**La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) www.ldccw.org**

**Annual LDCCW Collection** Information Sheet(Formerly called Low Sun Collection)

*Funds collected are used to help in various ways in our Parish, Deanery, Diocese and on. Some areas included are:*

House of Formation – Vocations

Mater Redemptoris Convent House - Vocations Young Adult Ministry

Bishop’s Annual Appeal Diocesan Capital Campaign Books for Kids Catholic Schools

RCIA & Faith Formation Conferences Natural Family Planning

Persons w/Special Needs

National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) Annual Giving, some programs include:

* Campaign for Human Development from Conception to Natural Death (central to all programs & issues addressed by NCCW in full support of the Church)
* Drug & Alcohol
* Domestic Violence/Women Healing the Wounds/Human Trafficking
* Mothers Outreach to Mothers (For more info www.nccw.org & www.wucw.org)

Catholic Charities

Relevant Radio

Televised Mass

Casa Hogar Orphanage Peru SA

Santa Cruz Mission Church, Bolivia

Parish postage for deanery info etc.

Madonna Plan

Water for Life

Help-a-Child in Africa, India, Latin America, Global

Project Milk

Gerard Hall

Haiti Relief

Catholic Camp Gray & Adventure Camp

Deanery Refunds

Catholic Life Magazine

Diocesan & NCCW Workshops, Conventions Spirituality Days

Girls Religious Awards Programs

Fr. Wavra Scholarship

Holy Cross Seminary House….. and more

Remember the dedicated women in your parish as they prepare – funeral lunches, quilt raffles, prayer shawls, bake sales, lunches, items for the kitchen, items for the priest and the altar, Operation Bootstrap, St. Vincent’s, 1st Communion and Confirmation gifts/refreshments, prayer and adoration, festivals, and on and on, did I say prayer and adoration? We continue to work on developing this mission of spirituality, leadership & service and appreciate the gifts of all. What gifts can you share and what can we, as a women’s organization do for you?

The La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW) www.ldccw.org is dedicated to the spiritual enrichment of the women of the Diocese, and the LDCCW provides direct service to the Church. This is what we do. This is what Council Sunday is all about, a celebration of our service for many. While the LDCCW is ***not*** part of the Bishops budget, as other Dioceses CCW’s, we are here, as listed above, to *contribute to the needs* of our Bishop and Diocese. Bishop Callahan grants the LDCCW Collection in his letter of approval each year. Bishop Callahan has stated, “I hope the faithful will be generous to the LDCCW as you do so much to foster the mission of the church in our Diocese”.

Thank you, and may God bless, Kathy Herfel, President, LDCCW