



A Poetic Journey of Faith

Our Lady of Lourdes Council of Catholic Women — September 2019

A note from our President

Dear CCW Members – Fall is upon us and this brings us an opportunity to reflect on our organizations 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."*

As we plan our calendars, we look forward to sharing in the fellowship and spirituality at our all our meetings, prayer groups and the many activities that the CCW offers. Remember, we make it happen together.

CCW has an exciting year planned. As we go forward in our day to day personal journeys, let's remember to begin with a simple prayer; lead by reaching out; and participating in some small way in service to another.

Remember, ***"Faith without action is moot."*** (James 2:14-26)

Blessings, prayers and peace!

Mary

CCW membership – final reminder

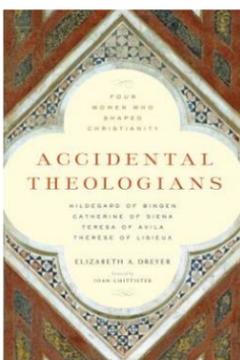
Don't forget to send in your membership form for 2019 – 2020 by **Friday, September 20th if you want to make certain that your personal information is included in the CCW 2019 – 2020 Member Blue Book.**

Please contact Ellen Rush directly at (941) 408-1768 if you have any questions.

CCW By-Law Update

The CCW Board of Directors wanted to provide the organization early visibility into the suggested changes to the Our Lady of Lourdes Council of Catholic Women By-Laws (see attached PDF). These will be covered at the kickoff meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 before we vote to accept them at the November meeting.

CCW book club – reminder



Don't forget that our first meeting for the coming season will be on **Thursday, October 3rd** in the Grade 7 classroom in the Education Building at 10:00am. The book is **Accidental Theologians: Four Women Who Shaped Christianity** by Elizabeth Dreyer. Dreyer writes about the history-changing effect of Hildegard of Bingen, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, and Theresia of Lisieux, four women Doctors of the Church. Interested? Call Kathy Quinnan at 941-445-8137.

Thank you for your generosity!

More thank you notes received to thank the OLOL CCW organization – see attached notes from:

- For the Troops
- Forgotten Soldiers Outreach

Our Mission

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Upcoming Activities

Bridge – September 4, 11, 18, 25

Grandparents Praying for Grandchildren – September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Mah Jongg – September 5, 12, 19, 26

Rosary Making Guild – September 4, 11, 18, 25

Sewing Ministry – September 11, 18, 25

Our Board

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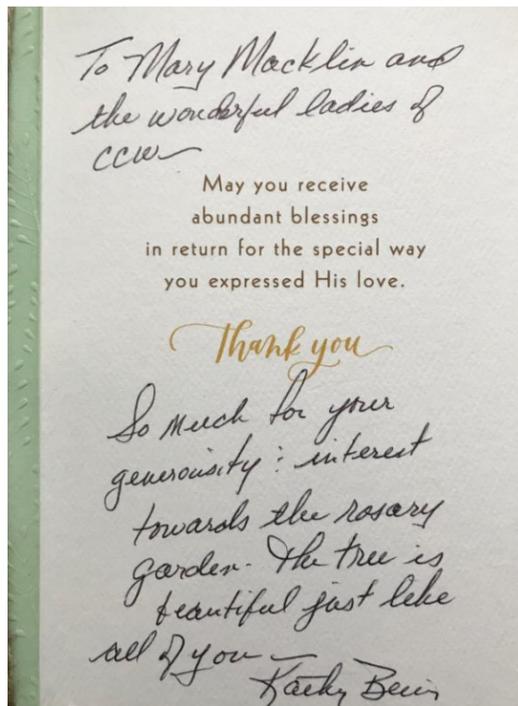
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Membership

- **Operation Gratitude**
- **Our Mother's House**
- And, a thank you note for the donated tree to the Rosary Garden:



Are you being spiritually fed?

"God is always online, but we have to turn on the Wi-Fi to find Him. We have to engage in a conversation with Him."

Fr. John Bartunek



God calling ...



Secret Sisters is a spiritual ministry within CCW which calls on members to pray for one another over the course of a year. Typically, prayers are said, and cards and notes are sent for birthdays, holidays and support. A closing brunch gathering will take place in the Spring.

Often a small token or gift is exchanged at this time. The "secret" is not knowing who is praying for YOU! If you wish to sign up now in order to be given your assignment at the first meeting, please contact Jeanne Vagnetti 231.527.8673 or email her jeannevagnetti@gmail.com.

Hot off the press ... tickets now available!

Contact Bernadette Raftery @ (704) 968-9580 or raffs2@mindspring.com to reserve your seat!

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](#)

Please pray for ...

JoAnne Youman



MARDI GRAS MADNESS
Fashion Show & Luncheon

Hosted by
 Our Lady of Lourdes Council of Catholic Women

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
11:30am - 2:00pm (Doors Open at 11am)
 \$40 per person
Plantation Golf and Country Club
 500 Rockley Boulevard, Venice, FL

Fashions by Patchington 

For tickets, contact Bernadette Raftery
 (704) 968-9580



Stepping up ...

A huge thank you to Mary Ann Krause for helping the CCW organization by sending Sunshine greetings while Barbara Trela is recovering from surgery!

CCW is continuing to collect jewelry

We are currently collecting gently used jewelry for 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, please contact Gail Davey at (941) 493-7712 or kd967@comcast.net

Mark your calendars

October 29, 2019 – Our Lady of Lourdes Respect Life Day for the **Fall 40 Days for Life** prayer vigil to end abortion is Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 9:00am until 5:00pm. We will be praying in front of Planned Parenthood of Sarasota at 730 Central Ave., Sarasota. For more information call Kathy Yaglenski at 941-408-7558.

November 10, 2019 – Knights of Columbus and Catholic Charities Show of Shows ... see flyer below for more information.

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

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Charities

sponsoring the Show of Shows to support those in need in our area

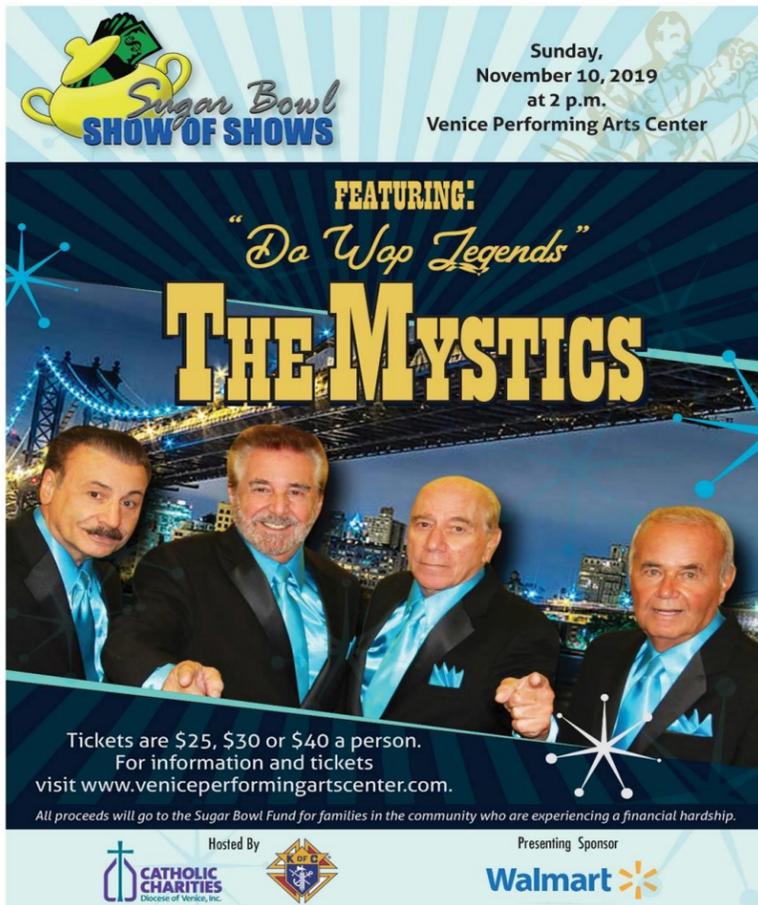
Support and encourage our future priests!



Venice Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women
SEMINARIAN FUND

The Council of Catholic Women of the Diocese of Venice invites you to join them in celebrating **PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY** **September 29, 2019** in a special and lasting way — by sending your priests of your parish a **Seminarian Fund "IN HONOR OF" card**. Please remember that this is a gift that keeps on giving! Our diocese is educating 19 MEN in various seminaries. A donation of **ANY AMOUNT** will be a great help. The donation amount will not be revealed to the recipient. To take part, please send \$1.00 plus your donation (made out to VDCCW Seminarian Fund) to: Cornelia Zanetti, 5808 Gulf Drive, #204, Holmes Beach, FL 34217. Questions? Please email me at **corniez@aol.com**

THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS
 - Cornelia, Seminarian Fund Guardian



This year's entertainment are the Mystics who will recreate their many appearances on Dick Clark's American Bandstand and sing their own hit records like "Hushabye", "The White Cliffs of Dover" and "Don't Take the Stars." Younger fans also came to know and love The Mystics' recording of "Over the Rainbow" from its prominent use in the hit TV show The Sopranos.

Tickets are on sale starting today (9/1/19) and can be purchased online at www.veniceperformingartscenter.com. If you are purchasing several tickets, feel free to go to the box office and save the fees. Also, the Executive Buffet will be available at Pelican Pointe after the show. You can contact Jessica at (941) 496-4653 ext. 223 or F&B@pelicanpointeclub.com to make your reservation. You will be able to put your groups together as you choose.

Remember ...

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

~ St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier

Don't want to receive the CCW monthly communication email, please contact Katie Morris (kms915@outlook.com)