

CCW RECOGNITION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

(This is a **general guideline** to use for the celebration of CCW Sunday. This is made for our parish. You will not have the same divisions of coordinators, but this will give you a basis of information from which to start. We process in at the beginning of mass as the information below is being read. As women arrive in church for Sunday mass, they are given a Confraternity of Christian Mother medal to wear during mass. (We try to collect the medals after mass by being available at the doors.) Father has all women stand after communion and offers a blessing over us. We print all the projects and programs we have completed over the past year on a bulletin insert. We have also served coffee and doughnuts after mass to allow fellowship. There is also a Proclamation for CCW Sunday signed by Bishop John LeVoir. The Diocesan website will soon have the Proclamation and a photo that can be used for publishing in your local paper.)

Good Morning!

The Most Reverend John Levoir, Bishop of the New Ulm Diocese has designated today as the Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday. When the diocese was formed, 61 years ago, one of the first things Bishop Schladweiler did was to invite women to join together in a unified organization to serve the Church. The unity in service remains the key to the Council of Catholic Women's role in our diocese & in our parish - to serve the Church together. Every woman in our parish is a member of Council of Catholic Women, doing much to strengthen the life of our church, through prayer, enrichment & service. Each of us is called to serve in a different way, depending on the talents that we have been given.

We will now have the officers and Commission coordinators of our parish CCW present a symbol of their office or commission.

Our president is _____. Her leadership, enthusiasm, and support encourages all women to take an active role in our parish for the honor & glory of God. She is presenting a gavel used to conduct monthly meetings.

Our Vice-President is _____. The Vice-President assists the President in the organization of activities. In the absence of the president, she presides at meetings & performs the duties of the president. She moves into the office of President next year.

Our Secretary, _____ is carrying the secretary's book which is used to keep good records of the CCW. She also prepares the minutes to attach to our Sunday Bulletin so everyone in our parish is informed of our activities. _____.

Carrying the accounting book is Treasurer, _____. She uses this accounting book to keep an accurate record of the finances of our parish CCW. She is entrusted with the monies which are collected to carry out the many projects of the group. She is also responsible for paying all bills in a timely manner and collecting dues from the

women in our parish.

Our Historian, _____ is carrying the Parish scrapbook. This book gives an account of the activities of our parish. She must keep her camera ready to record all events of our parish. Newspaper articles with highlights of the lives of parishioners are also recorded in this book. An accurate history is a great asset to our parish.

_____ is the Past President of our CCW. As such, she is the Leadership Commission Coordinator. The aim of this commission is to strengthen & assist the entire organization in communicating their concerns, and furthering the developments of leadership among women. She assists the President with communication and organization. Our parish handbook is an important tool for our CCW.

_____ is the Spirituality Coordinator. Her responsibility is to create a community of God's people that is educated, enthusiastic and dynamic by a program of study and actions in the fields of Scripture, Liturgy and Ecumenism. The Bible she carries represents the goal of this commission of providing spiritual nourishment to all.

The Legislative Chairman, _____ presents a list of names & addresses of politicians. The goal is to keep us informed of ways in which we can ensure basic rights, needs and justice for all people, while keeping in mind Christian principles. We are all encouraged keep informed and to contact local, state and national leaders as well as vote in all elections.

The Service Commission Coordinator is _____. She presents a Prayer Shawl. The goal of this Commission is to awaken in all Christians a realization and conviction of their responsibility for service to others. Quilts are constructed for warmth and distributed to anyone in need. Prayer Shawls are given to individuals suffering from illness. Fundraisers like Valentines for Love are held with proceeds sent to help the missions here in Minnesota as well as internationally.

_____ represents our Scholarship program and wants to make people aware of the scholarships available for schooling & workshops. This coordinator promotes interest in further training to increase knowledge of our faith and be of service to others. She has an application for a scholarship.

The Reverence Life Committee Coordinator is _____. The red rose she carries symbolizes the beauty of life. She helps us promote pro-life issues in our society, and reverence for life from conception to natural death.

Other Guild Committees are Welcoming and Publicity led by _____; St. John Lutheran Home Auxiliary representative, _____; and Cheer Committee _____.

Due to the priest shortage in our Diocese, the parishes have been formed into Area Faith Communities. Previously, the CCW was divided into 6 Regions, but we have been streamlined into 3 groups and they are now known as Deaneries. Information is sent from the National Council of Catholic Women to the Diocesan level, then on to the Deanery level and finally distributed to the parish level.

The National Council of Catholic Women was established in 1920 and represents the voice of over 10 million Catholic women, working together & sharing common concerns that reflect current issues in the Church & society.

All women of our parish are invited to attend our next meeting on _____ at _____ in _____. We encourage all women to prayerfully consider ways that you can continue to grow in holiness through prayer, enrichment and service. You will find these meetings to be times of growth, prayer, service to our parish, and socializing with other women.

PLEASE STAND & JOIN IN OUR OPENING HYMN: _____