



National Catholic Sisters Week

National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) is an annual celebration that takes place from **March 8–14**. Created to honor women religious, it is a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus to the lives of these remarkable women. It's our chance to recognize all they have done for us. It's also our hope that as more young women learn about women religious, more will choose to follow their example.

Making its debut in March 2014, National Catholic Sisters Week is headquartered at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn., and is held in conjunction with National Women's History Month.

National Catholic Sisters Week is intended to broaden awareness of Catholic sisters, whose lives and ministries often remain behind the scenes. The hope is that those who learn more about women religious will be inspired and compelled to engage in self reflection, service and simple acts of kindness. We also envision an outcome in which more young women consider religious life because they have been exposed to it through a personal relationship.

Any time you tell the story or share the good work of a Catholic sister – whether through a one-one conversation, a blog post or a tweet – you are participating in NCSW. Participation is as simple as engaging online with NCSW.

Check out the NCSW website for information and event listings:

<http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org>



Celebrating all our Missionary Sisters! From left: Sr. Eileen Currie; Sr. Diane Olmstead; Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, Provincial; Sr. Lucy Panettieri, Provincial Councilor; Sr. Christine Marie Baltas and Sr. Arlene Van Dusen, Provincial Councilor.

A Good Thought for Lent

“Domestic Churches”

Faith opens a “window” to Spirit’s presence and working. It shows us that, like happiness, holiness is always tied to little gestures, which are those we learn at home in the family. They get lost amid all the other things we do, yet they do make each day



different. They are the quiet things done by mothers and grandmothers, fathers and grandfathers, children, brothers and sisters. They are little signs of tenderness, affection and compassion. Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life and life to grow in faith.

~ Pope Francis



This Lenten season, in what has become a beloved tradition, the Missionary Sisters and some of their lay collaborators will be offering reflections on the Gospels of the Sundays of Lent.

This week’s reflection is written by Karol Brewer, Province Formation Office

March 5th - the FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22) Pss I

I became aware of the many deserts that we experience and how temptations are part of our everyday life, as I reflected on this Gospel. Before the fall, Adam and Eve had no choice, it was as if they were programmed to do the will of God and had no idea what it was to be responsible for your actions and choices. Then God gave them the freedom to make choices and He made it possible for them to do what is right. Unfortunately, they abused that freedom. In the desert Jesus was faced with the same choice – to do His own will or to do the will of God. Unlike Adam and Eve, He made the decision to do

God's will rather than His own. I don't believe it was an easy decision for Him as He was wholly human.

Every day we are faced with choices; the temptation to gossip and be judgmental at times. Our world is filled with the evils of terrorism, hatred, inequality and the drive for wealth and power. We are tempted to be critical and feel overwhelmed. This makes us neglect to see and appreciate the many great things that are happening all around us – the elderly being comforted in their final stages of life, work being done to help and welcome immigrants, education of the heart taking place, God's love in action through service to HIV victims and their families, kindness of strangers, sharing the love of Christ in the world!

I take peace in knowing that GOD will continue to grace us. We will continue to face temptation and we will experience the results of our choices. And GOD will then grace us again!
~ submitted with love, Karol Brewer



Prayer Requests

Ryan Donnelly

Prayers are requested for a young man, Ryan Donnelly, who is at a pivotal time in his life and needs our prayerful support and accompaniment.

Wilhelmina Kanga

Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC asks prayers for her friend and Cabrini Companion Wilhelmina who is recovering from a heart attack. May she regain complete health.

Agnes Stridiron

Please keep Agnes, a long time friend and collaborator of the Missionary Sisters, in your prayers. Agnes was recently hospitalized and will be going to rehabilitation. Please pray that she recovers quickly.

Rosalind Yu

Your prayers are asked for Rosalind, a good friend of Sr. Grace Waters, MSC, who is experiencing some health issues at this time.

With Grateful Hearts

Sr. Regina Palamara, MSC

We offer prayers of thanksgiving for Sr. Regina's successful cataract surgery on February 28th. May you continue to recover quickly, Sr. Regina.

In Loving Memory

Itacir Lorencet

Sr. Bridget Zanin, MSC asks that we please pray for the repose of her dear uncle Itacir Lorencet, who died on Wednesday, March 1st. He is Sr. Bridget's mom's youngest brother and so very dear to all of their family. Pray for his wife and his family.

Kathie Mininno

Your prayers are asked for Kathie Mininno, mother of Cabrini University alumna Lisa Mininno Carnesi '98, who passed away on Saturday, February 25th. Please pray too, for Lisa's father, who was recently hospitalized. Pray for Lisa and her family as they go through this difficult time.

Christine Seaver

The Cabrinian Community joins the Cabrini University Community in extending sympathy to Dr. Mary Van Brunt, Dean of School of Business Arts and Media on the loss of her sister Christine A. Seaver who passed away on Monday, February 27th. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers at this sad time.

