

# CINCINNATI CATHOLIC women

Catholic Women of Cincinnati

October, 2016

## Autumn Prayer

*O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.  
As we embrace these autumn months,  
May the earlier setting of the sun  
remind us to take time to rest.  
May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet  
remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.  
May the steam of our breath in the cool air  
remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.  
May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds  
remind us that you call us to follow your will.  
We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.*

Dear CCW Members:

Welcome to FALL! I hope you will take a moment and really read the prayer above as you rush through your day. I know that I am constantly reminding myself that this day is not under my control and I just have to leave it up to God to guide me in my decisions and my behavior. As I take my early morning walk, I am in awe of the quiet beauty surrounding me and the gift of each day and the wonder of the little things that surround me. Take a minute and breathe and pray.

Our first meeting of the year was filled with spirited talk and much needed "catch-up" with our friends. As we plan for our October meeting, I hope you will consider joining us at the CCW house on October 17 at 6:30p.m. We will be learning and discussing more about the Catholic Church's "Year of Mercy".

Julie Ross and Lisa Odenbeck are working on our program and it will certainly be one that will engage us, so I encourage you to RSVP TO TEDDIE and plan to join us.

Suzy



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## **Our Mission**

**“Offering women of all ages spiritual growth, philanthropic endeavors, volunteerism, and friendship through personal involvement in projects and activities that have a focus on helping women and children in our community.”**

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## List of Upcoming Meetings:

October 17 – Discussion on the Church’s “Year of Mercy”

November 14 – Soup Night with BHGH – Making soup for Tender Mercies

December 12 – Ornament Exchange

January 16 - Mass & 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

February 20 – Patti Green, Speaker – “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”.

March 20 – Stations of the Cross at St. Rose

April 23\* - Baby Shower for Pregnancy Center East

\*SUNDAY AFTERNOON BRUNCH

May 22 – Final Meeting/May crowning

June 19 – End of year picnic

### October 17, 2016 – MEETING AT CCW HOUSE

Come join us as we discuss the Jubilee of Mercy that Pope Francis has called, from December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016. Find out what makes this an Extraordinary Jubilee in the life of the Church.

*“ ...The reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation. May the Mother of God open our eyes, so that we may comprehend the task to which we have been called; and may she obtain for us the grace to experience this Jubilee of Mercy as faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ.”*

#### *Dinner Menu:*

*Apple Cider Glazed Chicken w/ Sauce*

*Sweet Potato Souffle*

*Nantucket Vegetable Blend*

*Spring Greens w/ Candied Pecans, Bleu Cheese, Dried Cranberries w/ Apple Vinaigrette  
on the Side*

*Dessert: Pumpkin Mousse w/ Cinnamon Whipped Cream Drizzled w/ Caramel Sauce*

*Cost: \$15.00*

**RSVP TO TEDDIE email: [Teddie@fuse.net](mailto:Teddie@fuse.net) or phone: (513)702-1951 BY OCTOBER 11th**

**Also please bring 2 bottles of wine to the meeting.  
We have been going through it like water!!!**

## FRIENDS, FAITH AND FUN PICTURES FROM OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING!



### MEETING MINUTES (SEE WHAT YOU MISSED)

September 19, 2016

Mass with Fr. Barry

8:10 pm meeting called to order/Suzy Dorward

1. Financial Report was given by Teddie Curry (on file at the CCW house)
2. Janet Buening asked about obtaining a copy of the First Communion painting – Nourse
  - The board will discuss this and Janet will bring a proposal to the board
3. Introduction of the new board
  - a. Suzy announced the board members and their positions on the board
    - Suzy Dorward – president
    - Lisa Odenbeck- shadow president
    - Meg Jung – vice president
    - Kelley Carrier – recording secretary
    - Maria Carver – treasurer
    - Marty Cunningham – spiritual advisor
    - Julie Ross – newsletter
    - Teddie Curry – advisor to the treasurer
    - Liz Glassmeyer – corresponding secretaryBoard members have been assigned to plan our upcoming meetings this year
4. Retreat in January
  - a. St. Ignatius Loyola Parish Women's Retreat
  - b. January 20,21,22
  - c. St. Ann Retreat Center/director: John Lyendecker/\$165.00 per person includes all meals and individual rooms. Scholarship are available.
5. Other CCW activities that were brought to the members attention:

- a. Suggestion to add caroling to the December ornament exchange
- b. Cathedral Tour lead by Patti Green and her cousin 4 churches/lunch/happy hour – Sept. 30 ... she does this tour about 4 times per year
- 6. House Updates
  - a. New air conditioning units needed; board approved.
  - b. Bob will assess the electric in the house to see what we need or if we have the capacity for units
  - c. New microwave is needed for the kitchen
  - d. Insurance for the house/ Teddie noticed a large increase in our insurance rate ... she is “shopping” rates / our current rate is \$336 per month
- 7. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary “2017”
  - a. An historic moment will be added to each meeting
  - b. Something will be shared in the newsletter about CCW history each month
  - c. Some special event on a smaller scale will be planned  
le.. invite past presidents and/or past members to a meeting
- 8. New logo for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  - a. 3 options were proposed to the general membership  
Input was asked for by Suzy as to which logo is preferred
- 9. October Meeting – “Year of Mercy” Lisa Odenbech and Julie Ross will take charge of this meeting
- 10. Directory and Membership information  
Please update information and send it to Teddie Curry as she is working on an updated directory
- 11. Birthdays in September ... recognized
- 12. Split the pot ...\$51.00 Kelley Carrier winner
- 13. Announcements from members who are working on other events:
  - a. BHGH Gala in February
  - b. Ales to Zinfandales Nov. 12
  - c. Retreat in Oldenburg /Sunday at 10:45 am
  - d. Catholic Charities ... Patti Green is working with a refugee relocation program and is looking for tutors in English as a second language as well as anyone interesting in tutoring from 4 – 6 p.m. This family lived in a refugee camp for 17 years.
- 14. Members were asked “Where did you see God this summer”? several members shared their stories

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Kelley Carrier

## CCW History moment (by Janet Buening)

You may know that the organization we now call Cincinnati Catholic Women was founded on April 14, 1917 to support and serve the soldiers fighting in World War I—but you may be surprised to learn that our founder was Maria Longworth Nichols Storer, best known as the founder of Rookwood Pottery.

A grandchild of Nicholas Longworth, who was the wealthiest man in Cincinnati and lived in what is now the Taft Museum, Maria (pronounced Ma-RYE-uh) was born on March 20, 1849. At age 19 she married Civil War veteran and art archivist George Ward Nichols. While raising their two children, Joseph and Margaret, Maria **founded Cincinnati's famous May Festival in 1873**—an unusual endeavor for a woman of her time and young age. Her interest in the arts, especially china and pottery painting, next led her to **open the celebrated Rookwood Pottery Studio**, staffed largely by women. Its first piece was produced on Thanksgiving Day in 1880; in 1889 Rookwood won a gold medal at the prestigious Paris Exposition. Maria's extraordinary Aladdin Vase and other works are on display at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

After Nichols died in 1885, Maria married lawyer Bellamy Storer, who served in the U.S. Congress from 1891 to 1895, as foreign minister for the United States to Belgium from 1897 to 1898, and later in the same post in Spain and Austria-Hungary. In 1892 Maria, an Episcopalian, heard Archbishop John Ireland speak about Pope Leo XIII's views on labor relations, and **converted to Catholicism**. She was particularly interested in the Pope's ideas about **ethical and just working conditions** because of her involvement in Rookwood Studios. Maria's later insistence that President Theodore Roosevelt intervene with the Pope to have Ireland elevated to Cardinal along with her unauthorized use of Roosevelt's name in support of that cause eventually cost her husband his diplomatic post, and the couple moved back to Cincinnati, where Storer resumed the practice of law. In 1914 they made a major donation to **St. Ursula Academy** to build a chapel and the west wing addition, and then took up residence in an apartment in the new wing. St. Ursula maintains an archive and museum that includes information and artifacts about the Storers, and much of their residence has been kept intact.

Maria's dedication to her new faith, her connection with Archbishop Moeller, and her strong sense of patriotism led her to **found and serve as the first president of the Cincinnati Catholic Women's Association**, which met at Good Samaritan Hospital. The membership grew quickly and made enormous contributions of knitted garments, bandages, rosaries and scapulars for the soldiers; vestments, altar linens, and even an organ for Army camps in the U.S.; Red Cross and Christmas boxes for the soldiers overseas; and a donation of \$3,300.00 to Pope Benedict for the Italian War Orphans.

But by 1919, Maria had to resign from CCWA. While the Storer's were in France visiting their daughter, Bellamy suffered a stroke that prevented their return to the U.S. He died in Paris on November 12, 1922. Maria remained in France where she died on April 11, 1932, at age 83.

**Mrs. Frederick E. Mackentepe became CCWA's second president**, providing vigorous leadership and continuing Maria's strong vision for the organization.