

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Board Meeting: November 4, 2023

NCCW President-Elect's Report

My official duties as president-elect of the National Council of Catholic Women are underway. I hosted our first Member Call in October with our new president, Beth Mahoney. President Mahoney shared the themes for her term and our 2024 convention in Oklahoma City. Her theme for her term is "Women on a Journey - Sharing our Stories." If you could not join us live for the member call, you can listen to or watch the member call on the NCCW website (www.nccw.org). Our next member call will be November 15th at 5:00 p.m. (MT), and I will introduce you to our new national Commission Chairs, who will tell you about themselves and their Commission projects for this term.

In October, I joined President Beth Mahoney and our event planner in Oklahoma City to visit the site of our 2024 convention. The hotel is beautiful, and our spacious meeting rooms will all be on one floor. I also visited the very moving Oklahoma City National Memorial and took a canal cruise in the fun and entertaining Bricktown district close to our hotel. I also met with the Oklahoma City planning committee, which is hard at work, and they are incredibly grateful for the insight and inspiration from the Salt Lake City convention team. They know they have big shoes to fill.

While I cannot make an announcement just yet, we will have excellent speakers and activities at our 2024 convention, and I hope all of you can join us in Oklahoma City. Whether it is checking out at the grocery stand or filling your gas tank, we have all noticed that prices have increased and budgets are tighter. We know that the cost of air travel, hotel, and convention registration is not inexpensive, but we do hope that once you have experienced a National Convention, you will be hooked and will plan to come every year. Please consider making room in your personal budget to save for Convention or plan fundraisers within your Council to send as many women as possible to our NCCW Convention. The spirituality and sisterhood experienced at the NCCW Convention is such an essential part of our faith journeys. Please join us all in Oklahoma City next August so that you can share *your* story with the National Council of Catholic Women.

I am disappointed I cannot be with you for the November board meeting, but I look forward to seeing you at our board meeting in January. Please know that you are always in my prayers and that I am touched and sustained by your prayers and support on my continued Council journey.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us.

Respectfully submitted by,
Amy Kennedy, NCCW President-Elect