## TODAY'S CATHOLIC WOMAN

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

# FROM YOUR NASHVILLE DCCW PRESIDENT

April 4 & 5,
2025
NDCCW
Conference
Paris Landing
State Park
RSVP by
March 4<sup>th</sup>
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Greetings to all Women of the Nashville Diocese,

We are entering the season of Lent Wednesday March 5, 2025-Thursday April 17, 2025. Lent is the religious period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for Christians. Through these, we journey to develop a closer relationship with God.

The NDCCW Conference 2025 at Paris Landing State Park "Come, Behold, Believe: Encounter the Eucharist" is scheduled April 4-5, 2025. The Conference will be a time of reflection and spiritual growth.

April 26, 2025 Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel

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The installation of the NDCCW Officers for 2025-2027 is scheduled for Saturday April 5, 2025 at the morning Mass. This is an exciting time for the NDCCW, new leadership, new growth and healing from Covid and past short comings.

August 19-24, 2025 NCCW Believe in the Eucharist Convention Orlando, FL See details at www.nccw.org I would like to thank each and every woman in our Diocese for all the love, prayers and support I received since becoming the President of the NDCCW in late 2019.

Please plan to attend the NDCCW Conference 2025 and share this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving with dedicated women of the Diocese.

May you be Blessed

Betty Moshea, President, NDCCW



Louisville Province Director's Report – January 2025

October, November and December are some of the busiest months of the year at my job. Conversely, for our faith, the Advent season is a time of preparation and great anticipation. As I kept my "nose to the grindstone" all December I was focused on being able to finally enjoy some family time the closer we got to Christmas. Little did I know when I listened to all those Advent homilies that the Lord was really preparing me for yet another challenging situation.

When a member of our family hurts, we hurt for them and often for ourselves. In the couple of weeks leading up to Christmas our family was dealt a blow that we did not see coming. When your child or grandchild are involved it makes you feel completely helpless to think you cannot fix the problems they encounter. However, God is in control of every situation. When we are faced with disappointment or troubles, we can find solace and encouragement in prayer, in support from other family members and sometimes even in the simple distraction of everyday tasks and responsibilities. The important thing to remember is that we are not alone in troubled times. Emmanuel—God with us—is always at our side and holds us up when we feel the weakest. My hope is in the Lord and for that I am forever grateful.

As far as NCCW news is concerned, the fundraising campaign for the restoration of Mary's Garden at the National Shrine is still active. If you would like to donate to the campaign, you can mail a check or donate online at NCCW.org. We look forward to the re-dedication of the Statue and the beautified garden (which was donated by NCCW in the Jubilee Year 2000) on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

We are really looking forward to a great National Convention in Orlando in August! We hope to have a big group attend again this year, as we install our next Province Director, which will be from the Nashville Diocese. If you are considering attending, now is the time to start planning, saving and talking to other CCW ladies about going with you. For more information, please feel free to contact me via email.

May God bless you all as we begin this new year! Your sister in Christ,

Amelia Sweeney

TheSingingLT@gmail.com



#### **REGISTRATION FORM FOR**

#### NASHVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONFERENCE

# Come, Behold, Believe: Encounter the Eucharist

With Fr. Peter Stryker, Fathers of Mercy and Deacon Joe Augustine "Beautiful Eucharist" by Matthew Kelly included with Registration Display of Eucharistic Miracles at Conference



Friday and Saturday, April 4-5, 2025

Registration, April 4 at Noon —Closing Prayer, April 5 at 2:00 pm

Registration is \$100 payable to NDCCW Registration Deadline March 4, 2025

Friday dinner and Saturday Lunch are included in registration (Meatless Lenten Meal)

Paris Landing State Park Lodge, 400 Lodge Road, Buchanan TN 38222

NDCCW Price for King or Double \$165 + Tax = \$189.25

(Breakfast is Included with the room)

Phone Reservations 1-888-TN-PARKS (1-888-867-2757)

Conference ID # 1025

# Rooms will be held only until March 1, 2025

NAME		PHONE		
STREET ADDRESS			PARISH	
CITY	STATE	ZIP	EMAIL	
If you have any special needs, please let us know here:				

Please send completed registration form with check made out to NDCCW for \$100 to:

Laura Nota, Co-Treasurer, 615-319-3606 Lnota615@gmail.com 146 Woody Thomas Dr. LaVergne TN 37086

#### **Speakers**



Fr. Peter Stryker was ordained a priest on May 30th, 1998. Fr. Peter has been blessed with years of parish ministry, and also service to the faithful at Champion Shrine, a Marian Apparition site located in the Diocese of Green Bay.



Mrs. Silvanna Francscutti Verti O.P. has a background in genetics, biotechnology, and human nutrition. She now is a full time wife and mother and volunteers at non-profits.



Dorris has overcome 26 years of addiction, trauma, and prostitution. A 2012 graduate of the Thistle Farms residential program, Dorris is a survivor - and proudly shares her story!



Dr. Tim Winters, a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksville, has been involved with the Haiti Mission since our parish adopted a parish in Haiti's hill country. When he became a deacon, fortunately, he was assigned to Immaculate Conception Church and continued his visits to Haiti. Austin Peay State University brought him to Clarksville where he is a professor of Greek and Latin.



Deacon Joe Augustine was ordained April 1, 2023 was appointed to St. Joseph Church in Madison, TN. Joe currently works for SealMaster Nashville, having been there for over 15 years and previously has held various positions in Industrial management throughout his life.

## **Schedule Subject to Change**

### Friday, April 4, 2025

12 noon	Registration
1:00 pm	Opening
1:15 pm	Dr. Tim Winters, "Encounter the Eucharist Through Action"
2:00 pm	Break
2:15 pm	Father Peter Stryker "Eucharistic Miracles"
3:00 pm	Mass
3:45 pm	Break
4:00 pm	Dorris Walker Taylor "Hope is Always Real"
5:00 pm	Break/ Dinner
7:00 pm	Confession/movie

#### Saturday, April 5, 2025

8:00 am	Mass/Installation of officers NDCCW	
8:45 am	Breakfast for Lodge guests	
9:30 am	Father Peter Stryker "Our Lady of Champion: Eucharistic Catechesis"	
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Mrs. Silvanna Francscutti Verti O.P. "Discerning God's Will: The Safe	
Haven Baby Box"		
11:15 am	Deacon Joe Augustine "Christian Women—The Other Part of God"s	
	Plan for Humanity"	
12:00 noon	Break lunch	
12:30 pm	Business meeting	



The Slate of New Officers to be installed on Saturday at the Conference after Mass.

Pictured left to right:
Theola Copeland, Treasurer
Rita Meeker, Secretary
Aries Moore, Vice President
Constance Smith-Burwell, President



## AFFILIATE NEWS



## Women of Faith at St Luke Smyrna

Wine Tasting Event at St Luke Catholic Church on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$30. We'd love to see you there!

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# Christ the King Women's Council at Christ the King Church Nashville

We are sponsoring a three night Lenten Retreat open to all. The dates are March 24, 25, 26th at 6pm in the Church. Father Joe McMahon of Holy Family Parish will be speaking about the Ignatian Exercises.

The Women's Council is leading Stations of the Cross on Friday April 11th. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry that evening as well.

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## St Ignatius of Antioch Church 601 Bell Rd Antioch TN

**Save the Date:** This year-2025 St. Ignatius will have "The Seder Meal" on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 5:30pm (sharp). For the New Guest at the table, it's a sit-down dinner play, EVERYONE is a participant. "The Exodus." Cost \$10.

This is one of St. Ignatius favorite celebration to bring in SPRING and BLOOM where YOU are.



## Holy Rosary Women's Circle Nashville

Will be attending on March 14<sup>th</sup> the Stations of the Cross at Holy Rosary Church at 5:00 PM followed by Mass and Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus at 3129 McGavock Pike at 6:00 PM. Join us!

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#### NCCW MISSION STATEMENT

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.



#### **TO JOIN**

#### THE NASHVILLE DCCW:

- +Dues for Affiliate Parishes of over 500 families is \$25 annually.
- +Dues for Affiliate Parishes 500 families or less is \$20 annually.
  - +Dues for Individual Members are \$10 annually.

Date		
Parish		-
Name		
Address		
Phone	Email	
Mail form and check made to "NDCCW" for dues to: Laura Nota, Treasurer 146 Woody Thomas Dr. LaVergne, TN 37086		

# Nashville DCCW's Officers -- Let them know how you can help!

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At
PARIS LANDING STATE PARK
April 4-5, 2025

Dear Friends of Nashville DCCW:

Want to promote your business or organization? Or maybe just show your support for the Catholic women of the Diocese of Nashville? We are looking for Ads for our Conference Program Book.

Choose how you want to show your support for the ladies who do so much for your parish, school and ministries as they gather for a Conference at Paris Landing State Park.

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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK AD ORDER FORM**

1. Please <u>circle</u> the ad(s) of your choice: Full Page Ad \$100.00 Half Page Ad \$50.0	0 Quarter Page Ad \$25.00 Business Card Ad \$15.00				
Check all that apply for your ad copy information:  Ad Copy Enclosed Business Card Enclosed  Make my ad by using this information:					
3. Make check payable to "Nashville DCCW"					
4. Mail Form and Check to: Diana Miller, 509	2 Bell Road Hermitage, TN 37076				
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