



March, 2022 – Cincinnati Catholic Women Newsletter

## *Letter from our President*

Dear CCW Members:

As I write this we are starting the season of Lent but we are facing a crisis in our world. We pray for those in Ukraine who are protecting their country from a horrible invasion. I have watched the mothers and children say goodbye to their husbands/fathers as they leave for safety and leave the men at home to defend against the forces. Thinking about Lent, I wonder if any of us would defend our faith like these men and women are doing? Would we be able to stand up to naysayers and non-believers when they question our faith principles? I know I might falter. While many “give up” something during Lent, I wonder if it wouldn’t be more fulfilling to “shore up” our faith. Put on our armor of knowledge, trust and faith so that we can defend our religion. I read Mara Shriver’s weekly FB post and this week’s was especially moving and sounds like something Jesus would ask.

*“Later that night, I held an atlas in my lap, ran my fingers across the whole world and whispered, where does it hurt? It answered – everywhere, everywhere, everywhere.”*

Pray for those who need it.

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.*

**MARCH 21, 2022 - MEETING**



**5:30 p.m. (SHARP) – Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption - TOUR  
(1140 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY)**

**6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**

**7:15 p.m. – Dinner at Blinker’s – 318 Greenup St.—  
(JUST A 4 MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE CATHEDRAL –  
WE WILL PROVIDE DIRECTIONS)**

**CCW WILL PAY FOR YOUR DRINKS AND YOU CAN ORDER FROM  
A LIMITED MENU AND THEY WILL PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL CHECKS**

**Please EMAIL TEDDIE ([TEDDIE@FUUSE.NET](mailto:TEDDIE@FUUSE.NET)) BY **MARCH 17, 2022****

**AND LET HER KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING  
TO THE BASILICA AND/OR RESTAURANT.**

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS (from our monthly meeting):**

*“For peace in Ukraine and prayers for those who live there.”*

*“For my friend, Renee”*

*“For all the elderly members who can’t join our meetings.”*

*“For Dolores DiNero & Bill & Brian Sampson and their families.”*

*“For those women trying to conceive.”*

*“For the family of Joan Knechtly, especially her husband and daughter, Katie.”*

*“For my friend, Cathy, who is having trouble with her hip and leg.”*

*“For family healing.”*

*“For my son as he decides where to attend college next fall that he makes the best choice for himself.”*

*“For my friend who is suffering from severe depression.”*

*“For the recovery of Rod Memula.”*



*“For Thomas Sullivan and family.”*

*“For my brother, Chuck, who may have basal skin cancer.”*

*“Special intention for those suffering mentally without anyone to talk with to help.”*

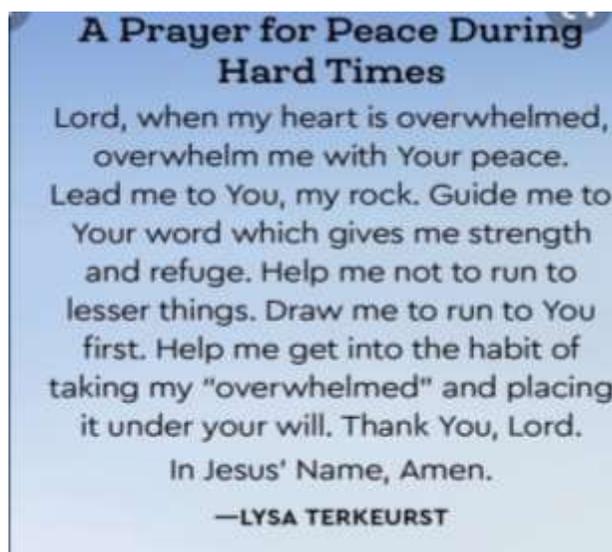
*“The soul of Mary Ivers and her grieving husband, Bill, four children and grandchildren.”*

*“For my husband and Mef Diesel.”*

*“For Beacon of Light and acceptance and growth through all the changes.”*

*Editor’s Note:*

*Many of you asked me for the prayer I said at the last meeting, so I am including it here.*



## *FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED*

### *Joan Knechtly*

Cincinnati Catholic Women lost one of its special members this past month. Joan was a long-time member, sister of Janet Buening (member) and accompanist at our Masses. Joan leaves behind her husband, Louis Knechtly, to whom she was married for 46 years. Many of you will remember her bringing her daughter Katie to our meetings and events. In addition to her daughter, Joan has a son, Michael Knechtly who passed away. She was the cherished grandmother of Timothy, Myla, Michael, Joshua, and Alex, great-grandmother of Jezelle and Taydem. We are sure Joan is already singing with the angels in heaven. (continued)



*Pray for the Souls of the Faithfully Departed (continued)*

*Mary Ivers*

Mary was a member of CCW years ago and, according to Janet Buening our historian, she chaired many of our fund raising events including “Fashionata.” She was dedicated to Mt. St. Joseph University and served on their Board. She is probably best known for starting the Cincinnati affiliate of Dress for Success. She leaves behind her husband, Bill and 4 children and a number of grandchildren.

*MEMBER SPOTLIGHT*

*Carol Helmick Turchick*



I joined Catholic Women of Cincinnati after meeting Suzy Dorward at Curves. We were on the machines next to each other and began to talk. I had moved back to Cincinnati after being away for five years and was trying to find my way. My friends were all living in the burbs and I had just come from living in downtown Chicago. They were married and having babies while I had gotten a divorce a few years earlier after being married for only two years. Life was a bit upended. I feel God brought us together in that moment so I could find a group to share faith and friendship.

We would meet at restaurants around the city and make endless baskets. I was on the scholarship committee, the committee to do volunteer work for places like Bethany House and Cincinnati Residential Services. I enjoyed the social events and even brought a few friends to join the group. I joined the board many years back and served a few terms as president. In 2016 I took a break from the group to go to grad school at Xavier. I missed the people, the speakers and the sharing of faith and was happy to rejoin in 2018.

I would say my biggest adventure with CCW was coordinating the selling of the First Communion painting to the Art Museum. The board was so excited to have a positive outcome for all. Many people get to enjoy the beautiful piece and we get to see the duplicate in our home.

I am looking forward to many more years in CCW and to the opportunities to hear more inspirational speakers, share meals with friends and share in the faith that binds us.

*Thanks for your service and your story, Carol!*

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Beth Boland  
Nan Cahill  
Teddie Curry  
Suzy Dorward  
Tracy Green



Bunny Jacobs  
Lynne Kraemer  
Heidi McKay  
St. Patrick



### NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED.

Carol Turchick is heading up the nominations for our 2022-23 Board Members. We will need, at least, 3 people to join us in leading the group in the coming years.

*What's involved?* The Board meets 6 times a year (in person or virtually) and helps oversee the finances, house and meetings for the organization. Your term will officially begin Summer, 2022 (just in time to plan for the year)

*Time commitment:* About 1 – 1 ½ hour/mth. with extra time for special projects, should you choose to undertake.

*What are the requirements?* You need to be a paid member (that's \$35.00) and want to help guide CCW into the future.

*How long do I have to serve?* Board Members are elected to a 3-year term with the option of renewing for another 3

## Minutes from the February Meeting

### CCW February Meeting Minutes

- Vice President Carol Turchick opened our meeting with grace before our meal.
- President Suzy Dorward introduced our dinner guests for the evening. We welcomed Melissa Baumann, Caroline Kremer, Lisa Sampson, Julie Broadwell and Jen Thornton.



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## Minutes from the February Meeting (continued)

- Carol introduced our featured guest and speaker Colleen Hanycz, PhD and President of Xavier University. Dr. Hanycz was inaugurated on October 28, 2021 and is the first layperson and woman to lead Xavier University in its 190-year history.
- Dr. Hanycz recalled her Catholic education and career as an attorney, professor and college president. She led Brescia University College in Ontario and La Salle University in Philadelphia before coming to Xavier. Colleen also has the unique experience of leading Xavier while having her daughter Clare enrolled as a freshman! Covid has taken a toll on all college students, particularly those who are the first generation in their families to attend. She has begun an “Architecture of Belonging” program that will focus on enrollment and diversity and honor Xavier’s Jesuit tradition.
- Our club business began with news that Deer Park Roofing is installing our home’s box gutters. Kathy Hosking is overseeing the renovation.
- Teddie Curry announced out taxes have been paid and our financial report is on file in the office.
- There are two positions open on the Board of Directors this year. Nominations will be made at our March meeting.
- Our Pennies from Heaven raffle will be underway, so please keep in mind new people to add to our mailing list.
- Janet Buening shared special memories of her sister Joan Knechtly who recently passed. Two charities that we can donate to on Joan’s behalf are CISE (Cincinnati Inner-City Schools Education) and The American Kidney Fund. Prayers were said for Joan and recently deceased Mary Ivers.
- Our Split the pot winner donated her winnings back to us and our meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Ellen Sullivan

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## HAVE TIMES REALLY CHANGED?

By Peggy Kenney



In March of 1990, the Catholic Women of Cincinnati had four full pages of information in the supplement to the Catholic Telegraph. The articles mentioned in big print the “23 Year of Caring”. (*Did that mean that in the previous 50 years the women weren’t caring???*)

It also included an invitation to the Ball Caprice, which was held at St. Gertrude Parish Center on Miami Ave for the small price of \$25/45 per couple. This was a game night with door prizes and a silent auction including a buffet, beer, wine and set-ups. Imagine all that and they still made a big profit because of more than 200 patrons and donors.

Besides the ad in the telegraph, the group also had a brochure, **Broaden Your Horizons** through “Challenge, Commitment and Community”. Under Challenge “members acquire and contribute various skills and talents as well as forming lasting friendships”. As Commitment, “members are proud of over twenty standing committees”. For Community, “members learn about the Greater Cincinnati community as that take an active part in helping others.” Besides having 20 committees, I think we still are in line with these goals, but we use social media and not a brochure.

In the ‘90’s the women organized the Fashionata in the fall, the Ball Caprice, in the spring and published the third cookbook, *Cincinnati, What’s Cooking?* Our major fund raiser is now changed to **Pennies from Heaven**.

Although our group is smaller in numbers, CCW still does help a lot of organizations. We all are making new friends from around the city. So I think our ad would say “**105 years of Caring!**”

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**Former Presidents have flower corsages, Suzy only had flowers on her hat for the flower show!**



Some of our early presidents who came to reminisce in 1982 for our fifteen year anniversary. Top row left to right: Frankie Sahn, Mary Anne Boyd, Jinny Hoffmeier, Jeanne Franz, Georgine Wolohan. (Second row): Meredith Burton, Lil Hickman, Janice Brinkmiller. (Third row): Nancy Sorg, Gayle Van De Ryt, Sylvia Steltenpohl, Jewel Goepinger.



The current president, Suzy Dorward

**Upcoming Meeting Information:**

## March 21, 2022 - Tour the Cathedral Basilica and Stations of the Cross



Tour Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption (1140 Madison Ave. Covington, Ky. At 5:30p.m. Followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 and dinner at a local restaurant. Detail to come shortly.

## April 18, 2022 – Catholic Art through the centuries

There is so much we can learn from the art in our churches. We welcome Ceil Dorger to our meeting as she presents on “Post Resurrection in Art”.

Cecelia Dorger-received her doctorate in Art History from the University of Louisville. Dr. Dorger teaches art history at Mount St. Joseph University. She specializes in sacred art, especially images of the Virgin Mary. She also teaches at the Athenaeum of Ohio. Lecturing about Mary in art and how art can be used to facilitate prayer is a favorite pursuit.

## May 16, 2022 – May Crowning



Our annual May Crowning holds a special place in the hearts of our members. Members/guests are encouraged to bring a picture of their Mother to pray in honor of the women who have shaped our faithful lives.

## June 13, 2022 – Year-End Meeting

Come celebrate our year with a cookout (spouses/significant others invited). Voting for new board members, Pennies from Heaven Winners announced and outdoor games! Don't forget, it's also “Dues paying” month!

## *Board Members for 2021-22*

### **Officers:**

Suzy Dorward – President

Carol Turchick – VP/Recording Secretary/Communications

Tracy Green – VP/Membership Chair

Marty Cunningham – Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Coordinator

Edy Schlotman – Reporting Treasurer

### **Members at Large:**

Pat Evans – House Co-Chair/Reservations

Kathy Hosking – House Co-Chair

Peggy Kenney – Newsletter Coordinator

Lynne Kraemer – Meetings/Mission

Bunny Jacobs – Funds Allocation