

2018 CALL TO CONVENTION

The official call to the Ninetieth Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women



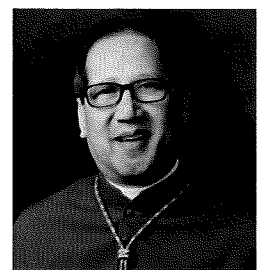
Dear Friends of Council:

The Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women cordially invites you to attend their annual convention on **Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.** The Southwestern Deanery Council of Catholic Women is the proud host of the convention. This year we join together to **"BE FULL OF JOY"**. We have assembled a full, informative and inspiring program of presentations for our convention. Our two featured commissions this year are Leadership and Legislature.



Our keynote speaker is **Sheri Wohlfert**. Her keynote is titled, **"Joyfully His, the Art of Living in the Joy of the Lord"**. Sheri is a Catholic wife, mom, speaker and teacher. She uses her great sense of humor and her deep faith to help others discover the joy of being a child of God. Her roots are in Kansas, but her home is in Michigan. The mission of her ministry is to encourage others to take a good look at the simple ways we can all find God doing joyful, blessed, amazing things smack dab in the middle of the laundry, ball games, farm chores and the hundred other things we manage to cram into a day.

- ❖ **The Legislative Commission** welcomes **Rosie Rivera**, in 2017 Rosie Rivera was sworn in as head of one of the state's largest law enforcement agencies to oversee the Unified Police Department, county jail and court security. She is Salt Lake County's first female Sheriff. Sheriff Rivera, has a desire to focus on diversity within law enforcement as well as domestic violence; laws that can be improved to keep people safe. She believes this is a time to bring community together with law enforcement to solve problems. Her presentation: **"The Rise of a Female Sheriff"**.
- ❖ **The Leadership Commission** presents **Deacon Scott Dodge**, who will speak on **"Women of Faith; Six Portraits of Greatness"**. Originally from Ogden, he converted to the Catholic faith in 1990 at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, University of Utah Newman Center. He also met and married his wife Holly while at the U., they have six children. He holds a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry and has published articles in *America* and *Emmanuel* magazines and has been a contributor to the Italian online magazine *Il Sussidiario*. He teaches in the Diocese of Salt Lake City's Diaconal Formation Program and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Ministry from Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon.
- ❖ **The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City**, will be the Main Celebrant for the 5:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine. He will speak at the banquet Saturday night and join us as a presenter in honoring the Women of the Year.



ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- ❖ Prayer room and inspiring prayer services
- ❖ Poster Session – through pictures affiliates and deaneries share ideas and information
- ❖ Exhibitors
- ❖ Sales tables including: Immaculate Heart Religious Gifts and Books, Carmelite Candies and Jams, Rural Africa Crafts a Fair Trade organization featuring handwoven baskets from Ghana.

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 a light breakfast on Saturday. All other meals will be plated and chosen based on feedback we receive from past convention evaluations. 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 newly installed 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 also be downloaded off the DCCW website 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 13, 2018 so it can be processed prior to the registration deadline.**

CONVENTION REGISTRATION- *FORM ENCLOSED*

Please use the enclosed *Registration Form*, which can also be found on the DCCW website. **The registration deadline is Monday, March 26, 2018. 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.**

2018 Registration Fees:

Package A	\$125 includes registration, convention bag, all meals both days (including banquet) and Mass transportation
Package B	\$60 includes registration for Saturday, Light Breakfast, Lunch and Mass transportation
Package C	\$40 includes Saturday night Banquet only – <u>Must pre register.</u>
Package D	\$30 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 \$10 per registration will be added to each registration postmarked after March 26, 2018. After April 6, 2018 no refunds will be given. Final meal counts are turned into the hotel, and the DCCW is responsible for payment.

CONVENTION "THROW DOWN" CHALLENGE- SEE FLYER ENCLOSED

BACK THIS YEAR! See the *enclosed flyer* on how your affiliate can win a free convention package for the 2019 DCCW convention.

HOTEL RESERVATION – *FORM ENCLOSED*

Convention room rates are \$108 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. **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 26, 2018.** All reservations received on or before **March 26** will not be charged a room tax. Rooms reserved after March 26 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 we appreciate your continued support. **To assist in the planning, please let Barb Kerouac, Ways & Means Chair, know what you are donating and an approximate value by April 3, 2017.** Call 801-964-6512 or email barb0235@msn.com.

Please keep in mind our 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 Bobbie Hunt, Woman of the Year Chair, 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. **The name of your Woman of the Year along with a brief biography, which will be read during the banquet program, is due by Monday, March 26, 2018.** We cannot guarantee that names received after this deadline will have their names included in the convention program literature.

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 26, 2018. 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. Remember, only 10/table.

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 do our best to 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 the others at nearby tables. Increase your chance by getting your registration in early.

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

“Tell Us Your Story” - Design a parish or deanery poster and share your council’s story. We all like to see and gather new ideas.

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET ADVERTISING - SEE PACKET ENCLOSED

Casey Pond, 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. 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. **Our personal contacts are the best resources!**

WHAT TO BRING IN 2018

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*.
- ❖ New this year. Needed items for our 2018 Domestic Shelter’s Service Project

• New Pillows	• New Pajamas for	• Black Trash Bags -
• New Sweat/Yoga Pants (All sizes)	Toddlers	• (13 or 33 Gal or larger)
• New Underware - (Women/Children	• New Make-up	• Kids snacks and juice
(All sizes)	• New Socks –	boxes
• New Bras (All sizes)	• (Women/Children (All	• Notebooks/Journals and
• New T-Shirts (All sizes)	sizes)	Pens
	• Lysol Wipes	• Baby Wipes and Desitin

CONVENTION DATES TO REMEMBER- POST IT ENCLOSED

Now, with all the deadline dates you have to remember, also enclosed is a handy little reminder sheet for you. Post it somewhere you’ll be sure to see it.

Hopefully, this packet covers everything you need to know about the 2018 DCCW Convention! Our 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 contact me at marcie@saintolaf.net or the contact person listed on the flyers and forms. We look forward to seeing you at convention!

Joyfully yours,

Marcie Downs
DCCW President