



*Happy Valentine's Day!*

## *Letter From Our President*

As we feel the dark cold of winter that comes each year at this time, we have faith that the new, freshness of spring will arrive. We can not see it here with us but we believe because we have lived it. Let us trust in the lord that we will be in a new season of joy and warmth. Let us use this time to prepare and reflect on how we will celebrate what is to come.

Carol

### **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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## *Minutes from January Meeting*

CCW January General Meeting via Zoom  
January 25, 2021

I. Opening. President Terri Lessnau began the meeting with a prayer blessing our new year with peace, love and new beginnings.

II. Mercy Ministries. Due to Covid-19 we will not be meeting in person anytime soon. Our January newsletter listed the items needed by Mercy Ministries. We agreed to set up drop-off sites to make it easier for members to donate items. Mary Ellen Sullivan's home will be the West Side drop off. Suzy Dorward and Janet Buening offered to be the East Side sites, and Marty Cunningham's home will be the Cincinnati North drop off location. Addresses and emails will be provided in our next newsletter.

III. House Updates. We have a new caretaker. His name is Miguel Maldonado Negrón. He is an Agronomist/Landscaper by trade and is extremely handy. He is currently employed by Home Depot. Kate and Joe move out on January 27<sup>th</sup>. After a standard background check, Miguel is hoping to move in on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

IV. Announcements. Terri announced she will be moving to New Orleans. Her husband Bob has taken a new job with the Audubon Nature Institute. Carol Turchick will resume her role as President for the remainder of the year. Suzy and Debbie Dorward will spearhead our Pennies from Heaven fundraiser this year. Prayers of intentions were said for Terri and Bob's relocation, Kate and Joe's new journey, our members good health, and new and soon to be delivered grandchildren of our members as well.

V. Our Featured Speaker. Father David Endress, Dean of the Athenaeum of Ohio and of Mount St Mary's Seminary presented us with a talk on "Cincinnati's Catholic History 1821-2021: looking Backward and Forward 200 Years." Father focused on three main story lines:

1. Our Antiquity 2. Our Ethnicity 3. The Education of our Youth

In summary, Cincinnati ranks as one of the oldest Catholic Diocese in the country with the Dominican Fathers coming here from Kentucky, including the future Bishop Fenwick. Our first church within the city limits was the Christ Church where St Francis Seraph now sits. The main make-up of worshipers who immigrated here were Irish, German and Italian. Boys and girls were educated separately, first by Layman and then by the Sisters. Presently, we are the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> largest elementary and secondary Catholic school system in the country.

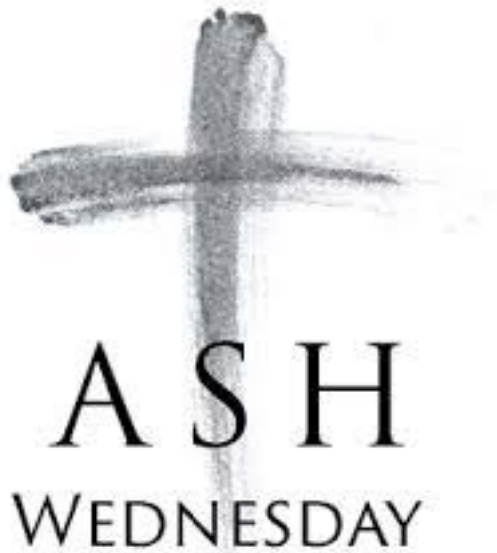
When we are able to meet again in person, Father Endres would like to talk to us about the women religious, particularly the Sisters of Charity, and their important role in caring for the injured soldiers during the Civil War.

Father's upcoming book is titled, "Many Tongues: One Faith, a History of Franciscan Parish Life in America."

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Sullivan

## *Upcoming Meeting*

The program for February's meeting will feature Reverend Mr. Royse Winters, Director of the African American Pastoral Ministries for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati discussing the history of the black church and present day. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15th and as we continue to comply with the governor's request of limited gatherings, this meeting will be via **Zoom**.



***Ash Wednesday is February 17<sup>th</sup>***





## ***Calendar of Meetings and Activities 2020-2021***

Meeting Dates/Activities. A tentative outline of our monthly meeting is as follows:

- **February 15** -- Reverend Mr. Royse Winters, Director of the African American Pastoral Ministries Archdiocese of Cincinnati-- The History of the Black Church in Cincinnati and Present Day
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** -- Station of the Cross and dinner Basilica--TBD
- **April 19** -- Monica Scalf from Work Well Group—presentation on Crazy Grateful-- refocus and reclaim the life you are meant to live,
- **May 17** -- May Crowning & Baby Shower for Pregnancy Center East
- **June 15** -- Family Picnic
- **Sunday Tea** -- Spring TBD (April 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>)
- **Day of Service** – TBD – Matthew 25 Ministries **Cincinnati Catholic Women**

## ***Announcements***

Since we were unable to meet together last November, we were not able to collect items for Mercy Neighborhood Ministries. Aimee Shinkle has assured me they are in need of these things all year long so **we have moved the collection to the February meeting** which is the day after Valentine's Day--a perfect time to show our love

We will not have an in person meeting in February, so four of our members have volunteered for a porch drop off of the items. Please deliver your donations no later than Friday 19th at one of these locations:

Westside:

Mary Ellen Sullivan's porch-6687 Prowner Farm Drive (Green Twp) 598-1035 mesullivan@fuse.net

Eastside:

Suzy Dorward--3487 Forestoak Dr (East Hyde Park) 891-1965 sldorward@fuse.net  
Janet Buening--3520 Mooney Ave (Hyde Park) 871-9294 jbueningwordworker@juno.com

North:

Marty Cunningham-7465 Fourwinds Drive (Montgomery) 891-4226 martyc.music@gmail.com

Please remember, you are welcome to drop your items by their office anytime. Aimee's number is 487-6198 or you can email her at [ashinkle@mnministries.org](mailto:ashinkle@mnministries.org).



AS WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MERCY NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES THESE ARE ITEMS THEY NEED:

**Personal Care Items**

- Bar soap & Body Wash
- Men & Women's Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo
- Body Lotion
- Shaving Cream
- Disposable Razors
- Toothpaste & Toothbrush

**Canned Fruit - Packed in Juice**

- Mandarin oranges
- Pears
- Peaches
- Mixed Fruit
- Applesauce
- Pineapple

**Cereal**

- Boxed cereals
- Hot cereals
- Quick Oatmeal
- Cream of Wheat

**Sauces & Sides**

- Pasta sauces
- Canned pastas & ravioli
- Pasta/Rice sides (Rice-a-Roni & Knorr)
- Instant potatoes & boxed stuffing
- Canned soup

**Condiments**

- Spices
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard, & Ketchup
- Salad dressing
- Cooking oil
- Parmesan cheese
- Spices of any kind incl. Seasoned Salt

**Canned Proteins**

- Chicken
- Salmon
- Tuna
- Spam
- Beef Stew
- Vienna Sausages
- Corned Beef Hash

**Canned Vegetables Low Sodium or No Salt Added**

- Peas
- Carrots
- Yams/sweet potatoes
- Sauerkraut
- Spinach
- Collard Greens
- Cream style corn

**Beverages**

- Instant coffee
- Fruit juice
- Tea bags
- Instant drink mixes – iced tea, Kool-Aid

Looking for carryout? Besides going to Hey Michelle (<http://www.heimichelle-help.com/>) and seeing all the places that are opening up now, consider taking a look at the caterer CCW uses, Village Pantry, as another resource. You can find them at <https://villagepantrycatering.com/menus/>

## ***PENNIES FROM HEAVEN***

Years ago, who would have thought that CCW would be ahead of its time when we decided to start a "non-event/event"?

The Pennies from Heaven Raffle has helped CCW raise a lot of money that has benefitted several high school and college students and, more recently, nonprofits that focus on helping women and children.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Because many of you are home a lot more than usual we hope that you can take 5 MINUTES to look over the list and delete people who you no longer want on the list and **ADD NEW NAMES**. We can only raise money if we reach out to new people, so please consider giving up a few more names from your **Christmas** Card list .....

***Our request of EACH CCW MEMBER:***

1. REVIEW LIST
2. DELETE THOSE WHO SHOULD NO LONGER RECEIVE THE MAILING
3. ADD AT LEAST 3 NEW NAMES (see tab on sheet for correct format)
4. PURCHASE A TICKET WHEN YOU GET THE MAILING!

We plan to send the invitation out in mid-March, so please provide updates by **MARCH 1**. Teddie Curry and Suzy Dorward will, once again, coordinate this effort.

Now, more than ever, so many people are in need and we hope that you will consider helping us help them by sending any updates to TEDDIE BY **MARCH 1** ([TEDDIE@FUSE.NET](mailto:TEDDIE@FUSE.NET)).

Thank you.

## ***Board Members for 2020-21***

**Carol Turckick, President**  
**Nancy Brockhoff, Vice President**  
**Teddie Curry, Treasurer**  
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**Bunny Jacobs, At Large**  
**Tracy Green, At Large**  
**Peggy Kenney, At Large**  
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