

## Letter From President

*Spring Prayer*

*Dear God,*

*Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.*

*May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.*

*Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

(Submitted by Rev. Mark Bekkedahl)

This time of year means change for our organization. For me, it is a time full of mixed emotions – sad that I will be stepping down as President of CCW after two years and happy because of the progress and celebration we have made this year. We have welcomed new members; caught up with members who haven't been around for a while; celebrated our 100 anniversary; lent our time, talents and money to help the young ladies from Boys Hope, Girls Hop; enjoyed guest speakers and activities at our meetings (we even played Bingo). It's been a good year for

CCW and I personally thank the Board for their leadership and help every step of the way.

Our year-end meeting is quickly approaching, so **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MONDAY, MAY 21**. It will be a packed meeting with May Crowning, voting for Board Members, selecting the winner for Pennies from Heaven and a review of our year.

You won't want to miss it, so don't forget to RSVP early!

As I end my term as President, I want to thank each of you for your involvement in Cincinnati Catholic Women and hope that you have enjoyed this year of friendship and faith. It has been an honor to serve as your President. Thank you.

Suzy

### 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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## Upcoming Meeting



MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018  
6:30 PM

Join us for our YEAR-END meeting.  
What you need to bring:

- ✓ Picture of your mother
- ✓ Plant for the Mary Garden (must be "full sun" plant)
- ✓ A guest – feel free to bring your mom, sister, daughter or friend
- ✓ Recipe – if you have a favorite recipe from your mom, bring it and we'll compile it and make a booklet

PLEASE RSVP TO TEDDIE CURRY– [TEDDIE@FUSE.NET](mailto:TEDDIE@FUSE.NET) – BY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

**SPRING DINNER - \$15.00**

Chilled Spinach-Stuffed Chicken Pinwheels w/ Herb  
Peppercorn Sauce on the Side  
Chilled Angel Hair Pasta w/ Lemon Caper Wine Sauce  
w/ Grape Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions & Fresh  
Basil  
Corn off the Cob and Fresh Tomato Salad  
Watermelon, Blueberry and Feta Salad  
w/ Poppyseed Dressing on the Side  
Rolls and Herb Butter  
Individual Fruit Pizzas

Bring a friend



513-661-4359 or [martyc.music@gmail.com](mailto:martyc.music@gmail.com)

**FINAL Meeting /Picnic for 2017-2018 year  
in June-Date TBD**

## *Minutes from the April Meeting*

CCW Meeting  
April 16, 2018

Meeting began at 7:30 after dinner. The March minutes that were included in the April newsletter were approved.

Teddie Curry went over the YTD financials and reminded us that copies of the financial statements are located in a binder at the house for anyone that wants to see them.

Suzy thanked everyone for coming and brought some recent landscaping issues to the group's attention. Lynne Kramer went over the slate of candidates for the upcoming 2018-19 Board elections.

Maria Carver reported that the Pennies From Heaven raffle tickets have been sent to our past participants and any new names that were submitted. Maria told us the printing for the tickets were donated by Dana Graphics and Susie's mom helped with the mailing.

The May Crowning ceremony will take place at the May meeting and Marty Cunningham and Lynne Kramer are leading that meeting. They sent out a volunteer list to help with the activities for the evening. They would like plants for the Mary garden that take full sun or also any cut flowers you might want to bring.

Fr. Barry is being honored at the St. Vincent De Paul Dinner taking place May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The board would like to include non-board members to help host and organize the 2018-19 meetings.

Prayers were asked for those struggling both in and outside of CCW.

Marty Cunningham introduced RCIA Director from St. Clement Parish Emily Mulvey. Emily gave a talk on her journey converting to Catholicism and her role in others' conversions as RCIA director.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Ross, Board member for Kellie Carrier, Secretary (not in attendance)

## *Board Elections*



### **VOTE FOR YOUR BOARD MEMBERS!**

The following members have thrown their "hat" into the ring to run for the 2018-2019 Board.

**YOU MUST PAY YOUR DUES TO CAST YOUR VOTE. YOU CAN PAY AT THE MAY MEETING OR SEND A CHECK FOR \$35.00 TO: Teddie Curry 9056 Hopewell Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.** We will vote for **FOUR** Board Members. Ballots must be received no later than **FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018** and can also be sent to Teddie.

Once again we want to share with you the following candidates who will be running for the CCW Board. We have 4 people leaving the board and will be voting to replace each of them. Voting will take place at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Janet Buening** - "I have been a very active member of CCW since 1974, serving on board for at least 8 terms — most recently from 2008 - 2014 — in officer positions and as chair of many committees including Scholarship, Bulletin, Spiritual Activities, Bylaws Revision, Nominating, and Reunification. Most recently, I assisted with selling our Nourse painting to the Cincinnati Art Museum, wrote our history, and chaired our Centennial Mass and Luncheon at the Cathedral. CCW has been a cherished part of my life for 44 years, and I would like to use my experience and dedication to lead and shape the organization as it moves into its second century. My other volunteer activities include board and president service on Hyde Park Neighborhood Council, Catholic Residential Services, and Cincinnati Editors Association and service in Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati (board, grant writer, cookbook writer/editor). I am an involved member of St. Mary, Hyde Park; married to Greg for 46 years, with three adult children. Theoretically retired, I work part-time for two former employers, teaching for CET and editing for Forward Movement."

**Annemarie DeCurtins** - I have been a member of CCW for 15 years. My husband and I are members of St. Mary Church and our children attend St. Mary School, St. Ursula Academy and St. Xavier High School. We reside in North Avondale. I was an elementary teacher for 17 years and in my 6th year as a Realtor. CCW has always been something I look forward to because I can tune out the noise from my hectic life and reflect on myself and my relationship with God. The women of CCW are genuine, kind and strong. It has been inspiring to be on the Boys Hope Girls Hope committee, the Scholarship committee and the Centennial Celebration committee because the women of CCW work together so well to make some pretty incredible things happen! I finally have more time in my life to "give back" to this organization that has given me so much. I would like to be considered for the board to help implement the vision of CCW.

**Pat Evans** - "Been member of CCW for 9 years, on CCW board previously holding positions of secretary, corresponding secretary and VP. Also in charge of CCW house rentals, (hosting corporate business rentals, baby/bridal showers, university functions, wedding receptions XU youth picnics, as well as countless birthday parties) and inside house maintenance for the past 4 years. Work for several school districts as a classroom intervention specialist. Have a wonderful family and love being Nana to 6 grands, ages 8, 7, 6, 5, 5mos and 3mos. Husband Frank just retired so we are enjoying more travel and family trips to see daughter Katie, husband and 3 peeps in Maine, Mark, wife and son in Florida and son Mike, wife and 2 peeps in Kentucky. Grateful for good health, wonderful **family and friends and the spiritual comraderie from membership in CCW.**"

**Kathy Hosking** - "I have been a member of CCW for 17 years. Married to Bill, 3 grandsons. Lifelong member of Guardian Angels. Hope to continue the traditions and good works of Cincinnati Catholic Women, foster new ones, and encourage membership growth. Happy spring. "

**Mary Ellen Sullivan** - I have been a member of CCW since 1989 and a member of Our Lady of the Visitation since 1986. During my 2 previous board terms I served as Secretary and co-chaired fundraisers including Fashionata, the Scholarship Committee and our first Wine Tasting event. I am no longer working which gives me time to mentor 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Oyler Elementary School in Lower Price Hill. I also serve on the "Live on CET" committee that hosts the public television's annual dinner gala. I would happily serve a board term on behalf of this wonderful organization that has helped me grow spiritually and in whose company I look forward to every month. I joined CCW when my children were toddlers and now they have toddlers of their own. Remember when we had to count our outside service hours? I look forward to many more years of participating in all that Cincinnati Catholic Women has to offer.

**Carol Helmick Turchick** - "Member for almost 20 Years, President of CCW previously serving 2 terms and served on board many times in various roles.

Currently a member of Good Sheperd Parish, married and proud stepmother to 2 young adult women now.

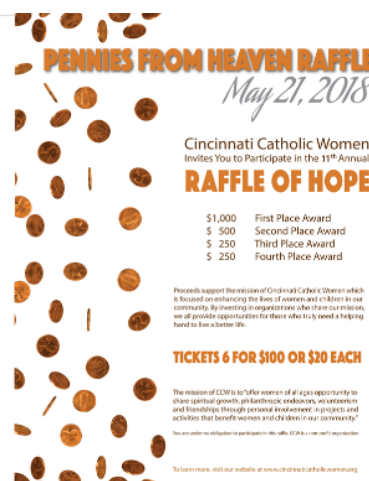
The last 2 Years I have not been able to be as active as I usually am with Cincinnati Catholic Women for I was busy with an accelerated masters program at Xavier University, just graduated Dec. 2017. I achieved a Masters of Public Administration. work full time as Director of Xavier University, Leadership Center. My qualifications for this position include talent development, coaching, training, account management and business development. My passion has been sharing my coaching talents in the area of Women's leadership.

Previously I worked in the non-profit sector including 13 Years with the American Red Cross. I would love your vote of confidence for a board position once again. Thank you."

## ***Pennies From Heaven***

There is still time to send in your raffle tickets for our Pennies From Heaven annual fundraiser. We will be drawing the winners at our May meeting!

Thank you to Maria Carver who is chairing this fundraiser!



**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN RAFFLE**  
*May 21, 2018*

Cincinnati Catholic Women  
Invites You to Participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**RAFFLE OF HOPE**

\$1,000	First Place Award
\$ 500	Second Place Award
\$ 250	Third Place Award
\$ 250	Fourth Place Award

Proceeds support the mission of Cincinnati Catholic Women which is focused on enhancing the lives of women and children in our community. By investing in organizations like ours, we all provide opportunities for those who truly need a helping hand to live a better life.

**TICKETS 6 FOR \$100 OR \$20 EACH**

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To learn more, visit our website at [www.cincinnati-catholicwomen.org](http://www.cincinnati-catholicwomen.org)

## ***Prayer Intentions***

Please keep CCW member and former scholarship recipient Julie Metzger and her family in your thoughts and prayers. She recently lost her husband John, after a long battle with cancer.

## ***LOOKING FOR SOME IDEAS***



Do you have any suggestions on speakers/events/activities we should include in our meetings next year? We would like to gather a small group of volunteers to help us brainstorm about what we would like to include in our meetings. Stay tuned for more details, but if you'd like to be a part of the fun, let Suzy know.