

**Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Church Commission
Winter Board Meeting Report
January 2010**

The Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Church Commission continues to have as its main focus the *Year for Priests* as designated by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. Deanery Church Chairs and Presidents are asked to promote and support programs and events offered throughout their affiliates and church communities such as, holy hours, Sacred Heart devotions, parish Rosary groups, etc., which are opportunities to foster the increase of prayers for priests and seminarians. All are encouraged to especially pray for vocations during this special year.

In particular, the KDCCW Church Commission is promoting an Hour of Eucharistic Adoration be offered for diocesan priests. Special prayer note cards were distributed to KDCCW Board members at the Fall Board meeting, and ladies were asked to share these cards with people throughout their deaneries and affiliates who would be willing to spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration for a particular priest. Addressed envelopes were also given to members so they could write a personal note of encouragement to the priest for whom they prayed. The goal is for every priest in the Diocese of Knoxville to receive a note (with an hour of adoration offered) from a member of the KDCCW or her designate.

The KDCCW Church Commission espouses the daily recitation of the Rosary for priests in this special *Year for Priests*, and continues to encourage parish affiliates and individual members to join in this fruitful endeavor. Who more to bless her special sons than our Holy Mother?

All PCCW, deanery and diocesan meetings should include a prayer for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. There are many resources available to members specifically seeking Prayers for Priests; on-line, in many booklets, and the ETC contains a Prayer for Priests in its publication.

In Addition ~

The KDCCW Church Commission continues to foster:

- + Praying the Liturgy of the Hours each day which is a blessed means of supporting our priests daily as we join with them in prayer
- + Using the E-Prayer Chain for those in need of prayer
- + Participating in the Diocesan Why Catholic? program if possible
- + Supporting the Diocesan Vocations Promotion Council in its endeavors
- + Commitment to our resolution to recall the first Monday of each month as a “Day of Unified Prayer and Fasting” for KDCCW
- + Attending the upcoming Annual KDCCW Convention!

OF NOTE ~ (Part of Oral Report)

There IS a “blurb” written for the Church Commission on the KDCCW WEB PAGE, but at this time, you must click on the title, CHURCH COMMISSION to access it.

Your assistance is being asked to ensure all deceased women from every diocesan parish be recognized at our Convention Memorial Mass by contacting your deanery and parish leaders for the names of those ladies who have passed away during this past year. Letters will be sent out to parishes, but your contacts and assistance will be beneficial in this important task of collecting names. Your info can be sent to krjoubert@yahoo.com Bishop Stika will be the main celebrant at this Memorial Mass.

There will be two special recognitions for the *Year for Priests* at our KDCCW Convention: one for the priests themselves, and the other for their mothers (at the luncheon on Saturday).

May we lift our minds and hearts to God each day, and look to our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Good Counsel, to guide us in all of our ways ~

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