



Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

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A Message from Our Moderator

Dear Sisters in Christ,



When we celebrate Pentecost—the birthday of the Church, the Holy Spirit’s outpouring of gifts upon the Church at its very beginning—we continue to pray for the outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit upon the Church and the world today. I pray for the gifts of the Spirit for the TDCCW and all our affiliate societies around the diocese. The Holy Spirit was able to work through our patron Mary in a powerful way that enables our redemption. May Mary continue to be the model for all of you.

Memorial Day coincided with Pentecost this year. It is the beginning of summer for many folks, a time of relaxation and fun. But the real meaning comes from the original title of the day: Decoration Day. That comes from the Civil War era of our country’s history. Women, especially mothers, would go out and decorate the graves of the fallen soldiers; it didn’t make any difference which side the dead man was on—he was somebody’s son. Decorating the grave was a sign of respect and remembrance.

So today we decorate the cemeteries and the graves of the veterans with flags to honor and respect them for their bravery and gift of life, for our freedom. It is also a time to remember all the dead of the war—especially the women and children and the elderly who have nothing to do with the war but who are caught up in the middle of the violence and terror.

I also want to sincerely thank all of you for your cards, Masses and prayers of condolences for my family at the time of dad and mom’s death. Their deaths were only two weeks apart. They were married for 64 years and now

they are together again in eternity. I really appreciate your support and care of me.

Finally, I am moving to Toledo in July to begin a pastorate at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on Hill Ave. I begin my 35th year in the priesthood with all new surroundings.

Please keep me in your hearts and prayers.

Father Jim Brown

A Note from Our President

Dear Friends,

It is so amazing to me how fast the days go by. It seems like it was just last week when I did an article for the *Catholic Chronicle* only to discover it was three months ago. Life keeps moving so fast so we need to make the most of God’s blessings.

The Sodality from St. Rose, Perrysburg, hosted our first LED. It was well attended and hopefully was beneficial to all. We also had an afternoon and evening session at the Findlay K of C hosted by the St. Michael, Findlay, Altar Rosary.

You should have received your information concerning the Parish Recognition Award. If not, please contact the office or myself.

Information will be forthcoming about the convention at Sauder Village in Archbold. The pre-convention dinner is September 12 and the convention is September 13.

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We are still looking for some ladies to be representatives from the deaneries. We are asking that you use the new deanery names.

The Volunteer Luncheon was held in April and we honored twenty-eight volunteers. Congratulations to those ladies.

The Day of Renewal was in Carey in May. Sr. Gemma Fenbert, OSF, was the presider. I didn't attend physically but prayed for the success of the Renewal while I was on a pilgrimage to Medugorje, Rome, and Assisi. It was a wonderful experience.

The Volunteer Luncheon will be April 9, 2008, at Crystal Arbors in Fremont and The Day of Renewal will be May 14, 2008, in Carey. Please mark your 2008 calendars.

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Have a wonderful summer.

God's blessings,
Jan Hazen, President



Church Commission

May the joy of the Risen Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit fill you and inspire you to do great things this summer.

Many of you have children who soon will be out of school, if they aren't already. Our pastor has urged the children to not let a day pass without doing three things: pray, read, and do a good deed for someone whether it takes two minutes or half of a day. Then, of course their weekly attendance at mass is also a must.

We ask you to continue to pray for the military. I hope you have a copy of the rosary prayer with each decade being said for a particular group: 1st for all deployed soldiers and their safety; 2nd for wounded soldiers and for their healing; 3rd for the deceased soldiers and for the repose of their souls; 4th for all families of depolyed, wounded, deceased soldiers, for the strength and the comfort only the Lord can provide; 5th for our nation and peace in our world.

At present we have more student seminarians than we've had for quite a few years. They are all in need of our prayers for discernment of their vocations. There are still a few who are not adopted by a parish that will support them with notes of encouragement and best wishes on special occasions. You can obtain a name, just let me know. (419-492-2748)

There was also a handout at LED for a vocation rosary with each mystery having a special intention. Hope you picked one up. The vocation calendar also at LED contained our students to be prayed for each day along with the Holy Father, Bishops, Clergy and Religious Orders working in our diocese.

Don't forget: along with your prayers and work to spend a bit of time enjoying the beautiful earth the Lord has given us. We are fortunate to live in rural or semi-rural areas. We can breathe clean air, rejoice in the sunrise and setting, watch the fields grow and pray for a good harvest. God has richly blessed us.

Have a good summer and hope to see you at the TDCCW Convention this fall, maybe some of you will come to the NCCW Convention in Columbus. It will never be any closer.

Church Commissioner - Dorothy Blum

Respect Life



Preaching on abortion from Scripture does not simply mean finding those passages which speak about the unborn child; rather, it means showing how all the principle themes of the Bible reflect the relationship between God and

human life, and the duty we have to respond to the lives of others with care and love. Some of those key themes and the way they illumine our pro-life stance are as follows.

1. The Bible teaches that human life is different from other types of life, because human beings are made in the very image of God.

The accounts of the creation of man and woman in Genesis (Genesis 1:26-31, 2:4-25) tells us this: "God created man in his image, in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

The image of God! This is what it means to be human! We are not just a bunch of cells randomly thrown together by some impersonal forces. Rather, we really reflect an eternal God who knew us from before we were made.

At the heart of the abortion tragedy is the question raised in the Psalms: "Lord, what is man that you care for him, mortal man that you keep him in mind? With glory and honor you crowned him, giving him power over the works of your hands." (Psalm 8:5-7)

2. The Bible teaches that children are a blessing. When the first mother brought forth the first child, she exclaimed, "I have brought forth a man with the help of the Lord" (Genesis 4:1). Truly children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward (Psalm 127:3).
3. The Bible teaches that the child in the womb is truly a human child, who even has a relationship with the Lord.

God knows the preborn child. "You knit me in my mother's womb...nor was my frame unknown to you when I was made in secret." (Psalm 139:13-15)

4. Scripture repeatedly condemns the killing of the innocent. This flows from everything that has been

seen so far. God's own finger writes in stone the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17) and Christ reaffirms it (Matthew 19:18; notice that He mentions this commandment first). The Book of Revelation affirms that (unrepentant) murderers cannot enter the kingdom of heaven (Revelation 22:15).

Taken from *Priests for Life* – Vol. 17 article "Biblical Launching Points for Pro-life Preaching" (Part 1).

Betty Beham
Pro-Life



Friendly Visitor

You are so important, being a friendly visitor. These shut-ins and lonely people really need you.

What joy you could bring them by just taking a little of your time to share it with them.

Just your presence, your smile and yes, your voice talking with them, can change their attitude on life. Please do take the time, go to the nursing home or visit the people in their own homes.

If you have children or grandchildren take them with you; many shut-in's grandchildren live far away now-a-days. A child always brings smiles to shut-ins.

Don't forget to send them a card; they love to open mail.

If anyone needs help, give me a call. I will try to be of some help.

God bless you.

Gertrude Knueven



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TO LOVE AND SERVE
THE LORD!