

CCW OPEN MEETING MINUTES 10/5/23

The open meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Saint Faustina Feast Day was acknowledged at this meeting.

"Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time." "

Spirituality Commissioner Nancy F. reported that the Book Club involving Ethical Excellence, written by parishioner Heidi Giebel, will again start meeting on Thursday nights, Oct. 12 – Nov. 16 and again Jan. 11 – Feb. 8. Each chapter will involve different virtues. Nancy F. announced that Advent wreaths will be sold the last weekend of November and the first weekend of December.

Leadership Commissioner Bridgette A. explained that the annual CCW Newsletter and Volunteer Connection were sent out the end of August. She also gave a brief report on the Annual CCW meeting that was held in August 26-28 in Salt Lake City which she attended, along with her daughter. Bridgette shared how the NCCW is vital to Catholic women throughout the United States as well as the world, in coming together with their faith and sharing common goals and ideas.

Service Commissioner Nancy D. shared information on the upcoming CCW Socials that are typically held the 4th weekend of the month. She explained the process and the need for volunteers to help accomplish this event. St. Nicholas Giving, chaired by Jenny Cernohous, will again be held the weekend of Dec. 9-10.

Secretary Leigh W. reported that the Bake Sale held on Sept.23/24 was very successful, netting \$975. She explained that bake goods, donated by ladies of the Parish, is an easy fundraiser. There will be another on in December and again in April. The Box of Joy event will be held during the month of October, headed by Treasurer Nancy S.

President Barbara G. explained, briefly, the current budget. A motion was made by Mary Kay Wusterbarth to accept the budget and seconded by Joy Case. Current Checkbook balance is \$10,835.67. Approximately \$2,500 of dues had been collected. A keyboard was purchased for \$336. New business included a plan for the church's kitchen countertops to be replaced with stainless steel. This project is being placed on hold for now. A portrait of Fr. David Neuschwander will be added to the wall in the Social Hall. Fr. David was raised in Hudson. CCW will reimburse Fr. Dan Tracy up to \$500 to purchase items for his apartment. A family breakfast will be held Sunday, March 17, 2024, to honor St. Patrick.

A brief break was taken to enjoy treats and wine.

The Divine Marcy Chaplet was said by members.

Gift certificate drawings were awarded to Mary Shafer and Rose Marie Stayberg. Additional drawings for jams, made by parishioner Carol Keller were drawn. Winners were: Michelle Drevnick, Barbara Gagliardi, Mary Kay Wusterbarth and Diane Reder.

Respectfully submitted,
Leigh Weiss, Secretary