



The Well



The Military Council of Catholic Women-Worldwide **connects, unites, and inspires** U.S. military affiliated women to grow in their Catholic faith.

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December 2018

Stewardship

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:6

During this Advent season, please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to the Military Council of Catholic Women. MCCW operates solely with the service of dedicated volunteers who offer their time and talents to build a strong community of faith for military women. MCCW is entirely resourced through the generous support of designated offerings from military chapels, individual donations, and Catholic foundations. All of the funding we receive directly supports programming to grow and strengthen Catholic military communities.

Through our volunteers and your generosity, MCCW-Worldwide provides seven Regional Retreats and a worldwide Faith Formation Forum to Catholic, U.S. military-affiliated women (active duty, dependent, reserve, and retiree). We also provide faith formation resources and leader development training to Catholic women's ministries on military installations.

Gifts or designated offerings to MCCW-Worldwide, Inc. are fully tax-deductible. There are several ways to support MCCW:

- Donate online at: mccw.org/donate
- Gifts may be sent by mail to:
Military Council of Catholic Women
PO Box 4456
Washington, DC 20017
- Another way to support MCCW is through Amazon Smile by selecting:
Military Council of Catholic Women - Worldwide
as your designated charity. Through Amazon Smile, each time you shop, 0.5% of your purchase is donated to MCCW.

Volunteer of the Month

MCCW was blessed this fall with the arrival of Jean Dery to the team as MCCW's own graphic designer. Jean, who has served the military both on active duty Army and as a reservist, recently moved to Fort Bliss with her active duty husband. With an educational and professional background in graphic design, Jean has dived headfirst into helping MCCW develop a consistent, professional look for the Well. She also developed graphics for the upcoming 2019 retreats and the tagline inspired by MCCW's updated mission statement:



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As MCCW rolls out announcements about Forum and a streamlined social media presence, expect to see more of Jean's beautiful work. MCCW is grateful for Jean's enthusiasm, willingness to say "yes", and her patience with the often lengthy editing process.

Thank you, Jean!





From the President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Advent greetings to you all! I am writing this in the first week of advent — the week of hope — and I can't think of a more appropriate time to be writing to military women than this time of hopeful waiting.

Hopeful waiting is kind of our thing as military women, right? Each year, we wait with hope for orders, promotions, reunions after long separations, and visits home to family. And through all of this waiting, we cling to hope and to God's promise to us in scripture:

“For I know the plans I have for you, oracle of the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for woe,
so as to give you a future of hope.”
— Jeremiah 29:11

We at MCCW are in a state of hopeful waiting as well — we are eagerly anticipating opening registration for our Spring retreats and making an exciting announcement about Forum 2020. But just as God asks us to wait for Christ's birth on Christmas — a perfect time for that most important of births — MCCW has to wait for the right time for our activities as well.

The good news is those perfect times are fast approaching. We anticipate registration for the Pacific and Central retreats to open this week and the other regions to follow shortly thereafter. And we will be making our exciting Forum announcement via social media and the website early in the New Year. We don't want you to miss any exciting MCCW news, so please be sure you are following us on social media at www.facebook.com/MCCWWorldwide or save our website (www.mccw.org) in your bookmarks.

When I reflect on that beautiful scripture of hope from Jeremiah 29, I like to remind myself of the verses that follow as well:

“When you call me, and come and pray to me,
I will listen to you.
When you look for me, you will find me.
Yes, when you seek me with all your heart.”
— Jeremiah 29:12-13

This Advent, my prayer for each of us is that as we journey through this season of hopeful waiting we will remember to come to the Lord, pray to the Lord, look for the Lord, and seek the Lord. And that when we do, we will know that He is near.

In my prayers always,
Kim

Seminarian Spotlight Our Promised Priests

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ and give thanks for all that is good, may we also keep close in prayer our AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarians. These men are answering God's call to be priests and military chaplains.

In the spring of 2019, five priestly ordinations will be celebrated. Join me in praying for Deacon Matthew Faucett, Deacon Vincent Gillmore, Deacon Sean Koehr, Deacon Corey Rouse, and Deacon Christopher Yakkel. After serving their local diocese for three years, they will become military chaplains in 2022.

Denise Hummel
MCCW Director at Large



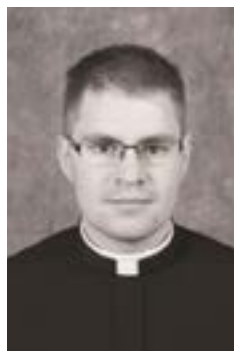
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Regional Retreat Update

Fruitful progress is being made to bring MCCW Spring Retreats to your region!

Save the Date promotional fliers are being designed for each region, and Regional Coordinators hope to launch registration, through EventBrite, between mid-December to mid-January depending on retreat start date.

Strengthened by grace 2 Timothy 2:1



Upcoming Events

MCCW Board members, mark your calendars for the MCCW Board Meeting in San Antonio, TX from January 18-21, 2019.



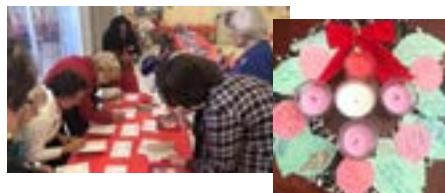
Regional Updates

Northeast Region: Quantico CWOC chose Divine Mercy for their fall book study.

The ladies of MCB Quantico CWOC had the pleasure of hosting Nancy Scimone in her beautiful St. Faustina Drama.



Western Region: CWOC in Fort Huachuca have been very busy this Advent season. They hosted a Christmas card signing, a cookie exchange, started an Easter cookbook project, and created a prayer intention Advent wreath.



They also had a “Baby Jesus Shower.” The ladies came together and donated newborn and new mom essentials. These gifts are now with a charity that helps pregnant women in need and advocates for life.



European Region

The ladies of CWOC Baumholder came together on December 12 for a Christmas party. The ladies had so much fun playing party. The ladies had so much fun playing games that they forgot to take photos of the event, but each lady did leave with a special Christmas gift.

Southeast Region

The ladies for CWOC Fort Campbell joined forces with PWOC and MOPS to host a Free Market. They served over 450 people during their first day of outreach.

