



2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Wow, What a year and it is just beginning. It is already March. How does time seem to fly by and you feel like you have not accomplished a thing? Looking back on the year though a lot has happened. I am so grateful to the leadership who has gone before me to give me great guidance.

I was installed at our Annual Convention last April and my first duty as president was to inform everyone we had a COVID exposure with several ladies testing positive. Timing was not on our side. With the unexpected death of our dear Bobbie Hunt the week of Convention and her funeral services the next week, I had to inform everyone not to go to her funeral. It was devastating. How were we going to honor her? We would at a later time, but how? What a way to start my Presidency.

The June board meeting was held at Holy Family Parish in Ogden. We actually had a quorum. The Convention wrap up with reports from convention chairs were presented. Evaluations were discussed and plans to move the convention to another location were discussed. DOM, Becky Hicks will look into other site options. The Cathedral of Madeleine is to be a permanent recipient of proceeds from the Convention Mass collection, with up to 2 others voted upon by the board. The 2022 NCCW Convention details were discussed with Registration opening July 1st. As host site we are responsible to do the 2023 Call to Convention. The Eastern Deanery graciously volunteered to coordinate it. We will support the NCCW Convention with a program ad, silent auction, and donate toward the province purse for auction. Hosting the 2023 NCCW Convention to be held Aug 24-26, 2023 at the new Hyatt regency Hotel Downtown SLC, was discussed further, with some of the duties outlined and requests for help and volunteers to be expected from each deanery.

Summer went by quickly and our September meeting was held at Christ the King in Cedar City. It is so nice we had a quorum, we truly appreciate all who travel far to attend these meetings. We were able to do a zoom meeting with some technical difficulties, but it allowed for those who could not travel to join in the meeting. Bobbie Hunt's Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life set for Oct 8 at 11:00, the month of October (Council of Catholic Women Recognition Month, how fitting to honor Bobbie) at her home parish of St Rose of Lima. We received a very nice letter from Bishop Solis designating October as Council recognition Month. An ad will be placed in the Intermountain Catholic to promote our CCW's. Bishop Solis, in his letter, he encouraged all parishes in the Diocese to have a CCW affiliate. The Sponsorship Fund is to be designated as the "Msgr. Servatius Sponsorship Fund" as voted on by the Board. Our proposed budget was approved and Convention guideline changes were presented. DCCW Convention Sponsorship guidelines were discussed. The bylaws, standing rules, convention guideline committee will work on drafting up guidelines for donors to our annual fundraising. The Diocese was audited and a few discrepancies were found with the accounts for CCW's and reporting. Each affiliate is to make sure they are in line with the Diocesan rule. Cherri Delgado resigned as secretary due to a move out of state. Nominations will be opened, IPP Becky Colombo will head the nominating committee.

15 Salt Lake City delegates attended the NCCW Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 3-5, 2022. Everyone who attended had a great time and noted it was more spirit filled. Jeanne Audiss was presented the NCCW "Our Lady of Good Council Award". What an honor to have such a devoted Council sister recognized. Jeanne was also installed as the San Francisco Province Director. Pat Voorhes

presided as the NCCW President and Amy Kennedy is the NCCW Secretary. What awesome ladies to represent our small diocese so well. The Eastern Deanery ladies, led by Past DCCW President, Michael O'Shea and her daughter Erin and IPP Becky Colombo put together a very upbeat, dynamic welcome to the 2023 NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City August 24-26. The "BEE ATTITUDES" song was a hit. Father Ariel Durian, our Spiritual Advisor and Cleo Mato, Northern Deanery Vice President, dressed as bees to enhance the performance. All attendees were invited to Swarm to the beehive state in August 2023.

With the 2022 NCCW Convention in Minneapolis, MN being so late, November, it made it a bit challenging to set a meeting that worked and didn't interfere with impending holidays. I really appreciate the flexibility of all the affiliates. At the November board meeting, Diocesan CFO Candace Greenwald and senior accountant Sarah Niemann presented what is needed by the Diocese to be in line with accounts. It was discovered that the Deaneries are really not under any Parish so it will have to be decided at the Diocese how each Deanery is to report accounts and to who. Ongoing discussions will occur. The revised Convention Guidelines were approved. DCCW Convention Sponsor Guidelines were presented with feedback given for changes. Jamie Beert was elected and installed as secretary after a unanimous vote. The Annual giving designated by our budget was sent to NCCW. NCCW dues for individual members and affiliates were discussed, with a reminder to please pay as to not lapse. Dues will be on a rolling calendar from now on, and will not all be due at the same time.

The NCCW Convention Hosting Committee, Becky Hicks, 2023 NCCW Convention Volunteer Coordinator is working on meeting all the necessary needs to fulfill the duties. Tours, Entertainment, Silent Auction, and Liturgical liaison are pretty set. We still have much to do, with the support of so many talented women I know it will be a success. The NCCW is keeping with the "BEE" theme that was used in our "BEE ATTITUDES" invitation song/skit for the annual Purse Auction. We will use the same theme as our guide for the convention also. We are praying for a very successful event as this is Pat Voorhes finale as NCCW President. She has been such an amazing leader and role model representing us at the NCCW level. As individual members we have the opportunity to vote for another of our own DCCW leaders to the NCCW leadership. Amy Kennedy, current NCCW Secretary, has been nominated to run for the President -elect position. If you are not an individual member, I suggest you join, it is a bargain at only \$50.00 per year. www.nccw.org has the form, or contact any DCCW or affiliate officer. We all would love to see you at our gatherings and join the sisters of Council.

January's board meeting brought the Call to Convention. We are celebrating our 94th annual DCCW Convention at the Sheraton downtown Salt Lake City, on April 22-23, 2023. Our theme is "DCCW Wide Open Hearts: abiding in Faith, Hope, and Love for the Eucharist". Most fitting with the "Eucharistic Revival" that the USCCB is endorsing. Rev. Christopher Gray, pastor of St. Mary the Assumption will be our keynote speaker, will present "Easter Joy in the Eucharistic Church". He is spearheading the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival. Sr. Veronica Fajardo, Leadership Commission Speaker, presentation is "Responding with Eagerness to the Body of Christ", Deacon Greg Werking and Paula Terry will be presenting as the Legislative Commission speakers, from Respect for Life Diocesan Commission- post Roe vs Wade, now what as Catholics. We will be trying something new, with the help of Fr. Durian, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and confessions. We will have the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Display also. We are hoping to have a very spirit and faith filled convention.

May God continue to bless us. Jesus, have mercy on our souls. Our Lady of Good Council, Pray for us.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, remains in me and I in him" Jn 6:56