

There's a point in every true friendship where you stop being friends and become sisters.



August is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and gives us the opportunity to engage with the saints in a beautiful tradition that deepens our relationship with the Blessed Mother. Throughout the month, the faithful are invited to reflect on Mary's pure heart, her steadfast love, and her towering virtue. As we navigate the challenges of the world, the flesh, and the devil, Mary's virtuous Heart becomes a guiding light and a fortress, inspiring us to emulate her and follow her closely as she opens for us the gates of Heaven.

Pope Leo XIV on Saturday visited and prayed at a Marian shrine outside of Rome, greeting the community there and urging them to "be faithful to the Mother."

The Holy Father visited the Shrine of the Mother of Good Counsel in Genazzano on Saturday afternoon. The sanctuary, located about an hour east of Rome, is run by the religious of the Order of St. Augustine and "houses an ancient image of the Virgin, dear to the Order and to the memory of Leo XIII," according to the Vatican.



Pope Leo XIV visits the Shrine of the Mother of Good Counsel in Genazzano, Italy, Saturday, May 10, 2025. Credit: Vatican Media

The pope greeted the religious at the shrine before praying at both the altar and the Marian image there, according to the Vatican. The Holy Father also prayed St. John Paul II's prayer to the Mother of Good Counsel with the assembly.

August CCW President's Greetings

... Linda Lauletta

I pray our CCW sisters are enjoying the summer and finding ways to stay cool. This month brings us to the beginning of another active council year. August 5 will find the Handmaidens group continuing with making items for our Boxes of Joy and some members receiving a lesson on how to crochet. The weekend of August 23-24 we will have our annual Membership Drive in the social hall after all Masses. September 16 at 11AM will be our first CCW member meeting for the 2025-2026 year. Also add to your calendar, People of Faith – Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Living Hope Church. Watch for emails on updates about the parish Fall Fair and Festival. CCW under the direction of Loretta Terrana will be providing a BAKE SALE with all procedures going towards the remodel of the social hall. CCW members who are fingerprinted will be selling the tickets for food and drinks at the festival along with members of the Knights of Columbus.

Please keep your CCW sisters in your prayers as some have had a loss of a loved one or are healing from a physical injury.

*Entrust your works to the Lord
and your plans will succeed.*

Welcome 2025 Board



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Welcome To Our Newest Members!

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COMMISSION CORNER



***Service - Tillie Granucci,
Nancy Pittman***



Community Engagement Projects ...

- Expanding the reading program at Head Start.
- Participating in the Fall, Christmas and Spring Fairs at Head Start. (Need toilet and paper towel rolls for a project.)
- Hosting Bingo at Clermont Rehab Center.
- Experimented with a “create your own plant/planter” at Superior Residence, with great results. Planning to do the same at Clermont Rehab.
- Boxes of Joy - Mary’s Handmaidens will put together sewing kits and jewelry kits as fillers. (Need large wide-mouth pill bottles, bandaids and buttons to help fill “first aid” and “sewing kit” bottles.

Of course, volunteers needed and appreciated! Come to Mary’s Handmaidens on August 5, 1-3pm, Social

***Spirituality - Connie Brewer,
Donna Butwell***



The People of Faith program, Wednesday, September 24 at Living Hope Church at 10:00 a.m with lunch to follow at 11:45 a.m. Program theme: Food Insecurity in Lake County. There will be a panel discussion with Michael Hopewell of Well of Hope (Four Corners), Trish Kry, Neighborhood Center (Groveland) and Dallis Wehr, Meals on Wheels (Living Hope Church).

Service - Tillie Granucci, Nancy Pittman cont.

As the warmth of July settles in, Mary’s Handmaidens continue to shine as a beacon of hope and hands-on kindness within our parish community and beyond.

This month, our devoted members have been crafting love into every stitch, kit, and gift. From handmade crocheted frisbees to sewing kits creatively fashioned from pill bottles, our Box of Joy contributions are packed with care and ready to journey across the globe to brighten a child’s Christmas in Haiti, Malawi, or the Dominican Republic.

Locally, our impact continues. The Lake Hills School community benefits from our tailored towel clothing covers and sweet handmade dresses, lovingly prepared for their incredible students. We’re also proud to support Clermont Headstart and JMJ Pregnancy Center with essential baby items—from blankets and bibs to burp cloths and loveys—ensuring that families in need feel the love of our parish.

Internationally, we remain connected to our mission church in Uganda, sending blankets and children’s clothing stitched with hope. And through our partnership with the Lake Sumter Children’s Advocacy Center, our homemade blankets not only offer warmth, but a sense of safety and dignity during difficult times.

Together, we remind the world that compassion knows no borders. Mary’s Handmaidens: small acts, big hearts. ... Nancy Pittman





Legislative - Loretta Terrana

What is FLCAN?

The Florida Catholic Advocacy Network is a statewide, online community established by the Bishops of Florida that exists to connect, educate, and mobilize Catholics across Florida's seven dioceses on public policy issues pertaining to life, dignity and the common good. (FLACCB.org) Post election, November 5, 2024, we have new state and federal legislators. We need to ensure they know our views on specific legislative proposals before they become law. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops and the USCCB (USCCB.org) make this easy by providing specific letters to which you add a few personal remarks and the email goes directly to the appropriate legislators.

Look up elected officials and sign up for alerts. Feel free to communicate your concerns. Enter your address to view voting resources and your officials plus your zip code.

Life & Dignity

The true moral test of society is how the weakest and most vulnerable members are treated. If the inalienable right to life of the unborn is not protected, the human family will make little progress with other issues relating to life and dignity, including the death penalty, euthanasia, poverty, and immigration.

Education

The Church supports the rights of parents to select the schools they deem best suited for their children. There is special emphasis on ensuring that poor and disabled students receive federal and state services necessary to achieve academically and socially.

Healthcare

As a basic human right necessary for a healthy and just society, the Church supports ensuring accessible quality health care for all. Health delivery systems must be rooted in values that respect life, acknowledge human dignity and respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

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Family and Social Concerns

As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the world. Every person has the fundamental right to life and to that which is required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties & responsibilities to one another, our family, and society.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

She throws herself into everything she does. She has solicited, scheduled and overseen all vendors for Makers Market and Fashion Shows; participated on the Fashion Show committee for 2 years; has been on the Board since 2016; currently co-chairing the Service commission and spearheading many wonderful projects.

Tillie Granucci was born in Greenwich Village, Manhattan (during the Be-Bop and young artists Era!) She grew up in New York City, attended NYU, married John, moved to Queens and worked as a medical secretary/biller at Beth Israel Hospital. Tillie joined CCW in 2014 and loves Italian food, pizza, Olive Garden, ceramics and crafting, especially with children and seniors.

Tillie is an industrious, hardworking, creative member of BSCCW and we are so happy to have her!

We pray for all our sisters and their families.



Heavenly Father, We lift up all those who are facing various illnesses and losses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. Amen



An English professor wrote the words:

"A woman without her man is nothing"
on the chalkboard and asked the students
to punctuate it correctly.

All of the males in the class wrote:
"A woman, without her man, is nothing."

All of the females in the class wrote:
"A woman: without her, man is nothing."

Punctuation is powerful.

*We welcome your
ideas and input for
the next newsletter!*



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Upcoming Events

Have a blessed summer!

Mary's Handmaidens - 1-3pm
August 5, Sept 2 - Social Hall

Board Meeting - 1-3pm
August 12, Sept 9 - Adult Ministry Bldg

General Meeting - 11am
Sept 16 - Social Hall

CCW Mass 8:30am second Thursday of month (8/14
& 9/11) - Blessed Sacrament Church

Membership Drive after all masses
August 23-24 - Social Hall

People of Faith
Sept 24 - Living Hope Church

Important Dates to Remember:

National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn Child
- 9/13/25

Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Respect
Life Month - October - wear purple

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day - wear
blue - 1/11/26

Slavery & Human Trafficking Awareness Month -
January

Capital Days at the Capital - 2/10-11/26

Annual Project Recognition Report due - 2/28/26



CCW members at ODCCW
Leadership Symposium