

Cornucopia

A Cornucopia of Ideas and Information for Today's Catholic Woman
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Kathy Leigh
ODCCW President

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I look forward to working with each and every one of you over the next two years. Thank you for the honor of serving you. My first official adventure as your new president will be to attend the NCCW Convention in Pittsburgh from August 28th to September 2nd. I am anxious to get more information on the Youth and Young Adult Outreach program that is available through NCCW. Then we can work on reaching out to the youth and young adults in the Orlando Diocese. I'll be bringing back all the news, hand out and hands on information I can gather on this and other news from National.

On September 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi parish in Celebration, we will celebrate the priestly ordination of Deacon Edwin Cardona. Please join us in honoring this wonderful gift God has given us of a new priest!

Bishop John Noonan has declared "The Year of the Eucharist" in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Orlando. Past President Mary Matheus enlightened us at our 50th annual convention this year with her theme of 50 years of Merciful Discipleship. On September 8th many of us will be just that - "Merciful Disciples" as we hostess and work with the registration team and serve the people of the Diocese of Orlando at our ODCCW/NCCW table at the first ever Diocese of Orlando Convocation – Gift of Sacred Mystery. I look forward to seeing many of you there. As ODCCW we will have the opportunity to reach out to women from parishes in our Diocese that may not know who we are!

The Biennial Conference for FCCW is October 11-14 in Tallahassee. Road trip time! Some of our FCCW sisters will be taking us for a walk through the decades in celebration of 50 years! I can't wait to hear what they have to say.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Pray for us.

In Christ and His Mother,
Kathy Leigh



Father Miguel Gonzalez ODCCW Spiritual Advisor

My dear Sisters in Christ,

While saddened, ashamed, and angry at the horrendous scandals our Church is facing I want to ask you to please join me, to pray for all victims of abuse around the nation and around the world. Let's also pray that the Church will learn from past mistakes to be able to safeguard the people we serve and to be authentic witnesses of charity, justice and truth. Beginning with the gospel account centering on the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the Church led us for four Sundays to the beauty of Christ's Bread of Life discourse. Sunday after Sunday throughout the month of August Jesus identified himself, as the "Living Bread that came down from Heaven." Jesus said that whoever eats His flesh and drinks His blood, would have life to the fullest. This was a lot for many to hear and accept. The reaction was to simply walk away from Jesus, and the lifesaving gift He offered. These last couple of weeks have been difficult and painful for all of us to comprehend.

There is simply no excuse that can repair the harm caused by these scandals. Facing this hard reality that has scourged our Church we find ourselves echoing the same words that Jesus heard, from those who heard Him along the seashore: "This is too much for us." As we wrestle with this painful reality and recognizing that this indeed is too much for us, we need to rely on Christ and what He offers us for healing and strength. We need to be fed by the Bread of Life. When Jesus saw many disperse away from Him, He asked His 12 disciples if they were leaving as well. St. Peter replied to Him: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Together as the family of the Church we are called to seek the Lord for wisdom and guidance not only participating at Mass, but also by spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. I ask that we may continue to support Bishop Noonan's efforts, of safeguarding our families and ensuring their protection. Please join me in praying with and for our Bishop as he recommits himself in providing a safe environment for the flock, Christ has entrusted him to care for.

Father Miguel Gonzalez
ODCCW Spiritual Advisor

DEANERY DOINGS!

Eastern Deanery

Marlene Braganza Eastern Deanery Representative

"Welcome to Fall!" A busy season for all parents getting their children ready for school or college and having anxious thoughts how their little grown children manage being far away from home.

The ladies of the Service Commission have been given a date to feed the Catholic students of EMBRY RID-
DLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY! Surely for the first year, they miss the home cooking. So to help out our
CCW Ladies from the Church of the Epiphany and Prince of Peace, Ormond Beach are gearing up to cater for
them on March 3, 2019. The theme is International!

Northern Deanery

Connee Maxim, Cathy Merryman, Mary Yatsko - St. Paul CCW

St. Paul's Council of Catholic Women, Leesburg, has 3 presidents this year! We are working together to
make this a great year for our council sisters. Our theme for the year: "Let Your Light Shine Before All."

Plans this year include a Rosary in Church on Sunday, October 7, after our 11 AM Sunday Mass. We are
also asking the ladies to remember the 54 Day Novena for our Nation which began on August 15 and ends
October 7.

On Saturday, November 3, for the month of saints, we are sponsoring the ODCCW Personal Develop-
ment Team with "Saints Alive, Come Pray with the Saints." To register, we are asking for \$25.00 which in-
cludes lunch and a continental breakfast. Contact Connee Maxim, 352-787-5287 or conneewalt@aol.com

On Sunday, November 11, we are hosting a Game/Card Day Event in our St. Paul's Social Hall with a Sa-
lute to Veterans and proceeds going to support the purchase of a new school bus for our St. Paul's Catholic
School.

Western Deanery

Diane Druker, President

On Saturday, August 11th, the presidents of our Western Deanery Affiliations and the Western Deanery
Board met at Harborside in Winter Haven to laugh, talk, suggest and enjoy an afternoon together. Some
knew each other while others met for the first time. We started in prayer and found our way talking about
our children, grandchildren and yes, great grandchildren as well. As we laughed about how we had so much
in common we also started talking about our needs in our parishes and CCW, our successes and our ideas for
future endeavors. It was such an inspiring lunch with amazing ladies. Our Affiliate Presidents: Peg Cham-
pion, Holy Spirit; Mary Jane Oglesby, Resurrection; Shelia Thomas, St John Neumann; Debbie Wright, St An-
thony. Our Western Deanery Board: Diane DiSalvo -Treasurer - St John Neumann; Angela Morris -Secretary
- Resurrection; Cathy Petroff - Parliamentarian - Resurrection; Diane Druker-President-Resurrection.

We know that Western Deanery Ladies have endless energy and desire to do so much in 2018-2020.



*Western Deanery Board: Diane Druker, President; Angela Morris, Secretary; Diane DiSalvo, Treasurer; Cathy
Petroff, Parliamentarian and Affiliation Presidents: Peg Champion, Holy Spirit; Mary Jane Oglesby, Resur-
rection; Debbie Wright, St. Anthony; Shelia Thomas, St. John Neumann.*

Spirituality Commission Sylvia Roy McCormick

Through Divine intervention and collaboration, the outgoing and incoming Spirituality Commission Chairs and Committee members prepared and delivered prayer services for the 2018 Lake Yale Leadership Symposium. With a humble and grateful heart, I thank Laura Dodson and her team: Bernadette Kroecker, Mary Miske, Mary Schmidt, Carolyn Paternoster and Rita Billingsley. I further wish to acknowledge our new group, Margaret Hettler, Geri Montatesti and Karen Hill for your valuable input. As a team led by the guidance of the Holy Spirit we fed the attendees figuratively and literally. Our inspiration for the theme was taken from Saturday's Reading of the Day, The Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat (Matthew: 13:24-31) and Sunday's Gospel – The Multiplication of the Loaves (John 6: 1-15). The concluding prayer service on Sunday, led by Laura and me, involved every participant - as our sisters processed to the prayer table to return their sheaves of wheat that they were given at the beginning of our beautiful and empowering weekend and left with a portion of the five barley loaves that had been presented in the Sunday morning prayer service! We began our time together as empty vessels hungering for life-giving bread and left the grounds of beautiful Lake Yale nourished, satisfied and ready to feed our sisters back home. As members of One Body, the seeds of faith will continue to grow and flourish through the good works of Council.



Personal Development Team Sylvia Roy McCormick

The Personal Development Team of the ODCCW consisting of Gwen Allen, Olive Brubaker Barth, Linda Clark, Margaret Hettler, Mary Matheus, Carolyn Paternoster and myself, look forward to bringing Personal Development Seminars to your affiliations and deaneries. Our menu of topics is as follows: Discovering Mary, Discovering Ourselves; Saints Alive! Come Pray with the Saints; God's Vineyard, Seasons of our Lives and Prescription for Dynamic Councils (formerly known as the CCW Café). In response to requests for shorter days of enrichment, our team is offering "PDT Lite." We are thus presenting any of the above in the standard version from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. or the abbreviated form from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There is still plenty of time to schedule a day of personal development. The following dates are currently open: December 1; January 5, 12, 26; all Saturdays in February and March; April 6; May 11, 18. Please contact me at sroy7@outlook.com or cell: 386-679-4422 OR Mary Matheus at mmatheus0523@aol.com or cell: 407-701-4712. We are happy to answer your questions.

From Our Webmaster! Nanette Parratto-Wagner

Where Do I Find That?

Looking for a form for sending in your Annual Project Recognition report? **It's on the website!**

Who to contact to answer your Parliamentary Procedures question? **It's on the website!**

Need a template for creating minutes for your meetings? **It's on the website!**

Need more information about other organizations that network with CCW and may have more resources to help you grow in Council? **It's on the website!**

There's a cornucopia of resources on the ODCCW website <https://www.odccw.com/> This link will take you to the **HOME** page. Once the page loads, look at the top of the page. You'll see HOME, NEWS & EVENTS, ABOUT US, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES, DEANERIES, RESOURCES, LINKS, CONTACT US. Move your mouse to hover over one of these options. You'll see a little hand, which indicates that if you click on that option, a drop down menu of additional options will appear. Scroll through several options to discover the location of the file or information that you are seeking.

If you can't find what you're looking for, then use the CONTACT US option to send a note to us. We'll respond asap to your urgent request for HELP! And, if you notice something that is out-of-date or incorrect, please do send us a note with any suggested corrections.

It's really that easy to seek and locate the resources you need to more effectively and efficiently fulfill your role in CCW or to expand your horizons. **It's on the website!**

Contact Webmaster Nanette Parratto-Wagner at ccw16670@gmail.com or 321-663-1347



ODCCW Leadership Conference Lake Yale Rosary July 29, 2018

Calendar of Events

September 6, 10:30 a.m. ALL ARE INVITED! Priestly Ordination of Deacon Edwin Cardona, Corpus Christi Parish, Celebration

September 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Gift of Sacred Mystery, Orlando Diocese 50th Anniversary Convocation, Rosen Shingle Hotel, Orlando

September 10, Deadline for submitting ideas, suggestions, votes for name the newsletter

September 15, 8 a.m. Mass, 9:15 a.m. Meeting St. James Cathedral Social Hall ODCCW Board Meeting

October 6, Noon, All Souls Social Hall: All Souls CCW "BACK TO SCHOOL BUNCO" basket Raffle, 50/50, Door Prizes – Light Lunch – Ticket - \$10.00 – CONTACT:

Lynn Farrelly 407-323-0545 or Marty Schwallie – 407-323-7476

November 1, Deadline for all Cornucopia articles and photos to laurad47@bellsouth.net 321-626-1842

November 15, Publication of Winter Issue of Cornucopia

Human Trafficking

Susie Harting

The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is very involved with educating women around the United States about human trafficking. It is not going away! A few facts:

1. Nearly 80% of human trafficking is for sex, and 19% is for labor exploitation.
2. Researchers note that sex trafficking plays a major role in the spread of HIV.
3. There are more human slaves in the world today than ever before in history.

Please visit the NCCW website and send your Anti-Human Trafficking project to the NCCW office. These projects will be shared with members around the U.S. on what you are doing as the Council of Catholic Women to educate, mentor and assist survivors. In Orange County, the shelters provided for survivors, are full! We must continue to support these shelters with prayers, funds to build more shelters and supplies for each survivor. Law enforcement is doing their best to stop this horrible crime against humans.

DO NOT think it is not happening in your neighborhood - it is and is continuing to grow. Here are some "red flags" in a relationship or at work:

- Trafficker comes on strong, promises things that seem too good to be true – e.g., extremely high wages for easy work.
- Expects agreement to the employment or relationship on the spot, and threatens that otherwise the opportunity will be lost.
- Denies contact with friends or family or attempts to isolate you from your social network.
- Constantly checks on you and does not allow you access to your money.
- Asks you to do things outside of your comfort zone e.g., performing sexual favors for friends.
- Uses threats or displays of violence to create a culture of fear.

Social media is one of the main ways traffickers find victims. **Be aware and share!**

Domestic Violence Awareness Kathy Bonner

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: EDUCATE to SAVE LIVES!

Summer brings visions of white lace, flowers, and weddings. These celebrations should be a time of joy and love. How can we as Catholic women help make the love portion truly authentic? Our responsibility needs to begin many years before the day of celebration. We should be educating our young before they begin dating.

Statistics tell us that “unloving” relationship behaviors are prevalent in middle school. This age is one of the most precarious times of all. They are searching for love but do not realize they are actually either manipulating others or being manipulated under the disguise of love.

The start of the school year may bring out more behaviors that you may not want your young people to “learn.” They want to be in love with love but do not necessarily know what “real love” looks like. In their own way they sometimes think it means having the power and control over someone else. This manifests itself not only in abusive behavior while dating, but also in bullying others, creating a lack of self-esteem that can make them targets for human trafficking, or drug abuse...it is that powerful.

How can we help this group and those in long-term relationships or marriages? It starts with admitting it is happening, then prayer, followed by education. **Abuse is not God’s plan!**

NCCW is providing a simple and easy to use resource addition to the **Women Healing The Wounds** program. It is like following a simple recipe: You have the reason, the ingredients, and the directions, all while adding your faith and combining our call for real love. Download the **Women Healing The Wounds** new resource by going to the NCCW website: www.nccw.org

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Any month will save lives!

Cornucopia Founder Toni Horvath



A remembrance by Peg Middleton

Antonia “Toni” Horvath was one of the founding members of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Goldenrod, FL. She was also the first President of the Council of Catholic Women there from 1968-1970. Ten years later, in 1980, Toni was elected President of ODCCW and during her term, she wanted to improve communication within the Diocesan CCW which led to her starting our first Council newsletter, “The Cornucopia.”

Toni was the first editor of the newsletter and also did the mailings too. Her son, John, recalls how he and his wife, Jo, and whatever other family members were available were enlisted to staple, fold, and sort the newsletters at home so they could be mailed by bulk mail. At some point, her Recording Secretary, Julie Drake, took over the typing of the newsletter for Toni. Since that time, there have been many members who have stepped up to take their turn at editing the Cornucopia.

Toni picked the name for the newsletter and also designed the masthead – The Cornucopia – A Cornucopia of Ideas and Information for Today’s Catholic Woman. The definition of cornucopia is, “a symbol of plenty consisting of a goat's horn overflowing with flowers, fruit, and corn, an abundance, a profusion, a profuseness, a copiousness, an amplitude, a lavishness, a bountifulness, a bounty, a host, plenty, quantities, scores, a multitude.”

I am sure Toni’s hope was that this newsletter would, indeed, prove to be a bounty of information for all the Council members in Orlando – and it has been just that for over 35 years. Thanks, Toni!!

Name the Newsletter

As we bring our newsletter back to fruition, some have suggested that we should also “update” the name. Below are some recommended suggestions. A change requires a majority vote by the ODCCW Board. There is a meeting on Sept. 15. Please review these suggestions, make your own suggestions and email them to: odccw68@gmail.com by Sept. 10 so that a vote may be taken at the Board meeting:

- Remain Cornucopia
- Pinnacle
- We Are One Body
- Sonshine
- Sunrise
- Blessed Are We!

The Newsletter is brought to you by a new team of volunteers: Laura Dodson, editor, Ann Horschel, publisher and Gwen Allen, distributor. Please send all ideas, suggestions, stories, questions to: odccw68@gmail.com

Reflection Mary Matheus, Immediate Past President



Council As Gift

Council is a gift. It is a profound gift to women but as with all gifts we have to accept it; we have to embrace it and then live it.

In my own life, I have been so very blessed by my joining the Council of Catholic Women. I have had the privilege of being mentored by so many wise and loving sisters from my own CCW circle, the boards that I have served on including national, the ODCCW Personal Development Team and the NCCW LTD Team. There have been hundreds of women who have come into my life and touched me by bringing me closer to God by not only praying with me but encouraging me to use my God given talents in His service. It has been an amazing journey that continues.

One of the most profound things that I have learned is that spirituality permeates everything that we do especially our actions. I learned that when we teach Council subjects such as leadership, member recruitment, team building, to name just a few, we should weave our love of God in our presentations. We bring everything back to what Jesus calls us to do, our unique mission in life. Only I have the mission that I was created for. And only you have the mission you were created for. No one else has our mission. We are all unique. The question becomes, “Do I listen for that call? And if I hear it, do I answer ‘Yes’ as our Blessed Mother did.”

Daily, I ask myself... am I living out my God given mission? Sometimes, I say yes and other times as I reflect I realize that sadly I failed. But every day, I have a new chance, a new start to live out that mission. I have a new chance to deepen my love for the Lord and share that love with others.

How are you living out your mission? I pray that you are saying yes. Remember in Matthew 19:26, Jesus says that “with God all things are possible.”

Prayer Corner

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis and all of our holy bishops and priests that they may be strengthened and uplifted as never before in this time of persecution—that they may radiate Christ in all that they think, say and do.

That we, the Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women may grow stronger in our resolve to support, empower and educate all Catholic women—ALL whom we meet—in Gospel values.

That Christ may shine in all, through all, with all and for all—we pray to Our Lord. Amen