



Workers in the Vineyard

Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

July, 2023

From the President: Darleen Schulte



Summer may have just started, but with everything that is going on, it seems like it is half over already. Your board is excited about the many things that will be going on this fall. First of all, there will be the tour of the Eucharistic Miracle Boards that will be in 13 parishes across the diocese. These boards explain just a few of the hundreds of miracles that have been approved by the Vatican. Along with them, there is a DVD about Blessed Carlos Acutis, who is the boy who put together the collection of miracles before his death at the age of 15. We have set up contact people in each of the hosting parishes. They will receive materials that will help them publicize the event. Each parish will decide for themselves what activities they will hold while they have the boards and at what times. This will be a wonderful activity to view during this year of Eucharistic Revival. It reinforces the fact that the Eucharist truly is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Our Lord. There will also be a short DVD on Blessed Carlos that can be viewed. Watch for more information in your bulletins and those of the surrounding parishes. There will also be an article and schedule about the tour in the West Nebraska Catholic. The schedule is also on Spirit Catholic Radio's event board.

Following along the lines of the Eucharist, our Fall Institutes will be in Ord on August 7th and Alliance on September 18th. When we were at our Spring Assembly, the speaker mentioned the Seder Meal that Jesus as a practicing Jew, celebrated on Holy Thursday. There were quite a few ladies that were interested in attending one. I have prepared and lead this celebration for over 15 years at Prince of Peace and all that participate are moved by the experience. It is interesting how some of the prayers of the Seder were carried over into our Mass. So, we will have the prayers and food for the authentic Seder as our presentation that day. Each person will receive materials so that they will be able to go back to their parish and celebrate one in their own parish, if they desire, usually during or close to Holy Week. Pre-registration will be required due to the foods that need to be prepared for the meal, some of which need to be exact.

Finally, the Omaha Province Meeting will be held in Grand Island at Blessed Sacrament on July 17th. Watch your bulletins for further information. This meeting helps tie together the workings of the diocese, province and nation.

I hope that your spring has brought beneficial rains to your area and will continue through the summer. I hope to see many of you at these activities that we have the opportunity to offer.

Peace in Christ,

Darlene Schulte

From the Province Director: Kay Wessel



Greetings from your Province Director.

We are fast approaching an exciting time of the year with two upcoming events: The Province meeting in Grand Island on July 17th and the NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 24th-26th, 2023.

The Province meeting is an opportunity for women of the Archdiocese of Omaha and Diocese of Grand Island and Lincon (the Province of Omaha) to share ideas and spirituality. Our speaker will be Father Allan Phan, Assistant Pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Crete, NE.

Come to hear his remarkable story. Pre-registration is required prior to July 13th. I've attached the meeting details and the pre-registration information.

The NCCW Convention theme is "Path of Renewed Encounter". Join us in Salt Lake City to Renew Your Path of Encounter with Jesus. The convention will be held at the new Hyatt Regency Hotel. We will hear from many great speakers, have beautiful liturgies and time for fellowship with friends across the United States. Deadline for Convention registration is July 15, 2023. Go to NCCW.org for more information. I hope to see you in Salt Lake City. Safe travel.

2023 Province of Omaha Meeting Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration (coffee, juice & rolls)
- 8:45 a.m. Living Rosary
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome
Self-introductions
- 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting
 - Minutes from July 18, 2022 meeting
 - Report from each Diocesan President
 - Spiritual Advisor Report
- 10:30 a.m. Province Director Report
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. Mass, Primary Celebrant, Grand Island Bishop Emeritus William J. Dendinger
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Diocesan Photos
- 1:00 p.m. Speaker – Fr. Allan Phan, Assistant Pastor Sacred Heart, Crete
- 2:00 p.m. New Business
 - Catholics at the Capitol – LB626 and 574
 - 2023 NCCW Annual Convention, August 24-26 at Salt Lake City
 - Silent Auction, Purse Auction
 - Province Ad in Convention book
 - Province Dinner Thursday (select menu online)
 - Form for Priests to Concelebrate Mass
 - Vote for Province Director-Elect 2024-2026
 - Closing prayer and Blessing by attending priests

Save the Date, Pre-register and Join Us

Province of Omaha
Council of Catholic Women
Annual Province Meeting

Monday, July 17, 2023

For Women of Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island Dioceses



Blessed Sacrament Church
518 W State Street, Grand Island, NE

Note: If you are approaching the church from the West (Hwy 281) there is construction work on State Street at the intersection just west of the church. Recommend you go north of State Street on Hwy 281 to Capitol Ave, right on Capitol Ave, right on N Wheeler, right on 18th Street. Stay to the right at the intersection of 18th Street and N Whalen and you will be on the north side of the church complex.

Registration and Coffee 8:15 a.m.

Dismissal 3:00 p.m.

Speaker: Father Allan Phan, Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart
Church
Crete, NE

Pre-registration required. Please complete the following and mail, with your payment (**before Thursday, July 13**), to:
Sharon Swett, 829 W. Depot St, Ericson, NE 69637

Name	Phone
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Address	City	State	Zip
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Email: _____

Registration \$20 (includes Continental breakfast and lunch) Make checks payable to: GIDCCW

Dietary Restriction? _____

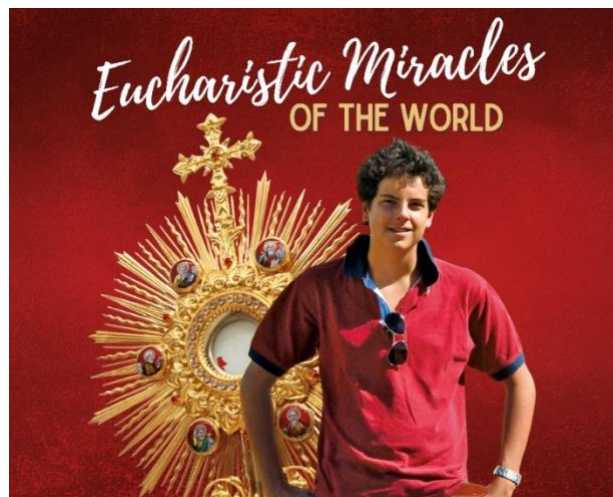
If you have questions, please contact Province Director Kay Wessel at 402-817-8842

From the President-Elect: Sandy Eggert



Blessings to all. I hope you are all enjoying your summer and that you are having some time to relax and enjoy your family. Unfortunately, I will not be attending our Province meeting this year as my family will be vacationing at that time. I hope all of the contacts have received their packets for the miracle boards and also that parish representatives (or someone at your parish) has received the registration form and poster for our Fall Institutes. As Darlene has said prior in this newsletter, these are two events that you will want to attend if at all possible. I am attaching a copy of a news article that you may want to put in your local newspaper if you are one of the parishes hosting the Miracle Boards. Judy Schwartz has included an additional copy of the Miracle Board schedule in her report for your reference as well. I hope you all get a chance to experience these boards in one of the parishes.

Our Fall Institutes are now planned and final touches are being done to prepare the event for you all. Our theme for the institutes is Learn (learn something yourself), Teach (teach and share it with as many people as you can) and Experience (create a blessed experience for yourself and the others involved). Get involved! You never know where it may take you. You will reap all of the benefits and have the chance to Learn, Teach and Share, and have a wonderful Experience.



Eucharistic Miracle Boards

The Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (GIDCCW), in response to our 2023 Resolution to support the Eucharistic Revival in our diocese and parishes, has put together a tour across the diocese of the Eucharistic Miracle Boards from Spirit Catholic Radio.

This Vatican-approved international exhibit was designed and created by the Blessed Carlo Acutis. Carlo, an artist, cartoonist and avid computer enthusiast, created the art for the panels before his death from leukemia at the age of 15. His goal during his short life was to help bring others closer to Jesus through awareness of the mystery of the Eucharist.

There will also be a DVD of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the 15-year-old, who fell in love with the Eucharist at age 7. A laptop will accompany the DVD in case your parish does not have access to a DVD player. We hope that the surrounding areas will have an opportunity to visit these parishes and share in this experience. We pray that this will draw others into a renewed personal encounter with Jesus.

The first recorded miracle was in Lanciano, Italy in 700. There have been more than 150 miracles approved by the Vatican. Eucharistic miracles consist of unexplainable phenomena occurring after transubstantiation, such as a host visibly transforming into human tissue, a host surviving fire, a host bleeding or the Eucharist alone providing sustenance to a human being for a prolonged period of time. In order to be considered a Eucharistic miracle, the event is investigated by a special task force before deciding it is worthy of belief. Secular sources are often used to investigate and confirm the miracle.

Fall Institute

Teach, Learn, and Experience

Registration

Registration is required so we can determine meal settings

Monday, August 7, 2023

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

Ord, Nebraska

Registration deadline is August 3, 2023

Time:

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

and/or

Monday, September 18, 2023

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Alliance, Nebraska

Registration deadline is September 14, 2023

Registration Fee is \$20 per session

**Experience a traditional Seder Meal
Get Leadership from our Commission Chairs**

Return your Registration along with payment to:

Sharon Swett
829 West Depot Street
Ericson, NE 68637

Check the box below next to the session(s) you are attending

Name: _____

Parish: _____

I plan to attend the Fall Institute in Ord
Registration deadline is August 3, 2023
Cost is \$20.00 per person

Name: _____

Parish: _____

I plan to attend the Fall Institute in Alliance
Registration deadline is September 14, 2023
Cost is \$20.00 per person

From the Treasurer: Sharon Swett

Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

FROM THE TREASURER: Sharon Swett, June 30, 2023

<u>August 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 Total Donations</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>
*41 Parishes Dues	\$5,856.00	
*26 Parishes & personal donations to the Seminarians	\$17,795.00	\$17,500.00
*Other Donations received:		
Newman Center	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00
Mission II Haiti	\$1,822.50	\$689.83
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 100.00	\$140.00
Funds for Nuns	\$ 75.00	
Scholarships		\$600.00

Spring Assembly Summary	Camp Comeca
updated 4-30-23	4/14/2023
Registrations	
Full	41
Day	3
Guests, Musicians, Speakers	5
Total Attendance	49
Expense	
Lodging/facility/meals	\$ 4,921.00
Speakers Fee	\$ 610.50
Speakers Mileage	\$ 95.50
Supplies	\$ 152.60
Raffle Prizes	
Total Expense	\$ 5,779.60
Income	
Registrations & donations	\$ 3,150.00
Silent Auction	\$ 1,436.00
Raffle	\$ 1,718.00
Total Income	\$ 6,304.00

From the Spirituality Chair: Judy Schwartz



The Eucharistic Boards, an exhibit designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, and made available by the Spirit Catholic Radio Network will be on tour through the Panhandle portion of Nebraska from late July till November 1st. If the exhibit should happen through your hometown or a local close to you, I encourage you to participate in the viewing and discussion about the various miracles.

Here is a copy of the schedule.

PARISH	FRIDAY-WEDNESDAY	TRAVEL DAY
Erickson	July 28-August 2	August 3
Ord	August 4-9	August 10
Mullen	August 11-16	August 17
Gordon/Hays Springs	August 18-23	August 24
Valentine	August 25 -30	August 31
Rushville	September 1-6	September 7
Crawford	September 8-13	September 14
Alliance	September 15-20	September 21
Scottsbluff	September 22-27	September 28
Sidney	Sept. 29 – Oct. 4	October 5
McCook	October 6-11	October 12
North Platte St. Pat's	October 13-18	October 19
Kearney	October 27-Nov. 1	November 2

The schedule will be published in the next issue of the WEST NEBRASKA CATHOLIC . There will also be packets sent out to each hosting site, filled with various pieces of information that will be helpful for the parish contact person. One item to look forward to is a ready-made bulletin insert to begin your publicity about hosting the Eucharistic Miracle Boards.

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The Fall Institutes are beginning to take shape.

August 7 - at Ord 9:00 - 2:30

September 18 – at Alliance 9:00 - 2:30

The happenings at the Fall Institutes will include a review of the Eucharistic Miracles and demonstration on how to make and share a Seder meal.

A reminder to all the Deanery women especially those in the Alliance Deanery to begin or keep on collecting articles for the Boxes of Joy that will be assembled at the fall meeting on October 14th, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Scottsbluff.

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible!!

Judy Schwartz
Spirituality Chairperson
GIDCCW

From the Leadership Chair: Deb Kearns



Summer greetings to everyone! We have been blessed with rainfall and pray that you who are dry will soon get relief.

As you may recall, one resolution of the GIDCCW is to participate and support activities of the Eucharistic Revival in our parishes in response to the need to renew the church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Our opportunity has come! The Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit is a traveling display on loan from Spirit Catholic Radio. The boards have been scheduled to circle our diocese, being available for viewing for about 4 days. There are 39 boards, with miracles dating from 750 – 2008. Hosting parishes may promote the event in their bulletins or local newspapers, putting posters in businesses, and from the pulpit. I hope each of you, if you haven't had an opportunity to see these, are able to discover a location and time that will work for you to attend.

At the time the Eucharistic Miracle boards are at Ord (August 7) and Alliance (September 18), the DCCW will be having Fall Institutes on Monday from 9 – 2:30. We will receive instruction on doing an authentic Seder Meal so parishes can organize for a celebration of it during the next Lenten Season.

Both of these events are a perfect time to ask other like-minded Catholic friends to join in the learning and fun. An invitation makes one feel special and welcomed.

Looking forward to seeing “old friends” and meeting new ones.

God bless,

Deb

From the Service Chair: Loretta Hamilton



Hello everyone.

Hope you are all having a great summer. I wanted to just send a few reminders for you to think about for the future events we are sponsoring. From the info that has been mailed to many of you, please make special note of the news article that was emailed or included in the packet. We need to announce our Eucharistic Board Exhibit to our entire community, not just our own parish members. You never know who you might touch.

Keep in mind that we are continuing our support of women's pregnancy shelters and help centers as one of our projects this year in light of the Supreme Court ruling. I welcome any and all ideas for things we can do for them.

The Seder meal has been planned (thanks to Darlene) and hope we see many of you at one or both of our Fall Institutes. It will be fun and delicious. Complete your registration now. Posters and forms were sent to all parishes by mail. There is also a form attached at the end of this newsletter.

I have an abundance of Matthew Kelly books from previous years that are accumulating as people are bringing them to the Bargain Bin. If you have any outlet for them, please let me know.

From the Grand Island Deanery: Vicki Harvey

The Grand Island Deanery will be holding their fall meeting on Friday, October 6th.

From the Alliance Deanery: Henrietta Pelster

The Scholarship winner for the 2023 Alliance Deanery was Audrey Splichal from Sidney, St. Patrick's Church. Runner-up was Giselle Guerrero from Minatare, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Our Fall Alliance Deanery meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at St. Agnes in Scottsbluff. We will bring items to pack for the boxes of Joy as our service project. Christy Ningen will inform us about Catholics Encounter Christ weekend retreats.

As many of our parishes are looking forward to receiving the Eucharistic Miracle Boards, Sidney St. Patrick's will display the Eucharistic Boards in the front vestibule for parishioners to view after the weekend Masses. Our DRE will schedule the CCD kids' class time to experience and study the boards on Wednesday evening during CCD. An all-day Adoration will be planned encouraging adorers to experience the Miracle Boards as part of our Eucharistic Revival activities.

From the North Platte Deanery: Cindy Dunbar

Ten highly qualified candidates applied for the North Platte Deanery scholarship. Their accomplishments and faith stories were inspiring. Emily Gentry from Hyannis was the winner.

The fall deanery meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2023. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Central Time. It will be a baby shower to support the North Platte and Ogallala Women's Resource Centers. Money, diapers, baby items, baby furniture, car seats (new in box), mother personal care items are just a few suggestions of the needed items. Please promote this in your parishes.

Following is a prayer that I would like to share with you:

A prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Amen

Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Location
Eucharistic Miracle Boards	July 28-November 1, 2023	View Schedule for parishes
Province Meeting	July 17, 2023	Blessed Sacrament, Grand Island
Fall Institute	August 7, 2023	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ord
Fall Institute	September 14, 2023	Holy Rosary, Alliance
NCCW Convention	August 24-26, 2023	Salt Lake City, Utah
Grand Island Deanery Meeting	October 6, 2023	
Alliance Deanery Meeting	October 14, 2023	St. Agnes, Scottsbluff
North Platte Deanery Meeting	September 20, 2023	St. Pat's, North Platte