

# NewsNotes



In the last NewsNotes I was getting ready to attend the USCCB Convocation of Catholic Leaders, "Joy of the Gospel". This event was very beneficial and eye opening to me as a small Western Nebraska parish member. They addressed how many peripheries need to be reached out to, such as the fallen away Catholics, wounded families, different cultures and immigrants, victims of violence and abuse, those suffering from disabilities, the role of women and mothers in the Church, the imprisoned, the rural communities, and even in our own parishes and communities. The NCCW Convention, which I attended along with other members of the LDCCW, continued with the theme of "Joy of the Gospel" and had several speakers addressing these same issues. It is exciting to see that many projects of the LDCCW are right on target as to what the Bishops are asking us to do. The Women Healing the Wounds Program is helpful to those suffering from domestic abuse and human trafficking. We need to be welcoming to all cultures and lifestyles in our communities. Continue to do your part in welcoming all women by inviting them to become a member of CCW and attend the meetings.

At the Convocation it was pointed out that from birth to age five is an area where the religious teaching is lacking. The Parent Educator book is key to addressing this issue and it is scheduled to go to print shortly.

The Thursday prior to Thanksgiving, November 16, we ask our members to fast and pray to end hunger. This year, the Spirituality Commission is requesting that our members send the money they save fasting that day to the NCCW who will combine the money received and forward it to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The check should be made out to NCCW and in the memo portion, write "CRS-Thanksgiving."

Are you looking for some good wholesome movies? Check out "Same Kind of Different as Me" which opened in theaters October 20. This is a fabulous movie based on a powerful, true story of love, life, and friendship that will move your spirit! We were fortunate to preview the movie at the NCCW Convention in Dallas and were privileged to have the author of the book, Ron Hall, speak with us after the movie. And also watch for "THE STAR-The Story of the First Christmas" coming to theaters November 17 to see the birth of Jesus through a whole new set of eyes. In this animated movie, Bo the donkey and his animal friends become unlikely heroes in the first Christmas.

I invite you to attend the Winter Symposium January 12-13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center in Waverly. The theme is "Serving God by Serving Others". We can all serve God with even our smallest actions and can be a service to others as God wishes. Sometimes just listening is all that is needed to do a caring and loving action. Go to the LDCCW website to register for the Symposium.

As the year end approaches, look back and see where you have served others as God would. Remember to submit your Charitable Works Survey by January 31.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions to LDCCW by January 1. These contributions help the LDCCW continue to carry out our mission to 'perform the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in the service of God and His Church.'

May you all have a Bountiful Fall and a Spirit Filled Christmas Season.

Wishing you love, peace, and blessings always,

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ALL SAINTS  
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## Marian Consecration

By the Most Rev. James D. Conley, Bishop of Lincoln

This past year, Holy Mother Church has been commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. At Fatima, Our Blessed Mother encouraged us to sacrifice and pray. In light of this anniversary year and Our Lady's instruction, I would like to draw your attention to a beautiful Marian devotion, which is an important part of my own spiritual life—Marian consecration.

The devotion involves a total surrender of self to Mary's care. Our Lord came to us through Mary, so it is fitting that we should return to him through her. And, Jesus gave Mary to us as our dear Mother at the foot of the cross (John 19:26-27). Our Blessed Mother, poses no barrier to our union with the Triune God. She is full of grace and her will is one with God's will. She will and can only lead us closer to the Father, her Son—Jesus, and her spouse—the Holy Spirit.

When we are consecrated to Mary, we find a home in her heart. Our wills are given over to her care. Our striving for holiness, union with God in prayer, evangelization and apostolic service (which are all marks of the LDCCW) become more habitual and more fruitful, because we allow Mary to form us to be ever more like her and her Son in receptivity to God's grace.

On September 13, 2017, I renewed our diocesan consecration to Mary. I encourage you all to consider making the grace of diocesan consecration more deeply your own through personal or communal consecration to Mary. There are many good resources readily available for this devotion such as: *True Devotion to Mary* by St. Louis de Montfort, *Total Consecration to Mary* by Father Anselm Romb, OFM Conv., and *Thirty-three Days to Morning Glory* by Father Michael Gaitley. May Our Lady of Fatima continue to intercede for you and your families. God bless you!



**Post –It Notes  
From Province  
Director  
JoAnn Messing**

At the 2017 Dallas convention, one of the resolutions that was passed was for us to pray for our country. At our October conference call, Maribeth Stewart, our NCCW president, has asked that we all pray for our country by saying the "St. Michael prayer", an "Our Father", a "Hail Mary", and a "Glory Be". If you are already praying for our country, please continue doing so! But if you need encouragement here is an idea for you.



Dear *Newsnotes* Readers;

*Tempus fugit.* (Time flies)

November is already here. Advent begins December 5 this year. Christmas is only 2 months away. The new year 2018 is quickly approaching. January will bring the March for Life in Washington, DC (January 21) and the Walk for Life in Lincoln (January 27). It will also bring the "**Serving God by Serving Others**" **Winter Symposium of the LDCCW** at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House between Lincoln & Waverly (January 12-13). **Ash Wednesday** will be February 14, 2018. (Gives a deeper meaning to "heart day").

Attendees of past Winter Symposium can testify they left with new ideas and inspiration and an experience of fellowship with Catholic women from across the diocese. Also a greater realization of working together with the support of the Bishop of Lincoln and the Nebraska Catholic Conference and Catholic organizations across the diocese.

The theme "Serving God by Serving Others" reminds me of **Fr. Robert Spitzer's summary of Four Levels of Happiness**. Following are excerpts from a reflection for Respect Life Sunday available at [www.healingtheculture.com](http://www.healingtheculture.com)

"Most of us don't spend a lot of time reflecting on what true happiness is. But we should, because the way a culture defines happiness will have everything to do with the way that culture defines the meaning of suffering.

The Greek philosopher Aristotle pointed out 2,400 years ago that there are actually different levels of happiness, and they are not all equal. If you could summarize the last 2,400 years of intellectual thought and dialogue on the subject, you can see four distinct kinds of human happiness.

Happiness Level 1 comes from physical pleasure and material possessions. It's an important kind of happiness. We need at least a basic level of physical sustenance in order to survive. But it's usually considered to be the lowest kind of happiness, because it's very short-lived – it's immediately gratifying, and then gone. It's not a very deep kind of happiness – it doesn't leave you feeling any deep sense of fulfillment. And it's not very pervasive – meaning that it doesn't affect very many people beyond yourself....

Happiness 2 comes from an ego-gratification – the sense that our lives actually do have some value, although in this level, that sense of value, of worth, comes from how we compare to others. We can get ego-gratification from achieving a goal we set for ourselves, from being better than other people, from being powerful or in control over others, or from being admired or popular....

Happiness Level 3 is deeper than Level 2. It's longer lasting,

and it uses more of our powers and gifts. It's the kind of happiness that comes from making a positive difference beyond myself for the good of someone else who is in need. It's the happiness that comes from sacrificing my own wants and needs in order to tend to the needs of another person. It can be experienced through charity, or through seeking what is true, or pursuing what is just over and above what will give me more pleasure or increase my own ego....

The **fourth level of happiness** comes from our desire for God. Human beings have a unique desire for absolute truth, unconditional love, perfect justice, and eternal home. We all yearn for the loving God who is the only one who can fulfill all of our deepest desires perfectly.

When someone argues that abortion is necessary in order to increase happiness and decrease suffering, it's important to ask the question, what do they mean by happiness? What do they mean by suffering?

If by happiness we only mean that we want to increase physical pleasure, possessions, and ego-gratification, we are completely missing the point of the Gospels. As the philosopher Thomas Hobbes once wrote, under that definition, life will become "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short."

But if by happiness we mean that we would like to help people achieve the fulfillment that comes from loving others and loving God – well that's another matter altogether. If we believe that Happiness Levels 3 and 4 are not only better for us personally but also better for the culture, for society, and for communities, it completely changes the way we view success, quality of life, love, suffering, and freedom.

Our culture is driving us, unreflectively, into this view of happiness. Abortion makes it much easier to seek this kind of happiness than to do what is truly worthy of us and give ourselves away in love for the good of others. It causes us to radically underlive our lives and miss out on far deeper interpretations of these words..."

I look forward to joining all who will attend the Winter Symposium. Thank you ahead of time to all who will attend and all who will make preparations and all who will pray for the event... for your support and the service you do for God and for others.

May God bless all of us.



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## **TO PRIESTS: THE MIRACLE OF FATIMA**

I'm sure we've all heard of the Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917 when the sun "danced", did some other things, fell toward the earth, and returned to its place in the sky. And everything that had been soaked by rain was dry – clothes, ground, people, etc. Over 70,000 were there. Newspapers reported the events. It was a marvelous miracle. However, reading the memoirs of Sister Lucia, the three seers barely noticed those things. They were experiencing heavenly events and apparitions of Mary, St. Joseph and Jesus. It makes me think the greatest miracle happened in the souls of the three children.

They kept most of that secret, of course. Then two died, years passed, and the canonization process began for the deceased: Jacinta and Francisco. When their bodies were exhumed, Jacinta's body was found incorrupt. The bishop had photos taken of both. He sent photos of Jacinta to her cousin, Sister Lucia. Sister wrote back to thank him and told him some brief memories of Jacinta. He wrote her again since she was the only one who really knew the interior life of Jacinta. He told her to write all she could remember about Jacinta in that regard. So began Lucia's memoirs, out of obedience to God's ordained.

The three were mainly typical children for their time and their ages. Their families were religious and instilled faith in their children. Before any apparitions occurred, by their own initiative they would say the Rosary every day and use their "short-cut" at times. But God set these three apart for his purposes. He gave them graces no others received. And they responded and matured in the spiritual life so much. How Sister Lucia describes their inner life was amazing. Their parents really didn't understand them and their friends certainly didn't. They still did normal things children did: played games with other children and worked to help their families make a living. As graces were given them, they preferred to be with each other more and more in play and work, if they could. They prayed together more and talked to each other more. They really suffered as kids some terrible things; a few traumatic things, and loved God more.

After God graced them with the heavenly appearances of Mary, they spent more and more time in prayer. Francisco skipped school at least once so he could stay alone in the church to pray. Jacinta kept thinking of sacrifices to make for the conversion of sinners. They all did, but she did especially. They supported each other in creating opportunities to pray and to make sacrifices, especially as they gained notoriety in Portugal. All the while, their desire for the salvation of souls grew stronger and firmer. In one apparition Mary told them that wearing the ropes they found as a penance was pleasing to God but that he didn't want them to wear them to bed. Francisco looked forward so to go to heaven. Jacinta was asked by Mary if she wanted to go or stay a little longer to offer sacrifices to convert more sinners. She chose to stay. What kind of miracle of love would transform the soul of a seven year old to make such a free choice?

I don't know if we would know much at all about the interior life of the shepherd children without the memoirs of Lucia. Francisco and Jacinta put my spiritual life to shame. But I have to remind myself God set them aside for His special purpose. They received many great graces and freely chose to follow them. I have not received the same exact graces. So if I try to do the same things they did, without grace from God it would be trying to do something heavenly using my own earthly nature. The children inspire me to pray and make joyful sacrifices to God. However, I or anyone would need to ask God for the graces needed and depend on His grace not on our own achievements in doing His will. I think we need to recall this when we tell anyone of the spiritual feats of any saints, especially when telling young children



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This year of 2017, we are asked through the National Council of Catholic Women Spirituality Commission, to fast on the Thursday before Thanksgiving. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, please join the Day of Prayer and Fasting across the United States.

Mary Rowley, NCCW Spirituality Commission Chair, leads the event by asking us all to pray to end hunger. The money you save by fasting on that day, consider sending to NCCW, who will then send on to Catholic Relief Services. Make your check payable to NCCW; with the memo line CRS--Thanksgiving.

"Do Not Be Afraid" is probably the best line Jesus ever said in Scripture. If we have Jesus as our Friend, Companion, always there, always loving, always forgiving, protecting, what have we to fear in life? Even the powers of Darkness cannot break through to us, if we truly let Christ take care of our lives.

Do not be hesitant to come and see what "Unbound" is all about in your parishes. The first time I read the book, recommended to me by a priest friend two years ago, I was afraid. My personal opinion was that it was half way between "regular" Catholicism, and exorcism. The book bothered me; I went back to Gloria Deo and ordered the workbook, also. After studying some more, and attending last month's session by Fr. Andrew Heaslip and Lori Weskamp at our parish, St. Vincent de Paul in Seward, I have seen a very positive outcome to "Unbound."

We know we should reject Satan and all evil, reject sin and temptation. BUT, Unbound is about rejecting things that make our lives miserable! Renounce fear, renounce hate, reject addictions, reject overeating, reject rejection! Reject those things from your past, even your childhood that made you develop habits you want to break. Forgive, be at peace, be happy. Reject blaming someone for your problems. Let go. Jesus said, "I came that you may have LIFE and have it to the FULL." Reject unhappiness. Live in the love of your families and friends. Tell those bad things to go away with your prayers. Unbound is a call to a deeper life in Christ, a deeper and happy faith. A happier life.

PUT ON YOUR ARMOR. A year ago, I ordered a book on Amazon entitled, "Church Militant, Field Manual Special Forces Training for the Life in Christ" by Fr. Richard M. Heilman. I had just been browsing, and came upon this religious guidebook. "...the purpose of this Field Manual is to find the courageous faithful in the trenches of the Church Militant who seek the basic training that is vital for battling evil and rescuing souls. "BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, SO THAT YOU CAN TAKE YOUR STAND AGAINST THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES. FOR OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST THE RULERS, AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES, AGAINST THE POWERS OF THIS DARK WORLD, AND AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF EVIL IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS." Note: Governments? Be strong in Christ, armed with new weapons more splendid than gold.

**Divine Mercy - Jeanette Stengel**

Nationwide Rosary Rally for Peace At noon on Friday October 13, 2017, the 100-year jubilee of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima, there will be a nationwide "Rosary Rally for Peace in America." Already over 13,000 sites have committed with the hope that 20,000 sites in the USA are involved. Please encourage your pastor for permission to host a rosary rally, open to all parishioners, at noon on that Friday. If one cannot come to the actual site, pray in place at noon. This is organized by the Nebraska Knights of Columbus so let's all cooperate and join in with prayer for peace. "I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins"

**Divine Mercy**

On September 13th 1917 our Lady spoke to Lucia: "Continue to pray the Rosary in order to obtain the end of the war. I will cure some, but others not. In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe." In Divine Mercy and Fatima, the Seers were taught similar prayers in reparation for sins and for the salvation of souls. The Angel of Peace taught at Fatima: "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the Tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages...." In the Divine Mercy Chaplet, we pray: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of your Divine Son Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world." Mary promised at Fatima, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Where does she lead us? To the fount of Divine Mercy ---- the Heart of Jesus. When her Immaculate Heart triumphs, when mankind turns to the fount of Divine Mercy, mankind will know peace. Our task is to do all we can to make as many people as possible aware of how crucial all this is for the future of the Church and the world. Jesus told St. Faustina, "I am giving them the last hope of salvation, that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity." From: "World Apostolate of Fatima" 100 Years of Grace [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com)



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I hope this message finds all of you enjoying the cooler weather and beautiful colors of fall.

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, but I recently found some statistics in Catholic Woman magazine I wanted to share.

- Women every year lose 8,000,000 days of paid work because of abuse.
- Number of American troops killed in Afghanistan and Iraq 2001-2012 was 6,488. Number of American women killed by a current or ex male partner during that same time was 11,766.
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness in families.

These are some very sobering facts. As I have said before, NCCW has excellent reference materials on their website on this topic.



November brings time for delivery of the diapers collected for the diocesan diaper drive. I know your parishes will be generous as usual. The pregnancy centers thank you!

In November, we celebrate Veteran's Day. This gives us the opportunity to thank our veterans for all they have done for our country. (We should thank them all year, not just on their special day.) If your community or school is putting on a program for the day, try to attend. It is very inspiring.

Thanksgiving day is approaching and with that comes family time for many of us. It is also a time to remember those who aren't as fortunate or blessed when it comes to food and family. Visit your local food pantry and find out if they are short on certain items. Put a notice in the church

bulletin and gather the needed items. If you have a school in your parish, encourage the students to take part. If you know of someone who doesn't have a family nearby, see if you can help them to find a place for Thanksgiving dinner.

Plan ahead for Advent and have an Advent baby shower for your local Pregnancy Center. Call and find out what their needs are at this time and list them for the parishioners to donate.

As we approach this time of year, I want to thank all the ladies (& men) who carry out the projects that LDCCW promotes. You may feel your input is small, but it takes a lot of small acts of love to make these programs work.

May God bless all of you and your families and loved ones!

Happy Fall!

Geri



### Upcoming events --

Nov 21 - Our Lady of Presentation (Patroness for Treasurer/Auditors)  
Nov 23 - Thanksgiving  
Dec 3 - Advent Begins  
Dec 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Dec 25 - Christmas  
Jan 1, 2018 - Solemnity of Mary  
Jan 12-13, 2018 - LDCCW Board Meetings and 8th Annual Winter Symposium at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly  
Feb 2 - Presentation of the Lord  
Feb 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day (Patroness for Historians)  
Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday Day of Recollection in Hastings and Waverly  
February 15- Catholics at the Capitol  
April 13-14, 2018 - LDCCW Convention at McCook

## **Business As Usual**

These past few months were nothing like business as usual. The eclipse was an occasion where we were able to marvel in the greatest lunar event in history. The great unknown of August 21 brought many of us to tears. It was a scientific, historical and mystical event. It was truly a time when those who saw the eclipse shared in one experience and it was for that singular moment peace occurred for all. I had opened my home to people I have never met! It reminded me of the first Christmas when Bethlehem was overrun with people for the census. There was no room in the inn but the experiences shared during that time were priceless. I found that I could open my home to strangers when the need presents itself. Let's fast forward to recently, during a trip to Texas for a Higher Education Sustainability Conference, I attended a session with Catholic colleges over *Laudato Si*. The session discussed the effect of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment and the frustration that there was a less than enthusiasm of embracement of those teachings. Are we doing everything we can to care for our earth? Are we avoiding Styrofoam cups when possible? Can we cut back on printing when possible. Our leadership trainings were located in areas where time and driving were minimized. These two key events made me to realize that as long as we continue as business as usual we really are not going to grow as leaders. NCCW pushes us to go beyond our safe zone and be Christian to all, not pick and choose the easy road. I am going to encourage you to go to [nccw.org](http://nccw.org) and register as a member of NCCW. Be uncomfortable and do something different.

The Spirit Catholic Radio Care-A-Thon is complete and with our four diocese we pulled in \$7,160 and with the unlimited match our total was \$14,320 for the hour! Way to go ladies!!

I hope you were able to celebrate LDCCW Sunday, if you were not able to talk to your priest about another day!

I would not be able to end this report by saying please remember to go online and change your officers!

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### **AID FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS**

Statistics show that about 70 percent of children with an incarcerated parent will end up behind bars themselves. The Nebraska Legislature's Judiciary Committee has discussed an interim study aimed at examining the impact of incarceration on inmates' children and what Nebraska is now and should be doing to meet the children's needs.

An eye opening statistic of one in every ten Nebraska children has a parent who has been in prison or jail at some point in their lives. The inspector general of Nebraska Correctional Systems said easing opportunities for contact between incarcerated parents and child (ren) is beneficial to both the parent and the child.

Strengthening the bonds between an incarcerated parent and their child can minimize trauma inflicted on the child and enhance parenting skills for the parent many of whom return to their former homes upon release.

Visits often take time and money that families don't have and phone calls made from smaller facilities, such as county jails, can cost around \$1 per minute.

Additionally current policies limit physical contact, only allowing children aged 3 and under to be held by their parents during visits. All other children are only allowed a kiss and hug at the beginning and end of visitation. It is difficult to understand these restrictions to physical contact since it is a proven fact that withholding love and affection does not lead to rehabilitation of criminals and can impress upon a child that they aren't loved.

These particular restrictive policies can have negative effects on the development and the physical and mental health of children. Suggestions for visitations included creating a more child-friendly space for visitations and expanding parenting programs.

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- This past week, President Trump reversed the mandate by the Obama Administration that all employers had to supply birth control to their employees through medical coverage. Thank God for this decision.

#### **Pope's Intentions Christians in Asia**

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



## Faith Matters

### *A reflection in the life of the Catholic Council of Catholic Women*

How Faith has been beneficial in your life.

I have always been interested in God, Jesus, the Bible, religion and faith. Even as a youngster, I was always thirsting for more information. My paternal grandmother, who was protestant, was always going to church and doing church related activities. Each morning after breakfast she read her devotional, and when we stayed with her, she always had us read it and the Bible with her. She was an excellent roll model for me. This example was very beneficial to me and my faith. Because God was important to her, it showed me how to start my own relationship with Him and it made me even more interested in continuing to learn about God and my faith in Him. As far as I can remember, I don't think anyone else was talking to me about God and faith.

As an adult, while attending a Lutheran Woman's conference once, a Lutheran Bishop's wife made the statement, "Catholics are the most prayerful people I know." Being the wife of a Bishop gave her opinion a lot of weight, and it was such a powerful statement, I found myself reflecting on her words later. "Why does she think Catholics are so prayerful? Why aren't Lutherans as prayerful?" This meditation left me more thirsty for God, and in my search for answers, my faith was deepened. I realized that all of the saints I had ever heard about, like St. Francis of Assisi, were Catholic. Why weren't protestants saints? More thirst ... more prayers ... more faith. From this I realized I need to pray more, seek more & read the Bible more.

My son told me about a speaker he heard. A Catholic lady had tried an experiment: pray for one hour each day for a year and see if it changes you. She was amazed at the results!! This was another great example for me. I started reading my devotional each morning and looking up all of the listed scriptures. WOW -- it was amazing. My thirst was quenched and my faith and belief in God were deepened.

I had to take RCIA twice because I loved my Lutheran faith and didn't want to change my church, but it was the Sacraments that sealed the deal for me. The Sacraments teach us and heal us — where would we be without the Eucharist!!!! What a loving God we worship. I'm SO blessed to have had God call me home to the Catholic Church and am grateful to have been wise enough to check it out and brave enough to make changes.

FAITH in God makes everything possible.

Shirley Huss  
Lincoln Deanery

#### Women of the Eucharist

This program was initiated by the LDCCW Past Presidents and approved by Bishop Flavin in 1987. Women who join this association sign a pledge card stating that they will spend one hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer for the intentions for Christ-like response to vocations to the priesthood and religious life and holy and happy families. A membership card, signed by the Bishop is presented. Those who are elderly or ill and not able to be present in a church may spend their hour of prayer for these intentions in their home or place of residence. Women who already spend an hour of Eucharist Adoration through a parish program or the Pink Sisters are not required to take an additional hour, but are encouraged include these intentions in their holy hour. The purpose of this association is to encourage an increase of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray for the particular needs of the Church - vocations and holy families. Please call or email Ellen Jirovsky, Spirituality Chairman, if you would like to join in this time of prayer for vocations and families.

Jeanette Stengel

## from Historian Judy Lorenz

The scrapbooks from each deanery, along with the diocesan scrapbook which I am preparing, will be on display at the LDCCW convention next April in McCook.

Please continue to collect photos, brochures, news clippings, etc. of the women's activity in your parish from April, 2016 to April, 2018. We will have a small "contest" and I am asking several past officers to assist me.

I would suggest that deanery historians try to collect the pages from each parish in their deanery in advance, say by early March or so. This gives the deanery historian time to assemble the pages. One scrapbook from each deanery. I will ask the deanery scrapbooks to be brought to convention on the 2nd day to be judged. (April 14) That way, no expense with mailing, etc.

Criteria for judging:

20% originality and theme

20% layout and neatness

20% content

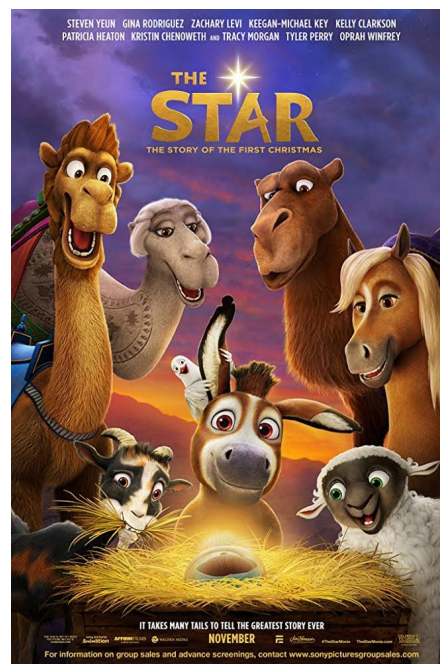
40% participation (number of parishes contributing)

\*extra credit if DEANERY activities included at some point.\*

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