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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

After a long cold winter, March always seems to me to be a month of waiting. Waiting to turn back the clocks for longer days; waiting for the last of the winter snow that has lost its white luster to melt. We wait for the warmth of the sun, the new green of spring and the buds to blossom. Waiting takes on a new meaning this year as Lent is just beginning and we wait for the celebration of Easter.

This year instead of using lent to kick-start my diet; I am trying to focus on developing a deeper relationship with God by fasting from the things that keep me from Him. While I don't always finish lent as strong as I start, I take comfort in knowing that God sees our hearts and not just our failings. The readings on Ash Wednesday tell us to go to the inner room and pray where only the Father can see us. This month in addition to the Stations of the Cross our program will be an introduction to that kind of contemplative prayer. I hope you will join us for prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth.

*Eternal Father, grant that during these forty days
I may share more profoundly in your divine life,
and help me to know more certainly the depths of your love*

**May God fill your Lent with his presence
and lead you to a renewed experience of his love.
From the Magnificat**

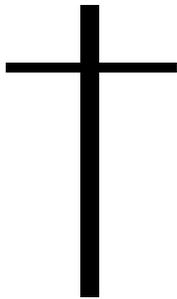
Lenten blessings,
Lisa



MARCH MEETING

Monday, March 17
St. Rose Church
6:30PM

2501 Eastern Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45202



6:30 Stations of the Cross (in the Church)

7:00 Dinner/Meeting in the undercroft

Sr. Micki Martin, CDP, will lead us in the process of Centering Prayer that helps us to quiet ourselves from all the daily noise and reside in the quiet of God's presence. Centering prayer is a method of awakening to the gift of contemplation. Contemplative prayer is a process of interior transformation to divine union with God.

Please bring:

- Payment for dinner: \$14 ~ Comfort food prepared by our own Bunny Jacobs: pesto torte, tomato soup, salad, pasta & cookies

→RSVP to Suzy Dorward by Thursday 3/13/14
(513) 891-1965 or sldorward@fuse.net

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN - WE NEED YOUR CONTACTS!

Every year we conduct the Pennies from Heaven Raffle to raise money for scholarships for women who want to go back and pursue a college degree. We have been successful because you all have provided us with names and addresses of friends and family members who you feel might join in on the fun. So that we can continue to be successful, **PLEASE bring any addresses to the March meeting OR send them to Teddie Curry (preferably in excel format) NO LATER THAN APRIL 10.**

The more people we have on the list, the more tickets we can sell. Suzy can provide information electronically if you would like to email this to your close friends/family (not sure about solicitation rules over email, but if they are all your friends, you could certainly get away with it!)

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN - MAILING PREP

Suzy Dorward's
2121 Alpine Place #801
Wednesday, April 16, 2014
6:30-8:30

RSVP by April 10
sldorward@fuse.net
(513) 891-1965

CALENDAR

All events held at the CCW House unless otherwise noted.

Board Meetings

Prior to the general meeting at 5:30p.m., unless otherwise notified by the president.

Upcoming: April 28, May 19

General Meetings

3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Here is an overview of programs planned for this year. The dates are firm, but some of the programs may be subject to change.

March 17 – St. Rose Church - Stations of the Cross, Centering Prayer. Feel free to bring a friend!

April 28 – Walking Tour of Spring Grove Cemetery

May 19 – CCW House - May Crowning

June – Annual meeting; date and time TBA

Craft Circle

Scheduled meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from Noon—2:00 p.m. but are subject to change.

Call Pat TenBieg, Chair, to verify before coming to a meeting: 245-0772.

February Meeting Recap

Thanks to guest speaker Liz Tassone, who spoke to us about “Practicing Gratitude.” Liz discussed finding gratitude by looking at something “with new eyes,” by making a conscious effort to be “better versus bitter,” and by recognizing the gifts present during hardship. Here is a prayer from St. Theresa that she shared:

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

Call for Photos

Please check out the new website and share it with friends!

www.cincinnatiatholicwomen.org

If you have any photos you can contribute to the website, please send them to Julie Metzger juliemetzger@returningthegift.org

CCW House Rental

Reminder that the CCW house can be booked for meetings or parties! Contact a board member for details.

Information for the Newsletter?

Please email or call Laura Kasbek at:

laurakasbek16@yahoo.com

(513) 520-1690