

Service Commission
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Christmas Day has passed but we are still in the middle of the Christmas season. During this season we also celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This Feast reminds us that Jesus lived a real human life in a real earthly place and time. God chose to protect the Holy Family through Saint Joseph. We also celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. He chose her to be the mother of our Lord Jesus. Her yes allowed Jesus to come among us and dwell within each of us. Let's remember to entrust our lives to God's will just as Mary and Joseph did and offer our prayers in union with them in service to our Lord.

It is the beginning of another year. A new year can be a time to build new resolutions or goals, and it can be a time of renewed goals by strengthening existing ones that may have faltered. How is your PCCW/Altar Society doing with the projects and/or goals that were set out? How are you meeting the Corporal Work of Mercy of Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Visit the imprisoned, and Bury the dead? Sometimes it is easy to fulfill these works during the holiday season as it is a good time to help those in need. Be sure to continue to remember them after the season is over. Continue with donations to food banks and clothing centers, offer rides to Mass or appointments, or just simply send notes or cards to let someone know they are not alone. January can be a time of solitude and despair with the dismal cold days of winter.

Perhaps the beginning of a new year is a time to plan a new project. Perhaps it is the time to let go of an existing project that is no longer as effective as it once was. Try to look at it objectively. Perhaps it is time to be more willing to listen to others' ideas and opinions. Pray for the grace to have an open mind and heart.

The beginning of the calendar year is the time to send in your annual donations to the LDCCW. These donations support various works of mercy throughout the Diocese. The form can be found on the website. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Mark January 30-31, 2026 on your calendar. It's the LDCCW Winter Symposium at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly NE. It's a great time for spiritual renewal as well as fellowship with great Catholic women!