



# A Poetic Journey of Faith

Our Lady of Lourdes Council of Catholic Women — July 2019

## A note from our President

Ladies – I can't believe it is July already – where has the time gone?

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wanted to let you know that we are super excited to be serving you in the coming year and are already hard at work planning and making the necessary preparations for a full year of events that we hope you will enjoy!

Our theme this year relates to a 'journey of faith' and I invite you to take a moment to ask yourselves, "*Where am I on my personal journey?*" And remember what Jesus said, "If you have faith no bigger than a mustard seed..." not 16oz. or a gallon, but "the size of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20. Let us journey in our faith together!

This year we are kicking off a new Mentor Program that connects new members with present members to learn more about OLOL CCW. Please contact Donna McGinnis, Vice President with any questions.

If you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to share, feel free to reply to this email or reach out directly to any of the board members.

May God continue to guide us all as we look forward to an exciting new year!

Mary Macklin

## Making a difference – one charity at a time

We received some lovely thank you notes from organizations we (YOU!) supported during the 2018-2019 membership year. Here are how our donations helped.

- Bishop's Cornerstone Society 2019 Diocese of Venice Catholic Faith Appeal – Reaching out to the poor and needy in our diocese
- Epiphany Cathedral School – Supports a scholarship for a needy student for the 2019-2020 school year
- Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County 2019 House that Faith Built Appeal – Contributed to a new home for a single mother and her son in Venice
- Loveland Center – Helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live their lives to the fullest
- Pregnancy Solutions, Venice Florida – Assisted in saving 20 babies and touched more than 300 parents in 2019
- Society of St Vincent de Paul Epiphany Cathedral/Our Lady of Lourdes Conference – Assisting those in need who appeal to the Society for help
- St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry Glades County Florida – Helping to maintain and feed the needy and hungry in Glades County
- St. Michael Parish Wauchula Florida – Provided Christmas outfits for children and hosted a baby shower

## CCW Membership

By now you should have received your 2019 – 2020 welcome packet mailed to your home. As a reminder, CCW is an amazing opportunity to be involved with a wonderful group of women as we network together and support each other on our spiritual journeys – feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join our organization. Please contact Ellen Rush

## Our Mission

Our Lady of Lourdes Council of Catholic Women supports, empowers and educates all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service. Our programs are planned to respond, with Gospel values, to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

## Upcoming Activities

Bridge – July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Grandparents Praying for Grandchildren – July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Maj Jongg – July 4, 11, 18, 25

Rosary Making Guild – July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Sewing Ministry – July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (back to school clothes – all sizes)

## Our Board

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Membership

(941) 408-1768 if you did not receive your welcome packet or if you have any questions.

## CCW Rosary Makers



Our Lady's Rosary Makers are based in Louisville, Kentucky and they have been helping missions for almost 70 years!

Our very own OLOL CCW's Rosary Making Ministry is chaired by JoAnne Youman and this ministry meets every Wednesday in our Parish Hall Annex making rosaries. On average, over 70 rosaries are made at each meeting which are then sent to Missions around the world. OLOL is blessed to have such a ministry supporting a most powerful prayer, The Rosary.

## CCW is collecting the following:

**For our military** – small items of snacks, personal items, writing paper, stamps, puzzle books and items from "home" to several military collection banks during the months of June, July, August and September. Containers are in the Church and Church Hall. Shipments are made the first Wednesday of the month.

**For our jewelry fundraiser** – We call it the Jewelry Exchange and NOTHING is wasted ... not even a single earring! We are accepting donations now of any unwanted costume or estate jewelry ... all donations are greatly appreciated!

For more information or to help with either collection, please contact Gail Davey at (941) 493-7712 or [kd967@comcast.net](mailto:kd967@comcast.net)

## Mark your calendars

**December 11, 2019** – Christmas luncheon and the show the "Sounds of Christmas" at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Ft. Meyers

**February 19, 2020** – Mardi Gras Madness Fashion Show @ Plantation Golf and Country Club

## VDCCW Outreach

Sister Ann from Catholic Charities shared with us that the completion of St. John Paul II Villas, a senior housing facility with 64 new residences, is almost done and is scheduled to open on 7/26/19. The complex is located next door to Casa San Juan Bosco in Arcadia and every new resident will be receiving a "Welcome Bucket" upon their move in date. OLOL CCW stepped up to the plate to pitch in and donated five (5) buckets!

Josephine Wise, President-Elect for Venice Diocese Council of Catholic Women and Becky Harper, VDCCW Service Chair came from Ft. Myers to pick up the Household Goods Welcome Buckets that also included prayer cards and rosaries to help support 55+ persons in need who will be entering their new homes at John Paul II Villas. A huge "Thank You" to Kathy Yaglenski and Jeannine Martin for answering this call-in support of our Venice Diocese CCW.



Ellen Rush (941) 408-1768

### Hospitality

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## Key Links

[Diocese of Venice](#)

[Diocese of Venice – Council of Catholic Women](#)

[Diocese of Venice – Respect Life](#)

[Our Lady of Lourdes](#)

[Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center](#)

## Church Women United

**11/1/19:** World Community Day Celebration – "Resolve to Love" program. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 So. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Bring canned food for The Salvation Army.

**1/3/20:** Annual Meeting – Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood. Bring canned food for Helping Hand.

**3/6/20:** World Day of Prayer Celebration – Lakeside Lutheran Church, 2401 So. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Bring canned food for So. County Food Pantry and purchase Spring Tea tickets.

**4/3/20:** Annual Spring Tea – Christ United Methodist Church, 1475 Center Rd. at 2:30 p.m., (doors open at 2:15). Tickets may be purchased from your church rep. or at the March luncheon.

**5/1/20:** May Friendship Day Celebration – Venice United Church of Christ, 620 Shamrock Blvd., Venice. Key Woman Awards and Dedication of the Least Coin from all the churches. Bring canned food for the Center of Hope.

**11/6/20:** World Community Day Celebration – The Salvation Army, 1051 Albee Farm Rd., Venice. Bring canned food for The Salvation Army.

## Respect Life

Respect Life Ministry is dedicated to transforming today's culture of death into a culture of life. Pope John Paul II's encyclical The Gospel of Life provides hope and inspiration in the promotion of respect for all life, from fertilization to natural death. Want to know more about what is going on in our own diocese, click this link ... [Diocese of Venice Respect Life](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities in 2019 – 2020

dance, card party, fashion show, Diocesan meetings hospitality,

### Remember ...

*If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is "Thank You," it will be enough.* ~ Meister Eckhart

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