

## **KDCCW Spirituality Commission Report**

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- The most recent issue of CATHOLIC WOMAN MAGAZINE celebrates the Mothers of Priests and tells many of their stories. It ends with a suggestion that we pray for Mothers of Priests and of course, pray for our priests. Additionally, we might also pray for priestly vocations and especially the seminarians each local council may be supporting financially. Praying for them at our meetings would also help our women to remember the many ways we continue to support priestly vocations.

Councils may also research Mothers of Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers in our own parishes and consider some way to celebrate them and their gift to the Church. It would also be appropriate to consider some way to honor and celebrate those same mothers at Convention.

- The NCCW has a wonderful prayer resource for Council Gatherings printed up and available through [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org). Every council really ought to have a copy on hand for Advisors, Spirituality Chairwomen, and Leaders to use.
- Most of us are aware of the 40 Days for Life presented in Knoxville each year. As always, they are looking for women, men and families to volunteer to keep vigil outside the Planned Parenthood facility in Knoxville. Volunteers are especially needed for Mondays and Thursdays beginning September 22 and ending on Saturday, October 30.

If someone is unable to physically be there, an alternative action could be to “adopt” an unborn child, and pray for that child’s safety and for the child’s mother daily, from September 22 through October 30. The Divine Mercy Chaplet would be an appropriate and beautiful prayer for this purpose.

- Councils who can financially afford to, may take DYNAMIC CATHOLIC up on their offer to provide Matthew Kelly’s books for the Parish, which will reach women and families beyond active council members. This year’s special offer (\$1) is his book, Life Is Messy .... A wonderful little book for navigating today’s world.