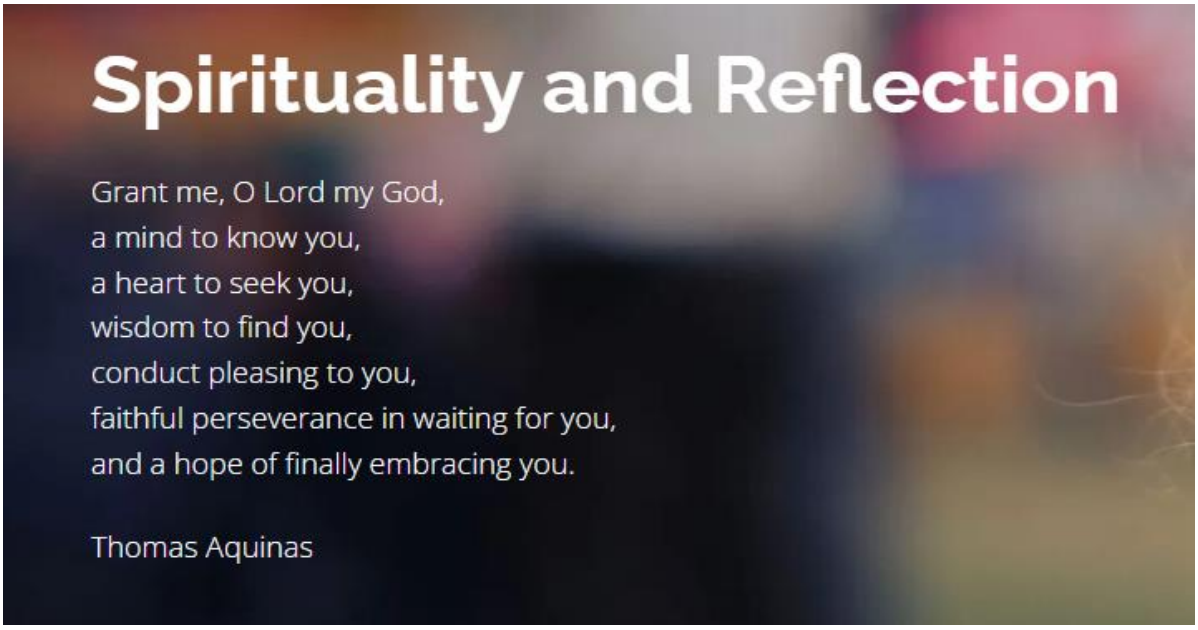
Spirituality Commission Chair Report

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As members of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, we are bound together by a shared mission of faith, service, and leadership.

To root our hearts today, I am sharing a prayer by Saint Thomas Aquinas, which is also featured on the NCCW website. It serves as a timeless guide for how we, as Catholic women, can walk alongside our Lord in every meeting, project, and personal moment of our daily lives:



When we look at this prayer line by line, it speaks directly to our work as a council:

- Asking for 'a mind to know You and a heart to seek You' grounds our educational programs, retreats, and spiritual formation.
- Praying for 'conduct pleasing to You' guides all of our charitable outreach, legislative advocacy, and community service.
- And asking for 'faithful perseverance' gives strength to any of us who may be feeling weary or overwhelmed in ministry.

As we look at the work accomplished across our diocese, and where the Lord is calling us next, may this prayer guide our hands, our decisions, and our fellowship throughout the upcoming months.

With that focus on 'a mind to know Him and a heart to seek Him', these are a few projects that we are working on:

> We are currently preparing the prayer service for our upcoming convention, focusing on our reflection themes, music selection, room setup, and designing a quiet, dedicated prayer room that breathes peace for all. As part of this preparation, we are working on prayer journaling booklets and reflection handouts, while also organizing the Liturgy of the Hours for morning prayer. Throughout all of our planning, we are integrating resources from the National Council of Catholic Women, including special devotions to Our Lady of Good Counsel.
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> *Thank you, Maria Devereux, Spirituality Commission Chair and Lisa Carver, Co-Chair.*