



Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
National Council of Catholic Women

**ODCCW Board Meeting
Eastern Deanery Report
January 14, 2017**

**Madam President, Father Miguel and Council Sisters,
Our Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Shrine of Mary Queen of the Universe was a huge success. Hurricane Matthew blew through on the planned date, but some fancy footwork by Pat Ferro and Sylvia Roy Mc Cormick secured a new date of November 3rd. There were 2 busses, carrying 77 people from all affiliations of the Deanery in attendance. Fellowship followed the Basilica tour as the group lunched at Golden Coral before heading home.**

During the Fall General Meeting, the ladies broke up into small groups led by the Deanery Commission and Committee Chairs. Information was passed to the Affiliations, there was discussion of projects and most importantly, everyone got to know each other and also who the Deanery Chair was for their Commission.

St. Peter's in Deland is an inspiration to us all! The affiliation has been back in Council for about 5 years. Their numbers have been few, but they keep recruiting! This September, they started out with 9 members, and have added 12 more since then. They hope to add many more during the Ministry Fair in January. They are still helping the 2 refugee families that are living in housing on St. Peter's Parish grounds. The family from Syria does not speak any English, They are able to communicate with them by using an app on their cell phones to translate Arabic to English and vice versa.

St. Brendan's has adopted a seminarian and are sending him monies for his needs. They presented the Saints Alive program in October.

Sacred Heart collected coats to give to the homeless school children of Volusia County. They also collected toiletries, socks, PJ's and lap robes for West Smyrna Nursing Home. Both of these projects were publicized in the Daytona Beach News Journal.

Epiphany continues to support two Seminarians, one at St. John Vianney Seminary; this Seminarian is a parish member. One at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary. They collected new uniform shirts along with their sock and underwear drive for the School children of Volusia County. This effort has become so ingrained in the parish that parishioners routinely drop off socks, clothing, etc in the gift shop, at bingo, and in the office all year long.

Our Lady Star of the Sea is stressing the importance of turning in volunteer hours. They continue to generously support the general Seminarian's fund by donating \$1400.00. A commendation was made to Betty Graher for 30 years of service to the CCW and 15 years as the Donut Lady at Star of the Sea.

Our Lady of Hope has started a baby booties knitting class. It was such a success that it is continuing to be held every Thursday. Their charity, Loaves and Fishes, hands out hard boiled eggs and bottles of water to the homeless on the street.

Our Lady of the Lakes was off to a rocky start, but thanks to out trainer, Rosi Schuhmacher's visit to their November meeting, they seem to be accepting new leadership and working together.

All of the Affiliations are looking forward to the ODCCW Convention in April. Specific Affiliation assignments will be finalized at the January 28th Board Meeting. Madam President, This concludes my report.

Evelyn Ging, Eastern Deanery President