



La Crosse Diocesan Council of
Catholic Women
Leadership Commission

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Judy Conner, Leadership Chair

Thank You

Thank you to all of the outgoing officers this spring! Thank you for your service to your parishes, deaneries and diocese! What you do may at times seem insignificant, but it is invaluable in the life of the church and you are an example of faith in our disordered world. The church needs dedicated, faithful women serving in this capacity from the grass roots up. I am reminded of Pope Francis's statement:

"I see clearly," the pope continues, "that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal

the wounds, heal the wounds.... And you have to start from the ground up" Pope Francis
We are the nurses in the field hospitals!



Kathy Herfel

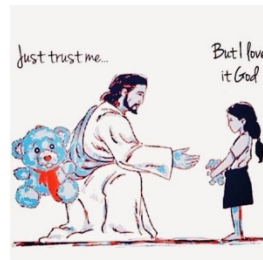


Lorraine Riedl

Thank you to Kathy Herfel who has led the LDCCW in the past two years and welcome to Lorraine Riedl incoming diocesan president! Let us pray for those taking new positions in leadership that God may guide them to lead in their unique ways according to His will in this time and place.

Call to New Officers

If you have been thinking about or have been asked to consider a position in your parish, deanery or diocese, please, after prayerful discussion with God; don't be afraid to give it a try. Jesus says 365 times in the Bible "Do not be afraid" or "Fear not". Each day of the year we can remind ourselves of this!! He also said "I am with you always to the end of time". Matthew 28:20. He will be with you guiding and leading you along the way. Trust in him and take a leap of faith. You will grow in ways you never imagined and you will be doing God's work in the world.



What to Keep and What to toss?

Many of you are ending your term of office at this time. If so, did you wonder what you should pass on to your successor? There is a resource on just what should be passed on or tossed-check in out at the website below.

The National Council of Catholic Women (nccw.org) has many other resources on its website to help you out. Please go to:

<https://www.nccw.org/commissionscommittees/>

Under the Leadership Chair Commission alone you can find the following resources to print and distribute if desired.

An Introduction to NCCW

12 Ways to Increase Membership

Everyone is on the Membership Committee

We are the Voice of Catholic women

Ways to Become a Better Listener

Relationship Building Exercise

Team Building

What to Keep and What to Toss

Mentoring: Women to Women

Membership

If you are not a member of NCCW, consider joining. Some of the benefits of membership is you will receive the Catholic Woman magazine which is a great resource along with the monthly “The Connect” to keep you updated on Catholic issues happening nationally. Join at nccw.org!



Ldcccw.org

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women website also has much information to keep

you updated and informed. **Go to *ldcccw.org***

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Don't forget to go to the LDCCW Facebook page. Just search for La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and it will come up.

By hitting “like” you will get updated diocesan information from the LDCCW. Please share posts so that more people can see them and we can share the great news of the events and happenings in the lives of Catholic Women in our diocese!