

## **Were Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us**

The painting "Walk to Emmaus" has been a favorite of mine for years. When I do my rosary walk, I pass by a huge cottonwood on the gravel road and think about that image. Confession time, I am a klutz and I have to watch where I walk. The path can trip me up if I am not careful. I can imagine the disciples were probably doing the same thing when Jesus joined them. Talking and discussing the scripture with Jesus their hearts began to burn. We feel that when we return home from our LDCCW gatherings. There is a sameness in faith we all feel comfort in.

As I mentioned in my kickoff meeting in April, this summer we will begin our journey and to stir the fire of the Holy Spirit within our hearts will start a study of "Foundations for Discipleship" by Curtis Martin and Edward Sri. This is a FOCUS book and it is beginning to be read in many parishes. I have already started the book along with a few other LDCCW members. When we catch up with each other and discuss the book, the phrase "are not our hearts burning within us" usually comes into the conversation.

I have come to believe we need to stir the fires and inflame the Spirit of our organization. We have struggled to invite women to our PCCW and DCCW meetings. This study will help us understand ourselves and the women we serve.

Please consider signing the Pro-Life Ballot petition to place the [Protect Women and Children Ballot Initiative](#) on the ballot in November. The [Nebraska Catholic Conference](#) has excellent resources to review. I would also recommend going to the [Nebraska Family Alliance](#) for a fact sheet that explains what the Pro-Abortion initiative would remove from the protections that are currently set in place for mothers and babies. You can also go to the [Nebraska Right to Life](#) for additional fact sheets on this impending danger in our state. We are a pro-life state and make sure you are informed. The pro-abortion workers are in your community now asking to sign petitions. Please be aware of the information.

### **President's Travels**

I have attended the Minden Deanery meeting and plan to attend the Lincoln and David City Deanery meetings. I would love to come visit with the women of your deanery. I might invite myself if I haven't heard from you. If you are a distance away from Juniata, it would be helpful if you could put me up for a night, so I don't have a late drive home.