

# Cornucopia

A Cornucopia of Ideas and Information for  
Today's Catholic Woman

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**ODCCW President**

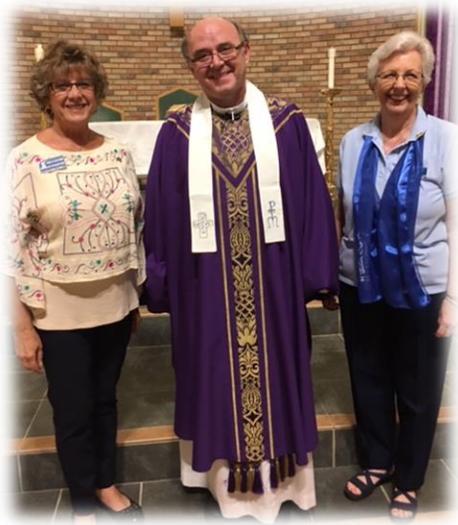
The 99<sup>th</sup> annual NCCW Convention in Atlanta was very enlightening. Please go to the ODCCW website and check out all the notes our EO Virginia “Ginny” Hagan has placed out there. She did an awesome job in keeping pace every day and has shared the entire convention with you.

I always enjoy visiting the exhibits at National Conventions. This year I spent time talking to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Water for Life, Help a Child, and the Refugee Emergency Fund are receiving good support; however, I was surprised to learn that Madonna Plan was the program that was receiving the least. Please keep the CRS Madonna Plan in mind when you are making charitable donations next year. Here is the link to the NCCW Thank You video <https://youtu.be/SJz364uWL2k>.

September is always a tough weather month, and this year has been extremely devastating to the Bahamas. As always pray for those that have lost so much. Thank you for always being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.

**Celebrate, Celebrate!!** Bishop Noonan has graciously offered to celebrate a special Mass for the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of NCCW. It will be held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Altamonte Springs on March 21, 2020 at 10:00am and it will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Details will be sent to all affiliations in the near future. Mark your calendars March 21, 2020 at 10:00am.

# *Spiritual Advisor's Corner*



The Eastern Deanery is blessed to have as our new Spiritual Advisor, Father Andrzej Jurkiewicz, of St. Ann's Church in DeBary. Fr. Andrzej is settling into his new assignment with the CCW ladies and attended his first ODCCW Convention Banquet this past April. A brief biography of Father Andrzej:

Father Andrzej was born on July 20, 1957, in the city of Siemianowice Slaskie, Poland. In July of 1976, he discerned a calling to religious life and entered the Novitiate of the Discalced Carmelite Fathers in the Monastery in Czerna, in the Diocese of Krakow. After one year as a Novice, on August 7, 1977, he professed his initial religious vows and received the religious name, Benedict.

On June 11, 1983, Father Andrzej was ordained a Priest by the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese Krakow, Bishop Julian Groblicki, in the Basilica of Krakow. He continued his post-graduate studies at the Catholic University of Lublin. In March of 1984, he was granted a Master's Degree in Theology and History of the Church. After serving many years in Poland, in September 1992 he arrived in the United States and came to Florida in 1993. He was assigned to the Carmelite Monastery in Korona. He also assumed pastoral duties for the Polish Community at Saint Joseph's Parish in Orlando. Duties included the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and other Sacraments in the Polish language. He regularly taught Elementary CCD classes and prepared adults for the Sacraments of Matrimony and Baptism.

In July of 2003, permission was given for his transfer to the Diocese of Orlando and Saint Joseph Parish. Father Andrzej also continued his pastoral mission with the Polish Community in Orlando. In 2005 he was asked to add to his duties the celebration of a Latin Mass at All Soul's Parish in Sanford. In 2008 he was incardinated to the Diocese of Orlando by Bishop Thomas J. Wenski.

On November 1, 2018 Bishop John Noonan appointed Father Andrzej as Parochial Administrator of St. Ann's Church.

Deborah Starceвич, Eastern Deanery President



## From our Executive Officer

*Editor's note: ODCCW Executive Officer, Virginia "Ginny" Hagan attended the NCCW 99<sup>th</sup> Annual convention in Atlanta August 21 – 24, 2019 and wrote copious notes. Her report is comprehensive and available on the odccw website [www.odccw.com](http://www.odccw.com). She requested that the NCCW press release be included here.*

Washington, D.C. August 2019— Nearly 700 Catholic women from around the nation gathered in Atlanta to celebrate 99 years of service to the Church.

This year's theme, Caring for God's Creation, showcased NCCW's continuing efforts to address important needs of our times through spirituality, leadership and service.

Mother Dolores Hart, O.S.B., was awarded the first Honorary Lifetime Membership Award of the National Council of Catholic Women, given to a distinguished American Catholic woman. As a young woman, she made her film debut with Elvis Presley in Paramount's 1957 film *Loving You*. After starring in several Hollywood feature films and Broadway productions, she stunned the world with her decision to enter cloistered religious life. Now prioress of the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Connecticut Mother Dolores remains a voting member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences!

Keynote speaker, The Most Reverend Peter A. Rosazza D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Hartford discussed women's response to Pope Francis's plea to save Mother Earth. Other speakers included Kim Michael Polote, Matt Holzmann, and Dan Misleh, founding Executive Director of Catholic Climate Covenant.

NCCW Commissions of Spirituality, Leadership and Service presented their efforts to combat human trafficking, their work on ways to respond to Pope Francis's call to care for creation, and their new resources such as retreats for those mourning the loss of a family member to suicide.

2019-2021 NCCW President Jean Kelly was installed at the Closing Mass, along with 2019-2021 President-elect Patricia Voorhes, Secretary Tracy Janis, and the Leadership, Spirituality and Service Commission Chairs.

The Most Reverend Joel Konzen, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, presided at the Opening Liturgy and The Most Reverend Jerome ListECKI, Archbishop of Milwaukee, presided over the Closing Liturgy. Also present at the daily liturgies were the Most Reverend William Wack, CSC, Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee and the Most Reverend Peter Rosazza, DD, Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Hartford. 40 spiritual advisors were also present at the daily liturgies and attended the annual NCCW Spiritual Advisor luncheon. The 100th anniversary of the NCCW will be celebrated at the 2020 NCCW Convention to be held August 26-29 in the Washington, D.C. area.

*Founded at the direction of the US Catholic bishops in 1920, NCCW's mission is to act through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. To request an interview with NCCW President, Jean Kelly, please contact [lbennett@nccw.org](mailto:lbennett@nccw.org) or call 703-224-0990. Visit [nccw.org](http://nccw.org) for more information.*

# CALL FOR ODCCW NOMINATIONS

It's that time again – time to plan for ODCCW elections at the 2020 Convention next April. There are two things to consider – running for Diocesan Board Member from your deanery or running for Diocesan office. Please prayerfully consider stepping up and putting your name in the running for one of these offices.

Nominations for Diocesan Board Member will be solicited from the affiliations by a letter from the ODCCW President which will be sent by 12/1/19.

The Nominating Committee will choose candidates for elected office on the ODCCW Board from current and past ODCCW board members and incoming board members from the deaneries. The committee will meet sometime after the last deanery board meeting which will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you are interested in running for a position, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members:

Peg Middleton, Chair  
Fr. Miguel Gonzalez, Spiritual Advisor  
Debbie Delaney-Mullett (Central)  
Deborah Starcevich (Eastern)  
Ine Ivey (Northern)  
Linda Molica (Southern)  
Diane Druker (Western)

Affiliations will be informed of the list of candidates by letter by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Candidates will be presented and election held at the 2020 ODCCW Convention. Nominations will be taken from the floor, providing the nominee meets all of the requirements listed in the ODCCW Bylaws, Article VI Section 2b, and has the approval of the ODCCW Spiritual Advisor.

*Submitted by Peg Middleton*

## Save the Dates!

**Catholic Days at the Capitol:** January 28 – 30, 2020

~~March 4, 2020~~ – **FOCUS 11 DATE HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED**

**ODCCW Celebration of 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NCCW:** March 21, 2020

**ODCCW Convention:** April 18 – 20, 2020

**Leadership Symposium at Lake Yale:** July 24-26, 2020

**NCCW Convention:** August 26-29, 2020

# Our Newest Priest!



In April of 2017, Derek Saldanha spoke at our ODCCW convention. At the time, he was a seminarian for the Diocese of Orlando and spending his pastoral year at the parish of St. John Vianney. He talked about the Eucharist and his love for Jesus. Many of us were moved by his words and his deep love of God.

On May 25, 2019, I was privileged to be able to attend his ordination. His radiant smile greeted the assembly as he came in and again as he exited, now as Father Derek Saldanha. What a beautiful celebration of priesthood! Bishop Noonan stated that Derek responded with “Here I am Lord, send me” when God called.

Father Derek had previously told Bishop Noonan that his favorite scripture passage is Philippians: 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me’ because Jesus Christ is Lord, as I’ve seen in my own life. Whenever my life has been centered around him, indeed I have been able to do whatever he asks of me.” Indeed, our diocese is so blessed for his yes.

St. John Vianney in Orlando will be his first assignment. Father Derek said before his ordination that his hopes are that his journey with God’s people will help them with their relationship with God. He stated further, “that they may come to discover Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. And in doing so, receive the peace and the joy that can come only from him.... And I hope to preach the word of God with zeal, with meaning, giving it my everything.”

We welcome Father Derek to our diocese and pray for him and his intentions.

*Submitted by Mary Matheus*

# Affiliation Activities

**St. Mary New Generation CCW**

*Submitted by Lexi Buckner*



## **St. Mary New Generation Council of Catholic Women Rockledge**

We the women, of the New Generation Council of Catholic Women at St. Mary Catholic Church and School in Rockledge, strive to live totally surrendered to the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother, under her title of Our Lady of Good Council and to become the saints Our Lord desires us to be. Our council of women is uniquely made up of members starting from young ladies of 14 years old and we have active members in their 80s.

We aim to respond as the hands and feet of Jesus in our parish and the community around us in a variety of outreaches. One of the goals of our newly formed council, was having listened to and heard the hearts of our women, to first concentrate on the healing and embracing of each heart, as we establish and grow into a community who Learn Love and Live our Catholic Faith in a dynamic way.

To promote the faith, healing and freedom of the women in our parish and diocese we have offered a series of talks, over the past several months - we did not break for summer. "Beauty and the Feminine Genius in the Modern World" by Father Blake Britton and "The Beauty and Strength of Feminine Vulnerability" by Nicole Rodriguez are examples of some of the topics offered.

The sacraments and prayer are the foundation of our ministry. We offer a variety of experiences to be shared in. Each evening during our meetings we pray together The Liturgy of the Hours evening prayer and we encourage our ladies to attend holy hours.

We are most excited and humbled to announce that we will be hosting the John Paul II Healing Center Ladies Team from Tallahassee, Florida as they will be coming to offer us all, "Undone", a one day retreat for women. This retreat will take place Saturday, October 5th. We welcome and encourage all ages from fourteen and up to come spend a day of retreat with us.

St. Mary Council of Catholic Women has four main branches of service. The first involves Saint Mary Catholic School. Our desire is to provide spiritual enrichment opportunities to our students and teachers hoping they will be better fed and catechized in the Catholic faith so they can later go out to evangelize.

It is our goal to make sure they know they are loved through small acts of love; such as leaving notes of encouragement and so forth.

Our next branch involves an outreach to Devereux, a school and hospital for kids with mental health issues – some who have been sex trafficked. We are currently involved in the collection and donating of school materials and books to start a small library for these children. We will also be giving of our time by serving at various events at Devereux.

Our third branch of service is under the title of The Dignity of all Life. So far we have provided Divine Mercy prayer cards with the names of those on death row, in the state of Florida and by spiritually adopting these men and women we intercede for the salvation of their souls.

As part of this Life outreach our next mission is to raise money for pregnant mothers in need.

Lastly, we have an outreach to our Seminarians. These amazing young men are the future priests and leaders of our Church now and in future generations. It is our desire to nurture them through prayer and providing them with supportive prayer cards and small simple gifts to meet their needs and wants to the best of our ability. We pray that through the providence of the Lord and our undying support that they can be formed into the saintly priests our church needs.

In closing let us look and take to heart the following, as Mother Teresa says, “I am a little pencil in God’s hands. He does the thinking. He does the writing. He does everything and sometimes it is really hard because it is a broken pencil and He has to sharpen it a little more.” We are merely just the hands and feet to fulfilling the Lord’s will; little weak pencils as St Teresa states. We know in our littleness we cannot save the world; but we give praise and thanksgiving to our loving Lord and Blessed Mother for giving us the graces and entrusting us to start simply; making one saint at a time.

The Next Generation of the Council of Catholic Women of St .Mary is humbled to have such an abundance of opportunities to serve others and journey alongside each other on our path to Eternity. We look forward to the many more sisters that will join the 140 of us already registered knowing we will be blessed to walk alongside each other on this amazing journey, straight and narrow path to Learn, Love and Live our Catholic Faith.

### **Blessed Sacrament CCW**

*Submitted by Matilda Granucci*

Blessed Sacrament Council of Catholic Women (BSCCW) will be having a High Tea on Saturday December 14th at Noon. This function will be held in John Bosco Hall at Blessed Sacrament Church in Clermont. Tickets are \$25. All are welcome to attend. To purchase tickets, please contact Jill Hanusek at 352 255 4231.

### **St. Anthony CCW**

*Submitted by Toya Martin*

St. Anthony Council of Catholic Women Presents “The Bad Girls of the Bible - Some You Know, Some You THINK YOU KNOW, And Some You May Have Never Heard Of Before” Saturday, November 9, 2019 St. Anthony Catholic Church 820 Marcum Rd, Lakeland, FL 33809 Registration from 9:30 to 10 Please call Maria Balducci at 863-858-8047 to rsvp. Cost: \$8.00 A light breakfast will be served and lunch will follow the presentation.

**St. Joseph (formerly St. Maximilian Kolbe) CCW** Nanette Parratto-Wagner, Deanery Representative

## What's in a Name?

Our Council of Catholic Women affiliation has been born again - under a new name! So I decided to take this opportunity to review our storied past as we embrace our future. After all, what's in a name? History!

Our parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe was founded on August 14, 2006. Our CCW affiliation was officially commissioned during the ODCCW Annual Convention in April of 2008. We learned and laughed together as we grew in numbers. We served each other, our parish, our community, and our state. We embraced our rich Marian spirituality and loved the Lord more deeply with each passing year. Our little affiliation thoroughly bought into the NCCW mission statement:

We lovingly produced many award winning projects in our short history and in the process received much more than we gave.

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



Then, our parish was officially wrapped into another parish on July 1, 2016. We've experienced the growing pains of blending both parishes over these past 3 years. Each parish had a distinctive milieu. Expectations and personal foibles needed some time and prayer to be resolved. Hiccups and mistakes were bound to occur, as would happen when any disparate families must meld into one, but no permanent bruises remain to blemish the possibilities ahead.

The women of our Council look forward with great anticipation to how we will re-imagine our affiliation in the months and years ahead. We are blessed to have the stories of two great Saints to guide our efforts, along with the prayers of Our Lady of Good Counsel to support us.

Please join with us in celebration as our newly named St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women is welcomed into the Central Deanery of the Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women!

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

## Prince of Peace

Marcia Rudman, O.F.S., President

When my group arrived in Atlanta on Wednesday, August 21, I was so happy to see so many other CCW ladies. I was also happy to see that the theme for the Convention this year was “Caring For God’s Creation” as I have always been concerned about our environment.

The speakers were wonderful and they did an excellent job of imparting their knowledge of the environment to us from their education and experience. They included Mother Dolores Hart (guest Speaker, Welcome Luncheon); the Most Reverend Peter A. Rosazza, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Hartford, CT (“Women Respond To Pope Francis’ Plea To Save Mother Earth”); Kim Michael Polote (“Divine Shopping Spree...Being A Kept Woman In His Word”); Dan Misleh (Practical Approaches To Sharing ‘Laudato Si’ In Your Community); and Matt Holzman (Mental Health).

I very much appreciated the opportunity to meet so many of my CCW sisters from around the country and to learn so much in one weekend about how we can all do a better job of helping others and helping our environment.

The NCCW will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year, so the 2020 Convention in Arlington, VA August 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> will be a special one. I hope as many of our Orlando Diocesan CCW members as possible will be able to attend so that they can have the wonderful experience I had this year.



*The NCCW Service Commission presentation on the environment Friday, August 23rd at Convention. Marcia Rudman, O.F.S*

## TEACHERS APPRECIATION DAY:

We, council sisters took the initiative to put forth a good cause – to give teachers who have no resources for getting supplies to help their students – a variety of gifts. We decided to select two Title One Elementary schools: Palm Terrace and Ormond Beach. A fundraiser was held on church premises, requesting from our parishioners and Council sisters - school supplies as per the wish list posted on their respective school websites. A special thank you goes also to Sandra Piasecki who donated two special fruit baskets for each school to present along with the school supplies.

We had a committee that was a big help since more hands make work easy. Caring is sharing. The fruit baskets and supplies were delivered to each school principal. Teachers Appreciation Day was successful thanks to all who participated and donated in this wonderful cause.

*Submitted by Tatiana Christopher, Prince of Peace Service Commission Chair*

**As St. Paul's Council of Catholic Women, Leesburg,** prepares for another year; we are looking forward to welcoming and supporting our new Parochial Administrator and Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Martin Nguyen, who arrived at St. Paul's on August 1. Our programs this season will include a nutritionist, a baby shower for the JMJ Pregnancy Center, information on the Secular Order of Franciscans and other topics of interest to our members. We hope to encourage our members to more spirituality in activities such as the Novena for our Nation and taking part in the Rosary Coast to Coast. Our Christmas Project is yet to be decided, however, we will continue with our Easter Basket Project. Our September meeting will be a "Getting to Know You" program with a luncheon of homemade potato salad and hot dogs (idea from an NCCW Connect this past year!). We will start the year with a "Bakeless Bake Sale" as a fundraiser but will hold our annual Christmas Bake Sale in December. We also continue our support of the Burse Club.

*Submitted by Connee Maxim*



**SUNDAY: OCTOBER 13, 2019**

**TIME: GATHER AT 3:45 PM, ROSARY AT 4:00 PM**

**PLACE: ST. PAUL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, LEESBURG, FL**

**OUTSIDE BY MARY'S GROTTA (weather permitting, or in church)**

This day has been chosen for the Rosary Coast to Coast in remembrance of the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Fatima Miracle of the Sun. In 2018 over 1200 Rosary Rallies were held across the United States and over 50 participating countries.

Our Spiritual battle is intensified after seeing the forces of evil becoming stronger in the world and in our own country. We must pray for Respect for Life, all life from the smallest of the unborn to the oldest; we must pray for the Sanctity of Marriage and Family which is threatened daily; we must pray for our children to grow strong in their faith not led by the materialistic world and others of no faith.

Please join us and pray with us!

For Further information:

[www.rosarycoasttocoast.com](http://www.rosarycoasttocoast.com)

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# COUNCILS COLLABORATE!

## EPIPHANY and PRINCE OF PEACE CCW Collaboration!

*Submitted by Marlene Braganza*

### DINNER FOR EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC STUDENTS

The Epiphany and Prince of Peace Service Commissions took on a project to prepare dinner for our Catholic students at Daytona Beach's Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU).

During last year's ODCCW convention a conversation between Robbie Snyder and myself (Marlene Braganza), the idea of preparing food for the Catholic students at ERAU popped up. Never leave a bug in Robbie's ears. It will erupt like a volcano. Before we could even have concrete discussions, she had planned what we should prepare beginning with visiting the site of the event when another group was providing dinner for the students.

Father Tim Daly, Pastor Basilica of St. Paul and Chaplain ERAU met me at one of ERAU's ROTC Commissions and asked if the Prince of Peace Council would like to arrange to feed approximately 120 hungry Catholic students following one of their 7:00 pm Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist. It was so much like what Jesus told his apostles when arranging the Last Supper. I was thoroughly amazed since this idea was on our minds so many weeks prior to this discussion with Father Tim. Hmmm! What timing!

The councils were given a date shortly after this conversation, March 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm. We were asked to use an international theme when planning the menu. We decided on a meal that would include meatless baked ziti, chicken fried rice, salad, rolls and a variety of desserts. As a side note, I must thank our Philippine ladies from Prince of Peace parish who kindly volunteered to prepare 200 egg rolls.

The Prince of Peace Council, along with a member of the parish's Knights of Columbus, arrived early at Embry-Riddle to set up for the event. The ladies from the Epiphany council arrived shortly thereafter. The Epiphany Council of Catholic Women were struggling with the news that a dear member, guide, mentor and advocate was hospitalized. Unfortunately, she was taken home to the Lord the day we were to serve our students. Evelyn Ging we miss you and will always.

While the students were attending Mass, we **quietly** took a group photograph with a life-sized cut-out of Pope Francis' portrait.

Following the church service, Prince of Peace CCW members, Connie, Linda, Karen, Sandy, Sandy's husband Ron and I. Epiphany CCW members Robbie, Lou, Anne, Dianne and Christine prepared to serve the meal.

The students of Embry Riddle were over whelmed with the response they received from the community to feed them every Sunday. Thanks to Father Tim Daley and Bernice their benefactor.

So to have a pay it forward they took the initiative to invite those who volunteered throughout the past school year to join them at 7:00 pm on April 7, 2019 to celebrate the Eucharist together. The students went out of their way even though they were preparing for the Finals but arranged a cookout for the community. The students did a great job on the decorations and had Mass and dinner outdoors. After Mass they handed a beautiful plant to each one which was giving back with what you have planted.

*Ed. note: See the In Memoriam of Evelyn Ging for another beautiful example of CCW Collaboration.*

# DEANERY DOINGS!

## EASTERN DEANERY

Deborah Starceвич, President

The Eastern Deanery is proud to report that 7 members were able to attend the National CCW Convention in Atlanta in August. We met and networked with CCW members from across the US. The speakers were very good and we especially enjoyed those who addressed the theme of the convention, "Caring for God's Creation". The topics centered around Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and how we can help our planet and environment. Many resources were provided and ideas that we can use in our everyday lives to help care for our common home. Some affiliations are thinking of having beach cleanup days or adopting roads to clean, while others are interested in pursuing the use of solar energy in their parishes.

In other Deanery news, we were happy to donate our proceeds from the FCCW "Hugs for the Homeless" project to the Halifax Urban Ministry. The money will be used to support programs and a residence facility for veterans in need in Volusia county. Lauren Morris, Eastern Deanery Legislative and Advocacy Chairlady, and Deborah Starceвич, Eastern Deanery President, were given a tour of the facility in May.



# DEANERIES UNITE!

## CCWs of Northern and Southern Deaneries Unite to Bless Africa



Father Patrick Sheedy *left* and Father Eamon Tobin *right* Pastors of Blessed Trinity and Ascension Parishes are welcomed by orphaned children in June. A multi-use building under construction is in the background.

### Blessed Trinity Ocala

The Blessed Trinity mission to Nalweyo, Uganda began in 2004. Sister Juliet Ateenyi, IHMR, who is on staff at Blessed Trinity Ocala, is a native of Uganda and asked the school children to please help the children in Uganda. Father Patrick Sheedy, our Pastor embraced the idea and mission groups from Blessed Trinity have visited Nalweyo every year since 2004.

Since that time, we have facilitated the building of a church - Blessed Trinity Catholic Community, Nalweyo, a rectory, a school, a convent, an Adoration Chapel, a staff house, a health clinic and dorm rooms. Most of the students stay at the school during the week. The Nalweyo parish – Central Campus - serves 20,000 people with 30 sub-parishes.

A CCW member, Barbara Spencer, and her husband Jack took the lead in overseeing the work during a 6 month stint in 2006, as well as several other years.

Blessed Trinity Church and School have sponsored scholarships for the children for many years. The BTCCW sponsors a young girl and several of the individual members sponsor additional students. The cost is \$205.00 for an elementary student, @235.00 for a high school student and \$300.00 for a boy in high school or seminary. The letters we receive from the children are testaments to the good that is a result of our sharing with this city so far away.

### Marty Duesel President



Blessed Trinity Adoration Chapel



Children and teachers (red shirts) of Ascension School Uganda

### Ascension Melbourne

Georgette Hoppenbrouwer, President

Ascension Parish has been financially supporting one of the 30 sub-parishes – Ascension Parish but this was the first year that our Pastor Father Eamon Tobin and 8 parishioners joined Blessed Trinity on a mission trip to Uganda. The request went out for children’s underwear, and our CCW purchased 350 pairs of boys’ and girls’ underwear in addition to individual members donating the other items requested - electronic equipment - tablets, lap tops and cell phones and rosaries.

We too are joining Blessed Trinity with many of our members sponsoring children and teachers and donating for the development of water wells, school rooms and the needs of the orphanage.



Women at the well and gathering vegetables for dinner

# Spirituality Commission Sylvia Roy McCormick

As we embark on a new council year, let us pray to the Holy Spirit to keep the fire of Christ's love alive through our spiritual and corporal works of mercy. As I write this short article, I remain vigilant as dark clouds surround us during the height of hurricane season. Likewise, our spiritual lives are at risk every day, and just as we must remain alert to the physical storms around us, we must bear in mind that complacency is the enemy of prayer. Also, in this fast-paced day of technology and numerous commitments, we must make it a point to unplug from the "noise" that impedes us from connecting with God. If you are not already in the daily habit of making time for our Creator, I invite you now to begin a commitment to spend at least five minutes each day in quiet reflection.



Photo by Leigh Osgood, used with permission

This Commission Chair along with Karen Hill facilitated a break-out session at Lake Yale on July 27 with approximately 25 ladies in attendance. Two Council sisters who received recognition at the ODCCW annual convention in April shared their individual projects with everyone present. Thank you, Joan Stewart from Our Lady of Hope and Mary Gorham from St. Thomas Aquinas, for sharing your affiliation's ideas. The two projects were "Who Said What and Where in the Bible?" and "Finding Joy in Jesus through Mary" respectively. Please send me an email if you would like details. (sroy7@outlook.com) In addition to highlighting two specific projects, attendees participated in a lively discussion and exchange of ideas.

## Human Trafficking Susie Harting, ODCCW Human Trafficking Chair

There are so many horrific stories about human trafficking. We have heard so many, but the stories continue. The latest being in the rich and powerful. Jeffrey Epstein. End of story.

We as Council members must continue to educate and if you see something, say something. Look for any sign, such as physical and/or psychological trauma - which is anxiety, lack of memory of recent events, bruising, and untreated conditions. Victims are fearful of telling others about their situation and have limited freedom.

Being alert and aware of how to prevent human trafficking is half the battle against this horrible crime. Since 2015 over 38,000 students have been updated on the vulnerability of human trafficking and 75% of these students have viewed pornography. Adults - 47,000 have been presented information regarding trafficking by attending conferences, news and general awareness. Professionals - such as faith communities, school personnel, medical professionals, legislators, and counselors are getting the word out about this ever-growing crime. Law enforcement is much more informed on the many ways to untangle how the victims are captured by these criminals.

To share my latest story: a 12-year-old girl who did not have a protector - so she became a victim. This young victim fell in love with an older boy who made her feel like she was appreciated, needed and loved. Months later, she met him at the mall and the real intentions of the "older boyfriend" came to light. She was abused and terrorized. She was raped 15-25 times per day if she refused any request of the "boyfriend."

Please, if you see something - say something. Educate all your children and grandchildren. Have a trafficking training at your affiliation ASAP for adults and all ministers. Our emergency room physicians and law enforcement officers are being trained to look for signs of trafficking. This has been a great help to identify victims. So we must do our part to identify victims on the street.

Please contact me for any additional information on this horrific crime worldwide - Susie Harting. My email is hartingj@bellsouth.net.

# *IN MEMORIAM*

## *Evelyn Roell Ging*

Evelyn Roell Ging was born in Pittsburgh, PA moved to South Daytona in 1991 and became an active member of Epiphany CCW. She served as President of the affiliation and served as Secretary and President of the Eastern Deanery. Evelyn was game for any fundraiser to help CCW. She walked and talked CCW. The photo was at last year's tea party held by Epiphany and we in Prince of Peace always were her guests with delight. Evelyn's affiliation at Epiphany Parish held an evening tea in her memory where she was very fondly remembered. Members of Prince of Peace affiliation also attended this event. The poem is so much Evelyn and truly attunes to the sentiments we had of her.

*Submitted by Marlene Braganza*



*Evelyn Ging*  
*November 20, 1936 - March 3, 2019*



### **The Broken Chain**

We little knew that day, God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, In death, we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you, The day God called you  
home.

You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you, You are always at our  
side.

Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again  
- Ron Trammer -