

# Messenger

PBDCCW Newsletter

FALL 2018



**PALM BEACH DIOCESAN COUNCIL  
OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
2018 - 2019**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2018

**PALM BEACH DIOCESAN  
TAMMY FARR**



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

FIRST SECTION - GENERAL AFFAIRS

From the Vatican, 7 August 2018

Dear Ms Farr,

His Holiness Pope Francis has received your letter, and he has asked me to reply in his name. He thanks you for sharing with him the recent Resolution of the Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The Holy Father assures you all of a remembrance in his prayers, that you may continue to grow in holiness of life, and he invokes upon you God's abundant blessings of peace and joy.

Yours sincerely,

Monsignor Paolo Borgia  
Assessor

Ms Tammy H. Farr  
810 West Palm Street  
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## **TREASURER**

**ANN BEHAR**

### **Treasurer's Message**

All checks sent to the PBDCCW Treasurer must be made payable to PBDCCW. Please attach a Treasurer's Action Report form, indicate on the check or attach a note, letting me know how to distribute the funds such as OLOGC Club, Scholarship Fund, Burse Fund, etc.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**VIVIAN ROGERS**

**May 18, 2018 through August 18, 2018**

### **BIRTHDAY CARDS**

**Were sent in May to:**

Joan Hammel

Gigi Garcia

Doreen Recco

**Were sent in June to:**

Father Daniel Daza-Jaller

**Were sent in July to:**

Alain Waterman

**Were sent in August to:**

Millie Del Grosso

Janet Richards

Dotty Grauso

Nicholas Zrallack

Father Clem

## **CARDS AND LETTERS SENT**

Letter to Hilton Palm Beach Airport Staff thanking them for all their hearts rooted in kindness and their friendly help during our conventions.

Sympathy card to Joanne Springer on the death of her son Tim.

Sympathy card to Ann Rawlings and Dorothy Harper on the death of Jim Rawlings, Anne's husband and Dorothy's father.

## **CARDS AND LETTERS RECEIVED**

Donation from Dick and Marilyn Cleveland to PBDCCW on behalf of Lois Pujol.

Thank you letter from Cross Catholic for our donation of \$100.

Thank you email from NCCW for our donation of \$500.

Thank you letter from Emaliese Caicedo for our donation for her high school scholarship fund.

Thank you note from Erika Malitz for selecting her as the Northern Deanery Winner of the High School Scholarship Program.

Thank you letter from Cardinal Newman High School for our donation of \$1,000 for their Scholarship Program.

Thank you letter from Catholic Charities for our contribution of \$812 for the Hunger, Homeless and Outreach Program

Thank you letter from Catholic Charities for our contribution of \$500 for the Hunger, Homeless and Outreach Program.

Thank you letter from the Diocese of Palm Beach, Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito,

for our hospitality, participation in the Mass, our camaraderie at dinner and our tireless gift of \$7,789,309.62 worth of volunteer hours. In addition our donation of \$6,000 for the Seminarian Burse Fund, \$812 for the homeless and \$250 for Catholic education.

Thank you note from Father Brian Lehnent for our support of the Seminarian Summer House.

Thank you note from Father Brian Lehnent for our gift and for always supporting the Seminarians.

Thank you note with prayer card from Ann Rawlings and Dorothy Harper on the death of Ann's husband and Dorothy's father.

## **DEANERY REPORTS**

### **NORTHERN DEANERY**

**DOREEN RECCO  
PRESIDENT**

**PBDCCW Summer Board Meeting  
Saturday, August 18, 2018**

Wow, another Council year starting! This President feels like the convention was only two weeks ago! I hope everyone had a good summer.

This President is happy to report that the Northern Deanery is returning with all seven affiliations intact. Four have returning Presidents; Holy Family, St. Bernadette, St. Helen and St. Lucie. I look forward to working with them all!

This President thoroughly enjoyed the Council Enrichment program at Holy Spirit last weekend. Deacon Dove did an excellent job presenting a different view of the Annunciation and Mary's role in the church as the first Apostle of Christ. We should all look to Mary when we doubt our purpose and respond to all challenges with her unquestionable "yes"!

Next week we will begin our year with a Morning of Reflection at St. Lucie. The day will begin with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 8:30 am, followed by breakfast and a morning reflection prepared by Fr. Curt, whom you all know, and Northern Deanery's Spirituality Chair, Rita Gilchrist. All Northern Deanery Affiliation Boards are encouraged to attend this special event. It is this President's hope that everyone will come away invigorated spiritually, and ready to tackle the new year with enthusiasm and joy.

The first Board meeting for the year will be held on September 8, 2018 and will be hosted by St. Bernadette's Council.

This President has encouraged the Affiliation Boards of the Northern Deanery to attend the PBD Training Symposium on September 15 and 16. This President's experience that, through sitting on various nominating committees, members are reluctant to step up to leadership positions because of the fear they cannot do the job, or the job requires too much time. Attending symposiums such as this may help to dispel many fears and possibly encourage members to step up and be leaders or committee chairs in their affiliations, deaneries and even PBD.

This President looks forward to the coming year with many successes for all our endeavors.

## **SOUTHERN DEANERY**

### **OVEDER REED**

#### **PRESIDENT**

Greetings:

The Affiliations are busy getting their calendar, roster, fund raising projects and other activities together and Southern Deanery is busy also. I have two fund raising projects that I am working on. There is a lot of interest in having another fund raiser at Jackie's and she has offered again the use of her house. If you liked the first one, you are going to love the next one. I have something special planed. The other project is a pilgrimage. I can't say much about that at this time but more information about both is forthcoming.

I attended CCW Day of Reflection on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Council Enrichment Grant. It was a good way to start off the year with spirituality. The topic was Mary's grace, strength and compassion. I learned something new about Mary and what I did know I understand better. We know that Mary said yes to the angel when he told her that she will conceive a child. She gave the Holy Spirit permission to take over her will and bring a wonderful gift into her life and the world. As I reflect on what a great gift she

gave to the world just for saying yes, I can't help but wonder how much more we can accomplish if we said yes to the Holy Spirit.

We worry about the decrease in membership, pressure about doing a good job, completing tasks on time, everything that we do for the CCW and what people think about us. It is amazing what peace the Holy Spirit can bring to your life. He will take care of all those little problems that we think we hve. But we have to invite the Holy Spirit in, say yes and praise his goodness.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **LEGISLATION**

**Janet Richards**

**Vote Catholic! Vote Catholic! Vote Catholic!**

What is the difference between voting for who you want and voting Catholic? To vote Catholic is to vote with a moral conscience.

If you are a registered Democrat or Republican, you will voting the primary elections August 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot at stake. Check it out at [www.flccb.org/2018cqp](http://www.flccb.org/2018cqp) for voting records of the House and Senate representatives in Palm Beach County. Let your conscience be your guide.

On April 12, 2012, Sister Mary Ann Walsh wrote a paper **BISHOPS ISSUE CALL TO ACTION TO DEFEND RELIGIOUS**

**LIBERTY Urging strong lay involvement...Outline threats to First Freedom at all levels of government and abroad.** It is now 2018 and Catholics have been threatened by their religious rights. Our voices are not being heard or we, as a Catholic community, have become disconnected or disinterested.

This week Pope Francis has declared the Death Penalty a strike against one human dignity and that capital punishment should be abolished. Congress disagrees. But we do have a voice if we chose to get on FLCAN Action Alert and tell our representatives to stop execution!

Immigration. How can we possibly support some of the mandates that have come down from the federal level? How can we support immigration and support pro-life along party lines? It's confusing but the good news is, things are changing. The real issues that need complicated answers do not have band aids anymore. Their wounds are wide open. Real situations have come to the forefront of our democracy and our Catholic lives. We need solutions that will protect our country and the dignity of ever life.

Let our voices be heard through FLCAN Action Alert. Let Freedom Ring! Let our Catholic and moral conscience be heard!

**And when we link our individual strengths together, we are invincible.I can't imagine PBDCCW without YOU!**

## **SERVICE**

**MILLIE DEL GROSSO**



*"The fruit of faith is love, and the  
Fruit of love is service."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Wow! When I was asked to serve as PBDCCW Service Chairwoman, I had no idea what a ride I was signing on for. As part of my responsibilities, I represented the women of the Diocese of Palm Beach, and actually all of the Catholic women of Florida, at the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, DC, from February 3-6<sup>th</sup>. Our Florida delegation was just four, but we were a fearsome four – three women and one man.

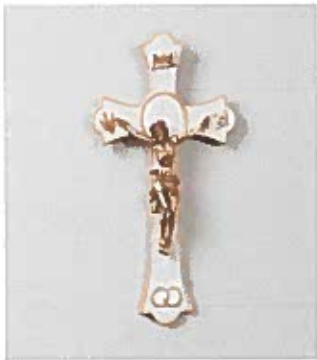
From Advocacy Training 101 to uplifting celebrations of the Eucharist to inspiring keynote presentations and plenary sessions, one could call this gathering "Catholic Days at the Capitol on STEROIDS"!! With over 500 Catholics in attendance from all over our country plus four foreign countries, diversity was evident all around. I was truly inspired by the number of young people in attendance, as well as the large number of men who are working to make sure our Catholic voices are heard.

The key points which we were tasked to learn about, and then advocate for on Capitol Hill, were the preservation of the domestic social

safety net, especially related to health care, nutrition and affordable housing; the preservation of spending on poverty-focused international development, humanitarian accounts, and diplomacy; and support for protection of DACA recipients.

I came away truly inspired, and wishing I were 20-30 years younger as there is just so much work to be done. Thank you, thank you, thank you for sending me where my soul was fed and my spirit was uplifted. I will be working in the coming weeks on some projects which I will present to the Board in which our affiliations can be involved going forward.

Just a quick update, too, on the SNAC program. While the already existing programs are going great guns, at St. Helen we have had difficulty getting families to come on Fridays to pick up the food. We are not giving up, though. I hope, also, that other affiliations are thinking about ways to raise money so that this program can continue throughout our Diocese.



**YOU ARE AN  
ESSENTIAL PIECE  
GOD**  
**Has the right pieces  
to make the  
puzzle fit together.**

**Isn't it a wonderful thing that we are all unique and different? Each of us has strengths and skills to share.**

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## **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNCIL CLUB**

### **OLOGC CLUB 2018 - 2019 ANN BEHAR**

There will be three drawings held every month from September thru April for \$25, \$50 and \$75 respectively, then one drawing in May for \$1,000! **Every One is eligible for each and every drawings!**

**Open to all members and friends. Only 225 participants available.**

This fundraiser helps support, empower and educate Catholic Women of our diocese by offering solid educational seminars infused with spirituality, as well as assists in the purchase of necessary Audio Visual support equipment. Funds for usage are governed by the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach Council of Catholic Women.

If you would like to join, please send your Name, Address, EMAIL address, Telephone Number as well as indicating the method you prefer to be contacted. and your check. Tickets are \$50 per ticket. "It's like \$2.00 A DRAW" with 25 chances to win for \$50.00.

**REMEMBRANCE TREE**  
**Joanne Springer**  
**Remembrance Chair**

Affiliations will be meeting in September and November 2<sup>nd</sup> is fast approaching, so it is time again to remind all about our annual event the Remembrance Tree.

The purpose of the Remembrance Tree is to remember our family and friends who have pre-deceased us and to increase the Emergency Fund.

The objective of the day is to participate in the mass that will be celebrated on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at our Seminary. Witness the burning of last years scroll and the dedication of this years scroll which contains the names of our beloved. Raise awareness of this ceremony that is held every November 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Vincent DePaul Seminary and also to introduce our members to the only major seminary in Florida. We also are able to meet with our future priests. Our Bishop again will celebrate Mass assisted by all attending clergy. Fr. Clem again will do the Ceremony BURNING of LAST YEARS SCROLL. Bernie Shanahan again was contacted and hopefully he will be able to do the music when we begin the ceremony by the tree.

Affiliation Presidents, Deanery Presidents please start promoting this event at your first meeting and all meetings afterwards. Information to Deanery Presidents will be sent via email.

One IMPORTANT CHANGE the Seminary can no longer accommodate us for LUNCH. Deanery Presidents you will be receiving information with further changes before your

first meeting, please pass this information to your affiliation presidents as soon as you received the revisions.

Thank you to all who participated last year and we hope more participate this year.

**FRIENDS OF NCCW FOR WUCWO, INC.**

**Myrna Wong**

Membership dues and donations allow **Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO, Inc.** to support the programs and projects of the *World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations* (WUCWO) the *WUCWO North American Region* and the *NCCW Representative to WUCWO*, as we stand in solidarity with Catholic Women around the world!

Annual membership dues for **Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO, Inc.** are **\$25.00** per year. Paid members receive a periodic newsletters and informative updates (via email) as well as an invitation to and voting privileges at our annual meeting held during the annual NCCW Convention. Membership Dues are due **January 1st** and will become delinquent on **March 1st** of each calendar year.

**If you have questions regarding Friends Of NCCW For WUCWO, please contact**  
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Please print your email address very carefully

**PBDCCW CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2018 - 2019**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

- 8 Northern Deanery Board Meeting  
St. Bernadette, Port St. Lucie
- 8 Southern Deanery Fall Board Meeting  
St. Luke, Palm Springs
- 15/16 PBD Leadership Symposium  
DoubleTree, Palm Beach Gardens
- 22 Central Deanery Fall General Meeting  
St. Mary, Pahokee
- 28/29 Respect Life Conference  
Location TBD

**OCTOBER 2018**

- Council Sunday (any Sunday)
- 11/14 FCCW 50th Anniversary Conference  
Tallahassee
- 20 Central Deanery Fall General Meeting  
St. Jude, Tequesta
- 27 Northern Deanery Fall General Meeting  
St. Helen's, Vero Beach

**NOVEMBER 2018**

- 2 Remembrance Tree Ceremony  
St. Vincent DePaul Seminary  
12:00 Mass with Bishop Barbarito
- 3 PBDCCW Fall Board Meeting  
St. Clare, North Palm Beach
- 17 Southern Deanery Fall General Meeting  
St. Mark, Boynton Beach



**22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**DECEMBER 2018**

1 Take a Sister to lunch  
St. Mathew, Lake Worth

**25 HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**JANUARY 2019**

**1 HAPPY NEW YEAR**

19 Inspirations Fashion Show and Lunch  
Wyndham Grand Jupiter at Harborside

**FEBRUARY 2019**

Catholic Social Ministry  
Washington, D.C.

7/8 FCCW Winter Board Meeting  
Orlando, FL

16 PBDCCW Winter Board Meeting  
Northern Deanery Hosting

23 Central Deanery Spring Board Meeting  
St. Therese DeLisieux, Wellington

23 Southern Deanery Spring Board  
Meeting - St. Jude, Boca Raton

**MARCH 2019**

2 Northern Deanery Board Meeting  
St. Joseph, Stuart

23 Central Deanery Spring General  
Meeting, Location TBD

26/28 Catholic Days at the Capitol  
Tallahassee

30 Women of Faith/Women of Action  
Conference - OLQOA  
11:30 Mass with Bishop Barbarito

**APRIL 2019**

6 Southern Deanery Spring General  
Meeting, St. Matthew, Lake Worth

**21 EASTER SUNDAY**

27 Northern Deanery Spring General  
Meeting, St. Lucie, PSL

**MAY 2019**

5 Marian Festival  
Emmanuel, Delray Beach  
Bishop Barbarito

13 Seminarian Luncheon  
St. Matthew, Lake Worth

17 PBDCCW Spring Board Meeting  
5:30 Mass with Bishop Barbarito

17/18 PBDCCW Convention  
Airport Hilton, West Palm Beach

**JUNE 2019**

14 FCCW Summer Board Meeting  
Orlando, FL

**PARISH EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

5 St Clare  
General Meeting and  
Annual Memorial Mass for deceased  
Sisters in Council followed by "Pot Luck  
Supper"

22/23 St. Theresa de Lisieux  
Council Sunday

## **OCTOBER 2018**

- 3 St. Theresa de Lisieux Board Meeting
- 5 St. Theresa de Lisieux  
Membership Open House Pavilion
- 7 St. Clare Parish Hall  
Concert of Sacred Music performed by  
St. Ann Parish Youth Group @ 3:00 pm  
to help the youth group raise money for a  
10 day pilgrimage to Rome to participate in  
the Pontifical Ephiphany Mass
- 9 St. Clare 38th Annual Candlelight  
Living Rosary in honor of Our Blessed  
Mother 7:00 pm. Candles distributed at  
6:45 pm
- 10 St. Theresa de Lisieux  
General Meeting Guest Speaker from  
Catholic Charities
- 13 St. Theresa de Lisieux  
OctoberFest with Beer Raffle  
After 4:30 pm Mass in Pavilion
- 20 St. Theresa de Lisieux  
Alzheimer's Walk 8:30 am to 9:00 am  
Meyer Amphitheater, WPB
- 27/28 St. Theresa de Lisieux  
Halloween Bake Sale, Fronto Patio

## **NOVEMBER 2018**

- 2 Remembrance Tree  
St. Vincent de Paul Seminary
- 3/4 Christmas Bazaar  
Ascension Family Circle 7250 N. Federa;  
Highway Boca Raton  
Craft Tables are still available for  
reservation - Contact:  
gloriaklein@gmail.com for information

## **WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO by Jane Southerland**

WE ARE women of hope, women of vision, women of faith and future.

WE ARE women who share the light of GOD to illuminate their part of the world.

WE ARE women who as vessels of life, nature and stand to protect the unborn.

WE ARE women who willingly give of their time, talent and treasure.

WE ARE women who our Bishops and Priests can depend on to get the job done, as we support our Church and community.

WE ARE women who remember the poor, the needy, and the less fortunate.

WE ARE women who answer the Call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the imprisoned.

WE ARE women who are making a difference in the third world countries, we think and act, both locally and globally.

WE ARE women whose wisdom has shaped Councils on all levels throughout their time of existence.

WE ARE women who stand in solidarity for those who are disenfranchised.

WE ARE women who will march and speak out in support of the voiceless.

WE ARE women who give Respite Care to the elderly and infirm.

WE ARE women who give conditionally of themselves, expecting nothing in return.

WE ARE supper women who could be classified as magicians, who soothe the pain of an injured child, to make the hurt go away, or could be a circus juggler

who can do a balancing act, a chef, maid and  
chauffer, and attend a Council meeting all in the  
same day! Be proud to wear your badge or pin... You  
are somebody. You are the Council of Catholic  
Women

**Please refer to the PBDCCW website:  
[www.PBDCCW.org](http://www.PBDCCW.org) for the following:**

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FOR CONVENTIONS AND  
EVENTUPCOMINEVENTS

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**Website will be updated as needed.....**



***From the desk of Jean Vassallo@  
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**DATES FOR 2018 AND 2019 MESSENGER**

**Articles are due for:**

**January/February Issue - December 15, 2018**

**April Issue - April 1, 2019**