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CATHOLIC WOMEN, INC.

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ST. PETERSBURG DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN 51ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

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MAY 2, 2019 - MAY 5, 2019

HEAVENLY BENEFACTORS CAMPAIGN

With Bishop Gregory Parkes' blessing, we invite you to take part in the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Heavenly Benefactors Annual Fundraiser.

Our Catholic Councilwomen of the St. Petersburg Diocese, the five counties of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas, are asking for your support of the 2019 Convention Heavenly Benefactors, an annual fundraiser of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

This project funds a significant portion of our annual budget assisting members to develop and share leadership skills by attending National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and Florida Council of Catholic Women/Province of Miami (FCCW) conventions, leadership conferences, and lobbying in Tallahassee during Catholic Days at the Capitol, all of which help keep them well informed and well prepared for active involvement in community, social, and religious concerns.

We, the nearly 3,000 Members of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SPDCCW), welcome your participation in our 2019 Heavenly Benefactors. We greatly

appreciate your selecting one of the seven (7) Categories of Support – from \$10 (Cherub, Memorial and Mentor) to over \$100 (Special Angel). Our hope is that when you read the accompanying submission form, you will find a category of support just right for you.

When postmarked by the March 15, 2019 deadline, honorees and/or contributors connected with Heavenly Benefactors donations will be printed in the Convention Program. These and any submissions received after the postmarked March 15th deadline will all be posted, following convention, on our DCCW website, <http://www.spdccw.org/>.

All honorees and contributor names/organizations will be included with our basket of prayer requests at the three Masses celebrated at the Convention.

Your assistance is a vital link in the success of Heavenly Benefactors and a vibrant 2018-2019 term of the St. Petersburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Please feel free to duplicate and distribute the attached form to friends and family members.

We thank you for your support! May God abundantly bless you!

Deadline: March 15, 2019 Make checks payable to: SPDCCW (with Heavenly Benefactors Campaign in the memo line).

– Mimi Rose, Heavenly Benefactors Chair

ST. PETERSBURG DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
Heavenly Benefactors

CATEGORIES OF SUPPORT

Over \$100 = Special Angel	\$100 = Archangel	\$50 = Guardian Angel
\$25 = Angel	\$10 = Cherub	\$10 = Memorial
		\$10 = Mentor

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SPDCCW (with Heavenly Benefactors Campaign in memo line)

MAIL TO: Mimi Rose, Heavenly Benefactors Chair

3810 Cardenal Avenue, Ruskin FL 33573 813.633.0677

Fill In one block for Each Submission; if not personal, use organization's name.

(Please PRINT Clearly)

I /We Wish To donate \$_____ for listing in category _____
My Name is _____ & My Telephone # is _____
My City is _____ & My Parish is _____
If Memorial, or to Honor, Print Name(s) Here: - _____

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**CATHY PENA**

DIOCESAN PRESIDENT

FAMILY FAITH FEST, A DAY TO REMEMBER!

*Photo By: Office of Communications*

First, we celebrated the 5th Annual Spirit FM, Catholic Women's Conference that, for the first time had been moved to the Florida State Fairgrounds, Special Event Center. This was on September 29, 2018. This was not a new event for us in Tampa, but a great event in a new setting.

Immediately after Spirit FM, we placed all of our attention into the Family Faith Fest event which was scheduled for October 27, 2018 at Al Lopez Park. Only to learn, just one week before, that it could not take place at the park, so it was moved to the Fairgrounds. This change was unnerving, the settings could not have been more diverse.

What is and why did we need a Family Faith Fest?

This was the 50th year anniversary celebration of the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

It was a great experience for families and adults of all ages that came together as a family from across Tampa Bay and

West Central Florida. It was an outpouring of grace, the presence of the Holy Spirit could be seen in the joy of the people, the prayers, the music and mostly in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

During the homily at the Fest Mass, Bishop Parkes acknowledged the fact that the days leading up to the Fest were a bit dark. However, he believes that the patron saint of the Diocese, St Jude, interceded and made the event not only possible but extraordinary in every way and that the Fairgrounds is the place where we were meant to be on that day.

Let us hope that our future will offer us many more Family Faith Fest celebrations. An opportunity to join our brothers and sisters, in Christ, and take our faith out to the streets of Tampa for others to see the power of the Catholic Faith!

God Bless

LIVING THE GOSPEL COURAGEOUSLY

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- Fighting for life
- Fighting against human trafficking
- Fighting for immigrants
- Fighting for the poor
- Fighting for the environment
- Fighting against the death penalty



Catholic women together in our
parishes, state, nation and the world.

*Together We Are the
Voice of Catholic Women*

To learn more visit us
at SPDCCW.org

SPDCCW Banner

Our Ladies have been very busy this Fall planning the Family Faith Fest. What a beautiful day! In our planning, a new banner and table banner were displayed at our table during the Fest. The spinning wheel drew so many people. A special thanks to our committee who helped put this together. The District Presidents displayed items, pamphlets etc., showing what they do in their Districts and Affiliations. We also had a drawing for a free membership.

The Commission chairmen have been planning their agendas for the convention. We have Workshops and Speakers planned for Spirituality, Service and Leadership. We hope everyone is planning on attending. It is your responsibility to get these ladies to attend so they can see the workings of the SPDCCW, Districts and Affiliations.

It has been a pleasure working with all of you. Also a special thanks to Fr Ted, Our Spiritual Advisor.

May God keep you healthy and safe this new year!

As we begin a New Year let us set new goals, spiritually, socially, and let us be a leader to our members in all we do, only then we can accomplish many things.

BETH AUBIN

DIOCESAN FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



COMMISSION CHAIR

JOANNE PAJAK

DIOCESAN SPIRITUALITY COMMISSIONER

I pray that each of you have a blessed Christmas, filled with joy, peace and love.

The women of the St. Petersburg Council of Catholic Women are the spiritual backbone of our parishes throughout the Diocese. We are lectors, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, sacristans, Arimatheans, ministers to the home bound and make a joyful noise through their participation in the music ministry of the various parishes.

We support Penny a Prayer for Priests, Water for Life, Bridging Freedom and Foundations for Life Pregnancy Center, Pinellas Hope and 40 Days for Life.

The affiliates had days of retreats, Masses for their deceased members, rosary during their meetings and rosary processions. Our women are currently participating in a variety of Bible studies programs being offered through their parishes.

Catholic Days at the Capitol will take place on March 26th and 27th, 2019. You will be able to meet with your elected officials to let them know where we stand as Catholics on issues that either support or are contrary to our Christian values. If you have not had the opportunity to attend in the past, please consider making the trip to Tallahassee in March. I promise, you will not be disappointed. Reservation forms were distributed via email in November to all District and Affiliate Presidents. If you need a copy of the form, please contact one of them.

Final preparations for the 2019 DCCW Annual Convention are being made. The dates are May 2nd through May 5th and we will be returning to the Hilton Airport Hotel on North Lois

Avenue. The theme for this year is "Courageously Living the Gospel, with Mary as our Guide". Call to Convention letters will be distributed to each affiliate in February. The workshops will be held on Saturday allowing those women with work schedules to attend. Please plan on joining us.

All Spirituality Commissioners should submit their annual report to me by February 1st. If your District does not have a commissioner, it is the responsibility of the District President to provide this information. Start gathering your info now. This information is necessary for submission into the Convention Book that has a deadline for printing purposes.

Blessings

MARLENE FREDERICK, LYNN ERICKSON, SONIA TUMMINGS & JOSEPHINE MAESTAS

THE CONNECT TEAM

It has been a very busy and productive year already for the Connect team. We meet monthly and have already hosted 2 very successful and insightful District wine and cheese socials. We have accepted a couple of affiliations invitations to attend their meetings and presented a program on leadership qualities at one.

We are always open and willing to attend any District and/or affiliation to help in any way we can. All you have to do is INVITE us!

Just a reminder.....

COMMUNICATE COMMUNICATE COMMUNICATE

*Blessings for all that you do for our St. Petersburg
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women*



ALMA SHAMBLIN

OUR LADY OF GRACE
DISTRICT, PRESIDENT

Leadership, and Service. Session #3 dealt with Parliamentary Procedures, Protocol, and Robert's Rules. A survey was taken of each Session and all indications were that the Work Shop was informative and helped several people have a better understanding in these areas of the Council of Catholic Women as an organization.

August 18, Sacred Heart CCW hosted the Fall Board Meeting at their North Campus. Discussions were centered around the upcoming Fall Conference to be held on October 6. Meeting was well attended.

On July 28, we held Our Lady of Grace Workshop that was very well attended.

Program was broken down into three sessions. The Work Shop was hosted by St. Patrick Church. Session #1 addressed the relationship between Affiliates, Districts, DCCW, FCCW and NCCW as the Connect Team Relationships. Session #2 presented Commission Training and an update on Spirituality,

Leadership, and Service. Session #3 dealt with Parliamentary Procedures, Protocol, and Robert's Rules. A survey was taken of each Session and all indications were that the Work Shop was informative and helped several people have a better understanding in these areas of the Council of Catholic Women as an organization.

October 6, the Fall Conference was hosted by Incarnation Church CCW. It was a very inspirational and motivational Conference. Our guest speaker, was Fr. Rojas, Pastor of Transfiguration Church in Pinellas Park. He was a wonderful speaker and interacted with attendees as he spoke of "Mary, our mother". They loved him!

December 13, was the scheduled date to bring all donated items to Our Lady of the Rosary for the DCCW Convention Baskets. Janet Pacheco, OLG 1st VP and Colleen Brown, OLG 2nd VP collected many items for the baskets to be shared to fill the six District baskets. Janet Pacheco took the items to Our Lady of the Rosary Church where the ladies shared a potluck dinner as they sorted the items.

February 2, St. Patrick Church will host the OLG Spring Board Meeting whereby discussion will revolve around plans for the Spring Conference scheduled for March 23, 2019. Nomination of candidates will be presented by Janet Pacheco, Chairperson.

March 23, St. Peter Claver CCW will host the Spring Conference at which time we be holding the election new Board members, discussing DCCW Convention and more. As well as announcing recipients of the Handmaiden of Lord award.

May 5-7 - DCCW Convention will be held at the Hilton Hotel on Lois Street.

REV. TED COSTELLO SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Have you seen the SPDCCW Video? It is available! Check it out. This is a great tool in helping us promote our vision. You can view it at <http://www.spdccw.org/about-us/>.



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*“The one who listens
attentively to the Word
of God and truly prays,
always asks the Lord:
what is your will for
me?”*

– Pope Francis

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