

# Over 400 gather for DCCW Convention

## *Sleepy Eye native named 2007 Woman of the Year!*

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More than 400 women, priests, and religious attended the 48th annual Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention held April 28, 2007, at Holy Redeemer School in Marshall, MN. The convention theme was taken from John 6:68...*Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*" Keynote was Dr. Ray Guarendi who shared his humor and insight into parenting.

## Woman of the Year!

Archbishop John C. Nienstedt presented the NUDCCW Woman of the Year Award to Kathy Wichmann, a member of the Church of St. Mary in Sleepy Eye. Wichmann has actively carried out the mission of Christ through the Council of Catholic Women since 1970 serving her family, Church, and community.



*(photos by Rev. Eugene Brown)*



Through the years, she has served as CCW parish president, diocesan Reverence Life Coordinator, and parish Reverence Life Coordinator. Wichmann rarely, if ever, has missed a CCW meeting on the parish, regional or diocesan level. She is a member of the NUDCCW

Associates and has attended two NCCW conventions. Wichmann is the parish pastoral minister, attends

Convention participants gathered for a day of friendship, displays, silent auction, business meeting, Mass, and election of new DCCW officers.

daily Mass, is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, leads the weekly Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, was instrumental in starting perpetual adoration in 1998, and is a passionate advocate for a babies "right to life."

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Area Faith Community of Holy Redeemer, Marshall, St. Clotilde, Green Valley, and St. Mary, Cottonwood convention hosts.