

Spring 2018 Province Report

Easter greetings from NCCW and the Louisville Province,

If you haven't checked out the updated **NCCW website**, you should do that soon. It is jam-packed with information. You can always get back to the Home page by clicking the NCCW logo in the upper left-hand corner. On the home page, there are four options: "Learn More," Join, Shop, or Donate, "Ignite Our Mission with These Current Projects," and make a prayer request. Most everything is easy to use. However, you may have to play with "Ignite Our Mission with These Current Projects" to unlock its many secrets. The picture will scroll among the several projects; when you see the one you're interested in, click on it to access more information. Enjoy getting to know the website, and remember to set up your log in information.

In January at the NCCW Board meeting we voted to pledge \$5,000 to the Catholic Mobilizing Network toward the "creation of a powerful and engaging **pro-life video** for broad distribution and promotion, especially on social media. The three primary collaborators on this video will likely be Catholic Mobilizing Network (death penalty), Human Life Action (abortion), and Patient Rights Action Fund (euthanasia). ...CMN has already approached Yellowline Digital (YLD) about the creation and promotion of this video." CMN does not have a final budget, but the estimated cost will be in the neighborhood of \$75,000. Many other organizations are being approached about helping to fund the making of this video. "IF CMN IS NOT ABLE TO RAISE THE FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT, IT PLEDGES TO RETURN THE MONEYS COLLECTED IN FULL." If anyone would like to make a donation, I will keep track of your donation, so that if there is not enough money to produce the video, I will return your money. April 15 is the deadline we set for submitting the funds.

In order to help young people resist the possibility of being lured into trafficking, the **Leadership Commission** has developed a set of steps for mentoring at-risk youths. These steps will be available soon on the website, and affiliates are encouraged to implement these steps in their dioceses and parishes. In anticipation of NCCW's 100 year anniversary and the publication of a new *History of NCCW*, a history brochure is available on the website. You may download it to give prospective members information about NCCW.

The **Service Commission** is focusing its projects on ways to use technology in a Christian way.

The **Spirituality Commission** is now saying the rosary on a monthly conference call on the 13th of each month to commemorate the anniversary of the last appearance of Our Lady of Fatima. Anyone may call in to join in the rosary.

The **new Education Committee** has launched a study manual to accompany Pope Francis's *Joy of the Gospel*. The manual should be on the website soon for you to access. They are also working on establishing CCWs on high school and college campuses.

A **pilot project** of linking Catholic children in the Holy Land with Catholic children in the United States is showing exciting success. It's a kind of pen-pal exercise. Please pray for Christians in areas of the world where they are being persecuted.

Don't forget the wonderful proven programs still available through NCCW. While you're on the website, take time to shop. If you shop Amazon, sign up for **AmazonSmile**. Every time you buy something on Amazon, NCCW will get a donation.

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