



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

Fr. Clem, Madam President, Board Members and Council Sisters,

As we begin our second year of service to the diocese, our parishes and our communities, let us keep in mind this quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta which I have noted above. Let us be witnesses of our faith through love of others in the service work that we perform throughout the coming year.

For our Diocesan-wide service project this year, I have proposed a project which will grab your heart strings **and** empower survivors of sex trafficking with a path to freedom from slavery. The project is called **Free the Girls**, and it is run by an international 501(C)3 organization which currently serves women in Uganda, Mozambique and El Salvador, by setting them up in business selling new and gently used bras in the second-hand clothing market, which allows them to achieve independence and support themselves and their children in a dignified manner.

I am suggesting that each affiliation plan a Bra Drive in their parish to maximize the impact that our project will have on the **Free the Girls** program. We will then collect the bras and ship them to the collection point in Indiana. Additionally, cash donations can also be made to the program at the parish level to cover the cost of shipping for us and for the organization as a whole. I will provide information for advertising and collection.

Additionally, I have put together a list of other service projects which our councils can choose to do. This list is attached to my report, and will also be available under service on the PBDCCW web site.

I am looking forward in faith to this coming year, during which we spread love through our service to the Diocese, our parishes and our communities!

In service,

Millie Del Grosso  
PBDCCW Service Chairwoman

