



**Message from President**

**Gwen Skipper**

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women approved three resolutions at the 2013 convention. Your convention representatives will strive to put these resolutions into action in the coming year.

One of the three resolutions will be included in the next three issues of *Mary and Martha*. You will note within this issue that several of our Women’s Society’s activities support the goals suggested by the resolutions.

**Resolution # 1 Year of Faith**

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and all bishops call upon Catholics that this Year of Faith be a time of spiritual renewal and personal encounter with Christ for us all.

Be it resolved, that The South Carolina Catholic Council of Catholic Women members will encourage and inspire others to proclaim their love for Christ and His Church and remind us of ways to serve those in our midst who are overlooked, ignored, or rejected, so that all may experience the peace and healing of Christ’s love.



**Church Care Schedule**

Fran Mauldin would like to thank everyone who volunteered to do Church Care in July.

**July Schedule**

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| July 5  | Gwen Skipper  | Millie McQuitty |
| July 12 | Nancy Barnes  | Lois Barnett    |
| July 19 | Fran Mauldin  | Angie Kempson   |
| July 26 | L. Woodington | Theresa Harper  |

It is time to build the August Schedule.

If you would like to volunteer for a Friday in August, please contact Fran by phone 771-8800 or e-mail [fmauldin@hotmail.com](mailto:fmauldin@hotmail.com)

**A Summer Note from Janet**

The great American game of baseball is sometimes called a “civil religion.” The playing field is a pastoral-like place, reminding us of the green pastures where the Good Shepherd leads us. The Trinity is echoed in the three strikes of the batters, the three outs in each inning, the 3x3 (or nine) players on a team. The base-lines and the clear rules of the game reflect the Ten Commandments of God.

Like the baseball players, we step up to the run of life toward the home plate (Heaven Itself). The baseball game sometimes brings the players great joy and sometimes breaks their hearts. Such is the “Game of Life” for us all. Janet O’ Keeffe



**Birthright Collection**

From July 20-July 28 a crib will be placed in the back of the church to receive donations. The following are desired items: Baby wash cloths, lotion, crib sheets, blankets, disposable diapers, wipes, ointments, infant gowns and sleepers, and maternity clothes. (All donations, new and gently used, are tax-deductible. Birthright does NOT accept car seats or any type furniture.)

**Calendar**

- July 20-28 - Birthright parish wide collection
- July 24 - Birthright Tea Room Lunch- 11:30AM-2PM Blossom St. House
- Aug 3- 8AM - Rosary & Mass, -St. Joseph Church, Breakfast at Lizard’s Thicket
- Sept. 1- Rosary for the Unborn- After 8:15AM Mass
- Sept 7 & 8- Tailgating and Community Sunday
- Sept 15- Women’s Society Monthly meeting
- Sept 29- Columbia-Midlands Deanery Meeting- St. Martin de Porres
- Oct. 5- 8AM- 12PM Morning Retreat with Sister Christina Murphy