

Central Facts

Central Deanery News

Spring General Meeting April 2, 2016

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2015 - 2016**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT Ann Kopp

PBDCCW Board Meeting – February 27, 2016
St. Matthew Catholic Church

Central Deanery entered this 2016 Leap Year ready to take big leaps. We will make this “Jubilee Year of Mercy” one filled with sharing God’s love and mercy, through our spirituality, service, and leadership.

Affiliation members are “*Shining Stars*.” In the past months fund-raising events including Hugs for the Homeless, Pennies for Babies, bake sales, quarter auctions, flea markets, etc., have been taking place in Central Deanery affiliations.

February began with the PBDCCW Inspirations Fashion Show and Luncheon. Chair, Teresa Cecil, did an outstanding job of getting us all together. Central Deanery was pleased to reunite with St. Edwards Guild members. We thank Teresa, and her contact with St. Edwards, in opening this communication.

St. Ignatius Council of Catholic Women Guild has shown interest in perhaps becoming a member of the PBDCCW Central Deanery. Thanks to Vivian Rogers, communication is ongoing, and we hope to see them at the Catholic Women of Faith, Women of Action Conference.

Members throughout Central Deanery are helping to promote ticket sales for a premiere showing of the “Young Messiah” on March 10, at the Cobb Theater in Palm Beach Gardens. This film depicts what the early life of Jesus may have been like. NCCW has been instrumental in helping to promote this Christian movie to our diocese, and this is a fund raiser for NCCW.

We look forward to assisting with the Catholic Women of Faith, Women of Action Conference, Seminarian Luncheon, the PBDCCW Convention and the High School Scholarship Program.

Central Deanery will have a Spring Board Meeting on March 5, and our Spring Central Deanery General Meeting will be held at St. Rita Catholic Church on April 2. At our Spring Central Deanery General Meeting we will have the installation service for our four new officers for the 2016-18 term. More information will be coming via email regarding the April General Meeting.

*Next time a sunrise steals your breath or a meadow of flowers leaves you speechless... remain that way...say nothing...and listen as heaven whispers:
"Do you like it?...
I did it just for you!"*

Max Lucado
We are Called to Witness, NCCW



MINUTES
Jean Vassallo
Interim, Recording Secretary

Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
CENTRAL DEANERY GENERAL MEETING
ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH
October 3, 2015

Call to Order: President Ann Kopp called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Cuqui Baiata, Spirituality Chair, opened the meeting with prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America: Led by Vice President, Marci Stephens.

Welcome: Ann Kopp welcomed members and guests, Father Clem and Father Dominic. St. Clare CCW President Mary Vadas was thanked for hosting today's meeting.

Roll Call: A Quorum was established.

Minutes: The Spring General Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2015 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Vivian Rogers presented the Treasurer's Report of August 18, 2015 thru October 3, 2015. There being no questions, report was filed for audit.

Call for Unpaid Bills: None submitted.

Report of Officers:

President's Report: Ann Kopp, President.
Report on file.

Spiritual Advisor: Oral Report.

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Service:** Margaret Farragher has been asked by Bishop Barbarito that CCW concentrate our efforts on Mothers & Babies or Women

with Children. We currently have two organizations, Holy Ground Shelter and Birthline/Lifeline that fit their criteria. I have met representatives of Holy Ground who will be glad to attend one of our meetings to discuss their programs. They are in need of diapers, gently used and new items as well as Basinets and Pack and Play. Jean McKeen is more familiar with Women with Children, a shelter for pregnant and parenting teens. Their needs are similar. Report on file.

- **Leadership:** Lena Ghaffari plans to emphasize membership, mentoring, publicity, communication and training. She will be working closely with sub-committees under Leadership as well as with Leadership Chairmen with Deanery and Affiliation levels. She would like to stress the importance of the Council Development Team (CDT) whose primary purpose is to aid in the development of our affiliated councils. Report on file.

- **Recessed**

10:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Barbarito, followed by Lunch.

- **Reconvened**

12:30 p.m

Guest Speaker:

Paula Barto, President of St. Patrick CCW, "How to build a Mountain Moving Faith"

Dates to Remember:

Council Sunday (any Sunday in October)
Central Deanery Prayer Line – Submit Prayer requests to Jean Vassallo at javass516@aol.com.
Remembrance Tree Ceremony, November 2, 2015, St. Vincent DePaul Seminary w/Bishop Barbarito

Council Development Training, November 7, 2015, St. Matthew Parish Hall
Take a Sister to Lunch, December 5, 2015, St. Matthew Parish Hall
Inspirations Fashion Show, February 6, 2016, Santa Lucia River Club, Ballantre, Port St. Lucie, FL.
Catholic Days at the Capitol, February 16-18, 2016, Tallahassee, FL
Catholic Women of Faith/Women of Action w/Bishop Barbarito and Colleen Carroll Campbell, March 19, 2016, St. Ignatius Cathedral, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Seminarian Luncheon, May 9, 2016, St. Matthew Parish Hall
PBDCCW 31st Convention, Holiday Inn, Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, 5:30 p.m. Mass, Holy Name of Jesus Church

Good of the Order:

- Donate a \$25 Gift Certificate for the Take a Sister to Lunch gift

Closing Prayer: Our Lady of Good Council

50/50 Raffle - \$141.00

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

TREASURER
Vivian Rogers

A copy of the Treasurer's Report will be presented and discussed at the meeting today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SERVICE

Margaret Farragher

April 2, 2016

At OLQA the long sleeve shirt drive has been a great success. We had so many shirts dropped off at the gift shop, we couldn't get in the door. I contacted Fr. Raul from St. Mary's parish in Pahokee and he came and picked them up this past week. We are still collecting for a couple more weeks.

I received a letter from Vita Nova. This is an organization that helps young people as they age out of the foster care system. They are raising money to renovate the apartment complexes where they provide shelter to these young adults. But most importantly, They have established programs to help the kids become financially independent. Since the new programs, they have noticed that 80% of the young adults are now completing their high school education and another 70% attend college for the first time. As you know, this keeps them off the welfare rolls, and ultimately saves the county money.

I urge all affiliations to think about them when you are making your contributions, whether it is money or goods. They run a thrift store in the area and are always looking for donations. The items they sell finance all their programs.

Another local charity that I have talked about in the past is The Lord's Place. They run a Burckle Place program to help homeless woman get back on their feet. They just had a

groundbreaking ceremony to build a new facility in Lake Worth. It will be a place where 11 woman can take one more step towards independence. They are always looking for financial donations, but if not, The Lord's Place has a thrift store on Dixie Highway. If you are in the process of doing any spring cleaning, they are always looking forward to clothing or furniture or kitchen items, so please keep them in mind. They do wonderful work to help the homeless. .A new organization I just learned about is In Jacob's Shoes. They collect gently used or new shoes to be distributed to the needy. They especially need athletic shoes and equipment. The charity was started in 2009 in honor of Jacob Zweig who was tragically killed at the age of 17. In honor of his name, as he was a very generous, loving teenager, his family started this program. Since it's inception, it has provided 30 thousand pair of shoes, 2500 backpacks, school supplies etc. totaling \$165K for local children. Let me know if you want more information. As always, please keep in mind St. Ann's Place. Toiletries, belts and ball caps are always in demand

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LEADERSHIP

Lena Ghaffari

March 05, 2016

How great! We are in the Jubilee of Mercy and Lent. How powerful it is to know GOD'S love and mercy! Let us remember to forgive and be kind to others and may our lives be enriched with love, joy and God's blessings.

Membership, PBDCCW had a booth at the convention Center on, February 20, 2016. Family Fully – Alive in Christ presented by Catholic men for Jesus Christ Florida. We are hoping to gain a couple of affiliations from this event for Central Deanery. This event was worked by this Chair and Teresa Cecil. Thanks Teresa for helping.

Individual Membership Chair Lois Pujol is working hard at gaining NCCW membership. Let us please support the efforts.

It is important that all board members support and be a member of NCCW. Great time to sign up "One Member – One Chance" Every member who signs up a new individual NCCW member, gets a chance to win a full registration, including banquet and hotel for four (4) nights, for the 2016 Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana plus four hundred dollars.

Visit nccw.org to see the great benefits of membership.

Presidents, please remember to promote membership throughout the year just by every member inviting one new person to meetings and or events. Thank you for your support.

Catholic Days at the Capitol was great! Lots of networking on the bus and great fun. Great one on time with the affiliates.

Publicity, please remember to get the word out in your news letter, pbdccw.org website and local paper. We need to spread the word as to who we are.

Great Article in the Florida Catholic on Catholic Council of Women and the Remembrance Tree. Reminder NCCW please visit the web site.

We would like to stress the importance of the Council Development team (CDT). Its primary purpose is to aid in the development of our affiliated councils.

Presidents: The CDT is available for on-site training and the training will be tailored to your specific needs. At the first hint of a problem, let us know so we can be a part of the solution. Please call or email me to discuss your needs and how we can assist you.

This Chair has kept records of all training given by PBD. Everyone in attendance and upon completion will be given a certificate of completion by May 2016.

Our Council Development Training Day (CDT) will be Saturday August 27, 2016.

Council Enrichment Grants (CEGS) are available to all members and we encouraged everyone to apply for this grant. Please share the information once it's out and encourage all members to apply.

NCCW Members call will be Wednesday March 9, 2016 (ET) 8pm 712 432-0375 – pin 505816 press *6 to mute *6 to speak. If you join the call after the start time, please do not announce yourself just simply press *6 to mute if you wish to speak press *6. This call will be on Update on the Leadership Commission. Led by Lindamarie Richardson Kelly Leadership Commission.

Communication, please remember to visit

PBDCCW.org. Reminder, please read the Messenger and Central Facts. Great articles. Let us remember to be a good listener and the importance of communication.

You are all great leaders!

Let us be kind and forgiving to each other and to all whose path we cross.

May God always bless you and your family.

LEGISLATION

Linda Murphy
March 5, 2016

Good Morning. As we approach Spring, the season of new growth and new life, springs up around us. Green, the color of March of nature, life, saving the planet, the color of good fortune, and don't forget St. Patrick's Day.

Upcoming events are Women of Faith/Women of Action, Seminarian Luncheon, PBDCCW 30th Convention and St. Therese's Fashion Show on April 23rd. Consider attending as you'll have a great time!

Days at the Capitol came early this year, the weather was fine and all went well. My disappointment was that more council sisters were unable to attend. Next year Days at the Capitol will be April 5th and 6th, 2017.

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops issued two bills which we discussed with our legislators.

The bills were:

Unanimous Juries in Capital Sentencing
Termination of Pregnancies

These bills have been before The House and The Senate for several years, one part passes

and the other doesn't. Therefore we must continue to persevere. The Unanimous Juries Bill, I understood passed 10 to 12. Next year we will try again. One prayer at a time.

Support Legislation that protects life, the dignity of work, the rights of workers, and the basic that provides quality of life, food, shelter, healthcare, education and employment.

Pray the rosary for all Christians and those who aren't.

Thank you.

AFFILIATION NEWS

**HOLY NAME
NELLIE ORTIZ
PRESIDENT**

Holy Name CCW members have had a busy schedule and we look forward to more spiritual, informative and fun events as we come to the end of our council year.

We have planned the following events in the coming months:

April 10 - Spring Bake Sale

April 12 - General Meeting with affirmation and presentation of our new incoming board:

President: Carolyn Lucas

Vice President: Gina Sanon

Recording Secretary: Mildred Sepko

Treasurer: Cathie Twiggs

and closing the evening with a fun night of Bingo

May 29 - General Meeting and Installation Mass of new 2016-2018 Officers

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Gayle Paul
President

At Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Council of Catholic Women we are excited about the Holy Year of Mercy! Our prayer is that we find this "A time to heal, to help, to forgive". Here are some ways that we are participating...

To Feed the Hungry: OLQA CCW donated to the NCCW Cross Catholic Outreach of Women helping Women, and coordinates collecting "Pennies for Babies".

To Give Drink to the Thirsty: We enjoyed Bailey's Irish Crème at our last meeting courtesy a member.

To Clothe the Naked: We continue to participate in the Long Sleeve Shirt Drive, the Back to Basics Angel Program, and donate clothing to Career Source.

To Shelter the Homeless: We are taking toiletries to St. Ann's Place, donating Gift Card's to Holy Ground Shelter, and coordinating donations for "Birthline".

To Care for the Sick: Our Corresponding Secretary sends card to the sick, in addition to our own personal cards and prayers.

To Bury the Dead: We donated to OLQA's Angel Bed Ministry, which makes baby caskets for premature or stillborn infants.

May God bless our endeavors and hear our prayers!

ST. CLARE
Louise F. Dougher
Publicity Chair

St. Clare CCW began the New Year with a breakfast for the teachers and staff of St. Clare School. Shortly thereafter we served as hostesses for an Engagement Encounter scheduled annually in our parish. January also had many of our members attending and/or supporting our school's annual Mardi Gras, which has become an event of entire community interest and seems to get bigger and better every year.

Several of our members attended the Inspiration Fashion Show in February in West Palm Beach. We enjoyed the socialization, lovely fashions and delicious food. Ladies at our table were also fortunate to have won several of the various type prizes for an added bonus! Our Bunco Party and Lunch on February 28 was well attended and a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Many compliments were received and a good time seems to have been had by all.

Our March meeting was held after our annual Stations of the Cross in conjunction with the children of our CCD program. The second of our biennial Flea Markets for Charity was held on March 12 and was successful due to the hard work of our members and other volunteers, the vendor participation, and the wonderful parish and community shoppers/browsers in attendance.

Also in March, members and women of the parish were privileged to share in the spiritual enrichment of Catholic Women of Faith, Women of Action.

We'll be having election of officers at our April meeting and it is noteworthy that all of our officers have agreed to run for a second term. We'll also be designating our year end charitable donations at that meeting. Our members will be encouraged to apply for this year's Enrichment Grants as well as to attend the Deanery General Meeting, the Seminarian Luncheon, and the PBDCCW Convention. Our affiliation's Installation of Officers will take place with Mass and a dinner in early May.

We've had a busy and fulfilling year of spiritual,

social, educational and charitable endeavors and look forward to continuing growth in faith and spirit.

ST. JUDE
Chris Miller
President

Our Council has had a wonderful start to the new year. In January, we did a parish wide collection of baby items to give to Birthline. We also received “virtue cards” for an ongoing spirituality project started by one of our “new” Council sisters. February was a busy month for our fundraising projects, namely; our “bake/bakeless and treasure sale” and our fashion show/ money hat.

In March, we got together for a “going away” luncheon for Father Tom (who was instrumental in helping the Council survive). And, approximately 15 of our members viewed the movie “The Young Messiah” which was a fundraiser for the National Council.

Our “Day of Reflection” was in the form of a pilgrimage to St. Mary’s Church in Pahokee. We recited the rosary on the way. While we were there, Mass was celebrated at their “new” Church and Benediction was held in the original Church (which is now a chapel). Besides viewing the statues and historical 6th century Russian icon, the ladies enjoyed shopping in their gift shop. The “tour guides” (members of St. Mary’s Council) were most gracious. On the return bus ride, we viewed a video, “Divine Mercy”.

On April 20, we will have our installation of new officers followed by a luncheon at Tiramisu.

ST. JULIANA

Judy Powers
President

St. Juliana CCW has had a mixed Council Year, with some successful programs and some not as successful as was hoped. Our successful programs included the Angel Tree Program, the Memorial Ceremony and Hugs for the Homeless. The Angel Tree Program and Hugs for the Homeless are successful as the parish is actively involved in support as well as in volunteering to help. These are wonderful opportunities to build relationships and promote fellowship.

The Prayer Breakfast in January was somewhat successful. Fr. Brian King was a phenomenal speaker. He spoke about the Year of Mercy and answered many questions. It was not well attended, but those of us in attendance left physically and spiritually fed!

At our March Meeting, our speaker was Rev. Patrick Daugherty, C.P., Associate Director for Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center. His talk on the Year of Mercy was wonderful and his concluding “rap” song was fun!

Our final project for the year will be a Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 7th. We will enjoy Derby food and watching the race. This was a great deal of fun last year and we are looking forward to this fun event.

We are once again facing the challenge of leadership for the upcoming Council year. Please pray for us as we seek ways to meet this challenge.

ST. PATRICK

**Paula Barco
President**

It's hard to believe that this year is coming so quickly to an end. It has been a busy 2 year term. With the end in sight, there is a lot of reflection over what has been accomplished.

Between our affiliation, the deanery and the diocesan events, CCW has kept me very busy this year. Our January meeting paved the way for the coming spring term. We viewed a DVD of ValLimar Jansen, who is our upcoming speaker at our Women of Faith event in March.

February opened with our Inspirations Fashion Show. This is always such a fun event and a great opportunity to meet women from all over Palm Beach County. I helped sell raffle tickets, and had the opportunity to greet all of the incoming guests. Our table was an interesting mix of women and to top it off, I won a basket!!

We invited Elena Garcia to our meeting in February to recount her experience with the "Peter Pan" project. She came to the U.S. from Cuba when she was only 13 years old with a boatload of other children and no parents....quite a story. She is currently putting her experience into a book format. Then she changed hats and talked about the Rice Bowl Lenten Program. Elena is a wealth of information since she is associated with both Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services.

In March, the Principal from All Saints School visited. We are trying to build a better connection between our church and the school that we support. We were able to brainstorm ways that we can help one another. The second weekend in March is our traditional

Soda Bread Sale... we are after all, an Irish based parish! At St. Patrick, everyone is Irish this month. (even the Italians!) Then the following week, I will be attending the Women of Faith event along with about a dozen from my affiliation. I am looking forward to a wonderful day of spiritual enrichment.

April 1st is not only April Fools day, but it is also an evening that we will be playing Bunco here at St. Patrick. I guarantee that there will be a lot of foolishness going on, and you are all welcome to join us. On April 6th, I will be installed as the new Central Deanery President...looks like the next 2 years will continue to be busy! At our meeting in April, we will be presenting a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. I have a Toastmaster friend who is coming to do her winning speech on "Service."

Of course May will finish out the year with the Seminarian Luncheon and our Annual PBDCCW Convention. I am looking forward to the "pajama party!" What a fun way to connect with others and end our year on a high note.

Speaker List

1. Dianne Laubert, Director of Communications, Diocese of Palm Beach. She gave a talk on media coverage of the Pope's visit to the US, behind the scenes. 561-775-9529.
2. Elena Garcia, CRS. She was a child who came to the US from Cuba with the Peter Pan exodus. Her story is compelling. 561-373-1468.
3. Jill Broz, Principal of All Saints School. She presented a way for her kids to participate in community with some of our projects, like Blessing of the Animals. Opportunities for monetary donations for their needs were explored. 561-748-8979.

These three were speakers at St. Patrick's CCW this past year. The women were very impressed. Patti Amann, 561-662-4780.

ST. RITA
Kathy Thomas
President

Since the Christmas holidays, St. Rita Council of Catholic Women has been working on fund-raising events that will be happening in 2016. We planned on three.

The first event coincided with our Festival which was scheduled in February. Our responsibility to our Parish Festival included hosting a Bunco on February 4, 2016, and planning and working at the Festival Bake Sale, which included the entire Festival Weekend. To get our parishioners involved, we advertised the need for baked goods and volunteering to work at the bake sale that weekend. In the gathering area of the Church, we provided sign-up sheets after every Mass. It was a huge success! Not only did we surpass our goal from last year, but we added a few new members to our Council.

The Book Sale on March 6, 2016 involved CCW members, along with a few of our parishioners. Donated books were categorized, set-up in the morning, and sold after every Mass. It was a fun event for all, and profitable....better than last year's event!

The last major event of this year is The Quarter Auction to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016. About 20 vendors arrive with the products that will be auctioned. A beautiful variety of baskets will also be auctioned at the end of the night. Funds raised at this event allow us to provide yearly scholarships for two of our graduating seniors in May.

We are looking forward to hosting The Central Deanery Spring Meeting on April 2, 2016. We are putting the finishing touches on our plans. We can't wait to spend this joyous time with our Council Sisters!

Before you know it, another year has ended. Then in

June a Planning Meeting is scheduled to plan events for the following year!

ST.THERESE DE LISIEUX
ELIZABETH GESACION
PRESIDENT

Greetings to all! St. Theresa de Lisieux elected their new Board of Directors, Elizabeth Gesacion, President; Barbara Salamee, Vice President; Candy Rengstal, Recording Secretary; Diane Gradomski, Treasurer; Linda Murphy, Parliamentarian.

We started 2016, with our Monk's Bread Sale which was a tremendous success as always. On January 23, we held our 60's Dinner Dance at the American Polish Club—with over 200 people attending. Everyone had a great time and all can't wait for the next dance. Thank you to our Co-Chairs Janet and Eva!

February, despite the wind and cold temperatures our members collected and we donated \$1000 to "Hugs for the Homeless." We also held our Valentine's Bake Sale.

In March, we will be selling tickets for our Luncheon & Fashion Show "Teapots & Treasures" to be held at Binks Golf & Country Club, April 23. March 19, we held our Easter Bake Sale.

April showers bring May flowers, as they say, and the showers (our tears). We are having is saying "GOOD BYE" to our Board Members who have given unconditionally their 2 years of service and welcoming our May flowers as New Board Members. I would like at this time to personally "Thank" our Secretary, Candy Rengstl for all that she has done these past 2 years for our council. She will be missed. As elections will be held in April, we will be welcoming our New Secretary, and know that she will be an asset to our Board.

April 23, was our Luncheon and Fashion Show. The event was a Big Success and everyone enjoyed the luncheon, fashions and especially the

“Raffles”. Job well done to our Chairperson for this event...Thank you Candy!

Mothers’ Day weekend, May 9-10, we have our Mothers’ Day Flowers fund-raiser.

The PBDCCW Convention

May 22nd will be our Installation Mass and Luncheon.

As President of St. Therese de Lisieux CCW, I would like to thank Marci Stephens and Jean McKeen as my mentors. Thank you to my Board of Directors, who I could always count on. A special “THANK YOU” to my Council Sisters, membership without “YOU” we could not have accomplished all that we did this past year. I am blessed, and looking forward to being your President for 2016-2017.

SAVE THE DATES

APRIL 2016

- 02 Central Deanery General Meeting
- 09 Southern Deanery General Meeting
- 16 Northern Deanery General Meeting

MAY 2016

- 01 Marian Festival- Emmanuel Parish
Delray Beach/Bishop Barbarito
- 09 Seminarian Luncheon
St. Matthew’s - Lake Worth
- 20 PBDCCW Board Meeting/10 AM
- 20-21 PBDCCW 31st Convention
Holiday Inn - Belvedere Road, WPB
5:30 Mass - Holy Name of Jesus

PAST EVENTS

The INSPIRATIONS FASHION SHOW 2016 Saga

December went by with no reservations, only my personal one when I questioned my sanity for accepting the job. Well, everybody said “Don’t worry, just wait. When January gets here you will get them. They are procrastinating as usual.”

January 8, I got mail, a single reservation! By the deadline, January 16, we had only 45 reservations. We had guaranteed the hotel 100 lunches and needed about 70 reservations just to break even! The deadline was extended to January 30, and reservations began to trickle in. It wasn’t our usual case of procrastination. From contacting everybody one on one I learned that February 6 was the designated Saturday for an “anything imaginable event” at all parishes and affiliations; parish festivals, Day of Mercy, St Valentine celebrations, retreats, fashion shows, etc.

Drastic measures were taken to reduce costs. A total savings of \$673 was achieved by several means such as: not having music, using hotel centerpieces and embellishing them with shells, negotiating with hotel to eliminate the bar setup fee, getting permission from hotel to bring food for the models, obtaining free door prizes, hand making name/table cards etc.

Attendance was increased by using the tried and true method of persistence with multiple e-mails and phone calls to the CCW core but also with unorthodox methods such as inviting our Jewish sisters and non active affiliations.

Happily, the final attendance ended up with 112 guests. That proved that where there is a will there is a way. This year’s show was very challenging, but turned out to be a success. The feedback from attendees was very positive and everybody enjoyed it. The hotel offered excellent service and good food, and the fashions and models were first class.

Thank you Central Deanery for helping in the success of this event.

Teresa Cecil, 2016 Inspiration Fashion Show Chairman

He Shall Hear My Voice

Words spoken in prayer rise on the wings of faith and enter safely into the throne room of grace. The Father not only hears each word, He also recognizes each voice as a father discerns the sound of his child's call for help. Your voice is precious to Him, and prayer opens the door for Him to speak to your heart with peace, comfort, and love.

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Please refer to the PBDCCW website: www.pbdccw.org for the following:

**PALM BEACH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

PBDCCW PRAYER LINE

**REGISTRATION FORMS
FOR CONVENTIONS AND EVENTS**

UPCOMING EVENTS

AFFILIATION NEWS



From the desk of Jean Vassallo

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