

**DIocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women**  
AN AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



## 2023 CALL TO CONVENTION

The official call to the Ninety -Fourth Annual Convention of the  
Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women

Dear Friends of Council:

The Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women cordially invites you to attend their annual convention on **Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23, 2023, at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.** The Northern Deanery Council of Catholic Women is the proud host of this year's convention. "DCCW Wide Open Hearts: Abiding in Faith, Hope, and Love for the Eucharist" Following the theme of the NCCW and the Eucharistic Revival, focus of the United States Conference Catholic Bishops. Our two featured commissions are Leadership and Legislative.

We have assembled an informative and inspiring program of presentations for our convention focusing on the source and summit of our faith, the Holy Eucharist. We hope to feed and renew the spirit of this most precious gift in your life.

- ❖ Our keynote speaker is Fr. Christopher Gray, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Park City. He attended the Madeleine Choir School, Judge Memorial Catholic High School and the University of Utah before entering Mount Angel Seminary in 2007. From there he went on to the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Fr. Gray was ordained a priest on June 29, 2013 at the Cathedral of Madeleine. Father Gray is leading the 2022-24 Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Salt Lake City. His talk is *"Easter Joy in the Eucharistic Church"* He will cover St. John Paul II "Ecclesia de Eucharistia", Eucharistic Amazement in daily life and in the fullness of time. If you have ever listened to Fr. Gray you know it will be a very insightful presentation.
- ❖ The Leadership Commission speaker is Sister Veronica A. Fajardo, CSC, Sister of the Holy Cross. She is bilingual/bi-cultural counselor working with survivors of trauma, families and with non-violent parenting and support groups. Sister was an educator for twelve years and has experience working with children who have exceptional needs. The title of her talk is *"Responding with Eagerness to the Body of Christ"*.
- ❖ On Sunday The Legislative Commission presents Deacon Greg Werking and Paula Terry from the Right to Life Commission who will be sharing perspectives since repeal of Roe vs Wade- now what?
- ❖ Saturday afternoon will be filled with the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles documentary and exhibit. There will be opportunity for confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament prior to leaving for Mass at the Cathedral of Madeleine. It is our wish to heighten the Spiritual experience you have at Convention.

- ❖ The Most Reverend Oscar A Solis, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, will be joining us to celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine. As part of your registration, the DCCW will be providing all convention attendees with transportation to and from the Cathedral. Bishop Solis will be honoring the Women of the Year at the banquet Saturday evening together with Father Ariel Durian, Spiritual Advisor of the Salt Lake City DCCW.

### **ADDITIONAL FEATURES**

- ❖ Prayer room and inspiring prayer services
- ❖ Poster Session – through pictures affiliates and deaneries share ideas and information
- ❖ Exhibitors: Pregnancy Resource Center,
- ❖ Sales tables including: Immaculate Heart Religious Gifts and Books & Carmelite Candies and Jams

### **CONVENTION MEALS**

Every effort is made to provide the best meal options while staying within our budget. Once again, we will be offering a healthy choice for the continental breakfast on Saturday. Dietary restrictions will be honored, if possible, but **must be noted on the registration form**. As standard hotel policy for banquets, the same substitute meal will be available for vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free dietary restrictions.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA- ENCLOSED** This agenda will give you an idea of each day's schedule.

### **CONVENTION MASS**

Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine is a highlight for many of the ladies who come to convention, especially so for the ladies from areas outside the Salt Lake Valley. We are honored that the Cathedral accommodates us at this Mass. Buses will transport all women to the Cathedral. If any of your parish attendees are unable to make it up the steps of the bus or the front steps of the Cathedral, **please** make arrangements to drive them over by car. Cars may be driven on to the Cathedral Plaza (entering from C Street) for passenger drop off immediately outside the handicapped accessible doors on the south side of the Plaza where attendees can enter without navigating any stairs. Keep in mind that due to limited parking it is suggested you arrive no later than 4:45 pm.

### **CONVENTION ADVERTISING – FLYER ENCLOSED**

Please assist in advertising our convention by posting the enclosed convention flyer in a prominent place within your parish. Make copies to stuff your parish bulletin or place in the back of your church or gathering space. The flyer can be downloaded off the DCCW website [www.dccwutah.org](http://www.dccwutah.org) and used as an email attachment to your organization roster, or for sharing on social media. **WE NEED YOU** to spread the word throughout your parish community.

### **SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM- APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES ENCLOSED**

The DCCW Sponsorship Program is offered to individuals who want to attend the convention, but are unable to do so because of the costs involved. A copy of the Sponsorship Application and Guidelines is enclosed. Additional copies are on the website. We advise all women to first check with your parish organization to see if they are offering any convention financial assistance. Be assured the Registration

and Sponsorship Chairs keep all applications strictly confidential. **The Sponsorship Application deadline is March 1,2023 so it can be processed prior to the registration deadline.**

### **AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR- APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES**

Applications are emailed to all affiliates on the Roster and be on the website, [www.dccwutah.org](http://www.dccwutah.org). All applications are due March 15, 2023 to Pat Musich [patmusich@gmail.com](mailto:patmusich@gmail.com) or Becky Colombo at [beckyc144@gmail.com](mailto:beckyc144@gmail.com).

### **CONVENTION REGISTRATION- FORM ENCLOSED**

The Convention Committee has worked endlessly to try and keep the convention affordable, but given the economy and where we are today, we have had to raise the cost of convention significantly. The majority of the increased costs are due to food pricing. It is very disheartening for us to do this, but please know we have tried everything we can to only just break even. It is not to pad our pockets, we only rely on what you so generously spend in the Silent Auction/Raffle room, as our only fundraiser, that supports our DCCW. We humbly appreciate your support and loyalty.

Please use the enclosed *Registration Form*, which can also be found on the DCCW website. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 22, 2023. This includes the Woman of the Year and her guests.** All registrations require prepayment. **Make one check payable to the DCCW and note "Convention Registration" on the check. Because forms are sent to two different people, separate checks must be used for Convention Registration and Hotel Reservations.**

### **2023 Registration Fees:**

Package A	\$185 includes registration, convention bag, all meals both days (including banquet) and Mass transportation
Package B	\$85 includes registration for Saturday, convention bag, Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Mass transportation
Package C	\$65 includes Saturday night Banquet only - <b><u>Must preregister.</u></b>
Package D	\$45 includes Sunday only registration and Breakfast

Please fill out the registration form **completely and legibly**, double-check the spelling of all names (as this list will be used for name badges), and make sure to **list banquet table seating preferences (who should sit together), if more than 10 registrants.** It's important to **note any dietary restrictions** and list them in the space provided on the registration form, as well as those attending with special needs. It is a lot easier to accommodate these, if we know ahead of time. **So that we can insure a proper welcome, indicate all first-time attendees on the registration form by checking the appropriate box.**

**PLEASE NOTE: A late fee of \$20 per registration will be added to each registration postmarked after March 22, 2023. After April 7, 2023 no refunds will be given. Final meal counts are turned into the hotel, and the DCCW is responsible for payment.**

**PARKING FEE:** The Sheraton contracted with a parking vendor, we no longer have free parking. **Overnight parking is \$12, \$5 for 10 hours, (\$5 for banquet attendees) per car.** Please, think about carpooling and splitting the cost or, if possible, being dropped off and picked up on Sunday.

**CONVENTION "THROW DOWN" CHALLENGE- SEE FLYER ENCLOSED**

See the *enclosed flyer* on how your affiliate can win a free convention package A or B for the 2024 DCCW convention.

**HOTEL RESERVATION - FORM ENCLOSED**

Convention room rates are \$122 per night for single and double occupancy (\$10 additional for triple occupancy and \$20 additional for quadruple occupancy). **Please note the hotel is smoke-free and guest rooms are furnished with double beds.** Incidental room charges are the responsibility of each person. The DCCW does not pay to have extra beds put in hotel rooms; this will be the responsibility of the person(s) booking the room. All rooms are provided with the usual amenities and hospitality items. Time will be allotted during the Sunday program to facilitate the 12:00 p.m. check out time.

Please use the *enclosed Hotel Reservation Form* and indicate any special needs. Additional forms can be found on the DCCW website, [www.dccwutah.org](http://www.dccwutah.org). **Make the check payable to the DCCW, note Hotel Reservation in the memo line. Send the check and completed Hotel Reservation Form to the address listed on the form.** Payment in full is required with each reservation. **The Hotel Reservation deadline is March 22, 2023.** All reservations received on or before **March 22** will not be charged a room tax. Rooms reserved after March 22 may not be tax exempt or guaranteed the convention rate.

**CENTERPIECES, RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS - FLYER ENCLOSED**

Keeping with tradition, each affiliate is asked to provide **one centerpiece, one raffle item, and one silent auction item.** Individual donations are also graciously accepted. Proceeds from the raffle and silent auction are our only source of income for the year, and this year we are hoping to earn enough to help defray the cost of hosting the 2023 NCCW Convention August 24-26 being held at the Hyatt Regency, downtown Salt Lake City. We truly appreciate your continued support. **To assist in the planning, please let Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Ways & Means Chair, know what you are donating and an approximate value by April 1, 2023.** Call 801-783-8915 or email [t.ramos801@gmail.com](mailto:t.ramos801@gmail.com)

Please keep in mind ladies need to be able to see over the centerpieces. So your masterpiece doesn't end up on the floor, we suggest keeping them below eye level. The centerpiece drawing will be at lunch on Saturday.

**UGLY PURSE AUCTION**

Deaneries and individuals are invited to participate in the popular Ugly Purse Auction. Find the ugliest purse you can (beauty is in the eye of the beholder), and fill it with new, unused items valued at a *minimum* of \$25. The purses will be part of the silent auction, so make them fun! All purses should be tagged with the donor and value. What's inside stays a surprise!

**WOMAN OF THE YEAR SELECTION AND PRESENTATION - SEE PACKET ENCLOSED**

Information from Lydia Farnell and Susan Nielsen, Woman of the Year Co-Chairs, about the selection of the Woman of the Year from your parish is enclosed. This information will also be available on the DCCW website [www.dccwutah.org](http://www.dccwutah.org). **The name of your Woman of the Year along with a brief, 100 word or less, biography, which will be read during the program, is due by Friday, March 15, 2023.** We

cannot guarantee that names received after this deadline will have their names included in the convention program literature. Please submit a picture, headshot only, of your WOY, with their bio.

**Please note that the Woman of the Year and all family members and friends wishing to accompany her to the banquet must at least purchase a Package C (Banquet Only) Registration. All attendee names and registration fees must be included on the Convention Registration form, which is also due March 15, 2023. All family members and supporters wishing to set together at the banquet must be noted on the registration form. There will be NO last-minute adjustment in seating the night of the banquet. There will be NO banquet ticket sales at the door! PLEASE ADVISE THEM TO PLAN AHEAD.**

### **WOMAN OF THE YEAR BANQUET SEATING AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

All seating for the Woman of the Year Banquet is pre-assigned and there will be no “on site” banquet ticket sales. Seating will be by table number with 10 persons to a table. **If your affiliate has more than 10, please indicate who should sit together. Tables will be assigned on a first registered basis.** We will attempt to seat parishes together based on the registration forms. The earlier you get your registration in, the better your chance of receiving your seating request.

Please note: The Woman of the Year’s family and friends should be listed directly under her name on the Convention Registration form so we can seat them together. Make sure the WOY guest box is checked. If her party contains more than 10 people, please indicate who will sit together. We will attempt to seat them at nearby tables.

There is a \$5 Parking fee per car, for use of the on-site parking area.

There will be a cash bar available during the social and banquet. Dietary restrictions will be honored, if possible. Please indicate these in the space provided on the registration form. Dietary accommodations are at the discretion of the hotel. One meal is available which meets vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free guidelines.

### **POSTER SESSION - *SEE ENCLOSED FLYER***

Design a parish or deanery poster to honor the work of your Council’s. You work hard all year, so show off your accomplishments. Display pictures of events, parties, service work, church happenings, workshops, retreats, whatever makes your affiliate special.

### **CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET ADVERTISING - *SEE PACKET ENCLOSED***

Carol Harley, Convention Co-chair, has prepared a handout of information about advertising in our convention program booklet. Additional copies are available on the DCCW website [www.dccwutah.org](http://www.dccwutah.org). This important form of advertising is extremely helpful as it defrays the cost of printing our convention materials and helps cover convention administrative costs, which in turn keeps registration costs down. Please contact businesses, employers or consider purchasing an affiliate, deanery, or individual ad. Have your affiliate purchase an ad to honor your WOY, Priest, Officers, or memoriam for members or loved ones you’ve lost. Our personal contacts are the best resources!

### **WHAT TO BRING IN 2023**

Once again, we will be collecting donations to assist those in need. All donations are appreciated and will be delivered to the appropriate agencies. We will be collecting:

- ❖ Rosaries, eyeglasses, hearing aids, cancelled stamps (other than the flag Forever stamps), and pull-tabs from cans.

- ❖ Baby layette items to be donated to *St. Martha's Baby Project*.
- ❖ Service Commission: Donations for the Pregnancy Resource Centers: bring your "Baby Bottle Campaign" filled bottles back

These are the current needs\* of the Pregnancy resource center  
Newborn diapers, Size 3, 4, 5, 6, Diapers for toddlers

New baby hand mittens

12+ Boy clothing

12+ girl clothing

Baby toiletries (shampoo, bath wash, diaper rash cream)

Grocery gift cards to Smiths, Walmart in increments of \$25

attached are both an amazon wish list and Walmart wish list if those are helpful as well.

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/BR/4985010a-421f-40e3-8862-4b4818843207>

[https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/19LPP0A7Z37NV?ref=br\\_search\\_v2\\_desktop\\_res\\_11](https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/19LPP0A7Z37NV?ref=br_search_v2_desktop_res_11)

\*These items can be given to your local Pregnancy Centers as to save space and transport to convention. [Pregnancy Resource centers -SLC and American Fork, Hope Pregnancy Center- St. George; Journey Clinic- Roy; Castle County PRC- Price]

### **CONVENTION DATES TO REMEMBER- *POST IT ENCLOSED***

We have tried to make it easier to remember deadlines by only having 3 dates to remember. March 1 ( Sponsorship applications) March 15 (for Program ads, WOY, & Affiliate of the Year) & March 22 (for Convention Registration & Hotel Registration). By doing so, it makes due dates easier to remember. Please adhere to these deadlines, it makes it much easier on the people who are spending so much time organizing a wonderful experience for you. Please remind the WOY recipients their guests also need to register for the banquet by the March 22 deadline. There will not be tickets sold thereafter for the banquet.

Hopefully, this packet covers everything you need to know about the 2023 DCCW Convention! Our convention committee is working hard to provide a spiritual, educational, and fun-filled weekend. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (801-964-6512, please leave a message, I'll get back to you.) or email [barb0235@msn.com](mailto:barb0235@msn.com). We look forward to seeing you at convention!

Yours in Christ,

Barb Kerouac  
DCCW President

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