



PBDCCW MESSENGER

Empowering Women in Spirituality, Leadership, and Service

A message from our President

Have you ever been sitting in Mass, listening to the word of God and **BAM**...it hits you...God is talking directly to me?

God has called us each to a mission in our life. He has placed us in specific places at specific times. I was reminded that being anxious and worrying doesn't help or provide me with anything good. I need to take time to pray and be thankful for the gifts that He has provided for me. I also was reminded the trials and tribulations in my life are making me stronger and more appreciative of His goodness. ***God is good-all the time.***

I want to personally thank you all for trusting me in this position of representing you, the members, as the President of our Council of Catholic Women for the Diocese of Palm Beach.

I am truly grateful for all the wonderful women who, over the years, have mentored me, encouraged me, laughed and cried with me, guided me and loved me like your own sister.

I encourage you to reflect upon our theme-***Our Lord is the Master and we are His Masterpieces.***

Peace.



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**-Laurie Ulseth,
PBDCCW President**

What is Protocol?

The word protocol may bring to mind procedures for government, military, or diplomatic occasions. We hear the word protocol used in technology to refer to rules determining the format and transmission of data. But the definition of protocol that is most applicable to the Council of Catholic Women is simply **GOOD MANNERS**. Jesus said” Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” How would we want to be treated? Let us treat every member with special kindness.

Proper protocol does not rest solely with the officers and other board members. Members have responsibilities too. So let’s make it a point to greet **EVERY** member with whom we come in contact. If you don’t know the member’s name you might say something like, “I’m not sure we’ve met. I’m _____.” Then you might make a little small talk that will help you remember the person. Something like: “How long have you been a member? Are you serving on a committee?” and let the responses lead you to the next step in the conversation.

It is important as well for officers to greet members and guests. Please don’t just go to your place at the head table and sit there holding court or rifling through papers. Officers should arrive early and have their papers and any other items in place ahead of time so they can circulate among the members and get to know them.

This is equally true at the deanery level. At board meetings be sure new members of the board are introduced, not only in the formal roll call, but also while circulating during the social time before the business meeting starts. At general meetings take advantage of the coffee time to circulate and meet people from other affiliations and really get to know them.

Deaneries are **NOT** autonomous; deaneries are part of the PBDCCW. Therefore, the PBDCCW President, or, in her absence, the Vice President, should attend Deanery board meetings. Such attendance is not extended to other members of the PBDCCW board, however, in order that the number of people in attendance at the Deanery board meeting is kept at a manageable level. They are invited, however, to Deanery general meetings. At Deanery board meetings the PBDCCW President gives a summary of upcoming Diocesan events, areas



During this term of office, Betty McKinley, Past PBDCCW President (2005-2007) will be a guest columnist. Her columns will focus mainly on protocol.

where help might be needed, or she may ask for opinions on projects or policies being considered, but which are preliminary and not yet developed sufficiently to announce to the general membership, or any other matters that may be of interest or concern to deanery members. The Diocesan President, or the Vice President in her absence, should also circulate during social time at Deanery board and general meetings, and meet as many people as possible each time. This helps her discern strengths of members who may be considered in the future for service on committees. -Betty McKinley

Spirituality

I would like to address something that I believe is very close to God's heart: Forgiveness. In Matthew 18:21-22 Jesus tells us that we should not forgive our enemies 7 times, but 70x7. It has been said that keeping a grudge is letting someone live in your head rent free. They may not even know you are holding the grudge. It doesn't bother them at all, but it eats you up from the inside out.

Let me give you an example of forgiveness. When I was 2 we lived in a duplex. The lady next door was Miss Suzie. She had never been married and had no children, so she wasn't an expert in dealing with toddlers. In early spring she dug holes in her front yard and planted tulip bulbs. She watered them and weeded the garden constantly. She couldn't wait until the tulips would bloom. One day some of them did bloom and I saw them and picked them to take to my mother. "Look Mommy, I found you pretty flowers." Well, of course my mother was devastated. She said those are Miss Suzie's flowers and we have to take them back to her. So we went next door to give the flowers back to Miss Suzie. She immediately handed them back to my mother. She said, "I wanted to plant these flowers to grow and be beautiful. There is nothing more beautiful than a little girl giving flowers to her Mommy." I would like each of you today to think of someone you are holding a grudge against and decide to let it go. Yes, Elsa "Let it go!" You will feel so much better. I promise you will sleep better tonight and you will be more relaxed and patient tomorrow. Many times Jesus said, "Peace be with you." This will give you peace.



*Lord, if my brother sins
against me, how often must
I forgive him? As many as
seven times?*

-Debbie L. Whitlock,
PBDCCW Spirituality
Chairwoman

Leadership

Join us for a day filled with fellowship and learning about your inspiring role in the Council of Catholic Women... Open to ALL CCW members!

-Diane Ramos, PBDCCW Leadership Chairwoman



PBDCCW LEADERSHIP TRAINING
God's Chosen Ones

SAVE THE DATE

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A day filled with fellowship and learning about your inspiring role in the Council of Catholic Women

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019
9:00am-3:00pm

Location: **St Clare Catholic Church**
821 Prosperity Farms Rd, N. Palm Beach, FL 33408

Service



Our mission this year is to identify what we can do to help these victims.

-Carol Minich, PBDCCW Service

Our Lord is the Master and we are his Masterpieces. As we begin our first year of service to The Diocese, we acknowledge the plague of Human Trafficking. Trafficking in persons-also known as human trafficking or modern slavery-is described by the US Department of State as the “act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing of obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sex acts through the use of force, fraud or coercion.” This does not fit our view of slavery 200 years ago, but it shares the same notion that a person’s life, liberty and fortune can be under the absolute control of another, and be sold, bought or used at the will of the owner. Eighty percent of Trafficking involves sexual exploitation and nineteen percent involves labor exploitation. Due to the covert nature of the crime and lack of awareness of and funding for the issue, accurate statistics are hard to obtain.

The average entry age of American minors into the sex trade is 12 – 14 years old. Many victims are runaway girls who have already suffered sexual abuse as children. Foreign nationals are also brought into the U. S. as slaves for labor or commercial sex through force or fraud. The use of the internet has fueled the rapid growth of sex trafficking, making the trade of women and children easier than ever before. One critical way to combat human trafficking is to invest in services that prevent the crime before it occurs. Runaway and homeless youth, especially LGBT youth, are one of this nation's most vulnerable populations to human trafficking.

Awareness is a critical step, but it's not the only step. Awareness doesn't free anybody. We must find ways to reach the potential victims. Florida is ranked No.3 in the nation for high rates of human trafficking, and Palm Beach County is ranked in the top three counties in the state. The Catholic Charities of Palm Beach Diocese and the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office have joined forces and received a joint grant from the Department of Justice, to fund case workers, services, and supplies. Victims at times find a way to contact outside for help. The Police and undercover detectives put the victim with counselors of Catholic Charities who are available around the clock for them for whatever they need.

Our mission this year will be to identify what we can do to help these victims. We want to help Catholic Charities with needed supplies and gift cards to help these victims to become their own free persons.



Messages from our Deanery Presidents



Let us use our God given gifts to serve others.

-Reggie Murray, Northern Deanery President

“Let us use our God given gifts to serve others...” is how we will begin our 2019-2021 term, working together as Sisters in Council of the Northern Deanery. As the new ND President, I know that I have big shoes to fill following in the footsteps of our Immediate Past President, Doreen Recco. I also know that Doreen is available to ensure that I don’t wander too far off of the CCW path. Isn’t that how it works? Isn’t that what we say to members when we are asking them to take on a task, chair a committee, or consider running for an office? We tell them that they are not alone, because there are always members available to guide them along. We have a great ND Board comprised of some great council sisters who are ready, willing and able to make this year a good one! Our service project will focus on Human Trafficking, and we are exploring ways of helping the Women’s Care Center. *Rumor has it* they will be opening their doors to a Fort Pierce location in the near future! The Brown Bag Bingo was both enjoyable and profitable; therefore, our Vice President, Millie Del Grosso, will continue with this fundraiser. I look forward to seeing many of you at the various meetings and events throughout the year...God Bless!

-Lena Ghaffari, Southern Deanery President



I wish us all success with the Holy Spirit guiding us.

-Elsie Creegan, Southern

As per usual the NCCW convention in Atlanta was a wonderful 99 year celebration of Service to the Church and a meeting of CATHOLIC women from all across the United States. It is exciting to be a member of this deanery because all of the affiliates are so busy planning wonderful events. The Council enrichment will occur later this month. Days of reflection, international dinners, bake sales, plant sales and many other varied endeavors. We shall be hosting our first Brown Bag Bingo at St. Matthew's March 20, 2020; beginning at 6:30 PM. All families are invited. We are having a speaker from Catholic Charities coming to our Fall General Meeting at St. Joan of Arc. Gathering women to fill the positions on our board I was delightfully surprised at all the energy and ability that they possess. No wonder our affiliates do so well, that's where all the talent is. We are heading into the beautiful season of fall and so we face a new beginning as the Southern Deanery. I wish us all success with the Holy Spirit guiding us.



PBDCCW Committee Updates



Legislation

-Elena Garcia, Legislation
Chairwoman

At the diocesan and state level: we are all encouraged to join the **Florida Catholic Action Network** to get information on public policy issues pertaining to life, dignity, and the common good. <https://www.flaccb.org/join-flcan> **Florida Respect Life Conference Scheduled for October 11-12 in St. Augustine.**

The theme for this year is "In the Heart of Our Mother." You can find all the information at: <http://www.dosafl.com/respectlifeconference/>

Catholic Days at the Capitol

January 28-30, 2020. This two-day event (in our diocese it is a three-day event) provides us with an opportunity to put our call to political responsibility into action and to strengthen the presence of Catholic values in the public square. We join together to advocate for laws that protect and defend human life and dignity, giving a voice to the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in our state and help promote the common good for all Florida residents. More information can be found at www.flaccb.org/cdac

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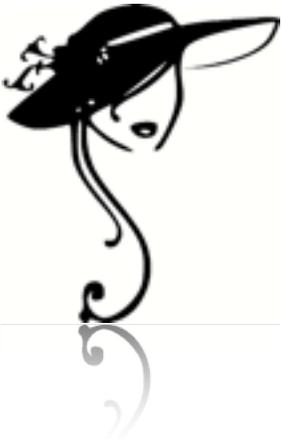
At the national level: Environmental Issues: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm> <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>
Statements from Catholic Charities USA on USCIS Public Charge Rule, Immigration Raids in Mississippi, and Interim Final rule on Asylum Eligibility and Procedures <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/advocacy/>

At the international level: 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – September 29, 2019 http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20190527_world-migrants-day-2019.html

**26th Inspirations
Fashion Show**

January 18, 2020

**-Annette Sheehan,
Chairwoman**



**PBDCCW Scholarship
Award Program**

**-Christine Rodic,
Chairwoman**



Hey ladies, it's time again for you to be inspired! Plans for the **26th Annual Inspirations Fashion Show** are under way. I am so excited as your chair to present this years spectacular event. The event will take place on January 18, 2020, and we are thrilled to announce that the Breaker's West Country Club will be hosting this years luncheon and fashion show fundraiser. Ticket price will remain at \$55.00. Look forward to everything you expect from cocktails, door prizes, a delectable hot lunch selection, a multitude and variety of baskets and gifts for your bidding, to amazing fashions to inspire you to be the best you, you can be!

Have I inspired you yet? Keep this day of excitement in mind as you receive your registration packets, they will be available on the PBDCCW website. In order to keep our event a success, we are expecting each affiliation to donate a basket or gift valued at 100.00, once again. Affiliation Presidents should be in contact with their Deanery Vice Presidents for important deadlines. Please strictly adhere to these deadlines, so that we can account for all received or incoming items. We want to be sure to have a beautiful presentation for you. Please refer to www.pbdccw.org for detailed deadline information.

We are all looking forward to this day of fellowship and fun for all! We hope you are so inspired that you invite friends and family to come. Seating is limited so register and reserve your seat or table early.

The PBDCCW Scholarship Award Program was established in 1999 through the Palm Beach Council of Catholic Women to promote Catholic education for women in higher education throughout the Diocese of Palm Beach. Thus we are celebrating a decade of gracious giving by our council sisters for an award which has successfully provided financial assistance to young women throughout our Diocese. As current Chair of the Scholarship Award committee, it is an honor and a challenge to lead our diocesan sisters in this endeavor. Applicants should be young girls who reside in the Diocese of Palm Beach, are registered members of parishes in our diocese, and who exemplify leadership qualities in their school, church and communities.

In order that our students be made aware of these requirements and set goals that will aid them in qualifying for candidacy, I am

distributing information to our affiliations during the August 31, meeting at the onset of the 2019 – 2020 school year hoping to provide incentive for students to take positive steps toward qualification. Please help to make the process known to all potential candidates as early as possible. Copies of this year's application can currently be accessed on our website at www.pbdccw.org Applications which are received on or before the deadline, will be checked for completeness, and every effort will be made to contact candidates to obtain any missing information if time permits. It is very important that each affiliation submit their portion of funds for scholarship in a prompt and timely manner. Additional support through private donations is always welcome. It is hoped you will reflect on your own experiences and opportunities of Catholic education and support this very important effort. Questions and suggestions can be directed to myself, Christine Rodic, at Rodicc@aol.com. (Please write PBDCCW Scholarship in the subject line.) or I may be reached on my cell 772-359-8103. You may need to leave a message. I will make every effort to return your call. Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a successful and happy year.



The Remembrance Tree

*New Date! Ceremony
November 6th*

-Joanne Springer and Roxy

Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and St. Vincent De Paul Seminary cordially invite you to join us on **Wednesday, November 6th** for our annual **Remembrance Tree Ceremony**. You will have an opportunity to honor our deceased loved ones whose names will be inscribed on a scroll. This scroll will be buried at the base of the Remembrance Tree located on the grounds of the seminary. **At 11:30 a.m.** Reverend Clem Hammerschmitt, PBDCCW Spiritual Advisor, will be conducting the burning of last year's scroll with prayers and blessings. **At 12:15 p.m.** the Most Reverend Bishop Gerald Barbarito will be celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the seminarians and faculty. Immediately following the Mass, Bishop Barbarito will conduct the burial of the new scroll with prayers and blessings.

We encourage the Deanery Presidents and affiliations to start promoting this special event at your asap and to continue gathering names and donations throughout the year. New Remembrance Tree cards will be available through each Deanery President. This is a perfect time for prayer, reflection, and shared fellowship. All donations from the Remembrance Tree will benefit the seminarians and go towards their Emergency Fund that assists in defraying the costs of incidentals. Please be sure to go to www.pbdccw.org for further information. Thank You and God Bless!

Important message from our webmaster



Please be sure to use our new PBDCCW email address:

pbdccw@gmail.com

**-Doreen Recco,
PBDCCW
Webmaster**

Due to the recent rash of “phishing” expeditions that we have been experiencing, it has been decided to open a new email account for the PBDCCW. The email address is pbdccw@gmail.com. **This should be used for all correspondence to PBD.** We will monitor this account and then send out appropriate emails to all concerned from our own personal email account. In this way we hope to eliminate all the emails asking for money, gift cards, etc. and stop the phishing. Going forward, should you receive any correspondence from a member of the PBDCCW board, asking for information, money or gift cards please refer to your roster and call the person in question. **The PBDCCW board will never ask you to send money or other forms of payment anywhere.** Should you need anything added to our website for your affiliation, please use the new email address to contact me.

Thank you!

PBDCCW Calendar of Events

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September



- 7 Southern Deanery Board Meeting-St. Lucy
- 7 Northern Deanery Board Meeting-St. Lucie
- 14 Council Development Training-St. Clare
- 21 Central Deanery Board Meeting-St. Rita

October

Council Sunday-any Sunday of this month



- 11-12 Respect Life Conference, St. Augustine FL
- 19 Northern Deanery General Meeting-St. Sebastian
- 26 Central Deanery General Meeting-Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

November



- 6 Remembrance Tree
- 9 PBDCCW Fall Board Meeting-St. Therese de Lisieux
- 16 Southern Deanery General Meeting-St. Joan of Arc

December



- 7 Take a Sister to Lunch-St. Matthew
- 25 Merry Christmas!

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January



- 1 Happy New Year!
- 18 PBDCCW Inspirations Fashion Show-Breakers West
- 25-28 Catholic Social Ministry-Washington, DC
- 28-29 Catholic Days at the Capitol-Tallahassee, FL

February



- 8 Southern Deanery Board Meeting-Ascension
- 15 PBDCCW Winter Board Meeting-St. Bernadette
- 22 Central Deanery Board Meeting-St. Mary

March



- 7 Northern Deanery Board Meeting-St. Christopher
- 14 Central Deanery General Meeting-TBA
- 28 Women of Faith-Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

April



- 4 Southern Deanery General Meeting-St. Mark
- 18 Northern Deanery General Meeting-Holy Family

May



- 2 Marian Festival-Delray Beach
- 11 Seminarian Luncheon-St. Matthew Mass with Bishop
- 15 PBDCCW Spring Board Meeting-TBA
- 16 PBDCCW One Day Convention-TBA