

Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

2022 – 2023 Board Review

Highlights:

- Father Pinto was installed as our Spiritual Advisor at our June 2022 event. We had been searching for an Advisor after Father Klinger, our longtime advisor was no longer able to perform his duties.
- Becky Borglin was elected President and Kate Buckner was elected Secretary.
- During our July board meeting Father Pinto encouraged us to have the Eucharist Revival as the theme for our events and the board agreed.
- Becky and Carolyn met with Bishop Bradley in August. He was very pleased that we had hired Rebecca Kiessling for our September event to help change hearts about abortion and defeat Proposal 3.
- The September event was very successful! We had about 100 women and guests from all parts of the Diocese. Bishop Bradley opened the day with prayer and encourage everyone to pray and fast and help defeat Proposal 3. Our keynote speaker was Rebecca Kiessling and Lisa Irwin also spoke very powerfully of why we needed to defeat Proposal 3. The theme of the event was “Defeating Abortion through the Eucharist.”
- Carolyn, Becky, Vicki Hermann and Donna Allen (Vicki and Donna were both 1st timers) attended the NCCW in Minneapolis. Carolyn, Becky, and Vicki will be attending in Salt Lake City.
- President Becky informed the board of the NCCW resolution to promote the Rosary and 1st Saturday’s and also about writing our personal journey story.
- January Board retreat meeting – following the resolution from NCCW – we modeled how to promote 1st Saturday’s by praying the rosary and providing the meditations. Kate and Peg handed out 1st Saturday program books with the requirements and promises. We encouraged each other to start or continue the 1st Saturday practice. Becky provided the board with journals so the board could begin writing their personal stories. It was hoped that at later meetings – we could share our stories. That has not been able to happen yet – but we hope to have a session on writing our stories and sharing with each other.
- Our Lenten March event was very successful with 150 ladies and many ministries and vendors.
- Deb Herbeck was our featured speaker, Father Pinto spoke about the Eucharist and heard confessions. We began the day with mass and the rosary in the Cathedral. The theme was taken from the 6th station of the Cross – Jesus comforts the weeping women – The day was titled” Healing through the Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- We mailed and emailed 3 newsletters to promote each event and placed flyers in the churches.
- On Friday, June 16 on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart – we held our last event for this fiscal year. We prayed the rosary, attended Holy Mass and prayed the Litany of the Sacred Heart as the Bishops asked us to do. Our election was held and Ann Vrablic was elected Vice President and Vicki Hermann is the new treasurer.
- Bishop Bradley had a Synod for Priestly Vocations and I was asked to represent KDCCW.
- Bishop Bradley’s retirement has been accepted and his replacement, Bishop-elect Edward Lohse will be installed on July 25.
- We are in the process of getting our 501c status.

Submitted by-

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