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Saturday, March 9, 2024

General Membership Meeting
Our Lady of the Angels
6442 Pelham Rd, Taylor

Sunday, April 28, 2024

85th Anniversary Celebration
The Felician Sisters Motherhouse
36800 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia

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85th

Anniversary Celebration of the

Council of Catholic Women *Archdiocese of Detroit*



Sunday, April 28, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Felician Sisters Motherhouse
36800 Schoolcraft
Livonia, MI

\$50
includes luncheon

Reservation Deadline:
April 1, 2024

Contact:
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11:00 a.m. Mass
Felician Sisters Chapel

Main Celebrant:
Most Reverend Bishop
Donald Hanchon

Luncheon to follow

Guest Speaker:
Peggy Stanton author of
*From the White House to the
White Cross*

President's Corner

BY SHARON DI GIOVANNI

Blessings to all for a great 2024!

We have some ideas for some activities for the coming year. Please let me know if there is something that interests you.

We are asking all of the Presidents of affiliates to submit a short paragraph of last year's activities, meetings, and events and present it at the meeting in March. Please make a copy to leave with us for the files.

Can you RSVP so we have a good number since the Altar Society is serving lunch? I would also like to have an RSVP from anyone attending this meeting. Lorraine McFee is taking the calls. Feel free to let us know if you need a ride.

Also, we are having our **85th Anniversary on April 28 at the Felician Motherhouse** in Livonia. Please look in the Communique for the reservation form; the number is limited. I'm sure it will be impressive. We have a great speaker with Mass and some raffles planned. Lorraine has been working very hard on the details!

We also have May Crowning downtown at St Mary's. May 4th! Time to be released later.

Please fill out your address information sheet from the last Communique and send it in. We are trying to print a new Directory and need correct and current information on everyone. As soon as we get the response from all members, we can send to print.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless us.

Blessings,



President CCW | AOD

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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING...

Saturday, March 9, 2024

The next general meeting for CCW/AD will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - noon at Our Lady of the Angels Parish located at 6442 Pelham in Taylor.

This is an opportunity to renew our friendships, goals, and promote our 85th Anniversary Celebration, plus other important council business. We invite all affiliate presidents and representatives to attend, and encourage all members to join us. Lunch will be provided by the OLA Rosary Altar Society. For planning purposes, please **RSVP to Lorraine McFee at 313-563-1734 by March 1.**

Human Trafficking Commission

BY GEORGETTE ANDERS

The 2022 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Global Report on Trafficking in Persons is the seventh mandated by the General Assembly through the 2010 United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons. This edition of the Global Report provides a snapshot of the trafficking patterns and flows detected during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A surprising finding of the 2022 report indicates that the number of detected victims fell for the first time in 20 years. Fewer cases of trafficking for sexual exploitation were detected during the pandemic as public spaces were closed, and related restrictions may have pushed this form of trafficking into more concealed and less safe locations. Moreover, the pandemic may have weakened law enforcement's capacity to detect victims.

In 2004, when UNODC started monitoring incidences of human trafficking, most cases involved women and girls. The current report indicates an increased number of boys and men are victims as victim detection overall has decreased. In addition, more males have been identified as trafficked for forced criminality and mixed forms of exploitation.

Another finding is that female victims are subject to physical or extreme violence by traffickers. Female victims are three times more likely to suffer violent forms of trafficking, while child victims suffer 1.7 times more than adults. The UNODC reporting norms and stereotypes around gender, gender roles, and expected behaviors affect how anti-trafficking responses have been shaped and who is most at risk. Stakeholders must consider these effects and consequences of gender norms and stereotypes when building their anti-trafficking responses.

Resource: Anti-Trafficking Newsletter April 2023, Vol. 21, No. 4/



WEBSITE HELP NEEDED!

CCW/AD is seeking a volunteer to oversee the website. If you are interested in sharing your talent and time, please reach out to

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Membership Commission

BY KATHLEEN PENNO

WOMEN OF PRAYER AND ACTION

*Provide a Common Voice and Presence for All Catholic Women

*Promote Catholic Values and Principles

*Provide greater Service and Principles

Scripture tells us, in Mark 3: 25, "And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." **We need to work together, share our talents, and most importantly, support one another as Catholic Women.**

Today, members of the CCW in The Archdiocese of Detroit, unify the Catholic Women of the Diocese, both as individual members and affiliated Catholic women's groups. The new year is upon us and by now you should have received an email or letter for your 2024 renewal. Thank you to those that have responded with their donations.

Your input and membership is very important to our organization.

Prayerfully consider your renewal and promote Council to your parish women's groups!

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PLEASE USE THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM BELOW AND SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL DUES OR DONATION BEFORE YOU FORGET!

Please make a selection:

- ☐ **New individual** member - \$15 per year
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- ☐ **Renewing affiliate** member (Parish or Organization) - \$30 per year.
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Spirituality Commission

BY JUDY BERNARDI

Heavenly Father, Lord of time and eternity, as we stand at the threshold of this new year, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. In your infinite wisdom and love, you have guided us through the past year according to the designs of your mercy. We are grateful for your unfailing presence. We pray for a healthy and holy year ahead. May your grace be our constant companion, guiding our decisions and actions. In the coming year, help us live according to the teachings of your Son. May we work to protect every human life, from conception to natural death, and to serve our neighbors in need. We ask for your blessing on our families. May the Holy Spirit lead those we love far from you into the fold of your Church. May we be instruments of your will, spreading hope and working tirelessly for peace.

Grant us the strength to face the challenges that may come our way and the wisdom to learn from them. May our hearts be filled with a renewed love for the Eucharist this year as we continue our journey of the National Eucharistic Revival. Finally, Father, we ask that in this new year, we grow closer to you, deepening our faith and trust in your divine plan. We offer our lives to you, O Lord, and pray that every day of this new year, we will find an outpouring of your grace. Amen.

(Script taken from "Our Sunday Visitor" December 31, 2023-January 6, 2024)

Operation Layette

BY JAN POWOWICH

Dear CCW Sisters,

As I write this, the beautiful Christmas season is winding down. I pray that each and every one of you found it to be a joyous and beautiful time with your families and friends. I always find the winter months to be a time to slow down, renew and refresh, I hope you'll do the same. December brought several beautiful donations for Operation Layette.

Big thanks go out to **Our Lady of La Salette**, **St. Rene Goupil**, **St. Louise De Marillac**, and **Our Lady Queen of Apostles** for their beautiful Giving Tree donations. Your baby items, beautiful handmade items, and gift cards will keep the layettes full during winter when donations slow down. I've said it before, and I'll repeat it: every time I start to worry that our shelves are getting sparse, a donation comes in, and that's just what happened this Advent. I'm also very proud to share that my own parish, St Isaac Jogues, has come through to lend a hand with the physical work at Operation Layette. Members of our Women's Club will help to organize and put together layettes in January and February. I know we'll have fun doing it and you can be sure that I'll have pictures for our next newsletter! Stay warm ladies, and I pray that one of your New Year's Resolutions is to take good care of yourselves. You all deserve it! God Bless, Jan



A car full of presents from the many generous giving tree donations!

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Recipe of the month

CRACKLED SUGER COOKIES

3 C. Sugar
1 C. Butter
1 C. Margarine
Beat all until fluffy
Add 6 Eggs - One at a time
Add 2t. Vanilla, 1t. Lemon Extract,
1t Orange Extract
Add 5C. Flour,
2t. Baking Soda,
2t Cream of Tarter

Roll 2T. Mixture into a ball and roll
into granule sugar until coated.
Place on a greased cookie pan.
Bake for 12-14 minutes at 350 -
Makes 30 - 4" cookies

*We're excited to showcase the
culinary talents within our
CCW/AD community.
Share your kitchen masterpieces,
and let's savor the flavors together
in our bi-monthly newsletter.*

Submitted by: Kathleen Penno
The current CCW/AD Membership
Chair and a lifelong member of St.
Isaac Jogues Parish in St. Clair Shores.

Submit your Recipe

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with the subject line:
Recipe of the Month
and your recipe could be
included in the next issue!

