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St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women

November 2009 - Year for the Priest

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CCW Newsletter



St. Raphael Catholic Church



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New Parishioner Party

New Parishioners please join us on Tuesday, November 10 for a Wine and Cheese Party, 7:00 until 8:30 PM. Meet fellow parishioners and learn about what St. Raphael's Church and School have to offer to you and your family. It is in the Parish Center. RSVP Louise Barrett 821-2561 or amblab@aol.com

Parish Spaghetti Dinner

The Church Life Committee is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner Sunday, November 15. The cost is \$7 per person, \$4 under 10 with a family max of \$25. Dinner starts at 6 PM. The proceeds will help pay for the two new refrigerators purchased for the kitchen. Our CCW recently donated \$1000 towards this purchase, but the total cost is over \$3000. Come have a night off from cooking and enjoy the church family community as we come together to help keep our kitchen functioning with the addition of these 2 refrigerators recently purchased.



Christmas Breakfast

Celeste Brown will be catering our CCW Christmas breakfast party, Saturday, December 5 after the 8 AM Mass. RESERVATIONS are needed. Please mail your check of \$6.50 payable to CCW to Louise Barrett 820 24 Ave N, St. Petersburg Fl 33704, or drop an envelope marked "CCW Christmas Breakfast" in the Sunday collection. We are collecting gifts for

the Shore Acres Nursing Home Residents. Please wrap and mark a tag with the item name and size so they can give it to the right resident. They need shirts, sweaters, robes, slippers, lotion, and other clothing and toiletry items. There are over 100 residents and our goal is to get enough gifts for everyone to have at least 1 Christmas present.

CCW President's Message

Hello to all my Sisters at St. Raphael's Council of Catholic Women: I miss you all so much and will see you in December. I'm currently looking out at 3 inches of pure, white snow, with the prairie wind blowing across the hills of South Dakota; not at all like our home in St. Pete, but God's Country as well. It's so true, God is everywhere!!! He's in the warmth of a St. Pete summer day and also the canyons and mountains of a snowy Rushmore. I want to thank you all so much for what you are doing to make this Council year such a success. We are the largest Council of Catholic Women in the Lower Pinellas Deanery and we have each and every one of you to thank. We've got a busy few months to come, with the Christmas Party, and also the Pinellas Hope Evening Meal on Dec 10th. Thank you all for your support of all our activities. Remember, "In the Lord's Service" means active participation or prayerful support. We appreciate it all! Love and Blessings, *Claudia Soucy*

CCW Calendar 2009-2010

Saturday,	November 7	General Meeting
Sunday,	November 15	Spaghetti Dinner, Parish Center 6PM
Saturday,	December 5	Christmas Breakfast
Thursday,	December 10	Cook Dinner for Pinellas Hope
Saturday,	January 2	General Meeting
Saturday,	January 16	Rummage Sale
Monday,	January 25	Matthew Kelly Guest Speaker
Saturday,	February 6	General Meeting
Tuesday,	February 9	Pilgrimage to St John Vianney Seminary
Saturday,	February 13	Fashion Show
Saturday,	March 6	Mini Lenten Retreat
Saturday,	April 10	General Meeting
Thursday,	April 15	Lower Pinellas Deanery Spring
Saturday,	May 1, 2010	General Meeting
Mon-Wed,	May 3-5	DCCW Convention Tampa
Saturday,	May 15, 2010	Pot Luck Luncheon



General Meeting Schedule:

September-May; 7:35AM Rosary, 8AM Mass, 8:30 Continental Breakfast, & Meeting

“Knit-Clickers” by Ann Kovach

The St. Raphael CCW “Knit-Clickers” are busy at work. Mary Carlomagno, Terry Hamm, Angela Soucy and Ann Kovach are again knitting hats and scarves for the homeless. They will easily reach their goal of 100+. These hats are given to our Director of Religious Education, Lynn Edmonds, for distribution to those in need when the weather gets cooler. Last year hats were given to Pinellas Hope, St Vincent de Paul and the migrants. Lynn tells us that they were very well received and many were happy with the variety of color and patterns from which they could choose. These ladies happily knit away with much love and compassion for several months. They also knit for other groups. You will also find them helping out for many CCW projects i.e. donating door prizes for the recent card party;(Mary even made and donated the money tree.) They also have been rosary makers, bulletin stuffers, counters, nursing home visitors, coffee servers, and much more. Like all our CCW members, they are a vital part of our St. Raphael Family.



SAFE training

Attention: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)-SAFE training for those working with Vulnerable Adults, St. Raphael’s Church – Room B, Sat, November 14, 9AM – noon. If you work with vulnerable adults or visit the homebound or hospitalized, and have unsupervised access to people in their home, nursing home, hospital or assisted living facility then you are required to have this training. To register, call the church office at 821-0155. The cost of this workshop will be paid for by the church.



November Papal Intentions

General: That all the men and women in the world, especially those who have responsibilities in the field of politics and economics, may never fail in their commitment to safeguard creation.

Mission: That believers in the different religions, through the testimony of their lives and fraternal dialogue, may clearly demonstrate that the name of God is a bearer of peace.

LPD Fall Conference Thank You

Dear Ladies of St Raphael CCW: Thank you for your amazing support of the Lower Pinellas Deanery Fall Conference. Ava Abner was installed as the LPD Organization Chairman and Jeannette Abramo won several prizes! Others who attended the LPD were Maggie Moren (LPD legislative Chairman), Ursula Abner, Lu Perrin, Bernadette Bailey (LPD Corresponding Secretary), Mary Stoft, Chris Winstead, Joann Burkart, Kay Yennie, Mary Carlomagno, Winnie Young, Roseanna Costa, Marlene D'Abramo, Joan Grayson, Ann Kovach (LPD Parliamentarian) and Ruth Mattick. St Raphael's provided an amazingly delicious and abundant breakfast for the Conference which was held at St Paul's on October 31. There were 83 present at the Conference which included Mass, a Rosary, lunch, a speaker, and information about the upcoming DCCW Convention May 3rd - 5th.

St. Raphael's went all out supplying breakfast for the LPD Fall Festival at St. Paul's on October 31. Marlene D'Abramo coordinated the effort. Helpers/bakers included Cherie Mainenti, Yolanda Gallagher, Bernadette Bailey, Ann Kovach, Louise Barrett, Mary Stoft, Roseanna Costa, Chris Winstead, Marlene D'Abramo Joan Grayson, Joan Barkhart, Jeannette Abramo, Winnie Young and Carol Irwin. There was enough food left over to help with the reception for the Mass of Remembrance at St Raphael's on November 1, and even more left over for our next CCW breakfast! Thank you one and all who helped with this tremendous effort. The ladies were there at St. Paul's at 7:30 AM to have everything prepared and beautifully displayed.

Thank you to Bernadette Bailey for heading the registration for the LPD Fall Conference and to Ann Kovach and Mary Carlomagno who helped with check-in at the Fall Conference.

To Those Who Have Recently Lost a Loved One *by Carol Irwin*

Dear Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your recent loss. To lose someone you love is one of life's most difficult challenges. As a member of your parish family I want you to know you are not alone during this period of grief. In order to help support you through many of the emotions and transitions you are experiencing I will be starting a bereavement support group in the new year. We will begin our first session on Tuesday, January 5, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Room A. The support group will meet weekly for the next 7 weeks on Tuesdays and conclude on Tuesday, February 23. During this group process, you, your family members, and other parish members who have suffered a recent loss, can come together to lean on each other as you learn about the process and emotions of grief. Each week I will present a topic which sometimes will be followed by a twenty minute video pertaining to the topic. Following the video there will be an opportunity to share how the topic pertains to what you are experiencing. As you probably already know, time alone will not heal your grief; it is what you do with your time that can make such a big difference. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the bereavement support group please don't hesitate to call and leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. My home number is 821-7390. Remember one of the Beatitudes: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." It is my prayer that God will use the bereavement ministry to comfort and support you during this most difficult time. Please be assured of my thoughts and prayers.

Coping with Grief as the Holidays Approach *by Carol Irwin*

Do you find yourself dreading the old familiar family traditions now that your loved one is gone? Grief consumes so much of our available energy no matter what the season. However, facing the holidays without our loved one places additional demands on our time, emotions, and psyche. Bereaved individuals who experience the most difficulty with the holiday season are those who have given little thought to the challenges they will encounter. Come Tuesday, Nov. 25th from 7-8:30 in Room B. Let's spend an hour or so sharing how it might be best to prepare ourselves spiritually, emotionally and socially before the Christmas rush. Please call me if you can come so I'll have enough handouts and refreshments. Carol Irwin 821-7390

Member News

- ⌘ From CCW member Bonnie Condon: Jim and I had a wonderful trip to London, England. We arrived on Saturday afternoon and went searching for a church. We came upon the most beautiful church in London, in my opinion, the London Oratory (meaning a place of prayer) or it is also called the Oratory of St. Philip Neri dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I was drawn to this church because of the magnificence of the architecture, art works, statuary and the ten or so chapels that run along the exterior sides of the church. There was a choir of men who sang during the Mass and it was magnificent. We knelt down to receive the Eucharist, just like many of our First Holy Communion.
- ⌘ From CCW member Lillian McClelland: My husband and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on October 3, 2009 on board a cruise ship in the Mediterranean Sea. We visited Spain, France, Italy, Turkey and Greece. We had wonderful weather up until the last day of the cruise. We left Naples, Italy around 5 PM, heading for Barcelona, Spain, when the Captain told us that the seas would be rough and we will probably be a little late in arriving in port the next morning. At 6 AM the Captain made an announcement telling us that we were in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, and that we would be 6 hours late in arriving in Spain, as there was some water damage during the night. We went up to the top deck for breakfast and it was there that we heard the rest of the story. During the night, the winds got up to 103 MPH, a wave came over the front of the ship and it hit the 10th deck. It knocked out three windows, causing water to enter the ship and flooding 25 cabins (My husband and I slept through it all) Four people had to be taken to the hospital and many others had cuts and bruises. Because we were so late in arriving in Spain, we missed the airplane to return home. The cruise line was able to schedule us on another flight the following day, and they also made arrangements for us to sleep in a hotel. We were tired, but it did give us another day to see Barcelona. The best part of this trip was when we visited Mary's House in Ephesus, Turkey.
- ⌘ From CCW member Julie Musselman: Just got back from the Lighthouse National Conference at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein IL. It was announced that over 40,000 CDs were distributed in the state of Florida so far during 2009 in over 90 parishes!
- ⌘ From CCW member Addys Sasserath: My son, Trevor passed his Eagle review board. The new Eagle Scout would like to thank Msgr Caverly for allowing him to make the mobile dividers for the little church and the parishioners for donating their time and money toward the project. A special thank you to Don Mattick for providing advice and support. Trevor also received news this week that he was selected for membership into the National Honor Society. He will be inducted in November. God is good all the time!
- ⌘ From CCW member Marty Foreman- I belong to the GFWC Woman's Juniors club and we had a wonderful Pumpkin Palooza Festival Oct 4 held at the Snell Isle Woman's Club. There about 20 gals in the club and we had record -breaking numbers of kids and fun in our all day event.

Game Day Card Party Report

We had 52 people at our CCW Game Day Card Party October 24. People played scrabble, dominoes, rummy cube, cribbage and various card games including bridge. Thank you to our chairman Ruth Mattick and her daughter Pat who collected an amazing number of opportunities and door prizes (Rosemary Early was a big winner). Louise Barrett and Maggie Moren cooked with helping hands from many others including Celeste Brown. We made \$562 profit and had tons of fun which is always a great combination. We had several couples and hope you will think about attending next year.

November Meeting

Thank you to Pat Barclay and Juanita Galan of the Migrant Workers Association who were the speakers at the November 7th CCW General Meeting.

Vocation News

by Seminarian Bob Angel

Hello all! Hope you're having a blessed (and warm) Fall thus far. It's quite busy here in Miami, but through all the daily ups-and-downs of life, we can take solace in an unchanging God who desires a sincere relationship with us. Don't force prayer--let it flow naturally and honestly from your hearts, however you may feel this particular day. Thank you for all your prayers. They are certainly helping me to survive philosophy! May God bless you all this day.

Year for Priests

Monsignor J. Bernard Caverly was born in Ireland, the middle child of 3 brothers and 1 sister. His family was very devout, and he had another brother, Patrick, who later also became a priest. (Monsignor Patrick Caverly currently serves in the Diocese of Orlando). Monsignor was attending a Catholic high school (De La Salle) when his parish priest asked him directly if he had ever considered becoming a priest. Monsignor said yes and entered Mount Melleray Seminary after high school to study Philosophy. Monsignor completed his priestly studies at Saint Patrick's College, Carlow.

Meanwhile, Archbishop Hurley from the Diocese of St Augustine FL, (whose own parents were from Ireland) had been in Ireland recruiting priests for pastoral work in Florida. Archbishop Hurley had bought tracts of land all over FL with the intent to build churches and he needed priests. Monsignor Caverly agreed to be ordained for the Diocese of St Augustine, and came to Florida to help build up and shepherd the growing Catholic Church. He was ordained in 1965 and his first assignment was in Port Orange FL, near Daytona Beach at Epiphany Catholic Church. He also taught religion there at Fr Lopez High School. Monsignor then went to San Jose church in Jacksonville. The Diocese of Miami had been newly formed in 1958, and the Diocese of St Petersburg in 1968. Monsignor participated in the work and excitement as our Diocese was founded and began growing. Over his years in the Diocese of St Petersburg beginning in 1967, Monsignor was assigned to St Paul's and St Jerome. He was pastor of Good Shepherd in Tampa, Holy Cross

in St Pete and in 1976, was installed as pastor of the Cathedral of St Jude's where he served for 20 years. We were blessed when Bishop Lynch assigned Monsignor to St Raphael's in 1996 where he has served us now for 13 years. Some other duties during his years in the Diocese of St Pete included teaching at St Petersburg Catholic, serving on the Tribunal for 7 years, acting as Chaplain to the Serra Club, and being the Director of the Calvary Catholic Cemetery for several years.

Monsignor's favorite saint is St Bernard. He says the most satisfying experience in his life as a priest has been building the new Church at St Raphael's. He would recommend the priesthood to any man considering the priesthood as the greatest of all vocations to be a "Priest of Jesus Christ". For him, it has been a most rewarding and satisfying life. Thank you, Monsignor Caverly for giving your life to bring the Catholic Church to the people of Florida. Thank you, for nourishing us daily with the bread of life, tending to our sick and dying, caring for our children's souls, and helping us in our vocations. Your priesthood is a tremendous gift to us at St Raphael's.

Vocation News

by Seminarian Chris McBride

Hello CCW, The month of October has been busy. It went by fast. The mid semester break in the middle of the month was a blessing. I had a great time with my parish, family, and friends. I spent some time with St. Raphael's school and youth group. I also visited St. Pete Catholic, where I graduated in 2008. In the midst of all the pastoral work I did I had time to spend with my family and friends, which made it very worthwhile. I wish I had time to relax more, but it was a blessed break.

Now I am back in the regular schedule and I am on my way to preparing for the even busier November. I am hoping to get my papers out of the way before the 50th Anniversary weekend and Vocation Awareness Weekend. Bob and I are going to be very busy next month with all the other seminarians and staff here. Keep us in your prayers and remember you and all of our St. Raphael family are in ours.

I hope all is going well for you and CCW. Thank you for all your support!

In Your Prayers . . .

Sick *by Lu Perrin*

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bishop Lynch, Michael Downs, Catherine Vallette, Margaret Bonano, Ruth McDonald, Sue Brady, John Abramo, Paul Smith, Mike Heraty, Joyce Kubala, Ryleigh Russo, Margaret Swing, Kay Tolhoek, Karen Cocker, Joe Kolbe, Ginny Hansen, Francis Halsmer, and Lily Riconda.



Homebound and Nursing Home: Nellie and Charles Bonitati, Truus Stuimer, Eileen Edwards, DJ Thompson, Julie Schiavi, Fran Davis, Martha Farrell, Montile Sutterlin, and Ann Walsh

Recent CCW Member Death

CCW member Margaret Racila died Oct 28th in Tampa, where she had moved to be closer to her family. Margaret had been homebound for several years and lived next to CCW member Evelyn Smith who helped care for her and CCW member Angela Soucy who brought Margaret Holy Communion each week until Margaret moved to Tampa a few years ago. Margaret was a beautiful woman who lived out her faith through much suffering. May her soul rest in Peace.

Recent CCW Member Relative Death

Our Sympathies to CCW member Cheryl Anderson on the loss of her mother Muriel Anderson on all Soul's Day Nov 2. Muriel had been a resident at Maria Manor for several years and had just celebrated her 87th birthday October 24.

In Memory . . .

CCW Member Deaths Nov. '08-Oct. '09

We remember our dear CCW sister who have died in the past year- Adele Buchta, Mary Butson, Alma Henz, Pat Oakley, Margaret Racila, Dottie Santa-caterina, Mary Simoneau, and Mary Ann Smelter.

Deceased CCW Member Relatives Nov 2008-Oct 2009

CCW Member Relatives who died- Noemi Abad (Fanny Abad's daughter in law), Nancye Barrett (Louise Barrett's mother in law), Raymond DiSerafino (Mary Beth Finster's father), Richard Early (Rosemary Early's husband), Patricia Gilbert (Mary Dare's mother), Mildred High (Linda Champion's mother), Ella Neumann (Carol Zimmerman's mother), Jean Marie Orts Miketinac (Amy Robison's mother), David Peters (Therese Johnson's brother), Ralph Quartetti (Bernadine Quartetti's husband), Floyd Respole (Joyce Kubala's grandfather), Jerry Snider (Beth Scognamiglio's father), and Susan Thurston (Therese Johnson's sister in law), Billy Holsonback Jr. (Mary Donatelli's grandson)

Parishioner and Parishioner Relative Deaths Nov. 2008-Oct. 2009

May these souls, through the mercy of God rest in peace-Edwin Babor, Gerald Baio, Thomas Bozeman, Sr, Patricia Barber, Ninfa Ester Bermudez, Bonita Capra, Jessica Colihan, John DeCosmo, Ray Ferron, Elmer Gouthro, Ronald Hadfield, Catherine Higdon, Clement Kirk, Kason Taylor Kraus-Theis, Norman Le-Clair, Esther LaVangie, Joe LoPreste, Diane Ludes, Joe Lynch, Joseph MacDougald, Charlotte Manion, Louis Martinez, Edward Marusarz, Alice McKaveney, John Moran, Margot Morcillo, Philip Muehleck, Mary Kaye Naill, Florence Neville, David Peters, Richard Petit-pren, Al Ramirez, Floyd Respole, Zdenek Routa, Richard Renaud, Rose Satchwell, Maryann Schmidhammer, William Sharp, Paul Shrenk, H. David Smith, Robert Smith, Jerry Snider, Caroline Somma, Hilda Mary Strome, Julie Taylor, Andrea Thomson, Bob Twitty, Pedro Vales, Lillian Shrenk Williams, Jack Vanderbleek, Kathym Lee, Anastasia Russell, Mary Agnes Ducker, and Frank Damato

We are so very rich!!!!

Silver in the Hair, Gold in the Teeth, Stones in the Kidneys, Sugar in the Blood, Lead in the Feet, Iron in the Arteries, And an inexhaustible supply of Natural Gas. We never thought we'd accumulate such wealth.