

## **Salt Lake Diocesan Council of Catholic Women President's Report to the Board**

September 21, 2019

As we meet together on this last Saturday of summer, my hope is that, during these last few months, you had a chance to relax, to renew yourself in mind, soul, and body, to spend quality time with family and friends, and to recommit yourself to Council.

To recap our summer: our first meeting of the 2019-2020 Council year was graciously hosted by the women of St. Mary CCW in West Haven; we were graced by a wonderful retreat entitled "Let Your Light Shine" and facilitated by our Spiritual Commission chair, Susan Espinoza; we were very well represented by seventeen DCCW members and our Spiritual Advisor at the National Council's annual convention in Atlanta where we were so proud to see our own Pat Voorhes installed as NCCW's President-Elect and were able to support Amy Kennedy as she was elected as President of the Associates of NCCW; fourteen women supported the Give Me A Chance fundraiser by attending, and many more supported it by donating items for their raffle; and several of our members were instrumental in the success of the Carmelite Fair. And I know for sure that sometime in these last few months a lot of local fundraising has happened, and planning has been going on on the affiliate, deanery, and diocesan levels for the upcoming year.

To all of you on the board, being a leader is a big, busy job – even during the summer! – and all of you are leaders in some capacity. It takes time and effort, scheduling and planning, and sometimes things are not convenient. But because we lead, because we are the representatives of Council to other women, and because we said we would, we make it work. (Speaking of making things work, it is said the most successful people are those who are good at Plan B!)

Jesus, the perfect model of servant leadership, showed us that serving others and working with humility for something bigger than ourselves is the right way. Your dedication to Council, your devotion to the Church and to your Faith, and your willingness to serve sets you apart.

Thank you all for renewing your leadership role in the Council of Catholic Women, for taking on the responsibility to help women develop to their fullest Christian potential through ministry in the Council. It is appreciated (even though it may sometimes not seem that way) by your pastor, by your sisters in Council, and by those you serve. I know nothing can happen on the Diocesan level without you; you and your affiliate and deanery sisters are the heart of our organization.

God bless you all!

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