

MCCW Fall 2016 Well

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From the President's Pen

Greetings my Sisters who have joined me at the WELL! Our 2016-2018 MCCW Worldwide board has had several conference calls, and our first in-person board meeting in the beautiful "Mission" city of San Diego. We gathered for three full days of prayer, work, and recreation to be led by the Holy Spirit.

All this to ensure that our WOMEN around the WORLD will be transformed through our Journey of Faith Encounters and Regional Retreats. We will also provide a 2018 Worldwide Faith Formation Forum that will be nothing less than a meeting with Christ through Sacramental Support and Key Note Speakers. This intentionality will excite all our disciples to lead by love and become apostles of action. We are very blessed to have had Fr. Joe Deichert and Bishop Buckon with us for the entirety of the board planning meeting. "Blessed are they among women!"

The reality has sunk in now, and I am so very humbled and honored by the support and prayers, and trust and confidence, that I personally have received,

and that our entire board has received over these very critical months. Please be assured that as President and Servant Leader, I will do my best to live up to this trust. It is my prayer and hope to fulfill my own FIAT to the Lord where I will strive to continue to be a CHEERFUL GIVER always. I will work to provide a spirit of Unity, Charity, and Prayerfulness to the members and priests around the globe. I cannot do this alone, but only with your added prayers as WELL.

The tasks ahead of us are very clear. We are committed to "casting out our nets" where we have not tread before, to increase our visibility as a presence of Christ for our military chaplains in all branches. WE are ready to undertake this task with the Tools of our Mission by providing the Journey of Faith Encounters to all military installations and Regional Retreats, and to promote 'witnesses" for Christ and NOT just speakers. Our Website and ***The Well*** will be changed to be more accessible and provide easier access to enhance the mission we have been commissioned with. Change is never easy, but as a Catholic Christian it is inevitable. The First thing as a board we were reminded of, is that in order to be SUPERNATURAL LEADERS we must be SUPERNATURAL FOLLOWERS of CHRIST. which implies we must MOVE Forward, no looking back.

As "Women at the Well" we are all about conversion, change and transformation. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you with renewed energy and hopeful guidance. We are so excited about the upcoming future of MCCW Worldwide and the positive potential changes in the future. With your prayers, the decisions of the board will be fulfilled to GLORIFY our LORD!

In His Service Always,

Michelle Nash

President ~ MCCW Worldwide

2016-2018

Save the Date
MCCW WORLDWIDE FORUM 2018

San Diego, California
April 19-22, 2018

Forum~

I have been an Army wife for 22 years but only heard of MCCW last year when I joined my local CWOC. At first, when I joined, I thought it may be just another couple of meetings I would regret having to attend.

I am happy to admit I was completely wrong. MCCW and CWOC are both enriching my life by showing me the beauty and depth of my faith with the support of many wonderful catholic women, as well as laypeople and priests.

After finding such beauty in both organizations, I am thrilled and honored to be a part of the 2016-2018 MCCW worldwide board as the

Journey of Faith
WINE
 WOMEN IN NEW EVANGELIZATION

Speakers Bureau
Writers Guild

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Regional Trainings Coming in 2017
 Central: Feb 20 - 22 Western: Feb 27 - Mar 1
 Pacific: Apr 3 - 4 Northeast: Apr 24 - 26
 Southeast: May 1 - 3

Journey of Faith~

Greetings from the tiny rock in the middle of the Pacific! I've been a military spouse for eleven years, starting in the Air Force, approaching retirement, and then my husband became a Chaplain in the Army. Our "mixed marriage" keeps life interesting, but, the good chaplain is a regular at Mass on Sunday!

Along with your MCCW Board, I am so excited to unveil our new Women in New Evangelization (WINE Women) recruitment outreach. JoF is about sharing the Word and love of Jesus Christ, speaking from the heart and developing women who want to be an inspiration to their sisters in Christ. We have regional training sessions scheduled across

Vice President of Events.

With the help of the entire board, we are planning the next MCCW Worldwide Forum. **The dates are April 19-22, 2018 in San Diego.** We are praying about our theme and the accommodations for the Worldwide Forum and will have that out to you sometime soon.

San Diego, the Mission City, has so many things to offer with its beauty, perfect weather, world famous zoo and vibrant military presence just to name a few. A pilgrimage to Mission San Diego de Alcalá will be a must to simply take a walk in the foot steps of St Junipero Serra, one of our newest saints. You can also visit the many Catholic churches in downtown San Diego or on the campus of San Diego University.

Take advantage of this location to plan a vacation before or after the Worldwide Forum with your family to explore these sites, or just relax on the beach.

Sandy Goetz ~ VP Forum

the globe for our Speaker's Bureau.

Additionally, for those with something to share, but would rather write than speak...we are launching our Writer's Guild. Your words can come to life with the help of our ladies who have willingly stepped forward, our ***Pearls of Wisdom***, to help mentor our writers in creating talks for our speakers. When we work together as a Team for Christ, greatness is sure to come!

If you are feeling the call to be a part of something bigger than your personal computer, come join your sisters in the vineyards! We are excited to launch our first European training sessions in just a few short days, as several MCCW Board members are traveling to help with Discernment and outreach in Italy and Germany. We also have a fantastic opportunity to meet with a large group of ladies from London traveling to Germany, to hear more about Work in the Vines. For those on the mainland CONUS, check with your Regional Coordinators for training dates and locations at a chapel near you!

Peace and Aloha!

Muffy Patterson ~ VP Journey of Faith



The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Luke 10:2

Central Region~

Upcoming in the Central Region is the Central Regional Retreat called, Listen and Open Your Heart. It will be held at Conception Abbey in Missouri. On the benedictine grounds is a seminary, a monastery, a guest house for retreats, and a Basilica. The retreat is centered on teaching participants to bring Discernment to their daily lives to prayerfully make decisions both large and small. St. Lydia will be our heavenly mentor as she was St. Paul's first convert to Christianity and had learned to listen to God's voice in her life. Look to the flier to learn more details!

~Dollia Lemus

Central Region
MCCW WORLDWIDE INC.
REGIONAL RETREAT

Listen & Open Your Heart

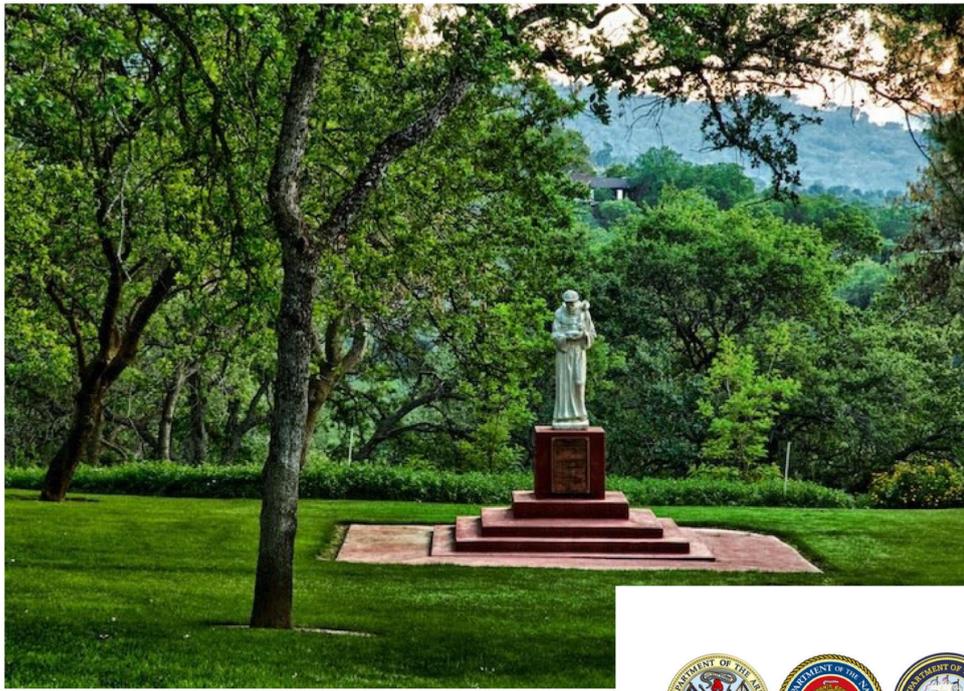
a practical teaching on recognizing the "motions of our soul" as St. Ignatius of Loyola taught, and learning to discern God's will in our daily lives with St. Lydia as our heavenly mentor.

Conception Abbey, Missouri
February 16-19, 2017.

Registration fee \$35 due 31st December
Retreat Fee \$180 double /\$225 for a private room
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/mccw-central-region-faith-formation-retreat-registration-fee-only-tickets-26979077146>
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"One of them a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth, from the city of Thyatira, a worshipper of God, listened, and the Lord opened her heart to pay attention..." -Acts 16:14

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CHRIST'S
LOVE IN
EVERYDAY
LIFE.



FEB. 23-26, 2017
3 RIVERS CA
ST. ANTHONY RETREAT CENTER



Come join us!

From the West~

Hello! The western region of MCCW is so happy to be having our regional retreat next year at The St. Anthony retreat center in 3 Rivers California. We are so happy to be in California and so blessed to have so many new installations to visit! We are proud to help be a resource to all women in all branches of our Military services. This retreat we will be relaxing up in the Sierras with beautiful views and wonderful speakers. The retreat will be over the weekend of Feb. 23-26. If you are currently at an installation that does not have a women ministry and would like some help please don't hesitate to contact me!

Thank you all and God Bless.

~Margaret Bourne westernregioncoordinator@gmail.com

From the Pacific~



MCCW
Pacific Region
Petals of Peace
Retreat



St. Anthony Retreat Center

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APRIL 6-9 2017

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Greetings from the Pacific Region and a warm Aloha to you all. In April of this year, I was delighted to be appointed as Pacific Regional Coordinator for MCCW Worldwide. The MCCW Pacific Region is comprised of several areas including Hawaii, Korea, Guam, Japan, and our newest addition, Alaska. All of these regions have Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) groups that I encourage you to seek out. I would like to invite to our Pacific Region Retreat, "Petals of Peace" on April 6th-9th 2017 at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. In addition,

I invite you to visit our new regional facebook

page www.facebook.com/MCCWPacificRegion. This page will post current information and happenings occurring in the MCCW Pacific Region.

Mahalo,

~Jennifer Carter
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From the Northeast~

Fall, glorious, fall! Here in the Northeast we are welcoming in fall with cozy sweaters, crisp empire apples and colored leaves. Our chapels continue to embark in their kick-offs events, encouraging all ladies to grow in faith formation, fellowship and communion.

One thing all of our beautiful women have in common is the increasing set of demands upon our plates. It is challenging to find balance and even more difficult to choose the 'greater good' in the midst of the chaos of life. So, in the Northeast we are going to battle with these demands.

Listening like Mary in a world of Martha demands will be our retreat theme. Our schedule has put a priority in carving out time for prayer and quiet listening. This year we were able to secure a location at a lower price than in recent years to meet the request of our members. Our retreat center may not have some of the amenities that past centers have afforded. However, what it lacks in décor it truly makes up for in the sprawling grounds which are peppered with beautiful walkways, prayer paths and amazing sculptures. Ultimately our desire is not a luxurious vacation but a time to sit before the Lord without distraction and choose the 'greater good'.

The Northeast will host our regional retreat at the Don Bosco Retreat Center on the grounds of the Marian Help of Christians Pilgrimage site. Located in Stony Point, New York, a part of the historic Hudson Highlands this is an area where our nation and military fought for our independence and secured our dependence as the United States of America.

The Northeast region plans to have registration open November 1 st for our April 21-23, 2017 retreat.

More information can be found on facebook at MCCW NE Region

~Amanda Fox
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~From the Southeast!

I am proud and honored to represent the Southeast Region of MCCW! I live in the Huntsville area of Alabama (Redstone Arsenal). Like all of you, I stay super busy with my family, work and other responsibilities. My hope is that for our retreat in April, we will spend time remembering to just breathe. To just spend time with Our Lord and be the women we were created to be.

I am extremely unqualified for this position, but it is my hope that we will work together. I need your ideas, support and mostly prayers. As we get closer to the retreat in April, I will be asking for help in certain areas from various Chapels. I hope that you will all want to be in the game and not just on the sidelines. However, if all you can do is get to the retreat-that is fine too. I just want to see you there! If you have something you know you want to do, let me know.

The best way to contact me is through our Facebook page. If you are not already on our new page, please join us, as this will be a primary way of contact. (MCCW Southeast Region) Feel free to share on this page what is going on at your Chapel.

Thank you for this opportunity and May God Bless you

~Nancy Arzonico
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Greetings from Europe!

Please join me in honoring our servant-leader, Jane Gottardi, who has been the heart and soul of MCCW-Europe for the past 4+ years. Jane will be leaving Europe soon, but will undoubtedly continue her extraordinary work on behalf of the Kingdom. Thank you, Jane, for your love, devotion and tireless efforts in God's mighty vineyard. We have all been blessed and nourished by the fruits of your labor. May God bless you, and *please* continue to pray for us!

We are fresh off the heels of our MCCW-E Regional Retreat "Echoing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in this Year of Mercy." We spent the weekend in Schoenstatt, Germany (literally: beautiful city!) where we were challenged to discern our gifts and to use them in service to the world and those around us. We were honored to be joined by AMS Bishop Richard Spencer, Fr Redmond Raux (our moderator) and board members of MCCW-Worldwide.

Our new board was assembled (with a lot of the help from the Holy Spirit) in Schoenstatt, and we are all humbled, excited and ready to begin this journey! We are thrilled to add two new positions to our board: Journey of Faith and Mother's Prayers. Please pray for us--that we can empty ourselves and accept the direction of the Holy Spirit. And Our Lady of Good Counsel: *pray for us!*

We are hoping to connect to all individual CWOCs/MCCWs throughout Europe (a challenge as MCCW transforms to include all branches of service.) Please contact us at europemccw@gmail.com if your group is not already connected. Also—if you have any ideas or inspirations or questions, then by all means, contact us!

Thank you for the incredibly warm MCCW welcome, and let's get to work in the vineyard!

Michaela



~Chaplain's Corner~

Hi Sisters in Christ! My name is Cari Tedesco and I am MCCW's Chaplain. I am here to pray for the concerns of the MCCW Board of Directors and to pray for you, too.

To that end, I have helped facilitate the informal group for Catholic women to read, discuss, and go on retreat together to discover St. Therese's Offering to Merciful Love and Consecration to the Divine Mercy, with the help of our Central Regional Coordinator, Dollia Lemus.

I will be planning more of these, especially during the last half of our Year of Divine Mercy. I leave you with this quote from St Faustina:

“When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: “You can do ALL things” And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus himself will intervene in the matter, and, as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love him.”

~St Faustina p 392

So, when our military life throws us a curve ball, in the form of an unexpected PCS, or delayed orders or a deployment, I pray that this quote from St Faustina will give you comfort.

God Bless,
Cari Tedesco



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