

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women



2020 Commission Reports and Year-End Deanery Reports

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SCCCW Commission System

The mission of the SCCCW is carried out through the work of three commissions. Each supports and enhances activities at all rings of Council, educates about the issues of concern to Catholic women, and empowers women to respond in faith and with compassion.

Spirituality Commission

Church: Its aim is to create a community that is educated and dynamic. Catholic women called to discipleship and holiness respond with personal witness and service to the Church and to the world. This work reinforces faith and assists in meaningful ecumenical dialogue. It offers the means to enhance public and private prayer, promotes sound liturgical practice that is sensitive to the cultural diversity of the church, and provides resources for spiritual nourishment and development of the faith community.

Legislation: It encourages legislative advocacy among all members. Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, it assists women in understanding the legislative process, provides the means to analyze current and proposed laws, and promotes activities that bring about greater social and economic justice in our society at the local, state, and national level.

Leadership Commission

Organization: It provides organizational development, opportunities for leadership training, public relations resources, and publications to assure the successful organization and management of Council and its programs. It serves to strengthen the leadership team at every ring of Council.

Service Commission

Community: It engages the members and others in working to address the needs and concerns of their individual communities. It is focused on actions that affect the life, growth, productivity, and wellbeing of all people, especially women and children and the communities in which they live.

Family: Its aim is to support and enhance the importance of family life within the Church and society. It works to assist families in achieving a truly Christian life and to carry out responsibilities within the Church, the civic community, and the world.

International: It promotes responsibility for the world community through the conviction that wealth and resources must be shared with all peoples. In response to this call for global solidarity, it creates awareness of and educates about the needs of women and children throughout the world. It encourages members to generously support the Works of Peace and Works of Reconciliation programs implemented in partnership with Catholic Relief Services.

SCCCW Commission Chair Reports

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SCCCW SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

2020 YEAR-END REPORT

It is in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic that an acknowledgement of a summary of highlights of the Spirituality Commission is presented. Unprecedented times call for unprecedented measures. The ingenuity, creativity and charitable accomplishments by members of the SCCCW reflect a true Christianity guided by Catholic Social Teaching.

Church

- 2020 marked the 200th Anniversary of the Diocese of Charleston. Various retreats, days of reflections, talks and celebrations of the Mass were attended by members of the council.
- On the brink of the pandemic, the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women Convention took place in Greenville, SC with fewer than the customary attendance participation. Mass was offered by The Most Reverend Robert E. Gugliemone, and spiritual consolation and strength were given to all.
- Deanery members served in varying ministries among which are Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, catechists, ushers, and choir members. Many ministries took place on a virtual dimension including live streaming of the Mass and bible studies. There were numerous rosary groups praying for our Nation, the unborn, sick, and deceased members of our communities. Meetings were in person and on Zoom. The annual Posada Novena had a zoom link for members who could not participate in person.
- Charitable contributions that provided for the needs of the most vulnerable were met by donations to food drives, bake sales, Box of Joy, school supplies, meals to parishioners and monies. Tens of thousands of masks sewn by the talented members of the council were given to nursing homes, medical staff, schools and throughout our communities.
- Pro-life ministries continued by offering training for sidewalk counselors. Sidewalk counseling was attended in person at various locations. There were fundraising events that went completely online. Baby items were collected from the angel tree. There were members who participated in Forty Days for life and Life Chain.

Legislation

- Members of the SCCCW supported fetal heartbeat legislation that the South Carolina Senate passed in February 2021.
- Voter registration drives and poll workers assisted in the election year. The exercise of the right to vote was encouraged.
- Link provided from Michael Acquilano, Secretariat of Communications & Public Affairs, Diocese of Charleston, for members to contact state representatives regarding issues pertaining to Catholic values such as Reform Predatory Lending, Education and Women Lactation Support.

- Encouraged signing petitions and writing letters to challenge the rhetoric and take a stand on Catholic social issues including bio-ethics, abortion, family values, human trafficking and domestic violence.

Donna Lamparter

Donna Lamparter
SCCCW Spirituality Commission Chair

SCCCW LEADERSHIP COMMISSION 2020 YEAR-END REPORT

During the pandemic when councils couldn't meet in person, leadership and communication were even more important! Groups used newsletters, phone calls, ZOOM meetings, Google Meet, greeting cards and e-mails to stay connected with their members. Councils thought "outside the box" to bring small groups together and keep communications open to members.

Our affiliates should be proud of their efforts to care for their members and those hurting because of this national health crisis.

Beaufort Deanery

Members from all of our churches attended Deanery meetings in January and October. The **Walterboro** affiliate installed officers, attended Parish Council meetings, honored members present and deceased in the Honors and Memorial Booklet at Convention. Birthday and other greeting cards were sent to members. **Saint Francis by the Sea** held board meetings outside, they held May Crowning and recited the Rosary, uplifting members. Because of the revised structure of the board, the by-laws were amended and voted on at the July meeting and then by the whole membership by email in September. Members were invited to join one or more of 19 committees. A publicity committee was formed with three members joining it. Two members worked on the History of Women of Saint Francis with the help of Phyllis Atkins, a founding member. A membership directory was issued at the first meeting in October. A Welcome Orientation meeting was held in October for new members. Several committee heads and officers attended to bring the new members up to speed and gave them a sense of care and belonging. The most impactful activity was to include a Committee Listing sheet in the registration packet explaining in one sentence the purpose and requirements of each committee. **The Saint Gregory the Great** affiliate held "Council Sunday" to acquaint our parishioners with the Rings of Council and honor the 100th anniversary of NCCW. We announced our Catholic Woman of the Year, our pastor read the 100th anniversary prayer, members of council wore blue and our SCCCW scarves. Pictures and a story were put in the church bulletin. We continued to communicate with our members through Flock note, the church messaging system, alerting them to legislative news, pregnancy center news, and announcements.

Charleston Deanery

Saint Patrick's Women's Guild Leadership Commission made donations of food items and monetary donations to Our Lady of Mercy Outreach which has two centers and the Low country Food Bank. They provided meals to first responders, bank tellers, and grocery store workers. Guild Directories were provided to all members. The Guild purchased a Sweet grass Basket for the Bishop's retirement gift. Members paid their dues and supported the Guild Breakfasts. Members attended the Deanery Annual Meeting. Members participated with the Stay-at-Home Tea donating \$425. **St. John the Beloved** expanded their Facebook site by offering a book review/discussion posted on a monthly basis. Some titles have been: Invisible Women, Naming and Proclaiming, The Forgotten Women in Scripture and Church Law

Columbia Deanery

Corpus Christi Catholic Women's Group hosted the quarterly Deanery meeting; they had 35 ladies from 5 different parishes attend. They had a By-law review and completed a scrapbook which was shared with members at the March meeting. They played a get-to-know-you BINGO game so members would know more about each other. A Secret Sister program encouraged fellowship between

the ladies during a time of distancing. A First Rosary Service was held via Google Meet followed by a short meeting. Crystal Watts was chosen as Catholic Woman of the Year and announced at the Christmas Social. They continued to utilize the Google platform in order to keep in touch with their members. They use Google Forms to collect information and take votes in an orderly format. **Our Lady of the Lake** is planning to offer a self-defense class to female members of their community. They have learned to use Google suite and it has been useful for meetings and communications. They chose Google Meet instead of Zoom because it has less limitations and no time limit. They also use Google Forms to collect information and to hold virtual elections. **Saint Joseph Women's Society** had a special treat at the end of their annual luncheon...a social wine and dessert tasting. They had a quick course in what wines go with some desserts - a fun event for all. Eleven members attended the 2020 Convention and brought back the prize for the large affiliate scrapbook. Members of SJWS serve on Affiliate, Deanery and State levels of Council. "From the Devine Kitchens" sale was offered online for the first time. It was a great success netting \$4200! **St. Martin de Porres** conducted an Executive Board Retreat, served as officers in the Columbia Deanery, hosted Deanery meetings and projects, participated in SCCCW activities, were SCCCW Board members, and attended the SCCCW Convention. A member served on the NCCW Nominating Committee and represented at a NCCW National Convention. They participated in RAS ZOOM meetings.

Greenville Deanery

St. Mary's organized, formatted and published the annual calendar. Name tags are provided for each member. They are encouraged to wear them during the event and return them after to be kept for next time. A directory is published each year which includes general information, calendar of events, SCCCW Resolutions, By-laws, Standing Rules, past presidents, past recipients of the Catholic Woman of the Year award, directory of members, photographs and other material. **St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council** had a very successful membership drive which had twenty-eight new members join bringing their total membership to forty-six!

Myrtle Beach Deanery

Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies Guild used Zoom meetings, emails as well as newsletters available at the church to keep members informed. **Saint Andrew Church Women's Club CCW** worked hard to support and communicate with its members with newsletters, emails, automated voice calls, telephone tree, online card service, ZOOM meetings. They encouraged members to call each other regularly. They shared recipes to give members something to do! **St. James Ladies Guild** are looking forward to being a part of leadership training.

Rock Hill Deanery

All Saints Women's Organization was represented at the SCCCW Convention. They tried online bake sales which were successful. **St. Catherine of Siena Ladies Guild** conducted a virtual Bible Study. They used ZOOM to pray the Rosary every day at 2:00 pm. to end the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kuykendall,
SCCCW Leadership Commission Chair

SCCCW SERVICE COMMISSION 2020 YEAR-END REPORT

The entire 2020 year has been most challenging for our organization and yet, despite it all, we have come through with the strength, humility and giving hearts to help our communities. A sampling of the work of the affiliates is listed below. Please see their actual page for complete information.

Beaufort Deanery

Beaufort Deanery collected 164 Boxes of Joy.

Women of St. Francis \$10,000 was awarded in scholarship money to the school's families since they were most in need during the shutdown. \$1,000 was donated to the Sisters of Mary Namur's Congo Mission to pay for one young nun to take a sewing lesson to eventually teach the girls in her village how to sew and make a living. The Blanket Ministry made and distributed full, lap, and baby blankets and pillows to many needed agencies in the area. With only 86 attendees, we still managed to have our annual Fashion Show and made over \$15,000 that was distributed to various charities.

St. Anthony Women's Club sold flowers in Memory of and in Honor of church family members for Father's Day, Mother's Day and Grandparents Day. The Club delivered gift baskets of craft supplies as Christmas gifts for 2 nursing homes in town, purchased bingo prizes, and purchased a bench for Magnolia Nursing Home.

St. Gregory the Great Council of Catholic Women members are participating in "Walking with Moms in Need" by supporting the new office of the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low country with monetary donations, diapers, new baby clothes, blankets, and crib sheets. The women collected 164 Boxes of Joy for Cross Catholic Outreach.

Charleston Deanery

Charleston Deanery collected 142 Boxes of Joy.

St. John the Beloved Women's Club ladies made face masks and donated to their church family. They made prayer shawls to share with the church and other nursing facilities in the community. One member provided homemade cards of good cheer and personally delivered them, three times, to the 76 residents of Pine Ridge Housing. The ladies completed a total of 42 Boxes of Joy for Cross Catholic Outreach.

St. Patrick Women's Guild ladies continue to provide food in our community by donating to the blessing box. Throughout the pandemic the ladies collaborated with Carolina Catholic Professionals to help Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach by donating 8,300 pounds of food and raising \$14,000 for our brothers and sisters in need. One of our ladies helped St. Patrick Church shop for 21 seniors at our parish and assist in delivering bags of groceries to each of them. The ladies filled a total of 100 Boxes of Joy for Cross Catholic Outreach.

Columbia Deanery

Columbia Deanery collected 44 Boxes of Joy.

St. Joseph Women's Society Sewing Warriors created 4,300 masks for health care providers, the Free Clinics, and their church. They sponsor a child in Central America through the Sand Pedro Project. They held a baby shower for Birthright in Columbia with a donation of \$2,700.

St. Martin de Porres-Rosary Altar Society ladies continue to sew and distribute masks to parishioners and the community and help sanitize the parish after Mass. The ladies provided a total of 26 Christmas boxes for the Box of Joy.

Corpus Christi ladies sent out prayers and cards to families of ill and recently passed parishioners. They made calls to members to see if they need any assistance. The deanery collected 46 Boxes of Joy.

Our Lady of the Lake ladies did prison outreach with several members donating clothing items and their time to prison ministry.

Greenville Deanery

Greenville Deanery collected 47 Boxes of Joy.

St. Anthony of Padua Council of Catholic Women sponsored a Christmas Food box distribution for five needy families. They participated in the Bon Secours Festival of Trees, the Seafarers' box program (55 boxes were donated) and the Marian Apparition Card project.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women conducted a coat drive throughout October and coats were given to Foster Care Children. Toiletries were collected for various shelters in the upstate including the mobile shower unit of Catholic Charities of the Upstate. The Council collected 47 Boxes of Joy for the Cross Catholic Outreach program.

Myrtle Beach Deanery

Myrtle Beach Deanery filled 304 Boxes of Joy for the Cross Catholic Outreach. They distributed 245 purses loaded with toiletries, scarves, socks, to the homeless and domestic violence shelter.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies Guild collected over 190 purses containing a rosary and a booklet on the Rosary during their "Purses for Pride" campaign.

St. James Ladies Guild collected 200 purses and distributed to Catholic Charities "Clean Heart" Center.

St. Andrew Women's Club celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness and distributed heart-shaped pillows to heart surgery patients and mastectomy and lumpectomy patients through their "Pillows for Pain and Comfort Project". The women collected layette items for the Coastline Women's Center and hosted a parish-wide food drive for the Felician Sisters in Kingstree. 304 Boxes of Joy were collected for Cross Catholic Outreach.

Rock Hill Deanery

Rock Hill Deanery collected over 112 Boxes of Joy plus \$2,447 toward additional boxes.

All Saints' Women Organization ladies provided lunch for workers at the Lake Wylie Assisted Living. The ladies held a school supplies drive for the new school year and collected over 100 Boxes of Joy.

St. Mary Rosary & Confraternity Society ladies held a school supplies drive for a "Special Need Class and gave can goods and paper products to Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen. Thinking of you and Get-Well Cards were sent to homebound and sick parishioners. They collected 12 Boxes of Joy.

Women of Divine Saviour ladies donated funds to various organizations totaling \$1,500. A list of names and addresses was collected in order for the ladies to deliver palms to parishioners so that everyone could have them during virtual mass on Palm Sunday.

The total number of Boxes of Joy collected for the SCCCW Cross Catholic Outreach project was 813 plus an additional \$2,447 was collected from the Rock Hill Deanery toward more boxes. Thank you, ladies, for the work you do in representing the Council. Despite the pandemic, we continue to help our sisters and brother in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Buford
SCCCW Service Chair

Marcella Holmes
SCCCW International Chair

Beaufort Deanery

*St. Anthony's Catholic Women's Club,
St. Anthony's Catholic Church,
Walterboro*

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St. James the Greater Catholic Church,
Walterboro*

Beaufort Deanery President's 2020 Year-End Report

St. Anthony Catholic Women's Club: The club continues to operate a Gift Shop to provide religious items to the parishioners. Club members purchased purificators, candles and candle sleeves for the church. They also purchased altar flowers through collections from parishioners in memory of and in honor of church family members for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Grandparents' Day. They continue to present cards and gifts to children receiving First Communion and Confirmation. The club hosted the Living Rosary in October by participating in "Rosary Coast to Coast 2020". Due to COVID it was held outdoors and included being prayed in five languages. Two members were involved in the general election where they oversaw voter registration, issued ballots, maintained accountability of voting equipment and ballots and ensured election laws were followed. Christmas gifts of craft supplies were given to two nursing homes in the area. The largest nursing home was given a supply of extra Bingo prizes. And an outdoor bench was purchased for the smaller home. Cards were sent to all residents. The club re-organized all the books in the Parish Center. Many were donated and those that were left were catalogued so that parishioners could borrow them.

Women of St. Francis: The women of St. Francis opened 2020 with a monthly gathering to pray the rosary as a devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. However it was interrupted by COVID. The Patriotic Rosary was held on the 4th of July and continues to be prayed on the first Saturday of the month. The club was able to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the diocese with a talk by Sister Pam who presented a slide show of the early days. The St. Clare Prayer Garden hardscape was accomplished and the groundbreaking ceremony was held on St. Clare's feast day, August 11. The evil of abortion was brought to the attention of parishioners by praying the Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion. This service made a big impact on the parish. Two members worked on the history of the affiliate at St. Francis and digitized all of the previous scrapbooks into a Power Point Presentation. Registration forms were rewritten so that each committee was explained in one sentence along with its requirements. Soup for Scholarships was very successful as it was held in February. The \$10,000 in scholarship money was distributed to school families most in need during this pandemic. Three times the normal amount of scholarships were awarded due to the need. The Blanket Makers Ministry impacted three different not-for-profits: the Life Care Center was provided lap blankets and pillows for the elderly, the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low country was given baby blankets and Operation Morale Support was given full size blankets for the military serving in Afghanistan. A new ministry, Covenant Sewing Ministry, was begun. Four orphanages in Venezuela benefit from this endeavor. The initial donation included twenty-six new dresses, children's clothing purchased at the St. Francis Thrift Shop and household supplies. The annual Fashion Show was held at a smaller venue and COVID restrictions were followed. Despite a smaller attendance a profit of \$15,000 was made. The Angel Tree ministry provided 273 children and 74 adults Christmas gifts. Extra gifts and donations were given to Deep Well, a local food pantry.

St. Gregory the Great Council of Catholic Women: In January the club went to visit the Savannah Care Center which is across from the abortion clinic. The Center provides support to women and men facing unplanned pregnancy decisions. Members brought gifts for the baby boutique and monetary donations. The Walking with Moms in Need Program had members taking gifts of baby needs to the new location in Bluffton of the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low country. And in lieu of Christmas gifts for the children of clients of the Pregnancy Center money was donated. Because of COVID the church's Giving Tree collected gift cards instead of toys which the charities could then use to buy toys etc. The gift cards went to Mercy Missions and the St. Francis Center. Both received \$2360 in gift cards. To people in distress due to the pandemic the club donated \$200 to St. Vincent DePaul, \$300 to Mercy Missions and \$300 to the St. Francis Center. \$200 was donated to the SGG

St. Gianna Respect Life organization. Internationally 164 Boxes of Joy were sent to Cross Catholic and the school acted as a drop off center for surrounding churches. Through donations and various programs the club donated \$3500 to support a kindergarten at St. Thomas of the Infant Jesus in Chomnaom, Cambodia. SGG's parochial vicar, Father Pedro, founded the kindergarten when he worked there. Council Sunday was held in October to coincide with announcing SGG's Catholic woman of the year. Nancy, our president, spoke about our women's group as well as Msgr. Cellini stressing the 100th anniversary of NCCW. Due to COVID the club's main means of communication is through Flock note. Members are kept informed about local, deanery, state and national happenings. The club helped plan and participated in a deanery celebration of the diocese's 200th anniversary by organizing a trip to Parris Island and the site of Santa Elena where the historian Dr. Lawrence Roland talked about the site and Sister Pamela Smith talked about the history of the diocese. Mass and lunch followed at the mess hall. On their trip to Savannah the members went to the cathedral to attend mass and had a tour given by the docent. The annual Day of Reflection was held before COVID. The theme was "Changing Habits" by Sister Canice Adams and Sister Pamela Smith. Through Michael Acquilano a link was obtained so that members can contact representatives about their views on issues that pertain to Catholic values.

St. James the Greater: The club was not able to sponsor activities due to the pandemic. Since they are the second oldest parish in the diocese they were scheduled to hold a picnic in May in honor of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the diocese. Unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to COVID. Their Sunday breakfast on the first Sunday of the Month also had to be cancelled.

Rosemarie Kovarcik
Beaufort Deanery President

St. Anthony's Catholic Women's Club

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Several members serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and altar servers, and one of our members does the scheduling for all of these positions.
- One member serves as the organist and two members are in the church choir.
- The Club operates a Gift Shop to provide religious items to parishioners. The shop was closed for months due to the pandemic but managed to open on two weekends before Advent.
- Several members helped to decorate the Church for different liturgical seasons.
- Purchased new purificators and candles for baptism.
- Helped partial expense on new Pascal candles.
- Purchased the candle sleeves.
- Purchased altar flowers through collections from parishioners in Memory of and in Honor of church family members for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Grandparent's Day.
- Presented gifts and cards to children receiving First Communion and Confirmation this year.
- Organized the Living Rosary on October 11th in participation with "Rosary Coast to Coast 2020."
- Offered mass intentions for deceased members and deceased family members and to pray for the health of persons suffering illness.
- Provided brochures of "Catholic Church Teaches" in the parish Christmas greeting cards.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

We organized and facilitated the Living Rosary in honor of Our Lady on October 11th, 2020. The Living Rosary included prayers said in English, Spanish, Tamil (Indian), Mandarin Chinese and Tagalog (Filipino). This year we said the rosary as part of "Rosary Coast to Coast 2020," joining Catholics across the country to pray at the same time on Sunday afternoon. This was also the first time we did the rosary outdoors due to social distancing required. To pray together as one parish community and as part of the national Church, it was especially meaningful in a year that has been difficult for all of us.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

Two members were active in the General Election. Their duties included verifying voter credentials, issuing ballots to voters, maintaining accountability of voting equipment and ballots, and ensuring all applicable election laws are followed in the voting precinct.

Spiritual/Legislative Special Project

Two of our club members were involved in the General Election this year. One of our members is the Director of Colleton County Voters Registration and Elections. She recruited another club member as a volunteer. They deserve our recognition and big thanks due to the special condition they encountered, as the thank-you note from the State Election Commission acknowledged, "...for their unwavering commitment to creating and enacting plans to provide safe and accessible registration and voting opportunities for every citizen."

Leadership/Organization Activities

- The Women's Club members were present at Deanery meetings in 2020 (January and October).
- Officers were installed in August.
- Our Club President and Vice President attend the Parish Council Meetings. Two members are now on the Parish Finance Council.
- Members helped selling ads and tickets for 2020 convention and acknowledged the deceased and current members in the honors and memorials booklet.
- Won Service Commission Award at the 2020 SCCCW Convention in Greenville.
- Birthday cards and greeting cards were sent to members by our Vice President (now Treasurer) Diane Kershner.
- Held the annual Christmas Party for our club members.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Although there was not a major organization activity, the Club managed to remain functional and regularly meet after June. Our members continued to send emails of greetings to each other when our meetings were suspended during April and May. Our new officers were also installed in August and got the blessings from our pastor Fr. Jacob.

Service/Community Activities

- Two members helped in the Thanksgiving Community Dinner that served about 350 people for take-out and dine-in meals.
- For two of the three nursing homes in town, the club brought gift baskets of craft supplies as their Christmas gifts. We also prepared extra bingo prizes for the larger facility, PruittHealth. The Club also ordered a bench for the smaller nursing home, Magnolia of Walterboro, in accordance with their need of setting up outdoor facilities.

Service/Community Special Project

In the beginning of September, while we checked with the local nursing homes, there was uncertainty about receiving gifts and individual cards due to the pandemic. Our club members spent time and effort communicating with the staffs of the three nursing homes in town and collected gifts that they would be able to use. We were also glad that we were able to sign Christmas cards and bring them to the elders in these facilities in mid-December. It was a joint effort of our club to continue our service to the community and to bring support.

Service/Family Activities

- Re-organized all books stored in the parish center, donated part of the collection to the library, built a catalogue for all the religious books that remained, and planned for the library to be open to all parishioners.
- Helped in the fish fry held by the Knights of Columbus.
- Sold flowers in Memory of and in Honor of church family members for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Grandparent's Day.

- Provided mass stipends in honor of and in memory of mothers, fathers, and grandparents on their special days.
- Offered mass intentions for the sick members and parishioners, and sent greeting cards to sick members.
- Helped partial expense of a new kitchen stove thermostat.

Service/Family Special Project

Due to the pandemic, a lot of events were cancelled throughout the year. The meetings of the Club were also suspended until June. Several members used the time and did a fantastic job reorganizing all the books stored in the parish center. A lot of these books were stored in the attic. Our pastor, Fr. Jacob, decided to open a series of classes on catechism and a few members suggested the use of these books, therefore, the project of organizing a parish library began! We gave our children's books and books unrelated to religion to our parishioners, donated boxes of books to the local library, re-arranged the books on the shelves, and made a catalogue of all the books. Return slips were also attached to each book so we would be ready for a library open to all parishioners. Members who participated in this project really enjoyed this joint effort!

Service/International Activities

- Hosted the Living Rosary in October and prayed in five languages.

Service/International Special Project

This year we continued our annual living rosary by inviting different ethnic groups to pray together in each of our mother tongues. Although we did not have as many people as previous years, it was still one of the few occasions in our parish, especially in this year, that different groups could come together and pray as one community.

St. Gregory the Great Council of Catholic Women

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the Dioceses of Charleston by having Monsignor Cellini tell us the history of our diocese
- Helped plan and participated in a Deanery celebration of the diocese 200th anniversary by a trip to Parris Island and the site of Santa Elena, talk by historian Dr. Lawrence Roland about the site, talk by Sister Pamela Smith on the history of the diocese, Mass, lunch at the mess hall.
- Sent cards of appreciation to our priest and Father Fabio
- Attended Mass at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Savannah, took a docent led tour.
- Day of Reflection entitled “Changing Habits” by Sister Canice Adams and Sister Pamela Smit
- Lectors
- Singing for funerals and Sunday Mass
- Praying at Eucharist Adoration
- Saying rosaries for the unborn and for the outcome of the presidential election
- Attended many daily Masses
- The Miraculous Medal novena and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy were prayed

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The Beaufort Deanery celebrated the beginning of our 200th year as a diocese with a trip to where it all began. Located on what is now Parris Island was Santa Elena which was established by the Spanish in 1521. At the site, historian Dr. Lawrence Rowland spoke about the history. He has studied and written about this area for many years. We then went to the Chapel where Dr. Rowland spoke in more depth. Mass was offered by the base chaplain and then we went to lunch at the mess hall! After lunch we went back to the chapel where Sister Pamela Smith spoke about the history of the Diocese from Charleston to Hilton Head. At that time her book, *State of Grace*, was ready for the printer's. Members of our council were on the planning committee.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Through Michael Acquilano, Secretariat of Communications & Public Affairs, Diocese of Charleston, we obtained a link so our members could contact their representatives with their views on issues that pertain to Catholic values such as: The Heartbeat Bill, Reform Predatory Lending, Education for All, and Working Women Lactation Support.
- Members are advised when a vote is to be taken so they can easily contact their representative.

Spirituality/Legislative Special Project

Our members are very grateful to have a link to our lawmakers! This is a quick, easy way to get in touch with the correct legislator at the right time. Defending our Catholic values is very important to our members.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- To better acquaint our members with NCCW we held “Council Sunday” where Monsignor Cellini spoke about our group belonging to SCCCW and NCCW.
- An article was put in the bulletin telling about the 100th Anniversary of NCCW
- The intercessory prayers were geared toward Council and Monsignor read the 100th Anniversary Prayer.
- Our Catholic Woman of the Year was announced with a short biography given.
- Pictures were taken and put in the bulletin.
- Members of council wore blue and I wore my 100th Anniversary pin.
- We lingered outside church to answer any questions that members might have.
- Many of our members attended the Deanery’s Annual Meeting.
- We continue to reach members by Flock note, an e-mail messaging system.
- During this pandemic I have sent at least one message each month keeping members informed about local, Deanery, State and National Councils. I especially focus on things that they can do during this time.
- We have developed a banner that goes over our Flock note and bulletin announcements that reads:

St. Gregory the Great Council of Catholic Women
(formerly known as Women of St. Gregory the Great)
An affiliate of the Beaufort Deanery Council,
The South Carolina Council and the National Council of Catholic Women
Spirituality + Leadership + Service

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Council Sunday was a big success. It had been a long time since we had done it. Since our May Crowning had been canceled, we needed a time to announce our Catholic Woman of the Year. The 100th Anniversary of NCCW was a perfect time to give some information about Council to our parishioners. Our pastor was very gracious in giving me time to speak. He also read the 100th Anniversary prayer. Pictures and a story in the bulletin highlighted our connection to the rings of council.

Service/Community Activities

- We took a trip to Savannah to visit the Savannah Care Center which provides support for women and men facing unplanned pregnancy decisions. One of our members volunteers there and several pray on the sidewalk outside the center, across from the abortion clinic. We brought gifts for their baby boutique and a monetary gift as well.
- Several members volunteer at Saint Gregory the Great Catholic School with Homework Help and for aftercare supervision.
- The “Walking with Moms in Need Program” had us taking gifts of baby needs to the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low country's new location in Bluffton.
- We have always provided Christmas gifts for the children of clients of the Pregnancy Center. The Covid pandemic changed our usual December activities. This year we had our members send the money they would have spent on gifts and we gave the Pregnancy Center \$1,560 for gifts and the center’s needs.
- A free will offering at our Day of Reflection resulted in a donation of \$2,000 for the Convention

Service/Community Special Project

Our trip to Savannah was a real education! The Savannah Care Center is located right across the street from a clinic where abortions are performed. Several of our members pray on the sidewalk outside the clinic on the days that abortions are being performed. The director told us about their mission and some great stories about saved babies. The center has an ultrasound machine so the expectant mothers can see their babies. The mothers watch educational films on baby care, budgeting, and more to help them when the baby arrives. They receive “baby bucks” for completing each film and use them to shop in the Baby Boutique. The center wants to start carrying maternity clothes too.

Service/Family Activities

- To support pro-life, we donated \$200 to the Saint Gregory the Great Saint Gianna Respect Life organization.
- The church’s Giving Tree program was also different this year. Instead of collecting gifts we collected gift cards that our charities could use to buy the toys for children in need. Mercy Missions in Hardeeville and the Saint Francis Center on St. Helena Island both received \$2,360 gift cards to use to make Christmas brighter for those in need.
- To aid people in distress because of the pandemic we gave \$200 to the Saint Gregory the Great Society of St. Vincent DePaul, \$300 to Mercy Missions, and \$300 to The Saint Francis Center.

Service/Family Special Project

Saint Gregory the Great’s Giving Tree program usually results in parishioners bringing unwrapped toys to be divided between our two charities. This year we could not do our normal shopping and collecting so we collected gift cards. The parishioners were sorry that they couldn’t shop for a gift for a child but they were very generous with gift cards. \$2,360 in gift cards went to Bluffton Self Help, an organization that has a food bank, clothes, helps with rent money and power bills. At Christmas they have a toy store that clients can choose toys for their children. They service clients in three counties. \$2,360 went to The Franciscan Center on St. Helena Island. They also have a toy store at Christmas, food, clothes and help with bills and home repair.

Service/International Activities

- We sent 164 Boxes of Joy to Cross Catholic and acted as a drop off center for surrounding churches.
- Through donations and money made from our programs we donated \$3,500 to support the kindergarten at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus in Chomnaom, Cambodia.

Service/International Special Project

We decided to support an International Outreach Project with a personal connection to our parish. Our own Father Pedro had been stationed in Chomnaom, Cambodia at the St. Therese of the Infant Jesus parish for thirteen years. Father Pedro is a missionary priest from Colombia, South America. He was assigned to Cambodia in 2004 and spent the first three years learning the language and culture of the people. Father Pedro told us about the history of the area, and we looked at the beautiful

faces of the children in his kindergarten on a slide show that we put together. We bought a bird house and the art teacher painted it to look just like his church in Cambodia! Members put their donations inside the church. When Father Pedro started the kindergarten, it was a two-year program for children ages 4-6 years old. As an all-day program it allowed mothers of children to work and provided education, life skills and meals for the children. Teachers were from the surrounding villages and required to have two years of training. Tuition was based on income. The poorest families were enrolled first at no cost, because the area is so impoverished. There were two South Korean nuns that provided leadership. Through donations and money made from our programs we were able to donate \$3,500 to the kindergarten in Cambodia. We have received a video back from the school showing the school and thanking us.

Women of St. Francis

Spirituality/Church Activities

- The Women of St. Francis opened the 2020 year with a new monthly gathering, First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady requested that we receive Communion on the first Saturday of every month, go to confession, and pray the rosary daily for the sake of the world. Our First Saturday was held after the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday, January 4th and followed on the First Saturdays of February and March before being interrupted by the COVID19 shutdown. Masses started up again on May 11th, but we could not say the rosary together until July 4th. Because July 4th was the First Saturday of the month, we prayed the Patriotic Rosary as we did last year. It was attended by approximately 25 members and parishioners. It was prayed each month thereafter with attendance increasing steadily as word got out about its continuance, growing to over 40 parishioners in December.
- Jack Rabbitt was the featured speaker at our Morning of Reflection on January 25th. Jack spoke about his book, *More Like Christ*. Due to the contentious election season, Jack helped us to focus more on Christ than what is going on around us. Gundy Damm, of St. Gregory the Great, reflected on her faith journey at our Lenten Morning of Reflection in March, followed by thought-provoking questions that engendered lively small group discussion thanks to Mitzi Weaver, our Spirituality Chair.
- The Women of St. Francis were able to celebrate 200 years of the Diocese of Charleston before the COVID19 shutdown. Sr. Pam Smith spoke to 72 of our members at a luncheon on February 10th about the history of the Diocese of Charleston with a slide show of the early days that were featured in her book, *State of Grace*. We felt fortunate to be able to celebrate the 200th anniversary in this small way before life dealt us the blow of COVID19 and all other celebrations were canceled.
- Thanks to three years of dedicated planning by our Vice-President, Rosa Miriello, and Dee Judge, our St. Clare Prayer Garden hardscape was accomplished in one week's time in August 2020. Our annual Mass dedicated to St. Clare was held on her Feast Day, August 11th. The statue of St. Clare, (funds provided by a member of the WOSF in memory of her parents), is being carved in Italy. A February 2021 installation is anticipated. Plaques for donors have been created by a local sign company 1) recognizing the donor of the statue on the front of the pedestal and 2) a plaque with the Prayer to St. Clare on the reverse of the pedestal. Additional donations were received from parishioners at large when the solicitation was made in the parish bulletin. More than enough donations were received to install the statue and adorn the garden with shrubbery and flowers.
- The Feast of the Holy Innocents was celebrated on Monday, December 28th, with our associate vicar, Fr. Max Tria, leading the Women of St. Francis and present parishioners in the Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion after the 8:30 am Mass.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

Our First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima have had the most impact on our members and on the parish as a whole. This devotion is an outgrowth of the messages received by the three children at Fatima and the instructions Our Blessed Mother gave to them in order to save the world from destruction. In our present time, this message resounds with many parishioners in our church and such positive feedback has been received initially that we knew, after the shutdown, that we had to start it back up as soon as possible. It has grown exponentially since we began in January of 2020.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Our Legislative Chair, Joan Mullane, introduced the Parish Spiritual Adoption Program to the parish on the weekend of August 17-18. Approximately 300 “Watch Me Grow” pamphlets and prayer cards were handed out after all the Masses, followed by distribution to the 6-8th grades at our parish school. The monthly progress of the baby in the womb occurs until the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, 2021.
- A 54-day Rosary Novena was introduced on the Feast of the Assumption and was ongoing until October 7th, the Feast of the Holy Rosary and the Victory of Our Lady at the Battle of Lepanto, to heal our country and return it to holiness. Many of our members participated and the culmination occurred on Sunday, October 11th, with the Coast-to-Coast rosary, attended in the Church by over 100 members and parishioners. The day before, October 10th, the “America Needs Fatima” rosary was conducted in the parking lot, being led by the President of the Women of St. Francis.
- At the end of September, 61 crosses were erected on the parish grounds to symbolize the deaths of 61 million babies since the legalization of abortion in 1973 and to open the 40 Days for Life campaign. On October 31st, to close Respect Life month, our WOSF President led us in the Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion, ending the procession at the 61 crosses.

Spirituality/Legislative Special Project

While most legislative action has been delayed due to the prioritization of COVID19 in all areas of government, we persisted in bringing the evils of abortion to the attention of our parish. The Stations of the Cross for Victims of Abortion, prayed twice in 3 months, and involving our associate vicar, made a great impact on our parish. Getting our priest to join us produced more of an impact than our lay leadership did. Our pastor will be praying these Stations in the new year on January 22nd.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- Our General Membership meetings & speakers were canceled for March, April, and May. We held our first Board meeting on May 28th, an outdoor meeting on the patio of the President in order to establish social distancing and masking up. It was encouraging to have so many in attendance. The May Crowning and Rosary precedent to the meeting was also uplifting at such a dour time in our country.
- The Board voted to amend the by-laws in May because the revised structure in 2019 needed some practical tweaking. The By-Laws Committee met in June and the Board approved the changes at the July meeting. (Normally, we would have a workshop in July for new members but due to not meeting in March and April, we conducted a Board meeting instead). The full membership voted on the amendments via email in September and they passed overwhelmingly with only one vote against it.
- Presently we have involved more members by dividing our ministry into Committees. This way, members can pick and choose which committees are of interest to them. In our registration packet we included a checklist of all the committees with a short description of each and a space to indicate interest. These forms were then used to place members on committees. This is a list of all of our committees and numbers of members serving on them:

Angel Tree – 10	1 st Communion – 8	Publicity - 3
Blanket makers – 10	1 st Saturdays – 4	Funeral Rosaries - 2
Covenant Sewing – 12	Hospitality – 10	Respect Life/Legislation - 2
Day(s) of Reflection – 5	Membership - 4	Rosary Makers - 7
Elderly Outreach – 10	Ongoing Collections - 2	Soup for Scholarships - 19
Fashion Show – 18	Prayer Garden - 5	Spirituality - 2
		Welcome Orientations - 8

- Phyllis Atkins, our Leadership Chair, agreed to serve on the State Nominating Committee for the coming year.
- We started a Publicity Committee in June at the urging of our new secretary, Mary Ann Bell. She is the Chair and has recruited 2 other members to date to help with this important committee.
- Our recording secretary, Mary Ann Bell, and our second vice-president, Kay Crawford, worked on a history of the Women of St. Francis, interviewed Phyllis Atkins, who started our organization, and digitized all of the previous years' scrapbooks into a Power Point Presentation. We canceled the September Potluck Dinner where it was to be presented, but it was rescheduled for the December Christmas meeting.
- Our membership drive proved challenging this year due to COVID19. Normally it would be the last week of August, but things were working slowly due to Diocesan insurance regulations. Most parishioners were still not coming to Mass on a regular basis, so turnout was light. We ended the year with 188 members. Our directory of members was issued at the first meeting in October.
- A Welcome Orientation meeting was held in October for new members. Several of our committee heads and officers attended to expound on the various committees and activities run by The Women of St. Francis. This is instrumental in bringing new members up to speed on our organization and allows for a level of comfort rather than attending a large monthly meeting and "getting lost" in the crowd. It gives new members a sense of care and belonging that would otherwise be nonexistent. Many expressed their gratitude for the gathering.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Our most impactful activity in 2020 was to include a Committee Listing sheet in our registration packet explaining in one sentence the purpose and requirements of each committee. This helped to solidify the new downsized Board structure by providing opportunities to volunteer in areas of interest to members.

Service/Community Activities

- Our Elder Care Outreach monthly birthday parties have been suspended for most of 2020, but we were able to hold one party on February 26th for the residents who enjoyed an auction game and the distribution of our homemade no-sew blankets from our Blanket Makers Committee. We also have been in touch with the activities coordinator to procure the names of residents who have birthdays each month so the committee can send birthday cards in lieu of the parties.
- Our Blanket Makers ministry finished their products (full, lap, and baby blankets and pillows) and were distributed to The Life Care Center and the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low country, as well as our new outlet, Operation Morale Support for our soldiers.

14 baby blankets to the Pregnancy Center	12 full blankets to Life Care Center
10 lap blankets to the Life Care Center	10 full blankets to Operation Morale
8 pillows to the Life Care Center	Support
- In June, \$500 was donated to the Fellowship of Catholic University Students in the name of one of our parishioners who has been with FOCUS ever since she graduated college and leads mission trips over the summer with FOCUS students.
- We formed a committee called the Angel Tree Ministry that took over the Christmas gift giving from a parish employee, freeing that staff person to handle more parish duties, especially in the area of technology. Two small Christmas Trees were set up in the narthex with the names of the needy on angel cutouts with suggestions for gifts. Parishioners took an angel home, purchased a

- gift, wrapped it, attached the angel to the gift and returned it to church. The Committee then delivered the gifts in time for Christmas. This year 273 children and 74 adults received gifts. There were parishioners who brought in gifts over and above what were designated. Those gifts were given to Deep Well, a local food pantry, who expressed the need for gifts for their clients.
- Despite COVID19 restrictions, our Service Commission Chair acted quickly and was able to enlist a last-minute venue for our Fashion Show after our contracted venue canceled due to COVID. The Country Club of Hilton Head graciously provided for us with social distancing and mandatory masking and the Women of St. Francis had attendees sign hold harmless waivers for COVID19. So Sandra Boutique and Spartina displayed their fashions on seven lovely members who modeled while wearing masks. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and, although we budgeted much lower revenues, our sponsors came through handsomely and we will be able to fund our other ministries and more in 2021 due to their generosity in these difficult times. Our attendance was down from 250 last year to just 86 attendees, but all were pleased with the food and the entertainment! We also advertised our silent auction and elegantly wrapped gift baskets raffle for those members who were nervous about attending in person. We recommended having those who were attending act for them in placing raffle tickets or bidding on auction items. The key word this year was FLEXIBILITY and it has worked out well for us. With only 86 attendees, we still managed to make over \$15,000 that will be distributed to various charities at the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- We held our November General Meeting for the benefit of Operation Morale Support. We were able to donate a large carload of food and toiletries as well as no-sew blankets to this ministry that helps to bring joy to servicemen and women overseas serving in our military. The thank you emails from the commanders tells us how much they appreciate all that Operation Morale Support does for their troops.
- Our December General meeting was held in the afternoon due to the darkness of the winter months. Rather than have a party, we displayed our 15 years of scrapbooks to show the history of the Women of St. Francis, and to ask for donations to our local food pantry down the street and for Second Helpings that serves the poor all over the lowcountry. Our members responded generously with \$195 as well as several cartons of food.

Service/Community Special Project

Our Blanket Makers Ministry impacted 3 different not-for-profits in our community this year: The Life Care Center by providing lap blankets and pillows to the elderly residents at that state-run facility, the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low country by providing baby blankets for clients, and Operation Morale Support by providing full size blankets to the military serving in Afghanistan.

Service/Family Activities

- Our Soup for Scholarships Event squeaked through on Mardi Gras evening, February 26th, in advance of the COVID shutdown and we had a very successful evening. Having produced and paid for cookbooks containing soup recipes from the event in 2019, any cookbooks we sold in 2020 were pure profit and the residual cookbooks were sold at this year's dinner, giving us additional income for scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. Over 300 parishioners attended the event and were anxious to support our students while enjoying delicious homemade soups made by our members. As of this date, we have decided to reschedule our 2021 Soup for Scholarships event to April from February in hopes that COVID fears will have subsided by then and our popular event will be well attended.

- We had several events canceled due to the shutdown during March, April, and May. We were unable to sponsor our ice cream social for our CCD classes in April. We also could not host the First Communion Reception for our second graders in May. We were able to have an in-person Board meeting at the end of May outside at the President's residence. Preceding the Board meeting, two of our school scholarship recipients participated in a May Crowning and rosary in the backyard of the residence. We decided to defer the Installation of Officers, which was ordinarily held after the afternoon Mass, to whenever Masses will be held again.
- In June, we distributed the \$10,000 scholarship money we donated to our parish school for 6 - \$1,000 scholarships. The decision was made to help our school parents as much as possible since COVID19 has affected their finances and more families needed help. This curtailed grants to the community. Two of the families with multiple students decided not to return and are home-schooling their children. The residual money will be returned to the WOSF treasury. Given the uncertainty of holding our Soup for Scholarships fundraiser in February that raises money for scholarships for the following school year, the Board voted to save it for future scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. Should the February fundraiser raise enough money, the \$4,000 will be donated to the 2020 school Annual Fund. \$500 was donated in September to the "Pizza for Principal Program" run by the school.
- In August, we held our Installation of Officers at the 8:30 am Mass, followed by a groundbreaking ceremony for our St. Clare Prayer Garden. Fr. Michael Oenbrink and President Mary Georgopulos turned the first shovels of dirt and all were excited to have this three-year dream come to fruition. An article was submitted to The Miscellany for publication of the event.

Service/Family Special Project

The ability to award \$10,000 in scholarship money to our school families when they were most in need during the shutdown meant the most to our membership. It was a unanimous vote to channel 3 times the amount we normally award for scholarships as long as we had gone over budget in our Fashion Show event.

Service/International Activities

- We created a new ministry, Covenant Sewing, that is modeled after a program in Memphis, TN. There was a tremendous amount of interest in this ministry so we used our September canceled meeting, which is typically a Potluck Dinner, to hold a workshop instead for those who were interested in finding out more about it as well as for our members who wish to learn the no-sew blanket making. Both of these ministries have been done at home so it was an attractive option for our members who were and are still worried about COVID19 infection and do not want to attend a large group meeting. We have been offering a Zoom option at least until 2021 for our in-person general meetings.
- This new Covenant Sewing Ministry is in addition to our budgeted International Project for 2020-2021 to raise money for Sr. Faustine of the Sisters of Mary Namur in the Congo. Sr. Faustine is attending a sewing school some distance from her home. The tuition is \$2,500 and we committed \$1,000 for her to attend. Other fundraisers are planned by the Sisters of Mary Namur to cover the rest. Sr. Faustine will then return to the Congo and teach sewing in her village. This will provide a vocation for countless students in the Congo and also provide a decent living for them.

Service/International Special Project

One of our members introduced the Covenant Sewing ministry that was begun in Nashville, TN. We quickly had 12 WOSF members sign up to help. There are 4 orphanages in Venezuela that will benefit from this new ministry. Our member who founded the ministry has personal contacts in Venezuela so we are sure to have the items delivered directly. To date, we have sent 3 large boxes (18X18X16") to be shared by "Fe y Alegria", Foundation Don Bosco, Jardin de la Esperanza y Casa Hogar Jose Gregorio Hernandez.

This initial donation included 26 new dresses, children clothing purchased from St Francis Thrift Shop and household supplies, such as band-aids, soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs, etc. We also added a few over-the-counter medications, Ibuprofen and Tylenol.

Women of St. James the Greater

The club was not able to sponsor activities due to the pandemic.

Since they are the second oldest parish in the diocese, they were scheduled to hold a picnic in May in honor of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the diocese. Unfortunately, it had to be cancelled due to COVID.

Their Sunday breakfast on the first Sunday of each month also had to be cancelled.

Charleston Deanery

*St. John the Beloved Women's Guild,
St. John the Beloved Catholic Church,
Summerville*

*St. Patrick Women's Guild,
St. Patrick Catholic Church,
Charleston*

Charleston Deanery President's 2020 Year-End Report

“To Serve and Love One Another”

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have love you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my Disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34

Greetings,

The Year 2020 is one we will always remember and to this day we are still affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. In mid-March we were quarantined and shut-down all across the country. We had no answers or solutions. I hope it was then you allowed your faith to be strong in the Lord. Many of us not only spent more time with God in prayer; we also reconnected with our families, friends and even strangers. We demonstrated that “love for one another.” We are truly God’s Disciples. Upcoming in the Year of 2021 it should be a time of realignment. I pray that you will seek wisdom from our Patroness Mother of Good Council and lead with fearless hearts, a united voice and loving service. Thank you dear Council Sisters for all the great works of mercy you performed in 2020 and that you continue to be the heart of Discipleship. Thank you dear God for our amazing spiritual advisor and friend, Father Fabio Refosco.

St John the Beloved Women’s Club Report, Judith McCarthy, Mary Ann Mort

- **Clergy Appreciation Month.** Since this was our first meeting since March, we presented Father Ray Carlo with a gift to show our appreciation for his spiritual guidance and tireless energy.
- **Health and Hygiene** – Personal hygiene products were delivered to local schools and services for young girls and homeless women who cannot afford to buy these items.
- **Adopt a Child** - \$100 was approved for donation toward the Adopt a Child Christmas party. The monthly donations were collected in November and December for our little girl, Marcela, in Guatemala.
- **Food for DuBose Middle School** – Food was collected and delivered for the Wildcat Food Pantry in November and December.
- **Prayer Bracelet** – The bracelet is a reminder to keep praying for all those suffering due to the horrors of sex trafficking. It is presented to the next recipient for the following month.
- **Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy Ministry** – 42 boxes were filled with the help of the Women’s Club and Faith Formation. Delivery was made to St. Patrick’s drop off location.
- **Christmas at Sea Project** – A total of 84 boxes were collected and delivered to Deacon Paul Rosenblum, who sponsors the Christmas at Sea Project.
- **Felician Center** – In November donated 100 tubes of toothpaste, 100 tooth brushes, 100 bars of soap, 25 pot holders, 25 paper towels rolls, 25 toilet paper packages, 25 dish towels, and 25 dish detergents.
- **Member** created and delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas cards for the residents of Pine Ridge Elderly Housing. I believe there are 74 residents.
- **Angel Tree** – Members of the Women’s Club participated in making the Angels, decorating the tree, and contributing and collecting the gifts. There were approximately 300 tags on the Angel Tree this year. This was done with much assistance from the men of our Knights of Columbus.

St. Patrick Women's Guild Report -- Marcella Holmes, President

- **Pandemic** – In May, members recited each day the Rosary for healing and safety.
- **Honoring our Youth** -The Guild presented to five high school graduating seniors \$200 each totaling \$1000.
- **Carolina Professional Catholic and the Women's Guild** partnered in helping organized an all-out community food drive. Donations give to the Our Lady of Mercy Outreach, John's Island; Neighborhood House, Charleston; The Low country Food Bank, North Charleston.
- **Bereavement Committee** – Ladies assist during time of Loss of families and friends experiencing death by sending cards of sympathy, giving monetary donations, and donating food for comfort. We continue to check on our members, especially the elderly.
- **Voting** – Pat Mack held a voting drive from her front porch on Mondays and Wednesdays. She also held a registration drive along with the Neighborhood Association.
- **Feed the Hungry Project** – Members participated at the Neighborhood House by taking groceries to the organized drop off in various locations.
- **Social Justice** – Members made aware of and supported these bills of the Catholic Teaching
- **Boxes of Joy** – SCCCW Service Co-Chairs Beverly Buford and Marcella Homes –organized and promoted the campaign throughout the Diocese.
- **Christian Action Week** – In the month of April members assisted in calling Parish members to inquire about their welfare and kept them informed through emails from the church.
- **Bishop's Gift** -- The Guild presented a local hand-made "Sweet grass basket" to Bishop Robert E. Gulielmone as a remembrance and appreciation for his many years of service.
- **Angel Tree Christmas Project** – The Guild donated gifts to My Sister's House.
- **Foster Care Family** – The Guild donated \$200 to Mrs. Bing, Foster Parent, Ravenel, SC
- **NCCW Leadership Commission** –Joan Mack and Barbara Birds are participants updating "An Introduction to NCCW: The National Council of Catholic Women" brochure for the 2021 NCCW Convention.

Yours in Christ,

**Barbara Young Birds, President
Charleston Deanery**

St. John the Beloved Women's Guild

Service/Community Activities

- The club held its annual Valentine Bingo and Luncheon on February 14 at Pine Ridge Elderly Housing. During this annual event members provide residents with food, drinks and desserts as well as a fun afternoon of bingo. SJB Women's Club members donated items for prize packages such as kitchen towels, washcloths, toilet paper, paper towels, soaps and other useful kitchen and hygiene items.
- In support of the Felician Center in Kingstree, SC, members of the Club collected Halloween candy and goodies, as well as personal hygiene and kitchen items, for seniors. This organization operates an after-school program for about 40 children in the Kingstree area.
- A Club member has anonymously donated a not insignificant amount of clothing and food items to the two homeless shelters in the Summerville area (Home of Hope and Hope's House). They also prepared and donated a complete Thanksgiving meal to all members of both facilities.
- Our Facebook site continues to expand with a new offering of a book review/discussion posted on a monthly basis. This last year *Invisible Women Naming and Proclaiming the Forgotten Women in Scripture and Church Law* was the subject of this effort and *Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment* is now being presented.
- Clothing and linens were donated to Second Chance of Summerville, a charitable organization whose profits are donated to Summerville Meals on Wheels, among other location charities. Members not only volunteer in the store but also serve on the Board of Directors.

Service/Family Activities

- Food is collected each month and donated to DuBose Middle School to feed children and families who are unable to feed themselves over the weekend.

Service/International Activities

- Partnering with Deacon Paul Rosenbaum, we provide gift boxes for seafarers who are in the port of Charleston during the Christmas holiday. We filled and wrapped 84 gifts to help brighten their days away from home.
- The SJB Women's Club has been gifted a new child to sponsor via Unbound. Maria Lucia is a young girl (three years old) in Guatemala.
- During the Christmas season, the Club collected toys and personal health items for the Catholic Outreach Boxes of Joy. We collected and sent 42 boxes.

St. Patrick Women's Guild

Spirituality/Church Activities

- For the month of May and beyond, each day we set a time to say the rosary and to pray for healing during this pandemic.
- We partnered with Carolina Professional Catholic and helped organized an all-out community food drive to help our sisters and brothers during these difficult times. The donations are given to Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach on John's Island and The Neighborhood House on America St. in downtown Charleston. The Neighborhood House feeds people daily, Monday through Friday, and they are in need of bread and sliced meet for sandwiches constantly. Groceries are given out daily.
- We chaired our 43rd Annual Tea and our theme was "Celebration of Us". The Celebration of Us is about each of us and the work we do for our families, our church, the organizations, and our community. We raised over \$3,000.
- We participated in the Box of Joy drive during November 2020 completing a total of 100 boxes. Our commission did a total of 35 boxes.
- We contributed to the Angel Tree gift giving for My Sister's House sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Junior Daughters Court 110 providing clothes and toys for the children and their mothers during this Christmas Season and donated \$200 to Mrs. Bing, who is a foster parent.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The activity that impacted us the most for our organization, the church, and members was helping with the food drive for Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach and The Neighborhood House. We received 100 % participation and it is still on going. People are still in need. This COVID-19 has affected everyone regardless of status or race and we must continue to do our part in helping our community.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Members of the Guild and Parishioners are aware of and support bills in accordance with Catholic teachings on social justice. We are made cognizant of issues that may occur at any given time.
- We have women in the parish who are members of the League of Women Voters and other political groups to promote justice for all. Several of our members work the polls during voting time. Voting information is available to all parishioners during the year. Members are encouraged to know their district and council members and engage in issues that affect their community. We were challenged by the Pandemic to be creative during the national election of 2020. Members relied on virtual and zoom to provide information on the importance of voting. Front porch voter registration and information proved to be very productive in one neighborhood. CDC guidelines were implemented.
- The Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) attracts many members of the Parish. This Organization is supported by 33 churches, Christian and Non-Christian, throughout the tri-county area. The main objective is to address problems that affect the communities. Resolution to the problems requires extensive research. We have approximately 65 parishioners who are network members or leaders. The four current issues that are being worked are: policing, education, transportation, and housing. We have representation from our parish on each of these teams. We have been meeting virtually and zoom to continue the mission of promoting justice in our communities.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- 2020 Guild Directory was provided to all members.
- Members participated with the Boxes of Joy.
- Members made masks for restaurant workers.
- Feed first responders, grocery store workers and bank tellers over the summer. Donated over 75 meals.
- Feed families who lost loved ones this year.
- Members donated food items or made monetary donations to Our Lady of Mercy Outreach which includes the Neighbor House on the Eastside and The Low country Food Bank.
- Assisted several people financially--opening bank accounts and setting up monthly budgets.
- Members participated with the Stay-at-Home Tea donating \$425.00.
- The Guild purchased a Sweet grass Basket for the Bishop who is retiring.
- Members paid their dues and supported the Guild Breakfast(s) in the early months of this year.
- Members supported the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Junior Daughter's Angel Tree.
- Members attended the Deanery Annual Meeting in January.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

The ladies of the Leadership Commission made donations of food items and monetary donations to Our Lady of Mercy Outreach which has two centers—Neighborhood House on the eastside of Charleston and a center on John's Island, The Low country Food Bank and provided meals to first responders, bank tellers and grocery store workers. During this COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial that we provide for families to ensure that children are receiving nourishing meals and that rent/ mortgages and utility bills can be paid. Helping others less fortunate is the most important service we can offer during this time.

Service/Family Activities

The Family commission participated in the following projects/initiatives during the 2020 year:

- During the month of April, Christian Action Week, members assisted in the calling of parish members to inquire about their welfare and asked if they were receiving the emails from the church. This initiative was important due to the pandemic causing social isolation and was supported by our priest and the parish.
- We also participated in the "Feed the Hungry" project at the Neighborhood House. Members took groceries to the organized drop off locations.
- Family Commission participated in our Annual Tea fundraiser, August 2020, by making donations to help in funding our annual programs.
- During December 2020, we participated in the Box of Joy Project by donating gift filled boxes for boys and girls and donating funds for the purchase of gifts along with fees for postage.
- Many of our members experienced illness personally and within their immediate family in addition to the challenges presented by the pandemic but we were able to participate to some degree in the programs of our beloved organization.

Service/International Activities

- The International Commission participated in the Annual Cross Catholic Outreach yearly Boxes of Joy Project during the months of September through November, 2020. We served many of children in need across the developing world. We packed the boxes with toys, personal hygiene, socks, gloves, games and lots of Love! We also donated monetary funds to the children. This is a project that we have supported for many, many years. We look forward to next year in putting smiles on these children faces.

Columbia Deanery

*Corpus Christi Catholic Women's Group,
Corpus Christi Catholic Church,
Lexington*

*St. Joseph Women's Society,
St. Joseph Catholic Church,
Columbia*

*St. Martin de Porres Rosary Alter Society,
St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church,
Columbia*

*WINGS (Women in God's Service),
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church,
Chapin*

Columbia Deanery President's 2020 Year-End Report

As I reach the end of my first year as President, I have enjoyed the challenges of working with these AMAZING and TALENTED women. Even though we had to adjust the way we did things, COVID-19 did not deter our spirits but instead, in many ways, made us more determined and even more mindful of the daily needs of others. The women of the Columbia Deanery continue to provide services to their church, parish community and school within their parish. Here are just a few highlights of the amazing things we accomplished!

The Women of Corpus Christi continue to meet via Google, set up and organized by their president. They collected Christmas gifts to distribute to needy families in the Lexington area and distributed Christmas items to nearby shelters. They recognized their pastor during Clergy Appreciation Month with a gift card to a nearby pizza eatery, arranged socials, and invited the women to participate while exercising social distancing. They regularly have speakers attend their monthly meetings to share information concerning health, safety and wellness issues. Also, contributions were made to Birthright and Catholic Charities as well as participating in the Box of Joy Project and driving to Belmont Abbey, North Carolina to drop off the boxes. The ladies participated in Prayer groups which they engaged in during their weekly and/or monthly gatherings.

The Women of St. Joseph Women's Society have also been very active this past year despite COVID-19 restrictions. The women made over 4,300 face masks and distributed them to hospitals in the Lexington and Columbia area, an ICU unit, a Free Clinic, and offices of Doctors Care, just to name a few. They sponsored a very profitable online fundraiser (Devine Kitchen) which parishioners could pre-order and purchase cooked items prepared by the women. They provided volunteer services to Catholic Charities, made a monetary donation of \$2,700.00 to Birthright along with donating toiletry items and a carload of baby items. They decorated the church for Christmas and cleaned the church, as needed. They prayed the Rosary as a group and also participated in prayer groups. The women also provided food for the bereaved and followed legislative activities through emails provided by Michael Acquilano, Secretariat of Communications & Public Affairs for the Diocese of Charleston.

Our Lady of the Lake (WINGS) is our newest affiliate group established less than a year. The women have provided services to their communities by going to the Women's Correctional Institution and providing clothing and prayer. They held one fundraiser, thus far, which included the sale of a Christmas ornament – the first in a series of the beautiful stained-glass windows in the church. All ornaments were sold. They have had guest speakers who talk about safety and health issues and met as much as possible being mindful of social distancing guidelines. With the help and guidance of members from other affiliates and me, we will continue to encourage the women of WINGS as they continue to provide services to their community through prayer, leadership and spirituality.

St Martin de Porres (RAS) The women have held their monthly meetings and praying the Rosary monthly via Zoom calls set up by one of the members. They clean the church regularly, keep the linens on the altar clean, and decorated the church for Christmas and Easter. They donated to Church Women United, provided monetary donations to the pastor and deacons during Clergy Appreciation month, provided financial donations to the church, parish school, and church Youth Group. Members also serve as CCD teachers, lectors, and sing in the church choir. They served meals to the bereaved, helped stock the soup kitchen, provided and distributed meals for the homeless until COVID-19 restriction prevented this service from occurring. A few members also serve on the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) committees. They provided and distributed information during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and shared legislative updates and human trafficking information to the

members. Church members were provided information regarding obtaining ID's to be able to vote and on the voting machines, and members also served as poll watchers during the recent election.

As you can see, the list of services provided by these women to their church, community and parish families bear witness that service has always been our utmost purpose. Service is what we do! Service to God with a cheerful heart is satisfying and brings a sense of Joy! The Women of the Columbia Deanery will always be willing to help in any way possible as we represent the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women; Remembering that Spirituality, Leadership and Service will always be our Mission!

Yvonne W. Pygatt, President
Columbia Deanery

Corpus Christi Catholic Women's Group

Spirituality/Church Activities

- During our January meeting, one of our members shared her personal testimony of how she feels God has spoken directly to her as she has dealt with the recent death of her mother during our monthly devotion time.
- At our January meeting, we had Brooks Rozelle from the Diocese to speak about the Bicentennial Campaign efforts and share what will be done with the money raised from the effort.
- Keepsake gifts with a card were presented to the newly Confirmed to let them know that we are celebrating with them.
- Clergy Appreciation Month – A note and gift card were presented to each of our priests for a local pizza eatery in appreciation for all that they do.
- Parish Outreach program made over 70 contacts to reach out to those who are ill, grieving, or going through difficulties:
 - ⇒ Parish Outreach is a chance for our group to reach out to those in our community who are most in need of prayers and support. CCCW members volunteer a month at a time. During their month, they receive requests from the Parish Office and from our church community to connect with people. The volunteer will call, send cards, or make visits demonstrating our love, prayers, and support for our parish members who are ill, grieving, or going through a hard time. We also celebrate our newest church members by reaching out to new mothers and giving them a gift. This year over 70 contacts were made through this program.
- Each virtual meeting begins with the Rosary and we have been sharing prayer requests and praying together as a group.
- May and December Women's Fellowship Dinners

Spirituality/Church Special Project

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Leadership/Organization Activities

- CCCW hosted the quarterly Deanery Meeting where we had 35 ladies from 5 parishes in attendance. The Deanery meeting project was the Corpus Christi Assistance Ministry which received \$100 in donations.
- Our group began the annual By-Law review process.
- One of our members, Ann-Marie Lewis, was selected to serve as Treasurer on the Columbia Deanery Board.
- 3 members attended the annual SCCCW convention in Greenville.

- A scrapbook was compiled for the first time in several years to be entered into competition at the SCCCW convention. It was shared with all members at the March meeting along with previous scrapbooks.
- At our March meeting, members played a get-to-know-you bingo game to better get to know other members of the group. Many ladies discovered fascinating details about their fellow CCCW friends. The winner of the game won a lovely birdhouse.
- Secret Sister program – We began a Secret Sister program to encourage fellowship between our ladies during this time of distancing. Throughout the year, until May, they will send a note or small gift to their sister. In May, we will reveal our sisters.
- First Rosary Service held via Google meet – Due to the current restrictions, we could not all meet in person and so began to meet virtually. In order to encourage fellowship, we said the Rosary together as a group via Google meet (similar to Zoom) and shared prayer intentions. The Rosary Service was followed by a short meeting.
- Catholic Woman of the Year – Our group selected a Catholic Woman of the Year, Crystal Watts, and announced it at our December meeting/Christmas Social.
- December meeting/ Christmas Social – A small group of members shared a meal at a local restaurant and great fellowship was had by all. It was great to see people that we had not seen in many months. We also had a short meeting via Google Meet for those who could not attend.
- We have continued to utilize the Google platform in order to keep in touch with our group members (160 on our roster, but regular attendance pre-Covid of 40-50). We regularly use Google Forms to collect information and take votes in an orderly format.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Learning to use the Google suite even more than we did last year has been helpful as we have transitioned the majority of our meetings and communications to a virtual format. We have begun to utilize Google Meet for our virtual meetings. (We chose to use Google Meet instead of Zoom because it has less limitations and no time limit.) We also use Google Forms to collect information and to hold virtual elections.

Service/Community, Family, International Activities

- At our February meeting, Tim Losby, a local chiropractor, spoke to the group about women's health.
- Our group held our semi-annual Bake Sale fundraiser in February and over \$1000 was raised.
- The Italian Dinner fundraiser was held with over 80 attendees and over \$1600 was raised.
- Plans were made for our annual Tea and Fashion show fundraiser; however, this event had to be canceled due to the COVID19 crisis.
- Donated money and pantry type goods to our local Corpus Christi Assistance Ministry to support the needy in our community. Goods are collected at each of our monthly meetings. Due to the success of our previous fundraisers and continuing need, our group decided to donate \$1000 towards the Assistance Ministry.
- Annual Birthright Baby Shower – Over 200 baby items were collected to donate to Birthright. The donations were very timely and were able to be used for Birthright's Drive Through Baby Shower for the community.
- Box of Joy – Our group participated in the Box of Joy campaign. Although it was our first time participating and we got a late start, we collected 18 boxes and dropped them off at the collection center at Belmont Abbey College in NC. We hope to make this an annual event and open it up to the entire parish now that we have worked out the logistics.

Service/Community, Family, International Activities (cont'd)

- Giving Tree – Being mindful of the need for social distancing and current Covid precautions and restrictions, our program had to be completely redesigned. We partnered with a couple of local charities - Mission Lexington and Catholic Charities of Columbia - to collect items on their wish lists. The collected items were sorted by age and set up as a “shop” for families to come in during individual appointment times to select items for their families. Hundreds of items were collected and 30 families were blessed with Christmas presents. Due to an overabundance of blessing, one of the charities, Mission Lexington, was unable to accept any more items. Because of this, the remaining items were distributed to Catholic Charities, Epworth Children’s Home, Birthright, and Lexington Medical Center Extended Care (a local nursing home).

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St. Joseph Women's Society

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Attended weekly Adoration of the Holy Eucharist and Benediction.
- Participated with Birthright Prayer Warriors, praying for mothers-to-be during difficult pregnancies.
- Participated in the “Smile Kits” ministries where members send cards or call homebound members monthly.
- Decorated the Church for Easter and Christmas with poinsettias and the Chrismon Tree with handmade ornaments.
- Provided food for the bereaved of the parish.
- Masses are requested for deceased immediate family members and SJWS members who have passed.
- Traditionally, we support Monsignor Harris in the Memorial Mass of Remembrance of all who have died in the past year. This year, however, our annual Memorial Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Harris in Church and live-streamed. Because of COVID, the SJWS could not host the reception for the attendees after Mass. In lieu of the reception, we opted to pay for the altar flowers and addressed the invitations to the Mass.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

Spirituality is an important part of all the SJWS ministries. It is very difficult to pinpoint one activity that had the most impact on our affiliate but the Smile Kits ministry has touched the lives of so many of our homebound members as well as the lives of active members. Putting a smile on someone's face and making their hearts glad is a gift we give not only to the recipients but to us as well.

We used our organization's newsletter and email messages to lift up our members during this pandemic and keep us connected. Through communication and prayer we have been able to support each other and share in good and sad times as well as continuing to promote and engage our members in all our ministries.

Weekly Adoration and Benediction is extremely spiritual and uplifting for all those members who participate.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Follow Legislative activity through the email promptings from Michael Acquilano from the Diocese of Charleston.

Spirituality/Legislative Special Project

We are kept updated by our Legislative committee chair. What has been very important to us has been the “Heartbeat Bill” and with our prayers we hope that it passes. We participate with the Birthright Prayer Warriors and this bill is what so many need.

Leadership/Organization Activities

Because of the pandemic many of our activities had to be adjusted and “reinvented”. But through the Grace of God and the devotion and hard work of our members we were able to be successful.

- We began our year with a “social wine and dessert tasting” at our annual luncheon. Attendees were treated to a quick course in what wines go with some desserts. It was an uplifting, social event enjoyed by all.
- In February we had our “Share the Love” activity where everyone donated items for Catholic Charities “Clean of Heart”. We played some ice breaking games and the best part of the meeting were the two carloads of toiletry items donation to “Clean of Heart”, our Diocesan ministry for the homeless.
- Approximately 11 members of the SJWS attend convention and as always were spiritually renewed and enjoyed spending time with our Sisters in Christ from around the State. The SJSW was awarded for having the Best Large Affiliate Scrapbook.
- The SJWS continues to have members that serve on the Affiliate, Deanery and State Levels.
- Sewing Warriors were busy from March through September making cloth masks for the community.
- SJWS was able to present Birthright of Columbia with \$2700 plus two carloads of baby items, all collected from the parishioners of St. Joseph.
- In October ladies began volunteering to make items for our November fall sale... “from the Devine Kitchens”. Ladies made casseroles, baked good, canned good, and crafts for the sale.
- In November, “from the Devine Kitchens”, for the first time was offered online. We were uncertain how the online sale would work out, but to our surprise it was a great success netting the SJWS approximately \$4200. This money is used for our outreach programs and also a donation is made to Monsignor Harris to use for parish needs.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Our fall sale... “from the Devine Kitchens” has always been our annual big fund raiser. With the pandemic and running the sale online for the first time we were a little concerned about the outcome. Thankfully it was very successful and will allow us to continue with our outreach programs.

The funds raised ensure that the St. Joseph Women’s Society is able to continue helping the parish, the community, and internationally, the San Pedro Project child we sponsor.

Members of the St. Joseph Women’s Society are leaders in what they do and continue to do to support our efforts and ministries. So very blessed to be Sisters in Christ.

Service/Community Activities

- SJWS members had a “Share the Love” February meeting where members donated toiletry items for Catholic Charities “Clean of Heart” ministry. Two carloads of items were collected.
- From March through September, the SJWS Sewing Warriors created over 4300 masks for healthcare providers, the Free Clinic, SCDJJ, seniors, parishioners, St. Joseph Church Staff, Urgent Care clinics, Oncology Clinic patients, organizations helping the homeless, elementary and middle schools. Ladies from the SJWS, friends, parishioners, and a few ladies from Our Lady of the Lake (WINGS) joined together for this worthy cause. Ladies donated money and materials, cut fabric and elastic, sewed, laundered and delivered the masks.

Service/Community Activities (cont'd)

- The SJWS annually sponsors a child in Central America through the San Pedro Project.
- Since COVID prevented our annual Birthright Tea Room Luncheon, we opted to invite monetary donations from parishioners via our parish social media. The response was very generous. We were able to present Birthright of Columbia with a check for \$2700.
- SJWS also held our annual Birthright Baby Shower. Through our parish family's generosity we were able to present Birthright of Columbia with two carloads of baby items.
- SJSW members prepared lunch for participants in a Family Honor training session held in Columbia in November.

Service/Community Special Project

Community: In this time of the pandemic the one activity that meant the most to the SJWS was the Sewing Warriors ministries. We were able to reach so many people who needed cloth masks in this very stressful time for so many. Ladies who didn't sew were able to participate either by donations of money, materials, or time cutting the materials. One of our older parishioners called and said she was in her 90's and couldn't physically help but she was praying for us all. That was the spirit of the "Sewing Warriors".

Service/Family Activities

Family: Being able to work together to acquire monetary donations as well as baby items for Birthright of Columbia was a heartwarming and touching activity for the SJWS. Knowing that through our efforts there will be new moms who can pick out clothes and other baby items for their newborns is a true blessing.

Service/International Activities

International: Having the ability and funds to annually sponsor a child from the San Pedro Project is a joy for all. We have been blessed with so much and to know that our small contribution brings a child hope and happiness is the greatest gift of all!

St. Martin de Porres Rosary Alter Society

Spirituality/Church Activities

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and CDC Restriction, the RAS activities have been diminished. However, we have still maintained as many services to the Church and Community as safely possible.

- Decorated the church for Easter and Christmas
- Kept the altar and linens clean
- Participated in church clean-up day
- Bible Studies Virtually
- Maintained consistent contact with the sick/shut-ins by making phone calls
- Performed duties of Eucharistic Ministers when safely possible
- Participated in Prayer Group (Virtually)
- Financially assisted the youth missionary endeavors
- Prayed the Rosary via Zoom Monthly
- Maintained membership in Legion of Mary
- Supported Church Women United with financial contribution
- Participated in the Women's Choir one Sunday each month prior to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Members served on Parish Council and the RAS is represented on the liturgy committee of Parish Council
- Provided spiritual readings and handouts at RAS meetings
- Served as lectors for all masses when assigned
- Set up displays for church activities
- Assisted with packing and delivering Thanksgiving baskets for the needy in the community
- Served at Repasts for church members

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The activity that was most meaningful to the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society, even though we have not been able to meet face to face due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, is being able to maintain contact with each other through phone call, email, video chats, and most of all Zoom calls. RAS is committed to reciting the rosary, as a group, via Zoom monthly. This action has proven to be a way to see each other face to face, chat and pray.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Participated in the Breast Cancer Walk for Life (Financial contribution)
- Had an informational table set up regarding Breast Cancer and the importance of being tested
- Provided a monetary donation to Church Women United
- Attended Church Women United yearly luncheon
- Participated in voter registration drives within their neighborhoods and worked at the polls
- Served as poll watchers
- Participated in a phone bank calling to remind registered voters to vote.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities (cont'd)

- Shared information (via email) regarding upcoming elections and primaries, also reminded members to vote and gave information regarding the new rules for ID's
- Submitted article in NCCCW Magazine regarding contacting your elected officials and supporting legislation submitted by USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops)
- Shared informational flyer provided by the national office of KPCLA regarding Human Trafficking
- Members attended the Black Heritage Festival and participated in the Black Heritage Choir
- Members assisted with organizing the Black Heritage Planning committee
- One member is actively involved in NCCW, serving on the Legislative and Advocacy Committee, Resolutions Committee and has served on the Nominating Committee of NCCW. The member shared information and updates monthly, not only with the Affiliate, but with Columbia Deanery and SCCCW Board during the SCCCW Convention. One member has written two (2) articles for NCCW's Catholic Women Magazine.

Spirituality/Legislative Special Project

One thing that should be noted is the ongoing information that is shared with the church and the members of the Rosary Altar Society during monthly meetings, such as sharing information about the ID cards needed to vote and also encouraging members to join NCCCW

Leadership/Organization Activities

- Annual Rosary Altar Society Executive Board Retreat
- Served as officers of the Columbia Deanery
- Hosted and participated in Deanery meetings and projects
- Participated in South Carolina Council of Catholic Women activities
- South Carolina Council of Catholic Women board members
- Attended South Carolina Council of Catholic Convention
- Served on National Council of Catholic Women Nominating Committee
- Represented at National Council of Catholic Women National Convention
- Representation on Parish Council
- RAS Zoom meetings

Leadership/Organization Special Project

The leadership activity that meant the most was the workshops we attended at the SCCCW Convention. This was the last time we were able to get together as Catholic woman to discuss issues of importance. We were able to learn from each other strategies to make our affiliate more effective.

Service/Community Activities

- Mother-Daughter/Sister-Sister Luncheon
- Walk for Life
- Soup Kitchen Ministry
- Birthright of Columbia
- Catholic Charities Donations
- Senior Savvy Community Action Group
- Organized and donated health kits for the homeless
- Backpack feeding for the homeless
- Donation to SCCCW Convention Project
- Donation to Deanery Projects
- Member made masks for church members when Covid restrictions were lifted for church attendance

Service/Community Special Project

The **community** activity that meant the most to us was our extension of our Soup Kitchen ministry. The RAS wanted to provide the homeless we serve with food that would last more than one day. We ordered bags with our affiliate name on them and filled them with non-perishable food items that could provide meals for several days. Included in the bags were foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner. In addition, the bags also contained personal hygiene items.

Service/Family Activities

- Parishioners and youth participated in Catholic workshops and webinars offered through the Diocese Catholic Ministries for CCD, Retreats, Confirmation, and the Youth Conference.
- Parishioners, youth and school celebrated Black History Month
- The youth of church in grades Pre-K through high school participated in CCD classes weekly after Sunday Mass.
- The junior high and high school students participated in service projects.

Service/International Activities

- World Day of Prayer
- Made donations to Church Women United health kit project in lieu of the kits(as requested)
- Donation to Catholic Charities through Boxes of Joy Project

Service/Family and International Special Project

Our **family and international** activity that meant the most to us was participation in Catholic Charities “Boxes of Joy” project for children around the world. Children and families of St. Martin School, our youth group and members of RAS filled 25 boxes with toys and essential items. We really appreciated the opportunity to share blessings with others during these stressful times. It was joyful to be able to bring happiness to children during Christmas time.

WINGS
(Women in God's Service—Our Lady of the Lake)

Spirituality/Church Activities

- The OLL WINGS Affiliate is new.
- We have continuously prayed during the forming of our group and for the direction of our Affiliate.
- WINGS members spend time in silent prayer in the OLL Adoration Room on a regular basis.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- WINGS is in the planning stages of offering a self defense class to female community members.
- Members attended and enjoyed the SCCCW State Convention in 2020.

Service/Community Activities

- Prison Outreach with several members donating clothing items and their time to prison ministry.
- At this time, members are helping Sister Angelita to serve the homeless and give out meals and toiletry bags and meals.
- Our big news is regarding the success of our very first fundraiser, held in December, 2020! Member Brenda Peters organized an ornament sale of the first in a series of the OLL beautiful stained glass windows, which represent the Joyful Mysteries. The 2020 Nativity ornament turned out beautiful with all ornaments sold.

Greenville Deanery

*St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council,
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church,
Greenville*

*St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women,
St. Mary's Catholic Church,
Greenville*

Greenville Deanery President's 2020 Year-End Report

The Greenville Deanery consists of 2 affiliates, St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council and St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, and 12 individual members with 8 representing 6 unaffiliated parishes. There are 19 diocesan and 4 mission parishes in the Greenville Deanery. Total deanery membership is 124. The hope is that groups in parishes from which the Deanery Individual Members come will affiliate.

Appreciation is expressed to all members of the Deanery for the Christian love that they radiate through their generosity, compassion, and tireless effort in doing God's work.

Greenville Deanery Activities

The Board of the Deanery met during the summer for an informal planning session. Fall and winter meetings of the membership and Board were held.

Spirituality:

- The Greenville Deanery contracted with Lamar Advertising to place 5 billboards of the Holy Face from the Shroud of Turin in the Greenville area during the month of November.
- One hundred boxes of beautifully designed cards by Pat Webb representing 12 of the 16 Vatican approved Marian Apparitions were prepared and sold.
- Plans for 'Our Father T-Shirts and Flash Events Project' were solidified. Quotes have been obtained for shirts. Shirt sales will follow.
- Deacon Joe Sanfilippo, Deanery Spiritual Advisor, provided a spiritual message to the membership at the beginning of the fall meeting and will do so at future meetings.

Service:

- The Deanery participated in the Bon Secours Festival of Trees. Small mounted pictures prepared by Pat Webb of all 23 churches in the Greenville Deanery were used as part of the tree decoration to emphasize the breadth of Deanery. The Deanery entree won 3rd place, shared with 2 other organizations.
- One hundred and eleven Seafarers boxes were collected.
- The Sewing ministry made hats and scarfs that were donated to Catholic Charities of the Upstate. It also made 147 scrunchies that were sent to be put in the Boxes of Joy.
- A project providing boxes of toiletries to needy families has been organized.

Leadership:

- The *Deanery Directory* was expanded to include important administrative and policy information, printed, and distributed to each member. The Deanery logo was redesigned
- A mentoring/icebreaker activity and a parliamentary tidbit section were implemented at the beginning of each meeting.
- A template with guidelines for proposing a project was developed, tested, and implemented.

Sadly, four dear Deanery sisters passed this fall: Alberta Morris (2018 affiliate president) was from SAPWC. Judy McColl (2008 Affiliate CWOY), Barbara Sanfilippo (2018 affiliate treasurer and wife of Deacon Joe), and Ruth O'Rourke (1971 affiliate president and 1973 affiliate CWOY) were from SMCCW. May they rest in peace with our loving Lord. Their presence and leadership will be missed.

St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council

As with other Councils, the meeting schedule of SAPWC was interrupted by the epidemic. Typically, the council meets on the first Sunday of each month from September through May. A very successful membership drive in November resulted in 28 new members joining the Council. A bake sale was held safely by emphasizing distancing and using pre-order forms. Christmas food boxes were distributed to five needy families. Separate celebrations were organized for the outgoing priest and the incoming priest. The council assisted in a black history program, a Bible study program, a prayer partner program, voter registration, 40 Days for Life, and a hand-made cards program. Additionally, SAPWC participated in the three Deanery sponsored events, the Bon Secours Festival of Trees, the Seafarers' box program (54 boxes were donated), the Marian Apparition Card project, and hosted one Deanery meeting. Appreciation is expressed to Delores Martinez for her amazing leadership with the SAPWC!

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

The SMCCW has met regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September through May throughout the epidemic, with board meetings on the prior Tuesday. Video call and zoom technologies were implemented for members who could not attend meetings. Speakers from the area and delicious meals enriched meetings. The *St. Mary's Council Directory 2020-2021* was published. It is a valuable resource. Fundraising efforts included an ornament sale and preliminary plans for publication of a cookbook. Service events included coat drives, 3 parties and Christmas gifts for the boys at Generations Group home, collection of toiletries for shelters, donation of 47 boxes to Cross Catholic Outreach and a reception following the funeral of each deceased member. Spiritual events included organization of a spiritual retreat and participation in 40 Days for Life and the Life chain. Leadership events included adding a Facebook group to the Council's Facebook page and coordinating all speakers and meal events for meetings. The SMCCW supported all three Deanery sponsored events. SMCCW President Karoline O'Rourke is the daughter-in-law of Ruth O'Rourke who passed this year just 6 days short of her 101st birthday. Like Ruth did, Karoline has provided exceptional leadership.

Submitted by:
Veronica Yockey
2020-2022 President of the Greenville Deanery of the SCCCW

St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council

Spirituality/Church Activities

- We serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Alter servers, Choir members and Ushers.
- We serve as Director and CCD instructors.
- We provide fellowship to the sick and home-bound.
- We support and pray continuously for our Spiritual Adviser, Deacon Steve Olson
- Members continue to attend the Living Water Bible study and the St. Anthony University to strengthen and grow our faith.
- Each month we celebrated the Saints of the month and special prayers for Domestic Abuse Month, Breast Cancer Month, and prepared for Advent.
- An activity was given out each month to take home to pray and share with the family.
- Members gather for the 40 Days of Life downtown Greenville where the rosary was recited in several languages.
- Members continue to go weekly to pray for abortions at the clinic on Grove Rd.
- Members attended a retreat at St. Mary's Church and made a ceramic "Sacred Heart of Jesus" wall hanger.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The most difficult thing was honoring the loss of our beloved President, Albert Morris. She was devoted to our Council, her church, her curculio members, quilting buddies, and her sorority. During her illness the members took turns bringing meals to her and her family.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

For the 2020 General Election -

In the spirit of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: "We encourage Catholics throughout the United States to be active in the political process."

- Voting Registration and Absentee Voting details were researched and verified. The information was shared with the St. Anthony parish community for ten weeks, starting August 28. As SC changed regulations the information was updated. It was distributed via two email lists (Servant Hearts and the parish email list) and included in the parish bulletin.
- Women's Council Members were provided with unique weekly "Prayers Ahead of the Election" on October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. A "Prayer for a Peaceful Election" was sent on Election Day and a "Prayer for Newly Elected Leaders" on November 6.

Leadership/Organization Activities

Membership: A very successful membership drive was held in October. Twenty-eight new members joined, bring the total membership of the affiliate to 46!

Leadership/Organization Special Project

The activity that impacts the affiliate most was the increase in members. Hopefully that will translate into greater participation by a larger number of energetic and talented members and continued involvement in meaningful projects and activities.

Service/Community Activities

- Members provided over 150+ handmade cards in September to the VA Hospital in Greenville
- Assisted & provided bake goods in our Annual Advent Wreath, Candle & Bake Sale in November
- Assisted with the Family Christmas baskets
- Provided warm clothing items to Triune Mercy Center
- Provided throws, men gloves, scarves, and hats to our Church Food Pantry for those in need. This will continue for the next 3 months as our winter project.
- Members provided handmade Christmas cards to the REWA-Sewer workers (100+), Greenville Sanitation (75+), Fire Station on Leach Street(+30) and some local Police (+20)

Service/Family Activities

JAN: Prayer Breakfast theme: “CALLED TO PRAY” We celebrated in song and a short skit about the power of prayer. Closed with singing “Every Praise is for Our God” while greeting each other.

FEB: Assisted in the Black History Program...”BIRMINGHAM SUNDAY” recalling the history of four little girls who lost lives in the bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church in 1963. The program explored the role of the church played in the civil rights movement.

JULY: Prepared the Farewell celebration for Fr. Patrick Tuttle who served the church and school for 15 yrs. The celebration consisted of music, poetry reading, and a special guest.

OCT: Hosted the Recognition and welcoming of Pastor, Fr. Willboard Mwape. A mass installation was led by Fr. Newman, pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Greenville which also included Fr. Mwape dedication of 25 years to the priesthood. Complimentary refreshments were provided.

NOV: Family Committee worked along with Alice Ramos of St. Mary’s Catholic Church to complete the deanery project - “Festivals of Trees”. The tree’s theme was “God’s Work Our Hands”. The handmade ornaments that adorned the tree were small and large clear bulbs that held praying hands and the Franciscan cross swinging within each bulb. Some ornaments had faces of saints and the catholic churches in the Greenville deanery. The tree was completely filled with ornaments and ribbons of silver and royal blue, while crochet white angel with halo hung throughout. The tree’s royal blue skirt was full of beautiful wrapped packages of all sizes keeping with the color scheme. This tree placed 3rd in the division of organization.

DEC: The Family Committee, along with the help of all the members, provided a complete Christmas meal to feed 5 families with children in need. The committee gathered to pack the 5 food boxes to distribute to the 5 families which consisted of a turkey, all the Christmas fixings and desserts, a gallon of tea or lemonade, and candy treats. The boxes were beautifully wrapped with Christmas cheer and delivered to the individual families.

Service/Family Special Project

The Prayer Breakfast on January 25, 2020:

- With the Prayer Breakfast we are able to start each year off right with our church family, the community, and our organization. There is no better way than to submit yourself to communication daily with God than through prayer. The breakfast is an invitation to everyone and anyone and in those couple of hours we are together you can feel the commitment on that day that leads you to a year of prayer and worship. This past year's Prayer Breakfast theme was "Called to Pray". We are sisters in Christ and we are called every day to pray for one another which includes the world. We learned that prayer comes in all different types of form and all of it is accepted by God. We learned that when we sing, we're praying, when we dance, we're praying, when we close our eyes and just say thank you, we are praying. We learned the value of persistent prayer. It is not that He will hear us, but that we will finally be able to hear Him.

Service/International Activities

- The "SHOES4WATER" Project continued from 2019. The members were able to make one last donation in April 2020 before its cancellation. Since the Pandemic, the Shoes4Water had to shut down while no collection of shoes was being accepted at this time and not enough funds being raised from the sales of what shoes they had to buy drilling equipment for clean water wells.

This had been a great project since the organization was local. Shoes4Water.org believes together we could make a difference in the lives of countless children in Kenya. Hopefully, one day we can return to some type of normality.

- Christmas at Sea Seafarer Boxes—Our members purchased, assembled and gift wrapped 54 boxes of personal items (men-49 & females-5).

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Spirituality/Church Activities

- A Spirituality Retreat was held in the fall led by a poet and writer Vera Gomez. The focus was on mercy and how we as women can show mercy. It was followed by a crafts session on painting a plaster model of the merciful heart of Jesus.
- Forty Days for Life Sidewalk training was advertised.
- Some members prayed at the abortion clinic on Tuesdays.
- Forty Days for Life opening and closing ceremonies were announced and some members attended many of the activities.
- Members were encouraged to pray the rosary and send the number of rosaries said to familylife@charlestdioocese.org.
- Some members participated in the Life Chain in early October.
- Some members met in Falls Park to pray the America Needs Fatima Rosary.
- The link for a Sonja Korbet video was sent to members.
- Local religious services such as prayer programs at the Poor Clare Monastery, vesper times, confessions, Holy day masses, video link of Bishop Fulton Sheen's talk on prophecy of 50 years.
- A copy of the book, *I Heard God Laugh*, by Matthew Kelly was presented as a gift to all Council members by Ella Canfield.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The activity that meant the most to participating affiliate members was the Spiritual Retreat led by Vera Gomez. Participants were asked to reflect on each work of mercy and to write about how she addressed each in her daily life. Information was shared with attendees, which broadened the scope of possibilities for practicing works of mercy. A brief icebreaker was presented prior to the meeting. A small plaster model of the merciful heart of Jesus and paints were provided by Kakilaki Studio Arts to each participant who painted the model as she wished. It was later fired and given to the participant.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- The Council operated without a Legislative Committee Chair, however, the Council president wrote the diocese and asked that pertinent updates be sent periodically.
- Members were encouraged to vote.

Leadership/Organization Activities

Organization:

- Organized, formatted, and published the annual calendar. This involved setting dates for board & membership meetings, fundraisers, bake sales, and retreats as well as including important items for each month's agenda. Coordinating with the Council president, other members, and the church office for building use was included in this effort.

- Arranged for, confirmed, and solicited biographies for introductions of speakers for the September, October, November, and January meetings. The speakers included:
 - September: Linda Tassie, Youth Base Executive Director
 - October: Sarah Perkins, St. Mary's Respect Life Coordinator
 - November: Pearl Harris, Member and Community Volunteer
- Organized food for each meeting or event, kept a record of volunteers for these efforts, and communicated this to the secretary.
- Reviewed storage cabinet contents and the belongings of the Council and cleaned out and reorganized cabinet.
- Set up for membership meetings and created a decorative theme for each.
- Organized the Council's Christmas Luncheon at Green Valley Country Club, researched the Christmas Angel tradition for the Council president, and created Luncheon flyers for distribution to members and for inclusion in the church bulletin.
- Due to the pandemic, the following planned events were either canceled or postponed: two bake sales, a cookbook sale, and a fundraiser.

Membership:

- An effort has been made to recruit members, especially younger women. Five new members have joined.
- SMCCW membership forms were distributed at each Council meeting.
- Members were encouraged to wear a prepared name tag at each meeting and to meet and welcome new members.

Public Relations:

- A 59-page *St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Directory 2020-2021* was published by Pat Webb that included general information, policies, history, and membership with pictures.
- Members were encouraged to send items to Pat Webb and Lori Grant for posting to the SMCCW Facebook page.

Leadership/Organization Special Project

Organization:

Organized, formatted, and published the annual calendar. This involved setting dates for board & membership meetings, fundraisers, bake sales, and retreats as well as including important items for each month's agenda. Coordinating with the Council president, other members, and the church office for building use was a major effort. This information was published in the *Directory of the St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women*.

Membership:

Name tags are provided for each member. Members attending Council events are encouraged to pick up her name tag upon entering the event and wear it through the event, returning it after the event. This encourages name recognition and interaction.

Public Relations:

The activity that has had the greatest impact on affiliate members is the publication of a Directory. A directory is published each year. It includes general information such as names of the board of directors, Spiritual Advisor, Organization Chart, Calendar of Events for the year, SCCCW Resolutions, Bylaws, Standing Rules, past presidents, past recipients of the Catholic Woman of the

Year award, past Christmas Angels, a directory of members, a host of honorary members, photographs of members, membership form, affiliated organizations, and the web and mailing addresses of the council. Each member is provided a directory. It is an important PR tool for showcasing the structure and activities of the SMCCW.

Service/Community Activities

- On 9/25/20, hosted a Star Party for boys at the Generations Group Home, Fountain Inn, SC. The home provides programs for troubled boys with sexually abusive behaviors. Boys who go through the week without having stars taken away are rewarded with a party that includes dinner and games on Friday night.
- Hosted another Generations Star Party on 1/24/21.
- A coat drive was held during September. Coats were given to Foster Care Children.
- An announcement was put in the parish bulletin encouraging parishioners to give blood.
- Bottle tabs were collected throughout the year to help St. Mary's School.
- Card fronts were collected throughout the year and sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children.
- Toiletries were collected throughout the year for various shelters in the upstate including the mobile shower unit of Catholic Charities of the Upstate.
- Many of the boys at Generations Group Home have little family support, thus Christmas gifts are provided by volunteers. A card was given to a volunteer with the first name of a young man, his shirt size, his pants size, and one special item that he wanted, such as a CD or sports item. Council members volunteered to provide Christmas gifts to boys.
- A food drive to help support the Catholic Charities Our Ladies Pantry was held at the November Council meeting.
- Remaining food from Star Parties or luncheons was taken to the Rescue Mission run by Miracle Hill on Washington Street.
- St. Mary's Council participated in the Bon Secour Festival of Trees. Ornaments representing windows at St. Mary's were used along with a nativity scene.
- Other activities by one or more Council members included making homeless bags to give out, giving blood, and working at soup kitchens.
- Council members who were ill were remembered.

Service/Community Special Project

Council members have worked with Generations Group Home over the years and recognize that helping to end sexually abusive behaviors of troubled boys ultimately helps future generation of men and women. Affiliate members are touched by the fact that so many young boys in the Group Home have been sexually abused through no fault of their own and that the behaviors if caught early can be corrected through the counseling and behavior modification programs offered to the young boys at no cost to their families. The program is an 18 to 24-month residential program with academic accreditation. There are approximately 75 residents at any point in time. Council members benefit from meeting the boys and providing parties, Christmas gifts, and support at the annual luncheon.

Service/Family Activities

- Information on how to register for Coronavirus 19 vaccinations and locations of vaccination centers was sent to members.
- The sewing ministry made hats for cancer patients and face masks free for distribution.
- Preliminary plans for publishing a cookbook have been completed which included investigating costs, the type of program to use and format.
- Recipes were solicited, received, and typed and are ready for the printing stage.
- Nancy McGrath has shared with Council members many ongoing activities related to her position as the NFP Coordinator and Educator with the Family Life Office of the Charleston Diocese.
- Other members have been involved with family activities, but with the pandemic restrictions it has been difficult to participate as a group.
- Some members are involved in Catholic Engaged Encounter.
- Nancy McGrath is starting a Catholic Nurse Association for the Diocese that will be a resource.
- Nancy McGrath helped Deacon John with the Parish Nurse Ministry, which was shared with Council members.

Service/Family Special Project

The cookbook activity had the greatest impact on the members as it involved them in inquiry of culinary arts during this time of isolation and will provide a valuable resource to those purchasing the cookbooks.

Service/International Activities

- The Council participated in the Cross Catholic Outreach Boxes of Joy program. Forty-seven boxes were donated along with 140 scrunchies made by the sewing ministry and hats and scarfs made by the St. Anne's Stitchery Ministry of the Council.
- Many Council members participated in the Deanery's Seafarer program by filling gift boxes with toiletries for isolated mariners on ships visiting the port of Charleston. Between the two deanery affiliates, 111 boxes were donated.

Service/International Special Project

The most meaningful activity to members was participation in the Cross Catholic Outreach Boxes of Joy program. Members were pleased to have an opportunity to bring joy to children in under-developed countries by providing a Christmas gift box of items. Forty-seven boxes were donated.

Myrtle Beach Deanery

*Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies Guild,
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church,
North Myrtle Beach*

*St. Andrew Women's Club,
St. Andrew Catholic Church,
Myrtle Beach*

*St. James Ladies Guild,
St. James the Younger Catholic Church,
Conway*

Myrtle Beach Deanery President's 2020 Year-End Report

SPIRITUALITY: This year has been very hard on all organizations in the church. Our focus this year was to give to others. Zoom meetings, emails, cards, words of encouragement.

LEADERSHIP: The board members reviewed by laws and submitted changes to our members. Letters were sent to Parish organizations inviting them to join us or allow a visit to speak. Due to circumstances most organizations are not meeting but showed interest in the future. We had a meeting in November with a guest speaker from Catholic Charities. Our meeting was hosted by St Andrews as well as lunch. A retreat was scheduled for January which had to be canceled until further notice. Our annual meeting is at St. James Church February 21.

SERVICE: Project "Purses for Pride". Women were asked to clean out their closets to get rid of purses not being used. The purses are filled with toiletries, female personal items, scarves, gloves, socks etc. The purses are given out to homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and high school homes sheltering teens. Giving women who are down on their luck a little gift of pride. We encourage a card, a note or prayer. We have given out over 300 purses.

All of the affiliates participated in the project "Boxes of Joy". We collected over 300 boxes to send to underprivileged children—putting a smile on a child's face for Christmas.

Myrtle Beach Deanery was focused on taking care of others. So many people have been affected this year by the pandemic. Our project "Boxes of Joy" was overwhelming with the kindness of people in our parishes. People wanted to help someone less fortunate.

Respectfully,

Jane Maggio,
Myrtle Beach Deanery President

Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies Guild

Spirituality/Church Activities

- There have been zoom only meetings. Emails are sent out regarding any needs for parishioners, prayer requests etc.
- Money was donated to the church due to shut down funds were low.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- Zoom meetings, emails, as well as newsletters put into the church bulletins. Trying to keep members informed about what is going on in our guild.

Service/Community Activities

- Purses for Pride distribution of over 190 purses, each one containing a rosary and a booklet on Rosary written by Fr. Andy.
- Participated in "Boxes of Joy" project which was well received by parishioners as donations were overwhelming.
- Prayer shawl committee still distributing blankets, prayer shawls, hats to those in need.

Service/Community Special Project

Purses for Pride program has given out 190 purses, each one with a rosary and a booklet. The intent is that the rosary will give people comfort and hope.

St. Andrew Women's Club

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Saturday, January 18, 2020 - Hosted the Myrtle Beach Deanery Annual Retreat
- St. Joseph's Day March 19, 2020 – The feast celebration was canceled due to the Covid-19 virus. However, St. Joseph's bread in the form of a cross was distributed to many.
- October Pro-Life month – encouraged prayers and saying the rosary. The Women's Club made a \$25 donation to the Grand Strand Citizens for Life.
- October 11th Priest Recognition Day - the WC recognized the Bishop, parish priest, Spiritual Advisors on state and Deanery levels with cards for their service, support and guidance. Members were encouraged to do the same.
- The WC members were given a phone number to receive text alerts from the Coastline Women's Center for prayers for women thinking about having an abortion.
- Advent Family Festival December 5th – WC hosted a table to distribute children's Advent magnet puzzles, table decorations, candy and membership information.
- Posted dates in the WC newsletters to attend NCCW monthly rosary and topics of information as a "Sisterhood of Faith". Also, to encourage membership in NCCW.
- Approximately 100 hand-made rosaries were given to Sister Deepa Kuppalla for her return trip to India.
- The WC manages the parish Gift Shop. In 2020 it was open from January to the middle of March. It was closed due to the virus and issue of social distancing. Fortunately, by appointment a few religious items were sold. In November, Advent Wreaths and Candles were sold out of the back of the managers car.

Spirituality/Church Special Project

The most important works of any catholic organization is to inspire women with the Word of God. One of the events that was held this year by the St. Andrew Women's Club was to sponsor and host the Myrtle Beach Deanery Retreat on Saturday, January 18th, "A Walk Through the Sacraments", facilitated by Deacon George Ferland where attendees could embrace their faith. This retreat invited all Christian women of the Deanery to come together after the rush of the holiday season, to take time to be quiet, to acquire a deeper knowledge of the Sacraments and experience how the sacraments are a part of everything that we do in everyday life! A breakfast of coffee, fruits and rolls were served to attendees to start the day. At 9:00 a.m., Deacon Ferland began his talk on dissecting the Sacraments individually and small group discussions. After lunch, the program continued until 3:30 p.m. where attendees were invited to attend Confession and Mass at St. Andrews. The women were very grateful for the Deacons inspiration within his presentation. Some topic of discussion had been forgotten or may have not been known. The group expressed their appreciation for the workshop, the knowledge that was gained and the friendships that were made.

With that thought, the St. Andrew Women's Club newsletter gave information on the history of Fatima with a flyer on the "Twenty Points That We Should Know About This Important Event" and the Fatima prayer. Fill the soul, inspire and touch lives with spirituality.

Mary said: "Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them. Amen."

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Encouraged members to participate in the 2020 Census Survey by sending them the online link.
- Members continue to participate in Catholics for Freedom of Religion activities and monthly rosaries.
- Encouraged members to participate in the May and November 2020 elections.

Spirituality/Legislative Special Project

Women's Club members were encouraged to participate in the 2020 Census Survey. Each member was emailed the online link to be filled out and sent in. Members were also encouraged to share the survey with friends and family members. By this act the St. Andrew Women's Club became active in their civic duty to encourage others to participate in this important survey!

Leadership/Organization Activities

Meetings -- No meetings April, May, July, August

- January 13, 2020 – Ice cream social & speaker Ruth Keilen on Mended Hearts ministry for those who have had heart surgeries
- February 10th - speaker Cathy Kelly (member and author of children's books)
- March 9th – showed the NCCW movie on Human Trafficking and distributed information “Quarantine” meeting June 17th by Zoom – members shared fears and experiences during lockdown.
- September 14th by Zoom – speaker Jennifer Diaz “The Road to Bethlehem”
- October 12th by Zoom – speaker Gina Kay Gruber spoke on “Safeguarding Personal Information”, how it has become more prevalent and how to protect yourself today.
- November 9th by Zoom – shared information on upcoming events
- Membership Drive could not be held in August due to virus. However, there were several inquiries and new members because women needed to be linked with other women.
- Board of Directors have worked diligently to support and communicate with members during the shutdown and Covid-19 virus pandemic. (See explanation on the next page.)
- On March 6-8 the WC hosted a Book & Bake Sale raising over \$800 to support the many projects and programs of the club. Members also participated in Belk Charity Sales where proceeds supported the WC.
- SCCCW Convention March 13-15 in Greenville, SC. Sr. Deepa and St. Andrew Women's Club president attended to participate in this wonderful experience of Spirituality, Leadership, and Service.
- The “Ladies Lunch Brunch” was held in January and February 2020. However, this program had to be discontinued due to the virus. It is our hope to restart these get togethers in 2021 in an effort to give members and opportunity to know each other better in an informal setting.
- October newsletter incorporated information on “Breast Cancer Awareness” and symptoms.
- Directed members to the NCCW website for information on Domestic Violence materials: “Healing the Wounds” and “Mending Brokenness”.
- Sunday, November 15 hosted MB Deanery Meeting with speaker Michele Borbely from Catholic Charities.
- Information distributed on the serious problem of Human Trafficking in our country and gave members websites to read additional information.

- The St. Andrew Women’s Club Board of Directors has worked diligently to support and communicate with its members during the Covid-19 pandemic and shutdown with newsletters, emails, automated voice calls, Telephone Tree, online card service, Zoom meetings, encouraged members to call each other regularly, surveys, prayers, and texts.
- Newsletters were focused on encouraging and educating members on a variety of subjects. Some of them are listed below:
 - Breast Cancer Awareness and symptoms to be aware of.
 - Directed members to Domestic Violence information on the National Council of Catholic Women website such as “Healing the Wounds” and “Mending Brokenness”. Had flyers available to be posted on rest room doors that included information on where to find help for people affected by Domestic Violence.
 - Showed a Human Trafficking movie to members, distributed information on the subject, and directed members to websites to be more informed with additional information. Public awareness and education is a large component in anti-human trafficking efforts, and the more that is known about this terrible offense, the quicker it can be stopped. Websites: <http://www.polarisproject.org>, <http://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign>, <http://www.scag.gov/human-trafficking#ixzz6FpktKU5B> 24-hour National Human Trafficking Hot-Line 1-888-373-7888
 - Information on “Safeguarding Personal Information”
- There was a sharing of recipes to give members something else to do while staying at home. Also included in each newsletter was a reminder to stay safe, wear masks, wash hands and social distance.
- Communication! The goal of the Board Members was to let the members of the organization feel like they were not alone and give members educational materials. Truly the club has worked hard to come together during this difficult time.

Service/Community Activities

- Valentine gift bags were collected by members and distributed to Seacoast Academy, which houses children ages 10 through 18, in an effort to let the children know they have not been forgotten. (items: notebooks, pens, pencils, wash cloths, socks, tooth brush & paste, coloring books, crayons, stickers, small shampoo, soap, Kleenex, candy)
- Information was given to members to participate in the Lions Club of MB March 10th event at Carrabba’s. Funds raised helped pay for eye exams, glasses and hearing aids for needy adults and children.
- **“Pillow for Pain and Comfort Project”** - Heart pillows were made for heart surgery patients and mastectomy or lumpectomy patients. (See attached sheet.)
- Gift Cards from Bi-Lo were donated by members in the summer for the Felician Sisters in Kingstree, SC. \$510 in increments of \$10 were used to help the Sisters in their weekly distribution of food. It had become difficult to shop and have food on hand for the many individuals in need of food in the Kingstree, SC area.
- Twenty purses filled with toiletries and 2 large bags of scarves and head bands were donated to Catholic Charities “Clean of Hearts” for homeless women, children and men. This is an ongoing project.

Service/Community Special Project

“Pillow for Pain and Comfort Project” - Heart pillows were made for heart surgery patients and mastectomy or lumpectomy patients. Pillows are placed inside cellophane bags with a prayer from the Women’s Club for support and tied close with ribbons. These “Pillows for Pain” have also been given to a person who has had back surgery and someone who had a very uncomfortable reaction to medication. The project gave Women’s Club members a chance to do something at home that was different and to be helpful to others. It has been a very successful project that we will be continuing for a long time. A copy of the prayer included in the bag is below.

Pillows for Pain and Comfort

After Chest Surgery, Mastectomy or Lumpectomy

Sponsored by the St. Andrew Women’s Club Council of Catholic Women

“May you be wrapped up in God’s love found deep in his everlasting wings.

May God carry you and keep you safe and cherished.

May the healing power of Christ, breathe across your being now and forever.” Amen.

- In the shape of a heart made of warm snuggle-fleece, this gift speaks of love as well as giving physical and pain comfort.
- This pillow fits nicely under the arm so it doesn’t move all over the place like a rectangular pillow or rolled up towels. It stays almost effortlessly in place.
- The pillow gives support to the sore shoulder, arm and/or chest area, which in turn provides comforting relief. It takes pressure off the arm and on some sensitive chests after surgery such as open-heart surgery, mastectomy or lumpectomy. This fills in the space left empty giving you a more comfortable rest when lying on your side.
- St. Andrew Women’s Club prays for the sick and recovering. You are in our hearts and prayers!

Service/Family Activities

- Sunday, January 26th after the 9:15 a.m. Children’s Mass, the WC hosted hospitality to families in the Parish School Cafeteria in support of Catholic Schools Week.
- Encouraged members to collect “Box Tops” for parish school where the money could be used for projects.
- December 5th – WC collected layette items for the Coastline Women’s Center (items: infant and children to age 3 clothing, baby blankets, diapers, wipes, Desitin Cream, A&D Ointment, toys, baby carriers, etc.
- WC hosted parish wide food drive for Felician Sisters in Kingstree. Three car loads of food were collected. This project provided an opportunity to connect a family who had a child with cancer to a state organization.
- Encouraged members to donate bologna, cheese, bread, hot dogs and rolls to Help for Kids. Also, to donate back to school items to Catholic Charities.

Service/Family Special Project

On December 5th, the St. Andrew Women’s Club collected and delivered layette items to the Coastline Women’s Center. Coastline Women’s Center educates, supports and empowers women facing unplanned pregnancies with compassionate and professional medical care. Once the baby has been born, Coastline Women’s Center supports women until the child reaches 3 years of age. Items

collected were infant and children to age 3 clothing, baby blankets, diapers, wipes, Desitin Cream, A&D Ointment, toys, baby carriers, etc.

Also, Women's Club members were given a telephone number to sign up for texts from the center when there is a woman who is inquiring about having an abortion. The mission of the center is to give women other options than an abortion. These texts are a way for the Women's Club to pray for those individuals to not have an abortion and use other options. Prayers are a very powerful thing!

Service/International Activities

- St. Andrew WC coordinated Deanery wide Box of Joy during October and November. St. Andrew Office was a Drop Off site for the Deanery. 304 Boxes of Joy were collected for Cross Catholic Outreach.

Service/International Special Project

In an effort to help Cross Catholic Outreach with the Box of Joy Project, the Myrtle Beach Deanery decided to participate in this worthwhile project for poor children around the world living in missions to provide children with Christmas gifts. These children are unable to receive Christmas gifts because of the poverty in their countries. The St. Andrew Women's Club coordinated this Deanery wide project in October and November 2020 with the help of other churches in the Deanery. St. Andrew Church Office became a Drop Off site for the Deanery. Information was sent to all churches in the Deanery. St. Andrew Women's Club and Deanery members helped collect, package boxes into large containers and to prepare for the containers to be picked up and transported to the Cross Catholic Outreach Office in Florida where the containers were shipped to the various countries. The project collected 304 Boxes of Joy. This was a very successful project to help others around the world! It also brought people of the Deanery together who were affiliated with SCCCW and those who were not. By working together through the hands and feet of God, we were an example of love and compassion in God's glory!

St. James Ladies Guild

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Praying for our parishioners and the world during this time of the pandemic.
- Calling ladies that have not been able to attend the meetings and letting them know that we are praying for them.
- Sending cards to those that have suffered loss or are going through health problems at this time.
- We came together as a Ladies group monthly to pray together and to think of ways to spread the work and word of God.
- We are working on new ways to help the community outside of the church.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- To see how the election will affect the policies of the church.
- Looking into having speakers come to our meetings and inform the ladies of upcoming events (pandemic permitting) and how we can help.

Service/Community Activities

- Collected purses for the women that are experiencing hard times and for the homeless in the Conway and Myrtle Beach areas.
- Donated items left over from our Rummage Sale to the following organizations: Backpack buddies, Fostering Hope, Animal Shelters, Ladies Shelters, Coat drive, Quilts of Valor, and Mission of Conway.
- Donated to help with assistance to the elderly of our parish.

Service/International Activities

- We sponsor a child in an underprivileged 3rd world country with clothing, food, schooling, and other needs with our yearly donation.
- Mission Honduras has become Mission St. James due to the pandemic.

Rock Hill Deanery

*All Saints Women's Organization,
All Saints Catholic Church,
Lake Wylie,*

*St. Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild,
St. Catherina of Sienna Catholic Church,
Lancaster
(No reports)*

*St. Mary Rosary & Confraternity Society,
St. Mary Catholic Church,
Rock Hill*

*Women of Divine Saviour,
Divine Saviour Catholic Church,
York*

Rock Hill Deanery President's 2020 Year-End Report

We have 4 affiliates: All Saints Women's Organization, St. Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild, St. Mary Rosary & Confraternity Society, and Women of Divine Savior.

My first year has been one of many challenges, needless to say. Covid -19 changed many lives and how we do things as a society. However, with God's guidance and the love and support of the ladies, a lot was accomplished. We are truly sisters in Christ and we are able to lean on one another.

Our affiliates are truly missionaries, doing the work that God has ordained us to do in our parishes, families, communities and internationally serving in all the ways we can.

The market place venture at the SCCCW 2020 Convention in Greenville was exciting and profitable. Oh, what an experience??

The committee planning our first Convention has been working tirelessly without complaints. Even though the 2021 SCCCW Convention will not take place until 2022 due to Covid -19, I have no doubt that our ladies will make you proud. It will be worth the wait.

In closing, I want to thank Jeanette Altenburg, Rock Hill Deanery Past President, and Carol Lintner for not giving up on me and supporting me unconditionally. Things are going to get better year after year.

Respectfully Yours,

Ann Williamson, President
Rock Hill Deanery

All Saints Women's Organization

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Pentecost novena with Our Lady of Fatima going from patio to patio. – From May 22nd to 30th in conjunction with the Legion of Mary we participated in this novena, providing some of our patios so we could gather in prayer during these difficult times. Outdoor rosaries with open air and safe distancing.
- Patriotic rosary for radio. – Children from our parish lead by the Legion of Mary joined forces to record a patriotic rosary that would be played every day on the Carolina Catholic Radio Network (AM 1270 Charlotte). A few of our members helped with the recording and editing of this rosary.
- Freezer. – with the funds we collected from our bake sales and other events, we were able to purchase a freezer for our parish. This will be used to keep frozen meals for parishioners in need.
- Feed the flock. – Now that the freezer is available, we had the thought of using it to feed our parishioners in need. This new side ministry was created and called, Feed the Flock. Ladies from our group make soups, breads and other meals, freeze it, and have it available whenever we receive the alert that there is someone home bound with need for food.
- Rosary Rally. – Our Country needs Fatima organized a national rosary rally on Oct. 10th. We had 2 groups at our parish, one on each main street surrounding our parish and a 3rd group organized outside the abortion clinic in Charlotte.
- Posadas. – Last year we started the posadas, a novena going from home to home for 9 days before Christmas. This earned us the Spirituality award at the SCCCW Convention earlier this year in Greenville. We are trying to continue with the tradition but keeping people safe. We had the posadas with a twist—the Pilgrims, Joseph and Mary traveled to 9 different homes, no group gathering, only the household and one other person bringing the pilgrims. A zoom connection was made available so that the other members could join in prayer so we could prepare for the arrival of our Savior in Christmas.

Spirituality/Legislative Activities

- Nov 1st vigil/rosary for our Country's election. – After seeing the positive response of the rosary rally from October, we decided to organize a second rosary. This time we prayed outside in front of the statue of Our Lady and the patriotic rosary recorded with children from All Saints was played. A large group of parishioners joined in prayer for a safe election and for peace for our Country.
- Patriotic Rosary during 1st Saturday of the month. – Started in November during the first Friday adoration, ASWO gathers in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The last 2 months of the year we prayed the patriotic rosary.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- SCCCW Convention, Greenville – Some of our members traveled on the last big gathering before the lock down. Between events and during breaks we would see the news and watch with disbelief about the situation that was coming our way. We didn't know what was about to happen. Some Dioceses started canceling mass, something never seen during our lifetime. We still felt protected, as our Bishop said that he wouldn't cancel masses.

Service/Community Activities

- Mardi Gras chili cook-off. - the day before ash Wednesday we organized a chili cook-off that fed almost 100 parishioners. We had music, beautiful decorations and amazing food! Kids were dancing around in the Parish Life Center while adults sat at the tables on the other side of the room enjoying each other's conversation and having a great time. Little did we know this would be our last big gathering at our beloved parish for the year.
- Facemasks. – Immediately, a group of our ladies started sewing facemasks, I'm not sure if anybody has kept count, but I am pretty sure that close to 10,000 masks were made in a few months— masks to protect each other from the virus. We provided masks for our neighbors, our parish, for the Assisted living facilities, health care workers, etc. too many to list. The need was there and our ladies jumped right into action.
- Thank you Cards for Sidewalk Advocates. – Some of our members are active sidewalk advocates for life, an organization with prayerful presence at the sidewalk outside of abortion clinics. Despite everything being closed due to the pandemic, sadly the abortion industry was business as usual, maybe even busier. The counselors were present every day at the clinic, keeping safe distancing, sanitizing, wearing face coverings, defying stay at home orders. They continued with their life saving ministry. To show some appreciation, the ladies from ASWO provided handmade thank you cards, showing appreciation for their faithful presence and trying to help mothers facing an unexpected pregnancy.
- School supplies collection. – As we do every year we collected school supplies to provide to our local school district.
- Online bake sales. – Since we still have no approval to exchange meals/baked goods at our parish, we are trying out online bake sales, we had a bread sale in November, and a cookie sale in December, it is different not getting together to bake with our sisters, but for now and to keep everyone safe, this is how we will continue to gather funds for our community and our group.

Service/Family Activities

- Mira via fundraising banquet. – since Mira via's main fundraising event went completely online, our group organized a viewing party in our Parish Life Center. It was a BYOM type (bring your own meal) since we are not allowed yet to serve meals in our church. We asked guests to bring their dinner and come and watch the event together

Service/International Activities

- Box of joy. – we collected checks for Boxes of Joy as we weren't able to collect items and assemble boxes. We still wanted to be a part of this ministry so we organized a collection of checks that were mailed to Cross Catholic Outreach for the Box of Joy ministry.

*“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;
rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell”*
(Mt 10:28)

St. Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild

Spirituality/Church Activities

- **Virtual Bible Study-** The Ladies Guild has been offering numerous bible study groups. We started off 2020 studying CS Lewis' "O Great Divorce". Members attended the play "The Great Divorce" at the Belk Theater in early February to begin the study. For Lent and the Easter time our bible study group delved into the Gospel of St John. The pandemic hit and we decided to hold our bible study on zoom. We took a break between May and September. In September we began our study of CS Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters."
- **Intercessional Rosary-** Celebrated Our Lady of the Rosary by offering a bilingual intercessional Rosary for St Catherine of Siena parish community October 11 in the church.
- **Daily Rosary to end the pandemic-** A group of ladies have faithfully prayed the Rosary every day at 2:00pm via zoom. Daily intentions and the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis are offered each day. They always end the rosary with Pope Francis' prayer to end the pandemic,
- **Decorating the Church for the Liturgical Seasons-** Members of the Ladies Guild have been involved decorating the church inside and out to reflect the liturgical seasons Advent and Christmas.
- **Ladies Guild Scholarship-** The Ladies Guild gave a \$500.00 Scholarship June 2020 to Thomas Curley who is attending Wyoming Catholic College pursuing a Liberal Arts degree.
- **Christmas Gift to Parishioners-** The Ladies purchased the book, "Rediscovering Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly. Each parishioner received a copy of the book from the Ladies Guild for Christmas as a thank you for their support.

Leadership/Organization Activities

- **St. Catherine of Siena Ladies Guild Cookbook Fundraiser-** Members provided tried and true recipes for a cookbook. We sold all 50 copies in one weekend! Great success!

Service/Community Activities

- **Drive by Christmas Party-** The Ladies Guild has been supporting the Women's Enrichment Center in Lancaster the last 5 years. During the Christmas season we have, in the past, put on a Christmas luncheon party for the mother's to be and young mothers. With the Covid 19 safety restrictions we did a drive by party complete with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause handing out bags of groceries that ladies of St Catherine donated.
- **Helped Local Food Bank -** Provided needed food for local food bank ministry Isadore Farms when asked for assistance.
- **Made monetary donations to area Charities -** Women's Enrichment Center, Hope of Lancaster, Missionaries of the Poor (Monroe, NC)

Service/Family Activities

- **Provide Food for Families-** Provide food for families who have lost loved ones or recovering from surgery
- **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser-** Hosted with the Knights of Columbus from St. Catherine. Traditional corned beef cabbage dinner with all the fixings was served.

St. Mary Rosary and Confraternity Society

Spirituality/Church Activities

- Thinking of You and Get Well Cards were sent to homebound and sick parishioners.
- Some of our members made phone calls to check on Seniors.

Service/Community Activities

- We provided pizza and fixings to The Haven (homeless male shelter).
- We held a Voters Registration Drive for the community. A total of 21 voters registration applications were taken.
- We collected school supplies for a Special Needs Class. We have “adopted” the class and will continue to provide school supplies and support as needed.
- Can goods and paper products were given to the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen .

Women of Divine Saviour

Spirituality/Church Activities

- During the Easter season when all of our churches and church families were suffering from mandatory lockdowns, we knew that palms were an essential part of every Catholic's Easter season. Father Adilso blessed our palms the week prior to Palm Sunday. The WoDS sent out messages to parishioners that palm delivery was available. A list of names, addresses, and number of palms needed was gathered and palms were delivered so that everyone could have their palms in hand during virtual mass on Palm Sunday.
- For those who were able to come to the church, we set up a table around the back side of the church and allowed drive through traffic to pick up palms, drop off offertory envelopes for the church, and drop off family portraits that Father placed in the pews so he could continue to connect with his flock during his virtual services.
- The Women of Divine Saviour partnered with surrounding churches during holy week to report to the church daily at noon and ring the church bell for one minute, wait for three minutes, and ring the bell for one minute. This served as a reminder that the church was still there for her people even though they could not be with her. This was also livestreamed on Facebook for those who could not hear from their homes.

Spirituality/Leadership Activities

- Our women serve as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and ushers. When we were first able to return to the church, we were having trouble getting Lectors for the indoor mass at 9:00 a.m.. One of the women served as Lector for that mass until they combined it with the Spanish mass where they had a regular Lector.
- When we were unable to meet to make our decorative palms for Easter several of the women came and got palms to take home and make the decorative palms from there. When they were done with the decorative palms they were sanitized and sold to those who wanted them when palms were delivered and distributed in the drive thru church distribution. We were able to make over \$500.00 for the church when no income was coming in.
- When we were no longer able to meet in person, we went for four months without a meeting. We decided that we needed a way to stay connected, so we started having virtual meetings with Zoom. This allowed us to see each other and enjoy each other more than a phone meeting.

Service/Community Activities

- Although we were not able to hold our annual yard sale this year, that supports several of our local charities, we voted to make donations equivalent to those we made last year to each organization from existing WoDS funds. The following donations were made:
 - Tender Hearts Ministries - \$100.00
 - Holy Angels - \$200.00
 - The Divine Saviour Food Pantry - \$400.00
 - Children of Mary Camp - \$300.00
 - Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$100.00
 - St. Vincent De Paul - \$300.00
 - P.A.T.H. - \$100.00
 - Total Donations - \$1500.00**

- One of our women, Sarah Robbins, makes regular mission trips to Guatemala. This year she has not been able to make any. She told us about the town she visits and how badly they had been devastated by mandatory lockdowns due to COVID-19. The WoDS voted to send a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to Carolina Mendoza who lives in the town and could be trusted to use the funds to help offset some of the hardships they have encountered.