

KDCCW Board Meeting – June 10-12, 2021 **Spirituality Commission Chair Report - Lucy Brown**

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The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.
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Whew! By God's grace we have safely made it far enough to be able to once again gather together and celebrate His goodness at an annual KDCCW Convention!

In doing so we prayerfully offer up our sacrifices and try to make up for last year's lost Convention and so many of those cancelled personal, family, parish and other group encounters that covid robbed from us. We know that our God has a good plan through all of this for He works His mysteries in each precious life, presenting unforeseen opportunities for deepening relationship with Him that otherwise might not have come about during less strenuous or lackluster times.

Even with the absence of in-person meetings within all levels of KDCCW I am grateful to have had the ability and honor of sending encouragement to you through my Spirituality Commission emails AND my release of new *TSP Express* issues within my continuing KDCCW spirituality resource *The Secret Place*.

My Commission co-themes have been **"within the Heart of Jesus and our friendship with Him there"** and **"in the company of saints."** Little did I realize in 2019 how helpful those themes would be in the ensuing years! Praise our Lord Jesus Christ.

Throughout this 2019-2021 term, especially during the past year I have sent many more Commission emails than I normally would have **because of** these strenuous and unsettling times which now are abating slightly in some ways but are broadening and souring in others.

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Following are my Commission emails sent after April 20, 2020:

(For a list of all my Commission emails sent during the complete 2019-2021 term, see my Spirituality Commission table at Convention. All are archived so if you want one or more resent to you, let me know)

4/23/20	"Surviving COVID-19: Webinar with Dan and Stephanie Burke ... and other good things"
5/16/20	"encouraging words to live by"
6/3/20	"Magnificent Beauty – too beautiful not to pass on"
6/7/20	"into His Sacred Heart"
6/10/20	"Novena in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus"
6/25/20	"time sensitive – An Easy Crash Course on Divine Mercy"
7/27/20	"a word for the weary, the fearful, the confused, the disgusted"
8/7/20	"Songs From Solitude"
8/13/20	"Join the Assumption Rosary Rally for Peace on August 15"
9/2/20	"Morning Jubilee"
9/7/20	"The Best Wine; a Lenten Rewind"
9/14/20	"You are ... "
9/24/20	"A special Novena for the Nation beginning Sept. 29"

10/6/20 "Plea for Mercy"
 11/1/20 "Comfort from Scripture and the Saints – food for the journey ahead"
 11/8/20 "need some comfort, edification? God has a plan ... A REALLY BIG PLAN"
 11/26/20 "Head into the Wind"
 12/25/20 "sharing a Christmas Day afterglow with you ..."
 1/11/21 "With Refreshed, Expanding Perspective"
 1/18/21 "now thank we all our God"
 1/19/21 "pray, pray, pray"
 1/25/21 "Who can't use a smile today?"
 2/8/21 "Refresh Yourselves: timely invitation to meditations"
 2/22/21 "When did I start to love You?"
 2/23/21 "TIME SENSITIVE A L E R T ... please read and take action now"
 3/6/21 "A VICTORY!! -- Rand Paul Forces Democrats to Remove Provision ... "
 3/19/21 "walking these precious, sacred days ... "
 3/31/21 "Passion's Release and Return"
 4/1/21 "SUCH A GENEROUS GIFT FROM MAGNIFICAT – do receive!"
 4/26/21 "in Easter's luminosity because of Him"
 5/5/21 "I find it fitting ... "
 5/6/21 "promised fwd explained in 'I find it fitting' email sent yesterday"
 5/12/21 "Novena to the Holy Spirit begins Friday, May 14"
 6/7/21 "Through the Green Meadows with The Chosen"

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As I was reading *Magnificat's* Meditation of the Day for April 28 this year I just HAD to cry out, "YES!" to these words from Venerable Jean-Claude Colin, S.M. (1875), a French priest and the founder of the Society of Mary, also known as the Marists (*Magnificat*, April 2021, pp. 361-362): (emphases mine)

If I were in charge of the novices, I would try simply to unite them to God, to bring them to a spirit of prayer. When the good Lord dwells in the heart, it is he who sets everything in motion. Without that, everything that you do is completely useless; no matter how you plant the seed and tire yourself out, the life-giving principle is still lacking. But having once tasted God, a novice will turn to him again and again. It is a treasure in his soul, something to which he is constantly brought back as to his own center. There he will love to converse with God.

Should anything that has flowed through my computer keys to you these past two years in ANY way have helped bring ANYONE into closer alignment and companionship with God, I shall rest my fingers (and heart) with Him in peaceful gratitude.

For His glory,

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