

Spring Meeting April 2025
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He is Risen! He is Risen INDEED!

There is no greater sign of hope in our world than the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. Just as the apostles witnessed “all that He did” (Acts 10:39), let us be witnesses to the hope and power of life over death. Give us eyes to see Christ when all seems lost.

“Sustain me, my God, according to your promise, and I will live; do not disappoint me in my hope.” - Psalm 119:116

“During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.” Pope Francis said in the papal bull published prior to the Jubilee Year’s opening. Perhaps the Jubilee Year is the best time to make the gap between the privileged and the poor disappear. Continue all the wonderful Corporal Works of Mercy you are doing: donating food to CSS or local Food Banks that serve the poor and disadvantaged, serving meals to the less fortunate, serving funeral dinners that offer nourishment and comfort, fasting and prayer to end worldwide hunger, and all the many other works all our PCCWs do.

We continue to collect eyeglasses and rosaries. Please bring to our Diocesan meetings or contact Joyce for other arrangements.

Cross Catholic Outreach continues to be a source for extending our Corporal Works of Mercy. Donations are always welcomed, and participating in the Box of Joy program will be encouraged again this year.

Offer support for the imprisoned through prayer, fasting, or giving religious materials that can be shared by our priests and other religious that work in this ministry.

We hope that each PCCW is participating in the President’s project of supporting the Pregnancy Centers of our Diocese. This can be done in a variety of ways including monetary support, donations of items needed, or remembering them in your prayers.

There are many other ways that our PCCWs are offering service to others. Making and donating lap quilts to nursing homes, visiting those who are homebound or in a nursing facility, driving someone to Mass, taking a meal to those grieving the loss of a loved one or to celebrate the birth of a baby all come to mind.

As Jesus reminds us, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40)