

Service Commission
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Thank you for all you do for your parish, community, and our Diocese. As Coretta Scott King said, “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” Your efforts are greatly appreciated and may be more far reaching than you will ever know.

As was previously noted, the annual Diaper Drive held in October 2024 was a GREAT SUCCESS! It would not be successful without you and the participation of your parishes. Counting the actual diapers donated and the cash donated converted to diapers, the total collected was 218,965 diapers. WOW!! The diapers were then donated to pregnancy centers in Beatrice, Hastings, Lincoln, McCook, North Platte, Superior, and York. In addition, diapers were given to Catholic Social Services in Auburn, Hastings, Imperial, and Lincoln and to St. Gianna Women’s Homes in Hasting and Lincoln as well as the Lincoln Women’s Care Center and Lincoln Birthright.

The Box of Joy project had 12 parishes and organizations donating 238 boxes of gifts at the Lincoln drop off site to be sent to children in impoverished countries by Cross Catholic Outreach. If your parish donated at another drop off center site or online, please let Joyce know so it can be counted in our numbers. Please consider participating next fall in this worthwhile project by ordering kits, which include gift and packing boxes, in late August or early September and collecting items in September or October to be sent off to Cross Catholic Outreach. The CCD kids who helped pack at our parish had lots of fun doing it. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Carolyn Helget, Outreach Commission coordinator, has sent cards from the LDCCW to each of our seminarians and nuns and priests in our Diocese for their anniversaries or loss in their families. She has received several thank you notes in appreciation.

Money is budgeted each two-year term for supporting pregnancy centers in our Diocese. The amount is divided by six to be distributed after each Diocesan meeting of LDCCW during that term, with a percentage given to five different centers. Apostles for Life is also a financial support program that aids the centers. It is also distributed following each Diocesan Full Board meeting. The funds depend on donations from parishes or individuals of \$12 per year per individual. After the September 2024 meeting and following the January 2025 meeting donations were given to:

September 2024			January 2025		
		Budget	Apostles for Life	Budget	Apostles for Life
Birthright Lincoln	25%	\$208.33	\$170.17	\$208.33	\$265.75
Wellspring Hastings	25%	\$208.33	\$170.17	\$208.33	\$265.75
Willow Center Beatrice	25%	\$208.33	\$170.17	\$208.33	\$265.75
Hope Beatrice	15%	\$125.00	\$102.11	\$125.00	\$159.45
ABC McCook	10%	\$ 83.34	\$ 68.07	\$ 83.34	\$106.30

World Marriage Day is celebrated in February traditionally on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day. Be sure to celebrate in your parish. Some ideas include renewal of vows, drawing for a date night meal, a display of couples wedding pictures or a fun social for parishioners. See the accompanying flyers for additional information.

Upcoming Events:

Nebraska Right to Life Gala – January 31, 2025; LaVista (tickets available for purchase until Jan. 17)

Nebraska Walk for Life – February 1, 2025; 9:00 am Mass @ St. Mary Catholic Church, downtown Lincoln followed by walk at 10:00 am beginning at the State Capitol

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend – February 14-16, 2025, Lincoln NE

Catholics at the Capitol – March 6, 2025

“Whatever you did for one of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 26:40