



# Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

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## Message from the President - Carlotta Lawton



Dear JDCCW Members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May you and your family be blessed with happiness, good health, peace and wonderful opportunities in 2009.

A new beginning in 2009.....a new chapter in our lives. Will the chapter in our book have the most printed pages or the least in our book of life? Will we

have made a difference to others? This of course depends largely on us. The Council of Catholic Women gives us the opportunity to grow in our faith and to cultivate Gospel values in our lives. As your new JDCCW President, it is my hope that during the next 2 years all of us will grow in our faith and respond with Gospel values to reach out to others. In our *book of life*, maybe we could add a few more pages. "Chosen To Bring Peace" is my theme for the next two years. What an awesome task to pursue!

On March 3-4, 2009, the Chicago Province of the National Council of Catholic Women in cooperation with the Catholic Conference of Illinois is sponsoring a LEGISLATION ACTION DAY at the Capitol. This is an opportunity to join hundreds of Catholic women in Springfield to learn of and influence pending

legislation of interest to Catholics in regard to social justice, human dignity, ecology, and reproduction. Our Bishop Sartain is asking us to attend this event. There is a copy of the agenda and registration form at the end of this newsletter, or call the JDCCW office for more details.

## REFLECTIONS ON YEAR 2008

2008 was a good year! The 2008 NCCW General Assembly, "Women of Faith, Women of Action" was held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Joliet Diocese had 12 women and two priests who attended. We were welcomed with warm hospitality, spirit-filled liturgies, on-site training sessions for leadership, education, advocacy, and enriching speakers. The wonderful and dedicated group of women who attended are listed under the NCCW section on page 7. We returned home with renewed enthusiasm and a desire to share this information with our diocese including an audio CD from the International Workshop, so please be sure to talk with our JDCCW members who attended and let them share what they learned from this wonderful meeting.

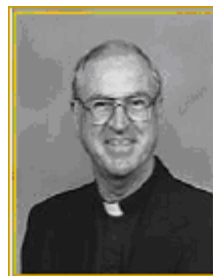
Sincerely yours in the Name of Our Lady of Good Counsel,  
Carlotta Lawton

## Message from our Moderator - Fr. John Sebahar

This past October 17, 2008 was the first time in over twenty five years that I have not attended the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women biennial convention. I had emergency eye surgery for a detached retina on October 15<sup>th</sup>, and was restricted to complete rest for several weeks.

I did not have the opportunity to publicly thank all of the JDCCW Board Members for their dedicated service to the Diocese for the 2006-2008 term of office. I would like to use this article as a "Thank You" to all of them.

I don't know if you realize how much time the board members commit to their activities. The board meets at least once a month for regular meetings. Each board member who chairs a commission gives additional time to prepare for their commission workshops each year. They never seem to hesitate



**Newly installed JDCCW 2008-2010 Executive Board**  
Loretta Wolfe, Linnea Warda, Carlotta Lawton, Teresa Fritz, Joan Ruth



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to give of their time and talents for the work of Council. And I know that all of the board members make extra trips to the office to work on programs for their commissions.

All of the board members make a special effort to attend all six of the Spring Institutes. That entails a lot of traveling and a good amount of time to get to each of the Spring Institutes.

The work of preparing for the Diocesan Convention is very lengthy. Weeks of preparation go into the choosing of a theme, a location and the topics for the convention workshops. I know the board made several trips to the convention hotel to insure that there was adequate space for all of the convention activities.

I am grateful to all of the board members for their commitment and dedication. I never hear any complaints about the time they have to spend for their board activities.

I am especially grateful to Joanne Porazinski for her dedication and leadership as Diocesan President these past two years. She seemed to enjoy her work and was always pleasant in fulfilling her leadership role. The last few months of her term were quite challenging for her because of her health problems. She continued to work diligently and was very successful in organizing and directing the Diocesan Convention. I pray that her health will continue to improve.

I also want to thank Carlotta Lawton for being so willing to step in to help Joanne with her convention preparation during Joanne's illness. It gave Carlotta an opportunity to experience some of the duties the president would be asked to perform.

I want to thank all of the board members for the dedication and commitment to the work of Council. I am privileged to experience the activities of Council throughout the United States. I can assure you that our Joliet Diocesan Council is well respected in all circles of Council. Our Diocesan Council is one of the most

dedicated that I have experienced. I am always so proud to be able to claim Joliet as my Dioceses.

I pray that all of you will continue to commit yourselves and your parishes to the work of Council in our Joliet Diocese. I know that you will bring your love and enthusiasm to every activity of Council.

Sincerely yours,  
Rev. John M. Sebahar

**JDCCW Mission Statement**

The Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliated organizations to support, empower, and educate Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service. JDCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

## COMMISSIONS

<b>Church</b>	<a href="#">Diane Dow</a>
Vocations	<a href="#">Sophrona Bias</a>
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	<a href="#">Joanne Porazinski</a>
Parliamentarian	<a href="#">Marie Palmer</a>

<b>JDCCW 2009 Calendar</b>	
<b>January 17<sup>th</sup></b> 9 am	JDCCW Board Meeting St. Charles Pastoral Center CCW Board Room Woman of the Year Meeting
<b>February 14<sup>th</sup></b> 9 am	JDCCW Board Meeting St. Charles Pastoral Center CCW Board Room
<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b> 11:30 am	"February Frolic" White Eagle Country Club West Will Deanery
<b>March 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Bi-Annual Province Legislative Action Day Springfield, IL
<b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b> 9 am	JDCCW Board Meeting St. Charles Pastoral Center CCW Board Room Woman of the Year Meeting
<b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Friends for BBSF Mass & Lunch White Fence Farm
<b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Soil and Seed Mass St. Martin's Church Martinton
<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 9 am 11 am	JDCCW Combined Board Mtg. Pastoral Center - Room 155 Lunch at Pastoral Center WOY practice at Cathedral
<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30 am	Woman of the Year Mass Cathedral of St. Raymond Luncheon follows
<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	East Will Deanery Spring Institute St. Jude's Church New Lennox
<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9 am	JDCCW Board Meeting St. Charles Pastoral Center CCW Board Room
<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Eastern DuPage Deanery Spring Institute St. Alexander's Church Villa Park
<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Western DuPage Deanery Spring Institute St. John the Baptist Church
<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	West Will Deanery Spring Institute St. Ann's Church Shannahon
<b>TBA</b>	Province Leadership Training Session
<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Kankakee/Grundy Deanery Spring Institute St. Ann's Church St. Ann
<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Ford/Iroquois Deanery Spring Institute St. John the Baptist Church L'Erable
<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b> 9 am	JDCCW Board Meeting St. Charles Pastoral Center



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## 2008 JDCCW Convention October 18-19, 2008

Carlotta Lawton

Our 15th Biennial JDCCW Convention "Chosen to Bring Peace" was held in October at the Westin Hotel in Lombard, Illinois. An enriching weekend provided spirit-filled liturgies, an enriching talk from Dr. Nancy Davis, our Keynote Speaker, informative commission sessions / workshops and an opportunity to renew friendships and create new ones. There were 134 individuals who attended with 35 first-time attendees. I want to thank our gracious Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women who submitted the following convention commission workshop reports.

### Church

The aim of the **Church Commission** is to create a community of God's people that is educated and dynamic. Its program of study and action in the areas of scripture, liturgy and ecumenism lead to the experience of community of Christ's own life.

#### JDCCW Convention Church Commission Workshop

**Chairperson:** Barbara Garavalia  
**Sunday:** October 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Fr. James Antiporek  
**Report:** Diane Dow

The workshop opened with a prayer service prepared and conducted by Barbara. Fr. Jim spoke about preparing our last wishes as a guide to our loved ones who will be left behind to carry them out. We did not plan our birth and God will plan the time and place of our death but when our family members gather in the turmoil of that time to discuss our funeral and other important issues, will they know what we would have wanted?

He discussed the difficulty of having to be responsible for the funeral and burial

of a priest when he first came to a parish when he hardly knew the man.

We don't have to leave such a burden for our families. The booklet from Catholic Cemeteries has an excellent format to be completed with information regarding financial information, documents, contacts, funeral liturgy, obituary, etc. Once this has been completed, the biggest job is done. It can be reviewed periodically.

There were also handout sheets that could be included with last wishes to include the Council of Catholic Women in visitation, funeral or memorial bequests.

Those present at the workshop that had relatives who had done this kind of planning had very favorable comments. It was a great relief to family members in a very stressful time. Planning ahead can make the time a time of celebration of the loved one as it should be.

Father also spoke about cremation as acceptable in the Church. It is important that the cremains are treated with respect.

Father Jim said he has had some unusual requests over the years when dealing with families who are mourning their loved ones, and he said when in doubt he puts it in God's hands. Good advice at any time.

### Church - Vocations

#### JDCCW Convention Church Commission Workshop

**Chairperson:** Barbara Garavalia  
**Saturday:** October 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Fr. Burke Masters  
**Report:** Sophrona Bias

A challenge to Religious Life or Vocations were the sentiments echoed by Fr. Masters, Joliet's Diocesan Vocation Director, to all parishes, schools, families and young people regarding our failure or rejection to hear God's calling to Religious Life or Vocations. Fr. Masters outlined several

reasons for such a decline to several factors. First, there is a record number of retiring priests surpassing the number of young men entering the priesthood. Today, there are twenty-nine (29) seminarians, three (3) will be ordained in May of 2009, preceded by the last 26, eight years later.

To reconcile our hearts to God's calling, he strongly advocates returning to Eucharist Adoration, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, teaching our young children to listen and pray, pray as a family for vocations, have a speaker talk to the kids in school, attend workshops, attend mass, read the gospels (Matthew) begin spiritual readings to inspire us, reflect on our devotion to Mary, she always leads us to her Son, live a life of virtue, hang around good people, and last, talk to a priest or someone you trust about your convictions.

To receive more information you may contact the Office of Vocation for upcoming workshops, dedicated to kids, families, and adults for the New Year.

### Family Concerns

The aim of the **Family Concerns Commission** is to assist members in achieving truly Christian family living and to preserve Christian principles in those areas that pertain to the welfare of all families. Its program is concerned with child and parent education, preservation of family unity, sex education, formation for marriage and parenthood, care for the aged, reverence for life and religious vocations in the family.

#### JDCCW Convention Family Concerns Commission Workshop

**Chairperson:** Deb Drager  
**Saturday:** October 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Peg Kolinski  
Julie Ann Read  
**Report:** Kay Papineau



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“Bridging the Gap – Connecting with Diverse Generations presented by Peg Kolinski and Julie Ann Read of St. James the Apostle. Each generation sees leadership differently. Church problems have a business solution. In business, we have four to six generations working together at the same time. We need to think like a business to bring the generations together. Each generation looks for members of the same group. We need to market in different ways as each group hears the message in a different way. There is no one answer. Depending on the age group, a smaller group function may be better. Once you have them, they are loyal. As in business, when someone new comes into the church, introduce yourself. Give them the message. Make it fun and meaningful.

## Family Concerns – Pro-Life

### JDCCW Convention Family Concerns Commission Workshop

**Chairperson:** Carol Wright  
**Sunday:** October 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Corrina Gura  
**Report:** Madalene Cannata

Corrina Gura of the Pro-Life Action League was the speaker. The focus of the workshop was the “value of pro-life activism for you, your non-Catholic friends, and your community”. She encouraged everyone to contact their legislators requesting that they vote against the Freedom of Choice Act.

We can help in pro-life work:

- Activism is necessary, especially at abortion clinics. Forty-nine states have side-walk counselors.
- Donate money - make a sacrifice to do it!
- Become involved in prayers for Life. “40 Day for Life” prayers have resulted in 160 babies saved in 2008.
- Encourage teens to become involved. There are several High

School Pro-Life groups, including Generations for Life.

- Become involved in a pregnancy crisis center. They also have sidewalk counseling training.
- Post-abortion counseling is a necessity. Contact Project Rachel for information at <http://www.project-rachel.net/> or call 1 800 286 4224.
- Watch the Pam Stenzel video: “Sex Has a Price Tag”. <http://www.prolife.com/stenzel.htm>

For more information contact the Pro-Life Action League at: <http://www.prolifeaction.org> or the Human Life Alliance at: <http://www.humanlife.org>

## Community Concerns

The aim of the **Community Concerns Commission** is to involve Council members in working to answer the needs of their individual communities. Its program, determined by local needs, include such areas as environment, housing, urban development, rural life, safety, health and welfare, and government.

### JDCCW Convention Community Concerns Commission Workshop

**Chairperson:** Gloria Lochner  
**Saturday:** October 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** DuPage Sheriff  
**Report:** Gloria Lochner

The theme for the CCC was “What’s In Your Wallet?” An officer with the DuPage County Sheriff’s Office gave a very informative presentation on identity theft. The workshop was well attended and the ladies received many useful tips. Two items that surprised the ladies were: Make sure you shred anything with personal information on it with a CROSS-CUT shredder and make sure you get a credit check done once a year. This will alert you to anyone trying to open credit in your name or it will let you know if someone HAS opened credit in you name.

Unfortunately for the Corporal giving the presentation, his identity was almost stolen. Luckily for him, the applicant forgot to change the phone number and the business called to confirm the purchase for thousands of dollars. So, think about it, if it can happen to a police officer, it could happen to you.

## Community Concerns – Rural Life

### JDCCW Convention Rural Life/Community Concerns Commission Workshop

**Chairperson:** Alice Ramien  
**Sunday:** October 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Don Gardner  
**Report:** Kay Papineau

Don Gardner gave a presentation on how he slowly changed a pasture to prairie. He started by giving a brief update on how prairies became part of the earth. The question comes up “Why should we restore the prairies? There is the possibility that the plants could be useful to mankind. Prairies are restored through fire. He also gave ideas on how to start a prairie. How you can collect plants. What plants are harmful to a prairie? If you are collecting plants along the road, they may be harmful to your yard or prairie. Here are a couple of websites to check:

<http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/~kenr/home.html> & <http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/~kenr/gardnerprairie/gardner.html>. Also, Earthskin Nursery in Mason, IL can help you with plants.

The 2009 NCCW Convention will be held in Jacksonville Florida  
**September 24-27, 2009**

**SAVE THE DATE** ✓



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## Woman of the Year Mass & Luncheon

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual celebration to honor the dedicated women of our diocese will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2009** in Joliet at the Cathedral of St. Raymond.

Letters will be sent to each parish with additional information in late January.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact:  
Kathy Nartnick - 630-985-3197 or  
Carol Kay - 630-334-8250



### Legislation

The goal of the **Legislative Commission** should be to follow the church's role in the political order in the following ways: 1) Education regarding the teachings of the church and the responsibilities of the faithful; 2) analysis of issues for their social and moral dimensions; 3) measuring public policy against gospel values; 4) participating with other concerned parties in debate over public policy; and 5) speaking out with courage, skill and concern on public issues involving human rights, social justice and the life of the church in society.

#### JDCCW Convention Legislation Commission Workshop

**Chairperson:** Donna Zonca  
**Saturday:** October 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Marilou Gervacio  
**Report:** Carol Wright

Donna Zonca, Legislation Chair, asked Karen Koenig to begin the workshop with the reading of the Prayer of Recommitment.

The speaker was Marilou C. Gervacio, a registered lobbyist who works with the Catholic Conference of Illinois. She is their Associate Director of Social Services and handles public policy issues affecting Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services of Illinois. She passed out their Legislative Agenda for this year and spoke about some of their concerns. She said that there are three full time lobbyists for CCI who address the many issues of concern in the state.

They represent all six dioceses of the state and Cardinal George and all of the bishops are on the Catholic Conference of Illinois Board. All of their issues are based on Catholic Social Teaching. She gave examples of some of the priorities such as affordable housing, funding for Catholic Charities, regulation of payday loans, also the Catholics for Life issues such as trying to prevent funding for embryonic stem cell research, parental notification, and stopping some anti-life legislation. Other concerns are Education, Tuition-tax credit, Immigration, Prison and Jail Ministries.

She also publicized the Catholics at the Capitol day to be held on March 4, 2009 when the CCI will be meeting in Springfield. The Cardinal and all the bishops will be in attendance. Laity is encouraged to attend and meet with their legislators.

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**Chairperson:** Donna Zonca  
**Sunday:** October 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Elizabeth Dow  
**Report:** Donna Zonca

Speaker was Elizabeth Dow, an attorney for over 15 years and a member of the Cathedral of St. Raymond. She spoke to us on what she called "advanced directives, i.e. power of attorney for health care and power of attorney for property. Elizabeth stressed how important it is

to have these directives and that your agent should be someone who knows you well, lives near you and that you know will follow thru with your wishes. Elizabeth provided us with basic forms that could be used, that did not require the hiring of an attorney. If you would like a copy of one of these forms, you can contact the JDCCW office via phone or e-mail and they will be sent to you.

### International Concerns

The aim of the **International Concerns Commission** is to waken in all Christians as conviction of their responsibility for the international society and to create through this conviction a brotherhood of all peoples. Its concerns are peace, education, international relief and development, hospitality to foreign students/visitors and participation in meetings of an international nature.

#### JDCCW Convention International Concerns Commission Workshops

**Chairperson:** Joan Dillon  
**Saturday:** October 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Joann Hillebrand  
**Report:** Joan Dillon

On Saturday, Joann Hillebrand, past NCCW president, gave us a wonderful overview of International Concerns. As a former National I.C. chair and currently the Treasurer General of WUCWO, World Union of Catholic Women Organizations, she has a wealth of knowledge and pointed out how we as Catholic Women are all connected. Through the Works of Peace, Water for Life, Madonna Plan and Works of Reconciliation we partner with Catholic Relief Services to make a positive impact in the world. Brochures were available on all the service projects and delegates were encouraged to share their knowledge with their parish CCW.

Joann's WUCWO Report is on page 8.



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**Chairperson:** Joan Dillon  
**Sunday:** October 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Natalie Bayci  
              Jessica Mahn  
**Report:** Joan Dillon

The Sunday workshop was presented by Natalie Bayci, the Diocesan Coordinator of University Missions, and Jessica Mahn, a senior at USF, on their recent trip to Sucre, Bolivia. They showed a video from the 2006-2007 trip to Boliva. This student was enthusiastic about her experience. She along with other students from five local colleges made the trip in June. Mission trips give the students the opportunity to become involved in the life of children in this very poor country. Students must pay for their trip. Jessica was concerned that she might not be able to raise the \$1900 cost and took out a student loan.

We may not be able to go on mission trips but we can help these students with some of their expenses. Consider the University Mission Trip for one of your International Concerns projects.

## Organization Services

The work of the **Organization Commission** is to act as a service bureau for all the NCCW affiliates and to give supportive service to the five substantive commissions. Its services include organization development, field services, leadership training, mentoring and public relations.

### JDCCW Convention Organization Commission Workshop

**Chairperson:** Marianne McKeague  
**Saturday:** October 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Ann Burdzinski  
**Report:** Pat Cetera

The first OSC Workshop was called **Organization Services Platform** and was given by Ann Burdzinski of St. Dominic and St. Francis Council of Catholic Women. This workshop dealt with the actual work of the commission, such as membership development, fund raising, publicity/public relations/program and the structure of the council and communication.

Ann said that the real work of the OS commission was to help the other commissions and to make our councils look good.

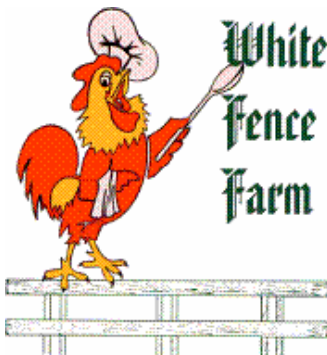
- Membership Development covers invitations and activities, programs and hospitality.
- Fund Raising covers everything your council does to raise money.
- Publicity covers Sunday bulletins, bulletin boards, posters, and other media such as local newspapers, public cable channels and websites.
- Public Relations should use all of the above to highlight your recent council activities and let your members know how your council has represented them.
- Program includes producing the annual calendar and special occasion programming.
- Council Structure and Communication covers:
  - by-laws,
  - standing rules,
  - elections,
  - resolutions from diocesan and national conventions,
  - communications between parish and deanery, diocese and national. (cont'd)

## BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP

An information letter about the 2009 Bishop Blanchette Scholarships was mailed to all parish presidents on record in the Joliet Diocese. If you are a parish president and have a student that would like to apply for a scholarship please contact the JDCCW office at 815-834-4080 and an application packet will be sent to you. Applications must be received in the JDCCW office by March 15<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for consideration.

Catholic education is very important to the children of our diocese. Any donation - large or small - is welcome. If you or your parish would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund for 2009, the deadline for this year's awards is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your generosity to this fund!

Please pray for the monitoring committee so that when we meet to review the submitted applications, the Holy Spirit will guide us in choosing the winning students.



**BISHOP BLANCHETTE  
SCHOLARSHIP  
MASS & LUNCHEON**  
Saturday, March 28, 2009  
1376 Joliet Road  
Romeoville, IL 60446  
630-739-1720  
815-838-1500  
Fax: 630-739-4466

FRIENDS of the BBSF invites everyone to attend this year's annual Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Mass & Luncheon at the White Fence Farm. FRIENDS is a group that raises money for scholarships for high school students. Each year we hold a luncheon and raffle to help support the scholarship fund.



For additional information contact:

Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Co-Chairs  
Joanne Porazinski or Rose Martinet

**NOTE: Deadline Dates**  
March 1<sup>st</sup> - Donate to the 2009 Fund  
March 15<sup>th</sup> - Submit applications



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If you are the OS chair for your council, you shouldn't be doing all this work alone! Get some help and delegate jobs. This is a great way to bring newcomers into your council.

More information on all of the above can be found in the NCCW Guidance and Resource Manual, available from the National Council of Catholic Women at <http://www.nccw.org>. Every parish should have one as a resource.

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**Chairperson:** Marianne McKeague  
**Sunday:** October 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Speaker:** Marianne McKeague  
Ann Burdzinski  
**Report:** Pat Cetera

The second workshop was led by Marianne McKeague, JDCCW OS chair. She broke the attendees down into small groups and gave them the job of planning an entire year of programs for "their" CCW. This opened the door for a lot of idea exchange and conversation with people who might not ordinarily have the opportunity to speak with each other and share the good and the not-so-good experiences of their councils.

- Have you ever wondered why an Organization Services Commission can be called the "Miscellaneous" commission?
- Why everything that doesn't seem to fit anywhere else falls into this?
- How this Commission is said to "support" all other commissions?

Ann Burdzinski presented a demonstration on how four major "pillars" of organization services support each of the other five CCW Commissions and how the many functions of organization services (and EVERY council does organization services – whether or not they have a dedicated Organization Services Chair or committee!).

## national council of catholic women

<http://www.nccw.org/>

**General Assembly  
Salt Lake City  
September 24-28, 2008**

The following is a list of JDCCW members who went to the General Assembly and some of the meetings they attended. Please feel free to contact them about these programs for more information:

Carlotta Lawton - *Leadership*

- Officers and Leaders Training
- Presidents and Vice-Presidents Training Workshop

Mary Ann Brabec - *Region II*

- Treasurer's Training Workshop

Ann Burdzinski - *Associates*

- Province Banquet
- Square Dance
- NCCW Banquet

Pat Cetera - *Speaker*

- Carole Goodwin

Deb Drager – *Spiritual Foundations – Plus a CD!*

- Legislation
- Secretaries Training Workshop
- International – Stephen Hilbert, "The 2009 Synod on Africa" audio CD available to share with your diocese

Johanna Dvaronis - *Keynote Address*

Mary Ann Franson - *Lunch Meeting & NCCW Banquet*

Barbara Garvalia - *Church*

- Parish and Diocesan Program Leadership Workshop

Joann Hillebrand - *WUCWO*

- *World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations*

Rose Martinet - *Leadership Training Program*

Kathy Nartnick - *Supporting Young People*

More than 600 members and friends of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) gathered at a successful General Assembly in Salt Lake City, September 24-28, 2008, for leadership development, education, and spiritual formation.

The Most Reverend John Wester, Bishop of Salt Lake City, welcomed the group at the opening Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine, saying, "We've been praying for you and thanking God for you." Two plenary session speakers, Kathy Coffey and Carole Goodwin, addressed ways of deepening faith and spirituality. Coffey's address, "Those Feisty Gospel Women" offered a prayerful reflection on Scripture and encouraged attendees to engage their imaginations as they consider the unnamed women of the New Testament. Goodwin invoked the lives and words of Saints Teresa of Avila and Catherine of Siena and Blessed Mother Teresa to provide examples of courageous and surprising women of faith and action.

Leadership was a recurring theme of the Assembly. Every attendee had an opportunity to preview segments of the organization's new leadership development training program, and local councils can now schedule the training program in their area. Council member and training consultant, Elizabeth Tardola, addressed the topic of leading during times of change and transition. She quoted Bishop William Friend, "leadership in the Church must be expressed in view of the cultures, the times, and the needs of the people of the day." She also cited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who, she noted, "had a dream, not a plan. This meant that he had a desire or a goal for a certain result, but he did not have the roadmap to achieve that goal...What it truly meant was that he needed a team or group to figure out how to get to the realization of that dream....He needed leaders to help."



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NCCW honored the three regional recipients of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award and announced the national award recipient: **Rita Macewicz**, Region I, Diocese of Madison; **Mary Ann Schwab**, Region II and national award recipient, Archdiocese of San Francisco; and **Eileen Widmer**, Region III, Diocese of Knoxville. During the Assembly the Rev. Msgr. Robert Servatius, Diocese of Salt Lake City, was elected Chairman of the NCCW Moderators, a representative to the NCCW Board of Directors. Also during the meeting, eleven new and two returning Province Directors were installed: Rebecca Woodhull, Province of Chicago; Mary Folchert, Province of Denver; Barbara Vaughn, Province of Omaha; Sandra Gist, Province of San Antonio; Carmen Boston, Province of Washington, DC; Kathleen Petty, Province of Baltimore; Nancy Kimmet, Province of Cincinnati; Mary Adams, Province of San Francisco; Alison Mimms, Province of Atlanta; Mary Stewart, Province of Harford; and Suzanne Erpenbach, Province of Louisville. Judy Brose (Kansas City, KS) and D. Jean Schneider (Newark) have been reappointed to second terms.

Click on the following links for additional NCCW news and information:

- [President's Report to the General Assembly](#)
- [NCCW introduces alternative parish membership plans as pilots for 2009](#)
- [NCCW Board list includes new Province Directors](#)
- [Leadership Development Training Brochure](#)
- [Dr. Carole Goodwin's discussion questions from General Assembly](#)
- [Read about the "Shop Your Conscience" initiative of the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families.](#)
- [Order your General Assembly audio recordings from Lawrence Media Group](#)

## World Union of Catholic Women Organization (WUCWO)

Joann Hillebrand  
Endowment Fund Report

### *100 Years of Faith, Hope and Charity*

We are raising endowment funds to improve representation at key international bodies, increase direct support to International Regions, improve the lives of women and children in developing countries. Your donation will help to empower women, alleviate poverty and help build a culture of peace around the world.

Every individual effort makes a difference in WUCWO's mission around the world, and every hand plays a part in empowering women, alleviating poverty and building a culture of peace around the world. You can do your share with a contribution to the *100 Years of Faith, Hope and Charity Endowment Campaign*. Your gift will never be spent and will provide a steady stream of revenue into the next century. Thank You.

While we have had a bit of a slow start on the USA endowment campaign, we are beginning to gain traction and I am pleased to inform you that:

- Total of \$96,009.00 has been pledged to date(12-14-08), let's reach \$100,000 by Christmas
- We are currently ahead on our goal but still have a very long way to go
- We currently have several large solicitations out, and anticipate new and large success soon
- Most contributions have come from members of Friends and personal contacts

- We have recently prepared a simple but informative tri-fold solicitation piece
- All active bishops, archbishops and cardinals in the country have been contacted recently
- All member organizations of WUCWO worldwide are in the process of being contacted
- We currently have 34 volunteers working across the country right now
- All regions can still utilize additional volunteer support. If you would like to help, please call me at 630-789-8460
- If you have already contributed, we are most grateful, if not, and you would like to contribute, please send your donation to 54 Derby Ct., Oak Brook, IL 60523. Please make your check out to FRIEND'S of NCCW for WUCWO

Campaign Cabinet:

William Cardinal Keeler,  
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Joann C. Hillebrand,  
*Chair*

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*WUCWO President General*  
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### National Council of Catholic Woman

**NCCW** - is an organization uniting over 5000 Catholic women's organizations representing millions of Catholic Women.

Individual membership is \$25 per year. Individual members receive the bimonthly Catholic Woman magazine as well as the Legislative Update and announcements about new programs and resources.

[Sign up today!](#)



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For additional information, please refer to the Legislative Action Days Registration Form at the end of this newsletter or contact [Carol Wright](mailto:dcwright@flash.net) ([dcwright@flash.net](mailto:dcwright@flash.net)) or call 630-469-2165.

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Your Planning Committee will make sure this experience is memorable for both you AND your legislators!



## CHICAGO PROVINCE AGENDA

### for March 3

10 am-General Session at Mansion View Inn & Suites

12 noon— Tour & Lunch in the Governor's Mansion (tentative)

1:30-3:30pm—General Session

4pm—Mass at the Church of the Little Flower, 200 Stevenson Drive, Springfield

5 pm—Wine Reception with Illinois Legislators and Dinner in the Little Flower Family Center



## AGENDA

### for March 4

9 am—Briefing at the Capitol with the Catholic Conference of Illinois followed by Legislative Visits

**NOTE: Make your legislative visit appointments in early January**

### Legislative Action Days Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration Fee (checks payable to Chicago Province): \$50 which covers all materials, lunch, mass, reception & dinner. Deadline to register is Feb. 15*

*Send this completed form and check made out to Chicago Province to Province Treasurer Bev Hoffman, 6499 N Wabash St. Rd., Spfld., IL 62707*

*HOTEL: Make your hotel reservations directly with the Mansion View Inns & Suites 529 South Fourth Street, Springfield, IL 217-544-7411. Ask for the Chicago Province rate of \$75 per night. Meetings will be at the hotel March 3 and at the Capitol March 4. The Capitol is 1 1/2 blocks from the hotel.*