

President Elect – Lorraine Riedl

Scholarships

We are blessed to have several opportunities this spring for scholarships! Please take advantage of them and spread the word. All applications are found on our website www.LDCCW.org/grants-and-scholarships.html

Books for Kids

The Books for Kids/Suzette Matis Scholarship is sponsored by the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (www.ldccw.org). We provide \$1000 divided among the schools to purchase books for Catholic school children that they may keep as their own. Books must be given to Catholic school children who are in grades kindergarten through fifth. This program is not set up for CCD classes. Please have school personnel select the grade from the school and complete the information on the form. This form must be received by April 1, 2017.

LDCCW Grant Scholarship \$2500

If you are wishing to pursue or enhance your faith by enrolling in a program(s) that will nurture and support spiritual growth, this scholarship is for you. An example of something that could fall within this type of application process is a type of leadership program being offered through a Spirituality Center/Retreat or a program, or a webinar class/weekend workshop.

Camp Gray and Adventure Camp Scholarships \$800

LDCCW helps students attend these camps.

CAMP GRAY is a Catholic camp located in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. The Camp Gray scholarship is worth \$800.00 and open to students entering grades 2 through 12.

ADVENTURE CAMP is located at Crosswoods Camp in Drummond, Wis. This camp is for grades 6 thru 12 youth. There will be rappelling, rock climbing, mountain biking, whitewater canoeing, kayaking and praying. You will go deeper into your knowledge of the faith and your relationship with God through the many spiritual aspects of this camp through daily Mass, morning and evening prayer, confession and Adoration and you will leave camp both physically and spiritually more revitalized than when you arrived. With this combination, physically and spiritually, Adventure Camp is guaranteed to be the best one-week of your life

The application deadline for these annual scholarships is April 1.

Father Wavra Scholarship \$1,000

This scholarship is targeted for the woman to pursue a pastoral-related degree that will assist her within her parish and in the Diocese of La Crosse. An example of this would be: To enroll and participate in formation that assists a teacher/catechist “to mature as a person, a believer and as an apostle.” The application for this scholarship is April 1.

The Importance of Bylaws, Standing Rules and Duties of Officers

When I was first asked to review the bylaws of the LDCCW, quite honestly, my first reaction was "UGH!" But knowing it's a necessary task, we began. Bylaws and Standing rules of an organization are much like the Ten Commandments and precepts of the Church. Catholics often get criticized for having so many rules, but when you really think about it, the rules are there to give us true freedom – not restrictions. Think of a football game. There are sidelines to mark where it is safe to play, and there are rules to tell us how to play safely. Stay in bounds and play within the rules, and we can have a great time playing the game. If we go out of bounds or a foul occurs, someone can get seriously hurt. They are all there for our protection!

Bylaws

Bylaws guide the board in conducting business and determine procedures, define membership, and board selection. They are legal documents! They protect from personal liability. It is important they be reviewed often.

By-laws should include all the rules that are of such importance that they cannot be changed in any way without previous notice, except those placed in the constitution and the rules of order.

Standing Rules

Provide for uniformity of procedure and can be revised easier than bylaws.

Standing Rules should contain only such rules as may be adopted without previous notice by a majority vote at any business meeting. The vote on their adoption, or their amendment, before or after adoption, may be reconsidered. At any meeting they may be suspended by a majority vote, or they may be amended or rescinded by a two-thirds vote.

Duties

Position descriptions for each person involved in the organization provide guidance for everyone involved. Good position descriptions will make everyone's job a lot easier and avoid duplication of efforts, missed deadlines, and misunderstandings! They need to be reviewed before elections/selections are held.