

The Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

THE COUNSELOR

THE MOST REVEREND FREDERICK F. CAMPBELL, D.D., PHD., BISHOP

THE REVEREND JAMES P. BLACK, MODERATOR

NANCY MONTGOMERY, PRESIDENT



Winter/Spring 2009

MARK YOUR 2009 CALENDARS

- DCCW Annual Retreat, St. Therese Retreat Center, April 24, 25, 26
- DCCW Quarterly Board Meeting, Saturday, May 9th
- Jubilee of Anniversaries, Sunday, June 14th, Church of the Resurrection, New Albany
- Leadership Seminar, St. Andrew Church, July 18th
- DCCW Quarterly Board Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 8th
- Catholic Woman/Catholic Young Woman of the Year Awards Banquet, Sunday, August 23rd Berwick Manor, Columbus
- NCCW National Convention, Jacksonville, Florida, Sept. 24-27th
- DCCW 64th Annual Convention, Oct 31st St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Commission Updates 2-7
DCCW Retreat 8,9
Radio Outreach 10
Prison Ministry 11
DCCW Bulletin Board 12-13
Parish Awards 13
Deanery Meeting Info 13
Counselor Ads 14-15

A Word From Our President...

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has been representing women in the Columbus Diocese for over 64 years. You'll see in the Commissions \Concerns pages (pages 2-7) of this issue, that our commissioners take our call to give support and help to women seriously by sharing ideas and insights for our readers to put to use. To help our women take time out and draw ever closer to God, each April we give a special retreat (see pages 8 & 9 for retreat information and registration). Our Parish Awards Books, which chronicle and celebrate our parish women's groups and affiliate organizations, are sent to all parishes for completion in May. Our radio program "Yes! Lord" shares many wonderful works from our diocese and beyond weekly on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, which is now heard at 1580AM on your radio dial with a strong signal that blankets all of central Ohio (see page 10). For women wanting more information about our office, we have created an informational packet called "DCCW in a Nutshell"(page 13). There isn't room here to share all that is happening with the Columbus DCCW, but we hope that reading the pages in this issue will give you an insightful overview.

We have begun selling ads to help defray the cost of the *Counselor* and are so very grateful for those who have stepped forward to help us. Be sure to check out the advertisers' pages (pages 14-15).

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your president for the next two years. My sincere prayer is that we be women who choose to delve even deeper into our **faith** and that we become women who are ever more taking **action** for our faith, our families, and our communities. We are, after all, women of **faith** and women of **action!**

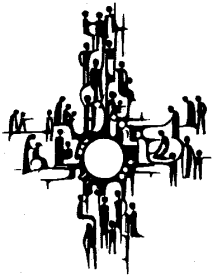


May you have a blessed Lenten and Easter Season.

In Our Lady of Good Counsel always,

Nancy Montgomery

Church Concerns Commission— Maria Horn



LENT - OUR OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD..

The Bible says in James 4:8, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, *you* double-minded." As Catholics we have an amazing sacrament that the Lord uses to help us clear that path to draw nearer to Him— Reconciliation. The Magnificat's *Lenten Companion* offers a beautiful "Examination of Conscience" for us to follow in preparing for this special time:

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?"

(Romans 8:31-32)



Examination of Conscience

For the times that I forget that I need a Savior, and arrogantly rely on myself as if I am sufficient to myself: *Lord Jesus, have mercy on me!*

For the times that I trust my sinful attachments more than the Father's love:
Lord Jesus, have mercy on me!

For the times that I allow my own reactions and opinions to supersede the truth of the Father revealed to me through Christ in his Church:
Lord Jesus, have mercy on me!

For the times I shun the presence of Christ, whether it be his sacramental presence or his presence through the people he puts in my life:
Lord Jesus, have mercy on me!

For the times I blaspheme by using other human beings as things that I can manipulate or use for my own selfish ends: *Lord Jesus, have mercy on me!*

For the times I abuse those things the Father has given to me for the building up of his kingdom: *Lord Jesus, have mercy on me!*

For the times that I justify my sinfulness: *Lord Jesus, have mercy on me!*

Our Father...

Closing Prayer:

God our Father, in this Lenten season may we not betray your love by trying to deserve it. Help us to fast from all that distracts us from your love. Help us to recognize you as the origin and goal of all of the desires you place in our hearts. Help us be true to ourselves and true to you by continuing to beg for your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Lord God, may the memory of the cross of your Son Jesus Christ have victory over all that would keep me from running again and again into the ever outstretched arms of your mercy.

CHURCH COMMISSION - emphasizing that our lives be centered around prayer.

GAINING HOPE AND COURAGE AT THE 2009 2ND ANNUAL COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Picture by Ken Snow, Catholic Times

Over 1,500 women attended the 2nd Annual Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 21st. This special day included morning coffee and doughnuts at registration, many tables to browse through from various organizations and businesses, and a light lunch. All these things were wonderful and well organized, but the real blessings began with Mass. A terrific choir formed from women who attend many different parishes sang before and during Mass. Bishop Griffin celebrated Mass in the absence of Bishop Campbell.

Time for Reconciliation and for our speakers began following Mass. Rwandan genocide survivor, Immaculée Ilibagiza, spoke first, sharing with the women the dramatic story of how faith and forgiveness overcame fear and fanaticism in her survival. Immaculée's story was very moving. Following her talk, she spent much time signing books and ministering love and courage to hundreds of women. So great was her compassion that it was necessary to pull her away from the conference in time to catch her plane out of Columbus. The second speaker was Sister Rosalind Moss. Sister Rosalind grew up in a conservative Jewish family. Sister Rosalind felt that there was something missing in her life and her search led her to first become an evangelical Protestant and eventually a Catholic Apologist. She is now the founder of a community of religious women known as the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Israel's Hope. Sister Rosalind told her story of conversion with beautiful humor and shared much inspirational advice with the women.

Our own Columbus DCCW President Nancy Montgomery was the Mistress of Ceremony for the Conference. Standing on the dais gave her a birds-eye view of the day, including the wonderful experience of watching as hundreds of women waited in numerous lines to go for confession with the many priests gathered for the day.

If you would like to order a CD of the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference you can order it at www.columbuscatholicwomen.com or you can call Christina Klein at 614-538-9026. Also, read the Catholic Times article with pictures online in the Times Archive editions at: www.coldsdioc.org/Offices/TheCatholicTimes/tabid/283/Default.aspx

Community Concerns—Christina Klein

Make a Peace Pledge for Earth Day!

Be a Peacemaker!

Make your pledge...

We are called to be faithful stewards of God's creation every day. The annual observance of Earth Day reminds us of that responsibility to use the goods of the earth with care.



The arrival of the wondrous season of Spring also presents us with an opportunity to resolve to make peace with the earth in our daily lives. We can become activists for ecological justice through letter-writing campaigns; participate in creation-oriented liturgies and prayer services; educate ourselves through environmental study groups; resolve to honor nature through recycling, composting, organic gardening.

Earth day is April 22nd, 2009. There will be celebration events during the weekend. If you would like to find volunteer opportunities visit www.nowgetbusy.org/volunteer.

Community Concerns - pointing the way to reach out into our secular communities

Family Concerns Commission—Ellie Hudson-Ervin



“The media of today is a wonderful resource but setting some limits makes it a much safer tool.”

Common Sense Tips for a Healthy Media Diet

Here are some ideas to keep things safe.

Establish media guidelines with kids.

- Set media time limits and stick to them. Experts recommend no more than one to two hours a day of screen time.
- Check media content and ratings at www.common sense media.org in advance to choose media that is age-appropriate.
- Keep media out of kids’ bedrooms. Locate media in a central place where children’s media can be supervised.
- Make a **no media** rule during mealtimes, while doing homework, and before bedtime.
- Consider using parental controls-blocking technology like the V-Chip for television or filtering software for the internet.
- Get kids into the habit of asking permission to use media.
- Make sure babysitters and other caregivers know your media guidelines.
- Push the remote button to “off” and get kids to read, exercise, or play every day for the same amount of time they spend using media.

The media of today is a wonderful resource but setting some limits makes it a much safer tool.

http://www.capta.org/sections/communication/downloads/communicator-2008-03/01_Common_Sense_Tips_Healthy_Media_Diet.pdf

A Prayer for Married Couples



You blessed the union of married couples
 So that they might reflect the union of
 Christ with His Church.
 Look with kindness on them.
 Renew their marriage covenant.
 Increase your love in them,
 And strengthen their bond of peace
 So that, with their children,
 They may always rejoice in the gift of your blessings,
 We ask this through Christ Our Lord

Prayer found at: Amen.www.usccbpublishing.org

Family Concerns Commission - promoting family principles, the core of society.

International Concerns—Lois Murphy

The World Union of Catholic Women's Organization (WUCWO) was founded in 1910 and represents one hundred Catholic women's organizations from all continents looking forward to the centenary. It is a service for women in the Church and in society.

In 2006, WUCWO was established by the Holy See as a Public International Association of the Faithful. WUCWO has consultative status with United Nations: ECOSOC, FAO, HRC, ILO, UNESCO, and is present at the Council of Europe.

WUCWO's aim is to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church. In order to enable them to fulfill their mission of evangelization and to work for human development.



American Karen Hurley, WUCWO's President General, addressed the Forum of Catholic-inspired Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Rome in December of 2007. The 2008 WUCWO North American Regional Conference was held in Winnipeg, Canada with the theme of "Women as Peacemakers, Love One Another." The Regional Conference in Europe had the theme of "Let's Free Women from Trafficking." The Africa Regional Conference chose the theme of "Women Peace Makers United in Faith and Action: Blessed are the Peacemakers." The Regional Conference in Asia Pacific concentrated on "Women Peacemakers; united in faith and action" with topics of dignity, trafficking, migration, poverty and peace. In Latin America, the Regional Conference had the theme of "Women of faith and hope, disciples and missionaries of peace."

Women around the world have been joining together to work toward common goals, and we join with them through the National Council of Catholic Women who represents us on the world level. God Bless them and us.

International Concerns Commission - Meeting global needs.

Playing fair is its own reward. The CRS Fair Trade Program allows you to buy great coffee, tasty chocolate, and beautiful handcrafts. Your purchase through the fair trade marketplace promotes fair wages and human dignity.

Buy Fair Trade Products

The fair choice is the right choice. The daily decisions you make as a consumer can make a real, positive difference in the world. When you choose to buy fair trade products you are making a strong connection with hardworking, but impoverished workers around the world. The CRS Fair Trade network guarantees fair wages to disadvantaged artisans, farmers and workers. It also provides the technical and financial assistance that poor people so desperately need but so rarely get in the conventional trading system. Buy fair trade products and return human dignity to people just like you.



Visit the CRS Fair Trade website at www.crsfairtrade.org

Legislative Concerns—Marjorie Reese

EXECUTION ALERT: Jeffrey Hill was scheduled to be executed in Ohio on March 3, 2009, for the death of his mother, Emma Hill. Governor Strickland commuted his sentence to 25 years to life on February 12, 2009. Brett Hartman is still scheduled for execution in Ohio on April 7, 2009, for the death of Wanda Snipes. Mr. Hartman has strong claims for his innocence. Please contact Governor Strickland to thank him for his action in Jeffrey Hill's case and ask him to consider similar action for Brett Hartman.

OHIO BUDGET: Governor Strickland has sent his budget proposal to the Ohio Legislature. Please contact your state legislators, and tell them of your desire for fair treatment of programs that affect children, the elderly, the homeless, and all those living in poverty. We must take care of the most vulnerable in our society.

FOCA: The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) is back again. If passed, FOCA would allow abortion during any stage of pregnancy. Please contact your United States congressional representatives and senators to state your opposition to FOCA. If postcards stating opposition to FOCA are distributed at your church please participate by completing and mailing them.

Pro Life



Consider participating in Pregnancy Decision Centers "Baby Bottle Program." You can support PDHC at anytime during the year by having your parish, organization, or Youth Group take baby bottles to fill with spare change.

The "Baby Bottle Program" is a great way to raise awareness and funds for this ministry. If you contact PDHC they will provide the bottles, they just ask you to provide the outreach.

For more information about the organization or other ways that you can help, contact PDHC at 614-888-8774 ext 6124 or visit their website at: www.pdhc.org.

Established in 1945, the Catholic Conference of Ohio is the second oldest state bishops' conference in the United States (New York was the first). Originally known as the Ohio Catholic Welfare Conference, the Conference was given its present name by the bishops of Ohio in 1967. There now are Catholic Conferences similar to Ohio's in thirty-two states. All of Ohio's DCCWs have delegates to the CCO comprised of members of their leadership teams. This important link enables DCCW and our member councils & affiliates to keep abreast of the Church's positions on legislative concerns and share those concerns with Catholic women. **To learn more about the Catholic Conference of Ohio, visit their website at www.ohiocathconf.org**



Legislative Concerns - focused on social justice issues, challenging our government to create just laws and policies

Organization Concerns Commission — Karen Kitchell



A survey at a major financial company listed many factors that helps a meeting run smoothly. The number one factor is to have a written agenda. How can you have a meeting without knowing what you are going to be discussing? It also helps in a number of other ways as well - you aren't jumping around in a hit or miss fashion, everybody gets a turn to present their reports, and nothing is left out. An agenda will also help you to prepare the necessary items for the meeting. Need to make copies of information for a discussion? Now you will know.

Have you ever been to a meeting where the conversation jumps around to different topics? It wears a listener out trying to keep up with the topic being discussed. It also comes off as being very unorganized and one wonders if anything at all ever gets done.

Put every little detail that you want to discuss on the agenda. In the heat of the moment, so to speak, you will forget what you wanted to discuss. But also be flexible. Things happen and if time becomes short, know what you can discuss at a later meeting and what absolutely needs to be discussed at the current time.

Another factor of a good meeting is starting on time. You obviously do not want to start earlier than the scheduled time because then nobody would be there. People's time is precious. They have children at home with homework to be checked, baths to be taken, lunches to be packed and tucking in to be done. If you keep them waiting around for the meeting to start they will decide that they have better things to do then to sit around waiting for you to get organized. And they won't come back. If your speaker is not on time, start the business meeting and then pause when the speaker is ready.

The last factor that I will talk about is ending the meeting on time. If a heated discussion develops, ask that it be continued at the next meeting and put more time into the schedule for it. Because what will happen is that people will start leaving the meeting and you will not have anybody around for the rest of the agenda items. Be sensitive to the time factor if the meeting is held on a weeknight. Not only are there children to be cared for but people who work outside the home will need to get to bed so that they can get up and go to work the next day.

If you have gone through all of the items on your agenda before the allotted time has run, go ahead and end the meeting. Not only will you earn the gratitude of your members, you might impress a potential new member with your efficiency.

Organization Commission - centering on individual and council growth and the development of our parish women's groups & affiliates.

DCCW 2009 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

When: July 18

**Where:
St. Andrew Church,
Columbus**

**For more info visit
the DCCW website**

**This workshop is
intended to provide
you with information
to assist you on
enhancing your
leadership skills to
allow you to be a
more effective
servant of the
Lord.**



DCCW Annual Women's Retreat

April 24, 25, 26, 2009



To All Catholic Women,

We extend an invitation to peace and quiet.

WHEN: April 24, 25, 26, 2009

**WHERE: St. Therese's Retreat Center,
5277 East Broad St., Columbus, OH**

**RETREAT DIRECTOR: Sister Jean Daugherty ,
Franciscan Sisters , T.O.R.**

In the midst of your daily routine, come away and experience the companionship and comfort of the One who says, "Be still and know that I am God." Quiet moments in the presence of God will awaken your heart to a new life filled with possibility. There's no better place to be than in the presence of God—renewed by his peace, love, and promises.

RETREAT DIRECTOR; Sr. Jean Daugherty, T.O.R.

Sr. Jean Daugherty was born and raised in Lancaster, Ohio. She is a member of the Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R., located in Toronto, OH. For ten years Sr. Jean served as Reverend Mother of this new Franciscan community in the Diocese of Steubenville in 1988. Currently, she is a member of the General Leadership of the community and is in formation work as Sister Servant of Novices. In addition to serving her community in these ways, Sr. Jean has had several opportunities to speak at events for women and in various parish settings.

THEME: "COME FOLLOW ME"

Sr. Jean will speak to the women about God's invitation to each of us to be His beloved disciple. She will address the question of what holds us back from responding more completely to His call, and then share some ways to more fully surrender to the invitation to follow Him. The call to be beloved daughters and how to live this out in the power of the Holy Spirit will conclude the retreat.

YOUR PLACE OF QUIET: A weekend at this silent retreat in the beautiful surroundings of the St. Therese Retreat Center. Registration will be Friday from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Silence begins immediately after dinner. The retreat closes with Mass on Sunday. There will be an optional social on Saturday evening. If you would like to bring a finger food it would be most welcome. The offering for the weekend is \$100.00.

Create an environment in your heart, a quiet space that makes of your soul a sanctuary for the presence of God.

We are always happy to have attendees volunteer to lead prayers, serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, gift bearers, or a helping hand. Please indicate this on your registration form. Mail your registration in early, as we fill up quickly. We have one wheelchair accessible room with the room next to it available to the caregiver. Also, we try to accommodate special diets as much as possible. If you have questions call Nancy Jo Esper at 740-495-5815 or the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Office at 614-228-8601. Email hdetty@colsdio.org.

2009 Annual Women's Retreat Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women



Online registration form (for printing & mailing in) at:
www.dccw.colodioc.org

Questions: Contact DCCW Office (614) 228-8601 • Nancy Jo Esper at (740) 495-5815

Registration Form for the weekend of April 24, 25, 26, 2009

Cost of Weekend is \$100.00.

I wish to make a reservation for weekend the of April 24 – 26

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parish _____ I will volunteer for _____

I prefer room _____ I have a special dietary needs _____

I am enclosing my nonrefundable registration fee of \$50.00, which is due by April 20. I understand that this part of the offering for the retreat.

Make your check payable to *Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women* and send to:

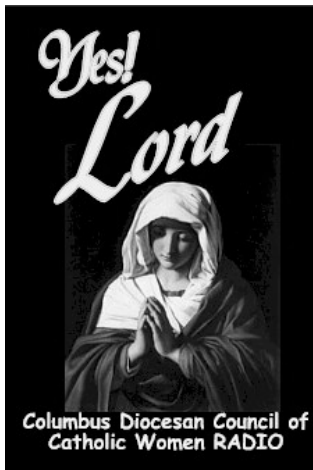
Columbus DCCW Retreat
197 East Gay Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3229

Annual DCCW Women's Silent Retreat

*Make a copy of this registration form to share with a friend!
Space is limited. Retreat registration form due by April 20, 2009.*



St. Gabriel Catholic Radio This Week on Yes! Lord MP3 Audio Library About DCCW Host Nancy Montgomery Contact Us



Our *Yes! Lord* Radio website is filled with many interesting pages and great links for Catholic resources.

Visit us at:

www.dccwyeslord.com

Cathedral Sunday Mass on St. Gabriel Radio

Listeners hear the music of the nationally acclaimed St. Joseph Cathedral Choir and the newly installed Cathedral organ live every Sunday, immediately following DCCW's *Yes! Lord*, on the Bishop's Mass from the St. Joseph Cathedral 10:30 a.m. on St. Gabriel Radio, 1580 AM WVKO or via its live stream online at

www.stgabrielradio.com.

Behind the Scenes of *Yes! Lord*...

Nancy Montgomery

This page looks quite a bit like the banner portion of our *Yes! Lord* website at www.dccwyeslord.com. As you can see, we are linked to St. Gabriel Catholic Radio—now with a powerful signal at 1580AM on your radio dial that covers all of Central Ohio. From our banner you can also see that we have a page about the program currently playing on *Yes! Lord*. There is also an MP3 Audio Library that enables our visitors to play our radio programs on their computers whenever they like! What you can't see from our banner picture are all of the wonderful links to the Columbus Diocese and great Catholic resources. Please take time to visit our radio site online. When you do, email us from the website with your comments. We love hearing from you. As I am writing this page for the Counselor, St. Gabriel Radio is finishing production of a program that I taped with Sister Rosalind Moss the evening before the Catholic Women's Conference. It will be a delightful program because Sister Rosalind shares her spiritual journey with such joy and humor. If you missed hearing it on air, visit the MP3 Audio Library at our website.

Immediately following the conference, St. Gabriel had a live "Afterglow" program with some members of the Catholic Women's Conference team taking live phone calls from women who were listening to their radios while driving home from the conference. I was able to get over to the studio for the last thirty minutes of the Afterglow. What a joy it was to listen to the many women who called to share their experiences, and it was a great pleasure to be with three of the wonderful women responsible for making the conference such a success.

Many women came up to me at the conference to tell me that they listen to *Yes! Lord* regularly, enjoy the program and were glad to finally be able to put a face with the voice. What they didn't realize was how grateful I was to be able to put a face to the listeners! Since we never know who is hearing us on radio, it is by faith that we work hard to produce a good program. *We do know* that a message of hope and faith can reach hearts via radio in a way no other medium can. It is really the Spirit of God that works behind the scenes of *Yes! Lord* enabling us to share the stories of so many wonderful people who have chosen to follow Him in their spiritual walk and share their story with us.

Listen for *Yes! Lord* on Sunday at 10:00 AM and on Monday at 4:30 PM on 1580AM, or online at www.stgabrielradio.com



Nancy Montgomery, Host
Yes! Lord

Prison Ministry— Joan McCambridge

Prison Update...

More than 500 juveniles work and live at centers in Marion and Delaware Juvenile Correction Facilities, and they are on the list to be closed. Over the past 4 years the state has closed two adult prisons, two mental health centers and two developmental centers for the mentally retarded. The governor's administration is still predicting a \$7.3 billion shortfall for the two year budget cycle that begins July 1st. The loss of jobs is also a harsh blow to the cities involved. State officials still cannot say where 176 high risk offenders will go when Marion closes. These offenders are held in Close community-based options. A total of 194 residents will be transferred and 336 employees will have to look for jobs in one of the remaining facilities.

Twelve teenagers tap at computer keyboards in a classroom eight stories above downtown Cleveland. These students are prisoners in the Cuyahoga county jail and the jail houses about 30 teenagers at a time. The program allows these students to study a broad range of subjects. They can advance as quickly as they can pass exams. Chief Kochevar said they are not convicted yet, so why not give them the same opportunity as any child in the country. Their teacher said they are good natured and respectful and that their attitude is great. Louise Dempsey, assistant dean of Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland University is among those who pushed for the program. She said, "I rarely give up on a child and these are Cleveland children, and we are supposed to educate Cleveland's children".

The employees of the Chillicothe Correctional Institute donated much needed food to Good Sam's Food Pantry before Christmas, and their local 7120 presented a check to Good Sam's for \$2,000.00.

On December 13th 2009, 2,940 men received a Christmas package that was hoped and prayed for by so many who worked for it for months. For many it was the only gift they would receive. From those of us who were privileged to hand out the bags "Thank You" for your prayers and monetary help that made it all possible. It was wonderful to see how grateful the men were.

AGAIN , THANK YOU AND BLESS YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world....naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'" Jesus

Mark 25:34,36

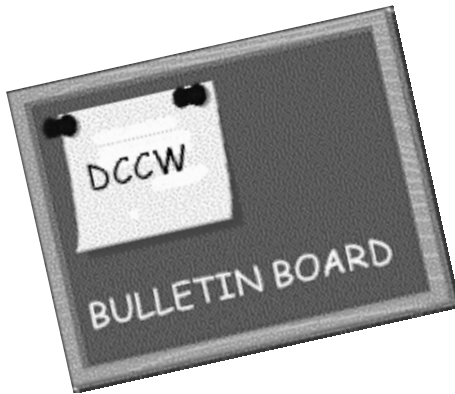
If you would like more information on how you can get involved with DCCW Prison Ministry or if you would like to make a donation,

contact:

*Joan McCambridge at
111 Burr Oak
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601*

*Or send an email to
dcccmailbox@colsdio.org ,
or call our office at
614-228-8601.*

Let me help with prison ministry...



Jubilee of Anniversaries—Molly Dodane

The Jubilee of Anniversaries is an annual diocesan celebration for couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage.

The celebration is coordinated by the Marriage & Family Life Office, the Office of Liturgy, and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. It includes the Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated by the Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell and a reception afterwards.



This year's Jubilee of Anniversaries is Sunday, June 14, 2009 at Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Rd., New Albany.

As the saying goes "Many hands make light work", we could use your help. Please consider volunteering your time that day to help hostess the reception by calling the DCCW office to volunteer. We greet the couples

before Mass, decorate the reception hall, and serve punch, coffee and cookies.

DCCW HUMOR...

HYMNS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Dentist's Hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Contractor's Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"

Baker's Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Weatherman's Hymn: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"

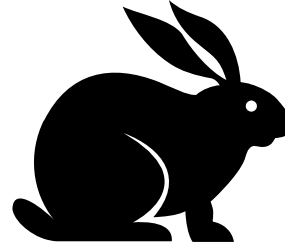
Ophthalmologist's Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I Might See"

Tailor's Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

IRS Hymn: "All To Thee"

Shopper's Hymn: "By and By"

Teacher's Hymn: "Be Still and Know"



MORE THAN JUST DUST BUNNIES?

Little Jonnie was coming home from church one Saturday morning with his mother. His mother noticed he had a very serious look on his face.

"What's on your mind, Jonnie?" she asked.

"Is it true what Father said about us all coming from dust and all turning back to dust?"

"Yes, it is, Jonnie," she said. "Why do you ask?"

"Well, then when we get home," he answered, "you better look under my bed, because someone's either comin' or goin'."

FROM *THE BOOK OF CATHOLIC JOKES* BY TOM SHERIDON

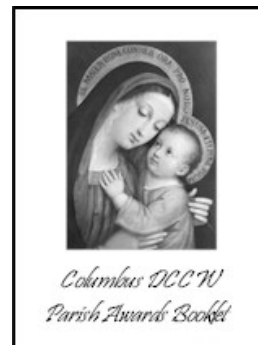
Parish Awards —Vera White

Special congratulations to the women in the twenty-eight parishes and one Inter-Parochial affiliate who received Certificates of Recognition at the DCCW 2008 Convention!

Your dedication and hard work for your families, the church, your communities and your parish pastor is encouraged by Bishop Campbell and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Your parish does not have to have a women's organization to submit the Parish Awards Booklet, as we know how many projects the women of the parishes volunteer to do for their pastors and faith communities.

We are in the process of updating the new awards booklets for 2008-2009. In May 2009, the awards booklet will be sent to a representative from your parish, or to the Parish office if no representative's name is available. It helps to complete your awards booklet by keeping track of your volunteer works from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. (Some parishes refer back to their church bulletins.) Deadline for returning books is August 31, 2009.

We are praying to receive participation from all the parishes in the Columbus Diocese and our affiliate women's groups. Those participating in the Parish Awards program, will be recognized during our Convention at a special ceremony with Bishop Campbell.



Upcoming Deanery Meetings

Columbus Area Deanery

Saturday, March 28th @ 9:00 A.M.
Panera Restaurant on Bethel Road.

For more information contact Karen Kitchell at:
kkitchell@insight.rr.com or call (614)288-4381

Southern Area Deaneries

Sunday, March 15th, 2009 @ 2:00 P.M.
St. Mary, Queen of Missions

For more information contact Annette Roth at:
a.roth@horizonview.net or call (740)701-4959

Zanesville Deanery

Saturday, March 28th
St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

For more information contact Carolyn Steiger at:
(740)454-3734

You are invited...

*Columbus Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women Convention 2009*

When: Saturday, October 31st

Where: St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville

Watch for more information in our Summer/Fall Counselor

...Mark your calendar now!

In a Nutshell...



How you can become involved with Columbus DCCW

We are often asked how someone can become involved with our work. We have created some materials called "In a Nutshell" to help inquirers better understand who we are and how to get connected with us. DCCW is an umbrella organization for all women's parish and deanery groups, also Catholic women's organizations. We include members from each Deanery and affiliate organizations on our DCCW Board of Directors—which means that through them all the parishes are represented.

For more information, call our office at (614)228-8601
or email: hdetty@colsdioec.org.

Get involved with our wonderful network of Catholic Women!

Marcus Grodi & Dr. Scott Hahn
 — along with —
 The Coming Home Network International &
 The Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology
 — present —

Saturday - May 16th, 2009
 Hilton Easton - Columbus, Ohio

For more information contact:
COMING HOME NETWORK
 1.800.664.5110 - www.chnetwork.org

www.thecatholicpaul.com



Wesley Glen Retirement Community
 5155 North High Street
 Columbus, OH 43214
 (614) 888-7492

Wesley Ridge Retirement Community
 2225 State Route 256
 Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
 (614) 759-0023

www.methodisteldercare.org
A Community for Life



Together for God
 and Neighbor

2009
 Bishop's
 Annual Appeal

Your weekly guide along the pathway of faith

**CATHOLIC
 TIMES**




Tom Montgomery Insurance
Insurance Brokerage
 Past President Ohio Life Underwriters

LIFE
 HEALTH
 LONG TERM CARE
 ANNUITIES

1105 Maple Ave.
 Zanesville, OH 43701
 Office: 740.454.8770
 Toll-Free: 800.894.2685
 Fax: 740.452.6846
 Email: tom@tmontgomeryins.com
www.tmontgomeryins.com

**Tuscarawas-Coshocton-Holmes
 Deanery Council of Catholic Women**



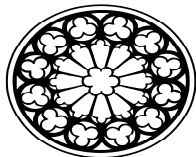
**New Philadelphia Sacred Heart
 Dennison Immaculate Conception
 Newcomerstown St. Francis de Sales
 Coshocton Sacred Heart**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!



*gracious woman
 retaineth honour*

Proverbs 11:16



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

We are grateful to the Catholic Foundation for supporting our radio outreach *Yes! Lord.*

Call them today to learn how...
they can help you leave a legacy of your faith by making a gift to your parish you never thought possible or making a gift that could stabilize your income.

1071 South High Street • Columbus, OH 43206-3412
614.443.8893 • 866.298.8893
www.catholic-foundation.org

St. Gabriel Catholic Radio
1580 AM—WVKO
Good Catholic Programming for the Dioceses of Columbus

Please support St. Gabriel Radio with your prayers. And if you are able; with your time & talents and/or financially.

For more information call:
(614)538-1580
www.stgabriel.com

Heartfelt Congratulations

Columbus Catholic
Women's Conference

Your tremendous effort
resulted in a magnificent 2nd

Annual Catholic Women's Conference

"Effective support should be given to good radio and television programs, above all those that are suitable for families. Catholic programs should be promoted, in which listeners and viewers can be brought to share in the life of the Church and learn religious truths."

Decree on the Media of Social Communications Vatican Council '99

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



Advertise or Promote Your Organization Here!

If you would like to sponsor an advertisement for your Deanery or organization, please contact Heidi at the DCCW office at 614-228-8601; by email to hdetty@colodioc.org. Purchase price for an advertisement is \$30.00 per issue. If you would like to advertise in both of our bi-annual issues, we offer a special price of \$50.00 for both editions.

DCCW Mission Statement

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

To Contact the DCCW Office:

Phone: (614)228-8601

Fax: (614)228-7302

Email: dccwmailbox@colsdio.org

Visit our websites:

www.dccw.colsdio.org

www.dccwyeslord.com

Set Sail with Us...

What a blessing it is to be part of the Diocese of Columbus, a sea-worthy vessel if ever there was! We are proud to represent women in the Diocese of Columbus. It is our privilege to serve our Catholic faith community by setting sail with parish women's groups, affiliate organizations or individual Catholic women!

Visit our websites at

www.dccw.colsdio.org and

www.dccwyeslord.com

to learn more about our

organization, our radio programs and the National Council of Catholic Women.



If you would like to make a contribution to offset the mailing & production costs of the *Counselor*, send a donation to:

Columbus DCCW, 197 E. Gay St. Col., 43215.

Your support will be greatly appreciated!

THE COUNSELOR



Columbus Diocesan

Council of Catholic Women

197 E. Gay Street

Columbus, OH 43215

Editor: Nancy Montgomery

Secretary: Heidi Detty

Consultor: Karen Kitchell

Winter/Spring 2009

Published Bi-annually

Over 64 Years Serving the Diocese of Columbus