

fyi a message from your President, **Patty
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Today is the Birthday of the Church, the feast of the Holy Spirit.

**“The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and is all-embracing.”
Wisdom 1:7**

“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts by His Holy Spirit living in us.” Romans 5:5

The Holy Spirit carries salvation and allows us to fulfill the law of God which is the law of love. The Holy Spirit is the unifying element that brings us to faith. By consciously acting on the gifts and fruits of the spirit, we are empowered to testify and do all for the sake of the name of Jesus.

FYI: This issue of the **FYI** will be the last Message from the President under this format and title. It will serve as the May and June issue. The new name for the President’s newsletter will be **NCCW Connect**. Starting in July, it will be sent electronically to

all affiliated A/DCCW Presidents and to all subdivision and parish presidents as well as to NCCW Individual Members. We are asking each level of affiliation to be certain that NCCW has correct email addresses for all NCCW affiliate presidents and NCCW members. We want to be sure that all members stay informed about NCCW news through this communication and other timely news notes.

Call for Nominations: The call for nominations for the position of NCCW President-elect has been issued in the May/June **Catholic Woman** magazine. The forms and check list for NCCW members to apply for this office are posted on the NCCW web site. The deadline for submitting applications is June 14th.

NCCW Bulletin Board: The link for the Spring 2010 issue of the NCCW Commission Chairs electronic newsletter, **Bulletin Board** is now posted on the home page of the NCCW web site. This is the second of four issues to be published this year. Our members have asked for more resources and we have heard their voices. You will find a wealth of timely information in this issue. You may also go to the Publications link on the NCCW web site for more resources such as past issues of **Bulletin Board** and past Speed Read informative notes.

NCCW Board of Directors Meeting: The spring meeting of the NCCW Board of Directors was held May 15 and 16 at the Washington Retreat House. The board made continued plans for convention programming, the 90th Anniversary celebration gala and other special convention venues.

Membership needs were discussed. NCCW's goal is to increase both Affiliate Membership and Individual Membership by 5%. All NCCW members are asked to assist with mentoring new affiliations and extending the invitation to join NCCW as an Individual Member to more Catholic women. A new NCCW brochure has been prepared and can be downloaded for copying from the NCCW web site. There will soon be other membership resources available on the NCCW web site.

A written report of the board meeting is being prepared for the Province Directors to share with Diocesan Presidents. Diocesan Presidents are asked to share this report with NCCW members within their CCW affiliations.

New NCCW Staff: Over the past several months, a re-assessment and re-structuring of the NCCW staff has been underway. As a result, four new positions were created to meet the changing needs of the organization. These positions were announced to NCCW's existing staff and listed in various external job boards. Two staff members, Donna Mays and Sheila Bostick-Dobbs, decided not to apply for the new positions and they concluded their employment with NCCW on May 21st. Two new staff members are joining NCCW. Lee Ann Sklar began work on May 24th as the new Manager of Support Services and Operations. Cathy Jarboe will begin June 1st in the new position of Director of Information and Issues Management. Donna Principe has assumed a new position as Member Services Assistant. Andrea Schellman will continue in her position as Director of Communications and Editor of Catholic Woman. A search for the new Director of Member Services is currently underway and we expect this position to be filled shortly. The Board met Cathy and Lee Ann during the recent Board meeting and we are excited to have them

join the NCCW staff. In addition, NCCW has an intern working with us this summer. Sydney Morgan is a rising sophomore at the University of Virginia and she attended St. John's College High School in Washington , DC .

NCCW Convention Registration: The special registration rate for affiliation delegates will expire **June 15th**! Affiliation delegates are reminded to mail their registration forms and fees by the deadline to be eligible for the special reduced rate. Registration for all other attendees will open on the NCCW web site on June 1st. The convention theme is “Celebrating 90 Years: Renew and Rejoice.”

Marketing for the convention is beginning and NCCW members will soon be receiving information on all aspects of convention via electronic mail. We would like to share stories from our members who have previously attended a NCCW convention. Please send a short blurb that can be used to promote the 2010 Annual Convention to NCCW, c/o Let's Meet Inc., 647 US Rte 1, Unit 14 PMB 123, York, ME 03909

NCCW Affiliation Dues: NCCW is continuing to receive 2010 affiliation dues, but 20% of 2009 affiliates still have not renewed. In late March, Diocesan Presidents received reports listing the current 2010 paid NCCW affiliations and those affiliations that had not yet paid their 2010 NCCW dues payments. NCCW sent reminder notices to those affiliations that had not yet renewed. In June, we will be sending second reminders to those affiliations that have not yet paid their 2010 dues. Our goal is ensure that all of our affiliates renew their membership. We need your help to reach out

to those affiliates that have yet to renew and let them know about the exciting things happening at NCCW. We don't want any of our affiliates to miss the opportunity to be part of celebrating our 90th birthday! If you are a Diocesan President, please reach out to the affiliates in your diocese and make sure they renew today. Your Province Director and Region Vice President are also available to help.

Military Council of Catholic Women: Fourteen members of the NCCW Board of Directors attended the annual National Memorial Day Mass of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A. The Military CCW provided much assistance in the arrangements for this beautiful celebration. This President met the President of the Military Council of Catholic Women, Lisa Miklos and presented her with an NCCW scarf which she wore proudly during the event. Each NCCW member attending was presented with the Military Council of Catholic Women membership pin. For more information on the Military CCW go to their web site, www.mccw-worldwide.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel Award: The National Council of Catholic Women will present its **Our Lady of Good Counsel** award at the 2010 convention in Washington , D.C. This award will honor a woman nominated by her diocesan council for outstanding service to the Council of Catholic Women. The award recognizes a woman in council who has devoted her time and talents to promote council at every opportunity, who has mentored other women in their council journey, and who continues to support, empower and educate Catholic women in leadership, spirituality, and service. Nomination forms are posted on the NCCW web site. The deadline for submitting a nominee is June 14, 2010.

Diocesan Web Sites: A request was made several months ago for Diocesan presidents to send their DCCW web site addresses to the NCCW office so that links could be created on the NCCW web site. The office received 4 replies to this request. NCCW will have an intern assisting with the web site this summer. Please consider this a reminder for DCCW presidents to send NCCW their web site address. Communicating with our Diocesan Councils of Catholic Women is a powerful way to support membership and an empowering way to reach out to our Council sisters in all areas of the country. This president continues to receive many Diocesan CCW newsletters both in the mail and electronically. It is a joy to read of the beautiful ways the NCCW Mission Statement is being acted upon. The reality of Council is so evident in the stories that are shared.

WUCWO: Joan McGrath will complete her term as NCCW representative to WUCWO in October at the close of the 2010 Centenary Assembly in Jerusalem . Joan has done an outstanding job as NCCW representative to WUCWO and has served well the committees to which she has been assigned. Thank you Joan for the time, wisdom and energy you have brought to this assignment. NCCW is also very proud of Karen Hurley who has served as WUCWO President General and Joann Hillebrand who has served as WUCWO Treasurer General. My prayer is that God will bestow on you many blessings as you complete your terms. Mary Elizabeth Stewart, Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut has been ratified by the NCCW Board of Directors as the next NCCW Representative to WUCWO and her candidate application has been submitted to the WUCWO Secretary General. The WUCWO board elections will be held during the WUCWO General Assembly. Maribeth is currently serving on the NCCW Board of

Directors as Province Director. She has made her reservation to attend the WUCWO General Assembly.

NCCW NGO Representative to United Nations: Augusta Van Duzen, NCCW NGO Representative to the United Nations has attended two meetings at the United Nations this year. One meeting addressed Human Trafficking and one addressed World Hunger. Augusta's reports from these meetings are attached to this FYI.

Legislative Issues: The U.S. bishops called for steps to protect the lives of the most vulnerable, provide fairness for immigrants and guarantee conscience protections for individual and institutions in a statement on health care reform issued May 21. The full statement can be found on the USCCB web site, www.usccb.org

The statement was offered by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities; Bishop William Murphy of Rockville Centre, New York, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice, Peace and Human Development, and Bishop John Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Immigration.

“Following enactment of the health care reform legislation, our challenge remains formidable but in some ways is simpler,” the bishops said. “Since the battle over the bill is over, the defects can be judged soberly in their own right, and solutions can be advanced in Congress while retaining what is good in the new law. Indeed, any failure to do so would only leave these genuine problems as ammunition for those who prefer total repeal of the law.”

The bishops said the current situation “provides a new opportunity for the Catholic community to come together in defense of human

life, rights of conscience and fairness to immigrants so we will have a health care system that truly respects the life, dignity, health and consciences of all.”

Coalition Membership: NCCW has been a member of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCR) as have the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities for many years. NCCW did not renew its membership in LCCR for 2010 and this week following the announcement of the US Bishops, NCCW asked to be removed from the LCCR website which was not done at the end of 2009 when we dropped our membership. NCCW will also be removed from all list serves of LCCR and future LCCR materials. NCCW and the U.S. bishops will continue to oppose "all forms of racism, unjust discrimination and bigotry".

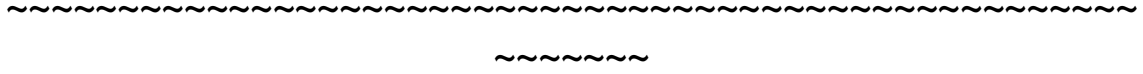
NCCW is on Facebook and Twitter: NCCW now has both a Facebook and a Twitter profile, thanks to our intern, Sydney Morgan. Sign up for a Facebook account and you'll be able to view our page, indicate you "like" us, add comments, etc. Invite everyone you know to visit our page at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Arlington-VA/National-Council-of-Catholic-Women/129849217030843>. In addition, follow us on your smart phones, iPods or Blackberries at the following link for Twitter: <https://twitter.com/NCCW2010>.

Attachments:

Advocacy Accomplishments

World Hunger

UN Rep Report



Grant me faith and courage; put purpose in my days,
Show me how to serve Thee in the most effective ways.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen
thine heart.

Psalm 27:14

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