation.

CCW Member Meeting and Christmas Potluck featured an outstanding array of homemade and specially prepared dishes and desserts. Lilli Moniot, President and Julie Rodriguez, Vice President were installed. Father Marek was the Guest Speaker and shared about his call to the priesthood, his life in Poland and his journey from South America to the Diocese of St. Augustine and finally to Sacred Heart as our Pastor. We played "Left Right Rudolph." At the end, everyone went home with a gift bag which included a Nativity Scene ornament, candy, and a copy of the Surrender Novena.

CCW ladies baked cookies and provided cider for the Sisters of St Joseph's Nativity Scenes Open House for the second year. This is a beautiful and fun event which we will continue to support.

### **January:**

CCW Member Meeting included Cheryl Gonzales of First Coast Women's Services, the only pregnancy resource center in Clay County. Cheryl spoke to us about the new call center opened at the Clay Center location and the positive impact it is having in support of life for the unborn.

### **February:**

CCW Member Meeting with Melissa Rodriguez, President of Seeds of Love, a ministry serving the needy in Northeast Florida. Members donated NEW items for the ministry. New items are treasured since most have never had new.

CCW, with the American Heritage Girls will host the Soup Supper Station the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Lent.

Members will attend: "Day of Reflection" Christ the King Parish & Camp I Am Special" Luncheon/Talent Show."

## Activities Planned through May 2024 include:

### March

CCW Member Meeting – Guest Speaker: Clay County Sheriff, Michele Cook

### April

CCW Member Meeting – Guest Speaker: Nancy Valdes, Sacred Heart Youth Ministry  
DCCW 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention – St Augustine/St Johns River Deanery Hosting

### May

CCW Member Meeting – End of Year Banquet

Our CCW membership at Sacred Heart is a dynamic and joyful group of faithful Catholic women who love to serve the Lord and each other. We enjoy having fun together and working together. Many of us also serve our Parish as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, catechists, musicians and participate and lead many Parish ministries. Our activities will continue to be mission driven to support, empower, and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership, and service and to render financial assistance to



# NCCW PROJECT

## NCCW Mission

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### QUOTE FROM THE NATIONAL FUND FOR CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C.: Women continue to respond to God's call to live the religious life, yet some are strapped with student debt. It is a privilege for NCFRV to partner with the NCCW to help eradicate major obstacles for women pursuing their dream to become sisters.

Women considering a vocation will apply for funding through their chosen order to the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations on an application marked "Support provided by the National Council of Catholic Women". Only women will be considered for funding provided by NCCW.

Contact:

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(703) 224-0991 FAX  
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E-mail address: [nccw01@nccw.org](mailto:nccw01@nccw.org)

Website: [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)

Link to National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations: [www.nfcrv.org](http://www.nfcrv.org)

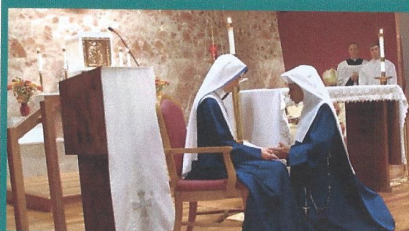
## National Council of Catholic Women

### Vocation Purse Club

Helps Catholic women entering religious life pay off educational debt or provide required funding to enter.



NCCW, in collaboration with the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations (NCFRV), invites you to support the Vocation Purse Club. This Club fulfills our Resolution to support Consecrated Life (September 2015)



Mother Kathryn Joseph & Sr. Christiana Marie Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, Spokane, WA

As Catholic women we support the needs of the church in a variety of ways. This Vocation Purse Club assists women entering religious life to pay off their educational debt or provides funding for expenses for the first two years as a postulant required by religious orders.

NCCW is delighted to collaborate with the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations to make it possible for Catholic women to answer their call from God.

## How You Can Help

We invite all to consider raising funds in support of Catholic women wanting to pursue a religious vocation.

These women are eager to answer their call to holiness and to begin their journey with a specific religious community.

We, as NCCW, passed a resolution in 2015 to support vocations within the church. Your gift helps remove this obstacle from their process to say yes to God.

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### Vocation Purse Club Project

- Host a fundraiser or take up a collection in your parish/school
- Send funds to the National Council of Catholic Women earmarked Vocation Purse Club
- NCCW office will forward funds to the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations (NCFRV)
- NCFRV will screen applicants and send funding for those approved to the religious community. If a postulant drops out of the order, she will assume payment of any debt outstanding that was being funded.

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Diocese of St. Augustine (dos afl.com) – has links to FCCB and USCCB

St. Augustine Catholic July/August 2016 – Special Report: Catholics and Voting

Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (flaccb.org)

Join the Florida Catholic Advocacy Network (FLCAN) – sign up to receive emails that include news and action items related to legislative issues.

Text FLCAN to 50457 on your smart phone to receive action alerts.

Candidate Question Project (CQP)– FCCB will be releasing responses to its CQP questionnaire for state and federal candidates

Catholic Days at the Capitol

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship was revised by the USCCB in 2015. This document is available for download at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship> We should each take the time to read this document before voting this year.

Call to prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Freedom (usccb.org/pray) - you can sign up to receive weekly text or email reminders to pray and fast on Fridays.

### WEB SITES

**NCCW:** nccw.org

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### CALENDAR

February 24:

Camp I Am Special Fashion Show

April 12-14:

DCCW Convention at Marywood