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Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) established their partnership in 1946 to support their commitment to the mission of serving women and children around the world.

The LDCCW Madonna Plan was established in 1958 to empower women by improving the well-being of mothers and expectant mothers through projects in health, education, and financial security. The LDCCW Madonna Plan funds pro-life maternal and child health projects that teach women about the importance of breast feeding, and good nutrition, as well as projects that empower women through vocational training.

In the countries of Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, CRS staff identifies the needs of the poor and targets their solutions. The field staff then sends requests for assistance to CRS headquarters in Baltimore.

The LDCCW Madonna Plan funds are then allocated to meet these requests. The funds are forwarded, monitored, and reported on by CRS field staff.

Working through CRS, we are fulfilling our commitment to the goal cited in the United States Bishops' Economic Pastoral of a *world that works fairly for all.*

Send tax deductible contributions to:

The LDCCW Madonna Plan
c/o LDCCW Treasurer, Susan Tully
S6638 County Road J
Viroqua , Wisconsin 54665



The LDCCW
Madonna Plan



La Crosse Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women

The LDCCW Madonna Plan

- Is the response of Catholic Women in the United States to women in the Third World easing the burden of struggles for a better life.
- Supports pro-life mother-child centers, where pre-natal, post-natal care and counseling can help ensure the birth and development of healthy babies
- Provides instruction on nutrition and hygiene principles, as well as supplemental food to stretch family food supplies.
- Strengthens families through a variety of CRS community projects such as...
 - Installation of clean water and simple irrigation systems to provide drinking water and water for growing food for families or for income.
 - Revolving loan funds for small community-based activities and businesses that generate income for families and provide employment for women.
 - Providing education and training for young women and girls. In many societies, girls are excluded from schooling or considered incapable of learning. Educating girls not only provides a sense of self-worth, but increases the “human power” available to the family and community striving for development and protects them from human trafficking.



Courtesy of CRS

Where your donation goes:

As part of the LDCCW Madonna Plan, the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women supports Mother-Child projects of Catholic Relief Services.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) closely monitors the condition and progress of its projects. Parish CCW donations are forwarded to the LDCCW treasurer. All record keeping and acknowledgments are done locally through the LDCCW.

At the end of the fiscal year, 75% of the LDCCW Madonna Plan collection is sent to Catholic Relief Services and 25% can be allocated to current international, domestic and/or mother-child projects. Approval by the LDCCW Board of Directors finalizes decisions.



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Fund Raising Ideas for the LDCCW Madonna Plan

- The original idea was to ask each Catholic Woman in the United States to donate one dollar per year to this fund.
- There are many creative ideas to raise some funds and have fun doing it.

Special Collections

Luncheons

Bake Sales

Style Shows

Quilt Raffles

Garage Sales

Rummage Sales

Card Parties

- Some CCWs have dues that include \$1.00 or more per member that goes toward the LDCCW Madonna Plan
- Some have containers labeled “The LDCCW Madonna Plan” and pass them out for donations at CCW meetings
- Others involve elementary and high school students in supporting the Madonna Plan
- Some involve family and friends in a project supporting the Madonna Plan

Tell us your story.....

How will you support the Madonna Plan? We would love to hear about it!