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2023: A Year-In-Review
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The National Association of Catholic Nurses, USA (NACN-USA) is the official U.S.A. national Catholic Nursing organization member of the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants (CICIAMS), Vatican City.

On behalf of NACN-USA, I would like to extend my gratitude to each member for their fellowship and dedication. You have responded to the *Papal Call* urging Catholic Nurses to join their national Catholic Nursing Association (Pope Pius XI, 1935). In keeping with our mission, NACN-USA continues to fortify the ability of Catholic Nurses to carry out professional activities in practice and in the public square in keeping with Catholic Magisterial teachings. On June 27, 2023, Pope Francis wrote, “Thank you for your witness and for the good you do throughout the world”. (Please enjoy the attached documents)

2023: A Year of Spiritual Nourishment, Advocacy, and Stewardship

This report highlights 2023 NACN-USA accomplishments, endeavors underway, and vision for the coming year. Items presented involved active members from coast to coast. We have been Blessed.

2023: A Year of Spiritual Nourishment Efforts & Initiatives

- Perpetual Daily Masses are celebrated for each NACN-USA member and their family
- Members attest to the existence of *Living Presence in the Eucharist*
 - Members to join activities affirming the Living Presence in the Eucharist during the Eucharistic Congress: July 17, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana
 - Members to staff a booth at this 2024 Eucharistic Congress
- Members participated in “White Masses” in multiple states and dioceses
- Members participated in Rosary Rallies in multiple states and dioceses
- Members encouraged Mass Attendance, receipt of the Sacraments, wearing of sacramentals, Scripture reading, Adoration, and local parish/diocese involvement
- Website section entitled *Oremus* (Let us pray) will soon be operational

2023: A Year of Advocacy (NACN-USA Voice in the Public Square)

- A team of members represented CICIAMS at the United Nations, NYC, NY, USA
- A NACN-USA member gave the 2023 CICIAMS Oral Statement at the United Nations 4/13/23
- 2023 NACN-USA signed / co-signed documents to U.S. Government Agencies / U.S. Designated Committees addressing the:
 - NIH Call for Comments and Suggestions: Updating the NIH Mission Statement
 - U.S. Uniform Law Committee Re: Proposed revisions to the “Uniform Determination of Death Act”

- Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Health and Human Service Programs or Activities, 45 CFR 84, RIN 0945-AA15; Docket ID number HHS–OCR– 2023-19149.
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Proposed Regulations to Implement the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, 29 CFR 1636, RIN number 3046–AB30; Document Citation 88 FR 54714 - 54794.
- Health and Human Services Grants Regulation, HHS Grants Rulemaking, 45 CFR Parts 75 RIN 0945–AA19; Docket ID number HHS–OCR–2023– 0011.
- Public Comment Opposed to Some of the Provisions in “Safeguarding the Rights of Conscience as Protected by Federal Statutes” [RIN 0945-AA18]1
- Communications: Website, Newsletter, Social Media, Catholic Publications, and Radio
- National and International: Inter-Catholic Organizational collaboration

2023: A Year of Stewardship (NACN-USA Action in the Public Square)

- Members *Marched for Life* in Washington DC and in multiple states
- NACN-USA renewed our CICIAMS international membership (Vatican City)
- NACN-USA sponsored the Croatian Catholic Nurses Association 2023 CICIAMS membership
- NACN-USA member served as the elected General Secretary of CICIAMS
- NACN-USA member served as the elected CICIAMS Pan American President
- Launched School-based Council Initiative with Leading Catholic Universities and Colleges
- Began preparations for the CICIAMS African Regional Congress Nairobi, Kenya August 2024
- Began preparations for the hospital-based programs Long Island, NY, 2024
- Remote learning zooms were conducted
- New local council formations are in process in multiple U.S. States

We welcome new members from all 50 U.S. States and five U.S. Territories. These Territories include Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Marianna Islands, and American Samoa. We collaborate with international members of CICIAMS from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Each NACN-USA member is encouraged to become active locally, regionally, nationally, and/or internationally.

As President, I thank you for the high honor to serve.

May God Bless you and your family throughout the 2024 New Year,



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