



Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Central Deanery

Spring General Meeting
St Joseph Council of Catholic Women
Affiliation President's Report
March 16, 2024

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Happy Lenten Blessings from St Joseph's in East Orlando!

Service Commission:

- ~2022 Angel Tree collected \$32,000+ in donations. The project also resulted in our being submitted for a Partners in Education Award from one of the schools this project serves
- ~We collaborated with the Women's Guild in a Candle Project for the deceased of our Parish. It was a great way to build bridges between our two organizations and to get to know one another a little better.
- ~ The ladies pulled off another successful Chili Cook-Off with 12 entrants and cash prizes for the top 3 winners.
- ~Service completed a project serving displaced families, and is now working on a project with the parish for local students.

Spirituality Commission:

- ~Affiliation worked to execute a project that is in alignment with the Eucharistic Revival that is in its second year.
- ~ Our ladies are looking into the history of our parish and are planning a fun game to give information to our affiliation. We are also working with Parish Admin to participate in a Feast of St Joseph celebration.
- ~ We are collaborating with Women's Guild for another fabulous May Crowning. At this time, the whole process from our inaugural year is being examined and revamped for our Parish Celebration.

Leadership Commission:

- ~ The commission continues to keep us using modern technologies such as QR codes, Communication Apps, and Online organizational tools.
- ~ The big push right now is to get all of our supplies that are spread out through the homes of our members, into one place, with an accessible inventory process,

Legislative Advocacy:

- ~ The commission presented voting information and links to informative sites for future voting opportunities.

Lastly, the affiliation continues to look for ways to connect with one another outside of business. We met up for Festival of the Trees at Orlando Museum of Art and followed with lunch, and we had another evening of musical entertainment at Pilar's in Winter Garden. It is so good to deepen our bonds that go beyond what we do with the walls of Council Meetings.

Along those lines, we held a dinner for two of our founding members who are moving away to be closer to their families. Anne Lowe and Eleanore Smith were honored and celebrated at a dinner for all their support over the years. We are already missing them terribly.

Love and Blessings

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