

Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

2022-23 Year Review

Highlights:

- Father Ayub Nasar was commissioned as our Spiritual Advisor by Bishop Walkowiak. It's been a long stretch since we have had a priest as our SA.
- Our GRDCCW Board has filled the Spirituality, Leadership, and Service Committees with very capable chairpersons: Helena Signore, Danna Gomez, and Jeanne Benedict. These chairs have been vacant for several years.
- Danna and Barb met with Bishop Walkowiak in February. The bishop was very impressed with Danna and loved the idea of the priests being supported in prayer. He is endorsing GRDCCW and Seven Sisters Apostolate via a letter of recommendation to the pastors. The bishop also gave us permission to host a Lunch and Learn for the diocesan staff working at Cathedral Square.
- The Seven Sisters Apostolate for Bishop Walkowiak is currently being expanded from 7 sisters to 21; the bishop will be covered in prayer each day of the week during morning, noon, and evening.
- The Leadership Committee meets monthly and works on marketing with our secretary, Kathy Leeuwenburg on: Mailchimp, QR code, online registration, new rack card, monthly Google Meet workshops starting in August, and the new grdccw.org website.
- Danna, Janet, and Barb attended the NCCW Convention in Minneapolis; it was Danna's first time. Lisa Kraemer, Janet, and Barb will be attending the NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City, Lisa's first convention.
- Our 83rd Fall Seminar was attended by 100 women in October.
- Our May 16th pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center was sold out and had a waiting list of 30.
- Janet was elected to the NCCW Nominating Committee.
- GRDCCW continues to develop relationships with diocesan leaders. GRDCCW receives support both monetarily and in service.
- GRDCCW is pursuing the need for 501c3 status and will be meeting with the Diocesan CFO.
- GRDCCW hosted a vendor table at the diocesan Eucharistic Revival and served as volunteers in various capacities.