

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMAN (PCCW) NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

The Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

All women of the parish are members of the Council of Catholic Women, and are welcomed at all of our events, meetings and projects! We try to offer spiritual enrichment programs for the women of the parish, and educational programs in the areas of Vocations, Family Concerns and Reverence for Life, Community and Environmental Concerns, International and Legislation Concerns. We also have occasional social events. We would love to have you come and visit one of our meetings so that you can see the difference you can make!

We meet the third Sunday of each month after the 10:45 AM Mass in the school hall.

Officers:

PRESIDENT: Audrey Milho
VICE PRESIDENT: Jo Spigler
SECRETARY: Angie Sheeley
TREASURER: Sue Miller

Events we sponsor and participate in:

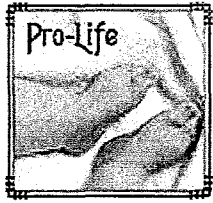
- * **RCIA Luncheon**
- * **First Communion Luncheon**
- * **Respect Life**
- * **Living Rosary**
- * **Father/Son Breakfast**
- * **Cleaning of Parish Kitchen**
- * **Hospitality**
- * **Crisis/Bereavement**
- * **Shut-Ins**
- * **Prison Ministry**
- * **Voter Registration**
- * **Pro-Life**
- * **Operation Christmas Child**
- * **Correspond with Missionary in Bolivia through Sister Margaret**
- * **Water for Life**
- * **Yard Sale**
- * **Adult Game Night**
- * **Newsletter, Bulletin/Catholic Witness**
- * **White Ribbon Sunday**
- * **Special Diocesan Activities**
- * **Retreats**

From the President of our PCCW: Audrey Milho

I am pleased to be able to say that our New Year, (September through May), has begun with an abundance of enthusiasm on the part of our members both old and new. I would like to say "Welcome" to our newcomers to the PCCW. All of our members are happy to see you have decided to join us in our efforts. We are looking forward to continuing on with our usual projects and have added some new ones, namely our correspondence with Sister Margaret Smith in Bolivia, our Crisis/Bereavement help for our church members in times of distress, and this newsletter project which was suggested and taken on by Donna Drumsta, one of our new members. "Thank You" to all of our members for your positive response in getting our various commissions set up for the coming year. I invite all of the women of the church to come to our meetings and get to know us.

Our next meeting will be November 16th. Come and see what we are all about!

Committee News:



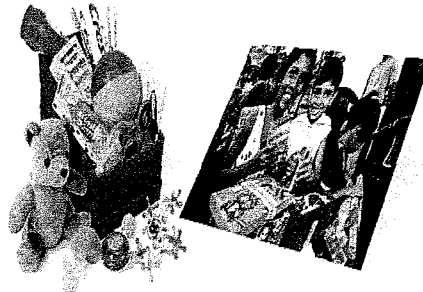
Respect Life Committee:

The purpose of the Respect Life Committee is to foster awareness of pro-life issues and to inspire parishioners and students of St. Andrews to get involved in actively defending life, from conception to natural death. Recently we held our first annual pro-life essay contest for the students in both St. Andrews school and CCD program. We were moved by all the contestants' sincerity. The winners of this year's contest are: Catharine Weber (4th grade), Tess Skehan (5th grade), and Mary Moyer (8th grade). Congratulations to our winners! We also organized a silent baby shower in our parish for local crisis pregnancy centers and it was a huge success! On Respect Life Sunday, we held a Life Chain in front of St. Andrews on Main Street. Those of us who attended held signs with pro-life messages. Our goal was to raise awareness in our community about abortion and to stir consciences. Next year we hope to bring in more parishioners and include other Christian churches in the area. Upcoming events will include the March for Life in January.

36th Annual March for Life
Thursday, January 22, 2009
12:00 noon on the Mall
Washington DC

The Theme is: **REMEMBER – the Life Principles mean “Equal Care” with no exceptions!**

Operation Christmas Child



This event is a great way to help those that are less fortunate than us. The PCCW is participating in Operation Christmas Child. “Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God’s love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on mission’s project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ”.

1. SHOE BOX: Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2. BOY OR GIRL? Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child’s age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS: Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

4. INCLUDE A DONATION: Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can write a check to Samaritan’s Purse (note “OCC” on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

5. DROP OFF: Please bring filled shoe boxes to the school hall following the 10:45 AM Mass on November 16th to the PCCW meeting. We will then continue processing these boxes and getting them ready for the national delivery site. Thank you for helping with the Hands-on mission project!

See you on the 16th of November!