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## DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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*As you read this AWARE article, we should be enjoying our annual convention and renewing friendships made at past conventions. We hope this is the case and not that the pandemic has exploded again and numbers have forced us to cancel.*

It has been busy and a great deal of preparation, but I must say it has been fun putting together the 92<sup>nd</sup> DCCW Convention. Scheduling this convention in September is definitely “off” our cycle and has been difficult to focus on deadlines and preparation while councils have been on break for the summertime. Our deanery presidents and affiliate presidents have been amazing with communicating and keeping everyone informed. Kudos to you all! I hope you all enjoy the weekend and are filled with joy to “**Let Your Light Shine!**”

Your convention bags include your free book of “Our Lady of Charity” by Maria Morera Johnson. I hope you enjoy Maria as our keynote speaker. Remember that our vendor, Immaculate Heart Religious Goods, has Maria’s book “My Bad Ass Book of Saints” for sale, which is the prequel to your free book. I hope you also enjoy all the other speakers chosen to speak this weekend. They will share their experiences with you and their journey with Christ.

I know we all missed gathering last year and being able to enjoy our annual renewal in spirit. Let me thank everyone for their hard work on preparing for this event and the many hours they have dedicated to DCCW. Nothing good comes easy and the experience and knowledge combined in all the convention veterans and officers is amazing! Encourage the young people in your parish to carry on our good works and keep this tradition going on and on. Educating and empowering women is what this is all about and I am proud to be a part of it all!

Preparations are beginning for the 93<sup>rd</sup> convention to take place in April of 2022-- God willing! I want to use the NCCW theme from this year “A Vision for the Future”, but I would like the emphasis to be on the Pope’s encyclical “Laudato Si” (*Praise Be to You*) for the environment and the future of our planet. Climate change is real, as we can see from all the extreme heat, fires, floods, and drought of this summer. We all need to make changes in our everyday lives to help save our planet and the environment. We can’t live without food, water, and sunshine! Let’s all look to the future and think positive in all things where we can make a difference.

*A Vision for the Future*



*Enjoy your weekend-- Smile,  
sing, pray, and renew!!  
Becky*





## DCCW SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

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### There's a new face at the DCCW Convention head table this year.

On Friday, August 13th our DCCW President, Becky Colombo, announced the Bishop's appointment of Father Ariel Durian as Spiritual Advisor of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Father Durian replaces Father Rene Rodillas, who passed away January 8, 2020.

According to the July 19, 2019 *Intermountain Catholic*: "Father Ariel F. Durian, C.S., was born in the Philippines. He speaks Filipino, English and Spanish. A member of the Missionaries of St. Charles Scalabrinians of the Province of Saint John the Baptist, he was ordained on June 17, 2005 for the Scalabrinian missionaries. For one year he served in Quezon City, the Philippines. He then moved to California, where he served six years

in Sun Valley. From 2012 to 2018 he was pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Kansas City, Mo."

In the Fall of 2018 he was named parochial vicar of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Park City and also served St. Lawrence Mission in Heber. In August, 2019 he became administrator of St. Peter Parish in American Fork.

As our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Durian will attend DCCW board meetings, participate in the discussions, and provide guidance to the board on spiritual matters. He will attend DCCW Conventions, as well as NCCW Conventions when possible.

**WELCOME FATHER DURIAN!!! WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU.**

### NCCW PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADVISORS

Almighty God, Eternal Father, We give you thanks for all the blessings you bestow upon us in this life. As members of the National Council of Catholic Women, one of the gifts we are most thankful for is the presence and support of our Spiritual Advisors. We are grateful for the gifts they bring to our Council and for the prayers and advice they give to us as we continue to fulfill our mission as the National Council of Catholic Women. Please give them the graces they need to be able to continue their work with us. Through their efforts, may they know our appreciation for all that they do and continue to help us bring your Gospel message to the world. Our Lady of Good Counsel, watch over them and guide them always! This we ask in the name of Jesus your Son, Amen



### DO YOU KNOW THE DCCW MISSION STATEMENT?

To unite Catholic women's organizations and individual Catholic women in the state of Utah, Diocese of Salt Lake City, in purpose, through **support, empowerment, and education** in the areas of **spirituality, leadership** and **service** and respond with Christian values to current issues in the church and society.





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### Let Your Light Shine

What a wonderful theme for our Salt Lake City 92<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention. It made me think of the song we sang in preschool and kindergarten: “This little light of mine. I’m gonna let it shine.” Of course, we wouldn’t put our light under a basket. No. We are definitely going to let our light shine at our DCCW Convention. It seems like we are coming out of the darkness of Covid and beginning to let our light shine again.

There are so many references to light in the Bible. Light is used to symbolize God, faith, and holiness throughout scripture. In Matthew 5:16 he says “Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”. Think of all the good deeds that will be done at convention.

Many items are needed for Crisis Centers throughout the state for women who struggle with poverty, homelessness and abuse. To name a few items; pillows, trash bags, hygiene products, reading glasses, cleaning supplies, kids toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, Kleenex, hair ties, twin sheets. This is ongoing in the Crisis Centers, but we can make a dent. By our generous donations we are bringing light to so many women and children. There is a full list of things to bring on our website, [www.dccwutah.org](http://www.dccwutah.org). Of course rosaries are sent to the missions, pull tabs from cans go to Ronald McDonald House, cancelled stamps go to the Holy Cross Sisters for their stamp program, which supports their many ministries.

Years ago when I was NCCW President, my theme was “We are Women of Faith, Women of Action”. So let us be women of faith and action as we bring our light to our sisters in need. Our speakers are going to be wonderful as are our prayer services, which bring light into our lives.



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## **WE DID IT!!!**

**THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS  
THE DCCW IS SPONSORING  
16 WOMEN TO ATTEND THE 2021  
CONVENTION. THANK YOU.**





## DCCW FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

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**Let your Light Shine!** We are in desperate need of light in our world today, with all that has happened in the past 18 months. Covid pandemic, unsecure borders, riots and looting, floods, droughts, fires, severe weather all makes one wonder what will be next. Are you ready? Have you put God first in your life, putting the things of this world that distract us from Him? I find myself too distracted at times to do so. Am I one of the ones not prepared? It sure feels like it, especially jumping into the 1<sup>st</sup> VP position after Marianne Mulvihill stepped down due to a transfer for her work. It has been a whirl wind to be ready and to think we'll be doing this again in seven months, crazy, right? Praying is my secure and peaceful place, I look forward to spending time with God to lessen my load and ground me. I hope to bring His light to you through what I do, by His grace, glorifying Him. *Let your light shine* at convention with all our Council sisters this September.

*"Let your light so  
shine before men, that  
they may see your  
good works, and  
glorify your Father  
which is in heaven."  
Matthew 5:16*

The convention program is a challenge to put together and without your hard work in soliciting ads, it wouldn't be successful. These ads cover the cost of all our printing needs for convention. I hope to spend more time in contacting businesses next year. Our Covid Economy has not made for sound solicitations. You all are amazing, especially the wonderful supporters from Helper and Price. The Eastern Deanery really goes all out in finding businesses who support our Convention... Thank you. Many of last year's supporters let us carry their donations over to this year's program ads. I hope to make sure I have them all in this year's program, if anyone hears of any that I inadvertently missed, please let me know. I have a lot of files and papers I am shuffling through to not miss anyone. It's never too early to find advertisers for next year's program. Keep that in mind when you are out and about supporting your local businesses, it never hurts to ask and the form is on the website to be used any time of the year.

I hope to fulfill the needs and requirements of the duties of First Vice President-President elect. I ask for your prayers for guidance and patience. *May God's Light Shine in and on you radiating your hearts!*



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Growing our organization is much like growing and cultivating a garden. We plant seeds of hope, that our new seedling will grow and bloom. We nurture our seedling with good soil, clean water and loving care. So too, should we nurture our members and give them our very best attention. We need to make sure they feel loved and cared for. Spreading our joy to our families and friends will ensure a positive environment for our organizations to grow and spread our mission of caring for each other and loving our truth. Begin your new year with hope for a healthy environment, loving care for each member and doing our best to insure growth and positivity in our service to our church community.







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***“God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called.”***

Bishop Solis shared that quote from Mark Batterson with us during the DCCW Executive Board’s annual pastoral visit with him in 2019. We were discussing our leadership roles and those in all areas of Church service, and his point was well taken. Humbly, he believed that God had to qualify him when he was called to be the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City.

Our Bishop demonstrated faith and trust in God. God the Father knows what is best for us; He gently guides us to accomplish His plan for us. As we pray, we should pause and be quiet, listen, and follow His promptings. Other times, it seems, He sends an angel - often in disguise - to drop hints (or even strong suggestions!). And sometimes circumstances align that we can’t ignore that guide us to get involved, participate, and perhaps, lead. This often happens when we least expect it, or when it is not what we believe to be the perfect time, or when we think we are not ready.

Opportunities for involvement in the Church for the laity are varied and abundant. The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* states that “God’s people share in Christ’s kingly mission, which is to lead others through loving service to them.... Actions of such service can point to Christ’s Kingdom of love, justice, mercy, and salvation to all persons.... We are also called to a life of service to the Church herself. Servant leadership is a responsibility of all God’s people within their differing roles and responsibilities.” (p. 118) One of those “differing roles” is a leadership position within your parish, deanery, or diocesan Council of Women; in fact, the mission statement of Diocesan Council of Catholic Women emphasizes the areas of spirituality, leadership, and service, echoing the *Catechism*.

The DCCW’s nominating committee will be activated this month and will be looking for qualified candidates for the offices of First Vice President/President Elect, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to be elected in April 2022. The commission chairs (spirituality, leadership, service, and legislative) are chosen by the newly

elected president. Most deanery and parish Councils of Women elect their leaders in the spring or early fall. So please, if you have been thinking of making a difference on any level of Council through a leadership position, let someone know, or take the step and offer your name for consideration. Get involved and stay involved! Your service through membership or leadership will make a difference and will be welcomed and appreciated.

God bless you all!



**INVITE A FRIEND...** Inviting ladies to join Council is offering them an opportunity to enhance their lives while giving service to their church and community. It can be life changing. Our attitude, enthusiasm, and love of Council is contagious and encourages the stranger to attend a meeting or event. Think about all the wonderful things council does and all it accomplishes. We love Council, love spending time together and find our accomplishments fulfilling and meaningful!

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**ROBERT'S RULES.....**I know many of you reading this are thinking you have no interest in Robert's Rules and all that formal parliamentary "stuff". But, they are necessary and whether you're going to a meeting or conducting a meeting you should be informed. Robert's Rules should be the parliamentary authority noted in all bylaws. What isn't spelled out in your bylaws and standing rules can be researched in Roberts Rules. Basically, Roberts Rules is a guide meant to make organizations and meetings run smoothly and effectively. They insure every member has equal rights in determining the course of the organization.

Did you know a new **12th version of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised** was released last September? (Darn if I didn't just buy the 11th edition a few months before when I accepted the parliamentary position.) The Spring 2021 *Catholic Women Magazine* (Vol.47 No.1) highlighted a few of the 89 changes, deletions, or clarifications of the rules. They are also summarized on the Roberts Rules website: <https://robertsrules.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/CHANGES-IN-12TH-ED-Adopted-by-Authorship-Team-SG-v2.pdf> I have to say the one change I am most anxious to checkout is the larger page size. Does this mean larger print?? Perhaps this means I'll no longer have to wear two pairs of readers!! For those who want a more basic book, I suggest the new **3rd edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief**, which was released at the same time. In fact, I just ordered it. If you prefer electronic media, both of these new editions are available as an e-book.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Each year during the business session on Sunday we vote on resolutions for the upcoming year. You know, they're the where-as and be it resolves. The parliamentarian is responsible for putting them together with input from other board members. Writing resolutions is totally new to me. I've been gathering information, reviewing our speaker's topics, talked to our DCCW president on her focus for the upcoming year, and will be looking at what resolutions will be presented at the NCCW convention. Realizing we only have seven months until our 2022 convention, once these 2021 resolutions are voted, it is our hope that our parish and deanery affiliates will follow-through and take action on a few of them.

Becoming parliamentarian is a position I never saw myself in, even after being DCCW president. But, like Casey Pond referenced in her article, God is going to send you places you don't feel qualified to go. **If you've read this far,** haven't rolled your eyes at least once, taken a bathroom break, or simply scrolled to the next article, **congratulations.** You might be a parliamentarian at heart!

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enough for  
Success and  
Achievement  
and Flexible  
enough for  
Creativity and  
Fun.

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### **REMINDER :** Don't Miss Important Communication from DCCW & NCCW

ALL CHANGES TO AFFILIATE PARISH AND DEANERY CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE EMAILED TO THE DCCW SECRETARY, CHERRI DELGADO ( [cdelgado0784@gmail.com](mailto:cdelgado0784@gmail.com) ) AS SOON AS CHANGES ARE MADE! **CHERRI WILL FORWARD UPDATES TO NCCW.**

INDIVIDUAL NCCW MEMBERS NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHANGES TO YOUR NCCW PROFILE ONLINE OR CONTACT NCCW DIRECTLY.



## DCCW SERVICE COMMISSION

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By the time many of you read this, some of you will be seated with fellow Catholic women enjoying the 2021 DCCW Convention. The summer has flown by and within a week after the convention, we will welcome fall and for some of us the wish for more rain and cooler temperatures.

I am thrilled to be a first time attendee to the NCCW Convention and can't wait to share Service opportunities with all of you. I will have more for you in the fall.

There are still opportunities for you to get involved in your community and your parish. This year NCCW Convention attendees were asked to support a Service Project by collecting items for those who struggle with poverty, homelessness and abuse. Some Utah facilities shared some of their specific needs. Their needs are many and these are just a few. I hope some of your women's groups were able to reach out to these facilities and will continue a relationship with them.

- ♦ Women's Crisis Center in Vernal-Eastern Deanery  
Pillows, cleaning supplies, garbage bags
- ♦ Dove Center in St. George-Southwestern Deanery  
Pillows, kid's toothbrushes and toothpaste, Kleenex, black/blue pens
- ♦ Lantern House in Ogden-Northern Deanery  
Toilet paper, note pads, twin sheets, black/blue pens, scotch tape
- ♦ Catholic Community Services in Salt Lake City-Salt Lake Deanery  
Reading glasses, toothbrushes, hair ties/bands, nail clippers/files
- ♦ Rescue Mission's Women's Center-Wasatch Deanery  
Full sized hygiene products, cleaning products, trash bags



I have more information including additional items needed and contact information for each facility.

Another need that has become more apparent in my own parish is from those who are being affected by the Corona Virus. We are helping, particularly our elderly parishioners, who are becoming ill due to the delta variant. There may be some in your parish who would benefit from a hot meal or an offer of a trip to the grocery store.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way.



Share your blessings in  
whatever form they come  
and to whatever level you  
have been blessed

Jon M Huntsman Sr







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**St. Joseph the Worker, West Jordan**

*Loving Father, I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you. Help me to become the best version of myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world. Open my heart to the areas of my life that need change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life. Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish. Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning. Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision. Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your church to become all you imagined it would be for your people. May our eyes be open to the glory of God alive in every moment and may we live with God's blessing, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Living your faith is not something that is only confined to the four walls of the church. It's an everyday, outward expression of your love for God and what He is doing in your life. It's a choice that we must make, and it's one that impacts everyone around us.

Below are ways to intentionally live your faith in simple, everyday actions. You're probably already doing some of these things in your own life, and you didn't even realize that you were ministering to those around you!

**Be a friend.**

Who knew that living your faith could start with something as simple as being a friend to others? Being a good listener and attentive friend to those around you expresses Christ's love through you, shows others that you care, and that they're important to you. Your friends will see God's love shining through you.

**Use your gifts.**

The Lord has blessed each of us with unique gifts that we can use to further His Kingdom. They've been given to us for the purpose of living and sharing our faith. You can turn any gift into a ministry whenever you're choosing to honor the Lord with it.

**Radiate positivity.**

Every morning, before we even get out of bed, we have a choice to make as to whether or not we will be positive or look for all of the small things to worry about. People take notice of our attitude and actions, and it's our task as Christ-followers to be an example for others in this way.

**Show your gratitude.**

When you are actively seeking things in your life and the lives of those around you to show gratitude for, the people around you can't help but take notice. Finding the time in your day to recognize and react to the things around you will open your eyes and the eyes of others to the kindness and blessings that God has provided for you.







## DCCW LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

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It has been alarming as well as disheartening with the Covid-19 Delta variant and how contagious it is. There has been much controversy about mask mandates and whether we should be masking up again. There are many people who do not want to be vaccinated for various reasons.

In a message to Americans, from The Associated Press on 8/18/21 Pope Francis says getting vaccinated is “An Act of Love.” They issued a public service announcement insisting that vaccines are safe and effective. This video message was aimed at a global audience but directed at the Americas. Pope Francis said, “Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable.” As per the article; “The Vatican has declared that it is morally acceptable for Catholics to receive Covid-19 vaccines, including those based on research that used cells derived from aborted fetuses”. Pope Francis had emphasized from the start of the pandemic, the need to ensure equal access to the vaccine, especially for the poor. “There has been “increasing skepticism about vaccines among religious conservatives, the Vatican has vowed an all-out effort to overcome hesitancy and encourage widespread vaccination”.

According to Jean Hill’s Prayer & Action Network article, with the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, (DACA) provided a temporary reprieve from deportation and gave 600,000 immigrants legal authorization to work. Under DACA, 9,000 Utahns were able to lead lives of dignity, working, going to school, and living without fear of deportation back. 2021 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the first Dream Act which was co-sponsored by former Utah Senator Orrin Hatch. In March 2021, HR 6: The Dream and Promise Act 2021 is a bill to create an accessible roadmap to citizenship for certain immigrants including Dreamers, DACA recipients and TPS holders, Temporary Protected Status. As per the article, the DACA began as a temporary fix to a broken immigration system. The latest action was a Judiciary Hearing on June 15, 2021. Please contact your U.S. Senators to support this bill to help citizens live a more stable and secure life.

It is our civic and spiritual responsibility as Catholics to help promote the common good and protect the environment by encouraging our national and local leaders to best support our nation’s infrastructure and economic recovery. We need to advocate for working across the aisle and commit to climate and energy policy, prioritize job creation for the poor and marginalized. Americans need safe, decent and affordable housing and enacting economic policies that strengthen families. It is our Catholic faith which compels us to protect the dignity and sanctity of life.

Please remember to become involved as a Catholic to share your views with legislators so they understand how you expect them to vote on various issues which impact God’s earth as air quality, climate change, abortion, immigration issues and healthcare. For more information please visit the websites of <https://le.utah.gov> and <https://www.dioslc.org> . Let us continue to pray for our local and national leaders to be successful so we can be more unified as a community and a country.

**WHEN JESUS SAID  
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR,**  
HE KNEW YOUR NEIGHBOR WOULD  
ACT, LOOK, BELIEVE AND LOVE  
DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU.  
IT’S KIND OF THE WHOLE POINT.

*to be a catholic #SPEAK LIFE*





# The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of her birth  
and spoke the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time  
that she spent alive on earth  
and now only those who loved her  
know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own,  
the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard;  
are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect  
and more often wear a smile...  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy's being read  
with your life's actions to rehash,  
would you be proud of the things they say  
about how you spent your dash?

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The Dash: Making a Difference With  
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## Care of Creation Prayer

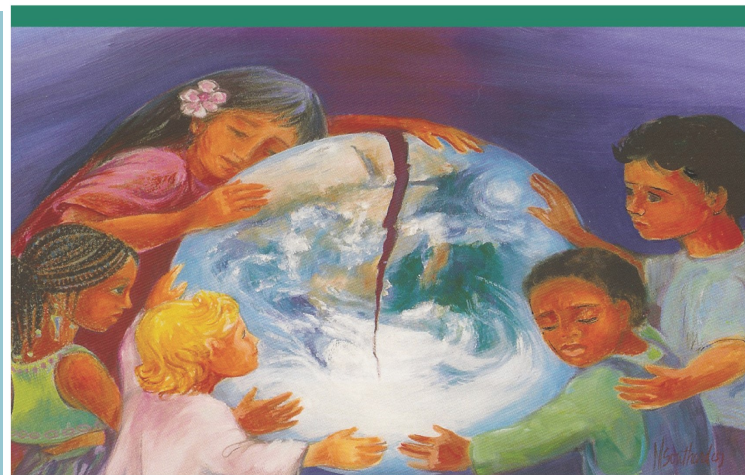
Heavenly Father,

In the beginning, You created the heavens and the earth,  
light and dark, sky and waters, plants, birds and crea-  
tures of the sea, living animals of all types and then male  
and female in the image of You.

With all that was created you were pleased and saw that  
it was all very good. Millions of years have passed since  
and mankind has not treated Your creation well.

Help us to be more aware of our use of resources and  
the products we choose so that we do not harm Mother  
Earth any further and so that we care for Your creation  
as You desire. Primarily, help us to love each other so  
that we respect one another in all actions and value all  
human life from conception to natural death.

Amen.-Mary Rowley- NCCW Spirituality Commission  
Chair 2019



**PROTECT LIFE.  
PRESERVE THAT WHICH  
SUSTAINS LIFE.  
CARE FOR  
OUR COMMON HOME.**

POPE FRANCIS, *Laudato Si'*







## NORTHERN DEANERY CCW

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### **HOLY FAMILY CCW: Mary Ann Atkins President**

**September** – The first meeting of the year was held. Several ideas for the upcoming year were discussed. Every month one of the ladies will volunteer to do a brief presentation of their favorite Saint. We also donated \$50 to Give Me a Chance since they were unable to hold their annual fund raiser.

**October** – As it was a special month honoring Mary, we met in the church and prayed the Rosary.

**November** – For All Souls day, we honored the ladies of our parish who had passed away this past year. We also donated several baskets to raffle off after all Masses for two weekends. This was our fund raiser for the year which made a profit of \$850.

**December** – Unable to hold meetings, we still made fleece blankets and donated them to Give Me a Chance and the Christmas Box House. Twenty-four blankets were donated to Give Me a Chance along with some hats and scarves. Eighteen blankets were given to the Christmas Box House, along with hats and scarves.

**February** – The CCW Board held a virtual meeting via Skype. We had Masses said for Faith McCardle and Mike Joseph who both passed away. They both made great contributions to Holy Family.

**March** – We were able to hold “Mary’s Way of the Cross” stations, decorated the altar with the statue of Mary, along with dozens of candles and flowers. Following this devotion, a small tea was held with a turnout of about fifteen. \$50 was donated to the CRE to help with the candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.

**April** – HFCCW assisted with the reception for the First Holy Communion children and Confirmation.

**May** – We held an outdoor May Crowning in our Mary’s Garden and recited the rosary. A \$350 donation was also made to the Carmelite Sisters and an additional \$100 donation was made to GMAC. We also made a cash donation back to our Parish.

### **SAINT ROSE OF LIMA CCW: Juanita Schenck, President**

**August** - We Held our first meeting. We Started a FaceBook page for the ladies of the parish to learn about what we do and keep in touch. We have 21 members.

**September** – Began a new agenda item; Spiritual 15. During this time we talk about the miracles in our life, prayerfulness, or read a scripture.

**October** – We Had an education meeting with 3 presenters who talked about staying mentally and physically healthy during the pandemic. Had a presentation on How to Vote via email.

**November** – We Established a “Grateful Book” for parishioners to record what they are grateful for. It is located in the church and parishioners have been making entries. We also asked for volunteers to call people who are isolated due to the pandemic.

**December** – We Held a food drive to supplement the Knights Angel Tree Project. We were able to supplement Christmas meals for 21 families.

**January** – We had a basket raffle and money jar guessing game as a fund raiser.

**February** – Provided 25 Lenten reflection books to members.

**March** - We had 2 speakers. Kit Cummings talked about the Love Languages of Christ. Deacon Manuel Trujillo talked about the jail ministry.

**April** – We supplied Easter Lillies for the Church. We organized an Easter Blessing on Easter Saturday. Children brought their Easter Baskets and adults were asked to bring in a symbol (such as a food item) that they gave up for lent. Fr. Clarence blessed them. We stuffed plastic Easter eggs with candy and a spiritual message for the children. These were included in goodie bags that the Knights gave out at Easter masses

**May** – We made 150 masks and gave them to moms. We also cooked a Mexican meal and sold tickets. It was pickup only. 30 volunteers helped.

### **SAINT MARY’S CCW: Jessica Jurkowski, President**

Jessica reported that they have not been able to hold meetings for the past year. She did report that in May they held their first meeting and had a welcome dinner for all their members. In August they were able to meet for a craft night. They did hold a Cash Raffle and mailed tickets to parishioners, which was very successful.

They were also able to help with First Communion and Confirmation. This year they bought gift certificates for the Candidates.

### **SAINT JOSEPH – Marie Neri, President**

No meetings were held over the past year. They did however gather supplies for Native Americans and in April they collected baby blankets and items that were donated to the Christmas Box House.





## SALT LAKE DEANERY CCW

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The Salt Lake Deanery still has a few affiliates who have not been able to meet in person or via Zoom. The late Spring and early Summer made it better for a few others. Hopefully, by the Fall, all will be meeting again.

Several affiliates take the summer off for meetings, so they have very little to report. The officers continue to search for new ways to reach out to members who are not comfortable meeting in person. They also spend a great deal of time planning service projects and possible speakers that will interest ladies of their parishes during the upcoming year.

Even though they have taken the summer off from meetings the affiliates all continue their on-going projects of weekly and monthly newsletters and emails, collecting food for the needy, baby items for the St Martha's Project in Salt Lake and Northern Utah, donating to the Murray Children's Center and other worthy causes, and always more funeral dinners.

A number of the ladies from the Salt Lake Deanery will be going to the National Convention in Washington DC to support Pat Voorhes being installed as the new President of the National Council of Catholic Women and Amy Kennedy being installed as the new Secretary of National. We are excited that Bishop Solis will be there as well!

It is a privilege and honor for the Salt Lake Diocese to be so well represented on the National level. Only one other time that I'm aware of did we have two members of our diocese serving on the National Council of Catholic Women Executive Committee. Bobbie Hunt was NCCW Immediate Past President when Kathy Jones was NCCW Treasurer. Although, there have been a number of times when there was a Salt Lake Diocesan member on the Executive Committee and Salt Lake members serving on commission or as a Province Director.

We are so very proud of both Pat and Amy!



**Mark your calendar and  
plan to attend:**

**The Diocese of Salt Lake City  
Council of Catholic Women**

**93rd Annual Convention  
April 23-24, 2022**

***"A Vision for the Future"***

***Wasatch Deanery—Convention Hosts***

April 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## SOUTHWEST DEANERY CCW

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As the Southwestern Deanery affiliates struggled to ***Be the Light*** this year, they realized, that if nothing else, they are strong courageous women, who can and did overcome adversity as they stepped up to meet the concerns of their parishes and each other amid a pandemic.

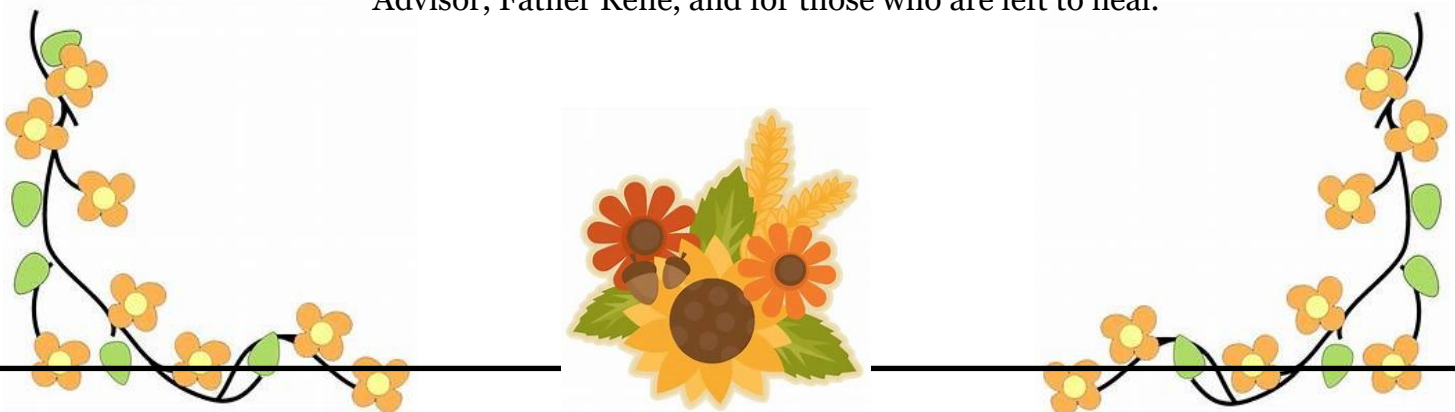
Breaking out of the lockdown to hold meetings and continue contacts via zoom, they are all now fully functioning "in person". Both of our parish affiliates have creative ideas for fundraising and building community. They will soon be back full force providing parties for Religious Ed kids and Bibles for Confirmande. They will be serving potlucks and candlelight dinners, running Fashion Shows and collecting necessities for back-to-school packs and homeless shelters. They will be serving meals for the needy and providing Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas surprises. They will be donating baby clothes and other articles for our pregnancy centers. There is no end to the good they do, just doing what they do, they do best: joyfully serving Christ.

Most recently, Christ the King Women's Council, in Cedar City, led by their newly installed president, Jennifer Street, bought jams from the Carmelites, to sell to their parishioners. A win-win for all involved, raising awareness (and funds) for both their Women's' Council and the Carmelites. They also held a July Jamboree concert in the Pavilion on the campus of Christ the King Church, which was enjoyed by many. Christ the King continues with its Martha's Basket program providing for the needs of newborns and their mothers at their local hospital.

St. George Catholic Women's Group has been meeting every First Tuesday. Their membership continues to grow. They once again held a very successful Palm Sunday Bake Sale, to raise funds for their council activities. They support their parish Seminarian, Tristan Dillon, and this year they also donated for a Confirmation Retreat Breakfast and their Boy Scouts. Their Sunshine Committee continues to provide Prayer Shawls to the sick and bereaved in the parish and with the lifting of Covid restrictions, began their visits to those parishioners in assisted living facilities. Their future plans include a Ministry Faire to raise awareness of service options in their parish. Nadia Neumeier has provided excellent leadership for the council during her term as president.

Saint Paul Catholic Center in Hurricane is taking baby steps toward reactivation. A "gathering" was held in August to determine what directions should be taken for the group. Led by Christ they should do well. Kudos to Lynn Pope and Judy Greene who have provided much need support and positivity.

Prayers for those we lost this year, especially our DCCW Spiritual Advisor, Father Rene, and for those who are left to heal.





## **EASTERN DEANERY —2021 DCCW CONVENTION HOST**

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This has been a very challenging year and a half. The women have done what they were allowed to do and have been very creative in keeping our parishes involved. We have done pre-order and pick up bake sales and dinner-to-go fundraisers. All were well received by parishioners and communities. We also had outside garage sales after the mask mandate was lifted.

With our fundraisers we have helped our parishes keep going and buy badly needed things that needed replacing.. With restrictions in place some parishes gave our First Communion and Confirmation kids gifts donated by their CCW along with the Knights of Columbus, and where allowed they had receptions.

Most Councils could not have meetings early on, but the Presidents would call their members, tried Zoom meetings, and once allowed with social distancing held in person meetings.

### St. Anthony of Padua

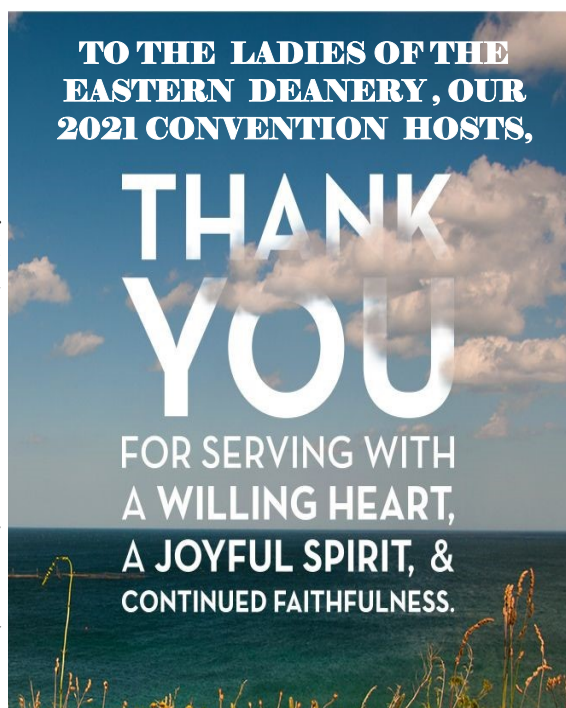
Collected money for their local food bank, held pre-order bake sales, reorganized their carnival, which was a large raffle and was well supported by the parish and community. They sent Christmas cards to all nursing homes and hospital patients, hosted receptions for First Communion and Confirmation kids, had their annual end-of-the-year dinner with their CCW council. They had their last meeting in July, finalizing plans for hosting DCCW convention. Their woman of the year, Betty Kloepfer, will be attending the DCCW convention. They have two women attending the NCCW convention in August

### St. James the Greater

They started meeting in September reorganizing due to the current climate of COVID. They planned spaghetti and alfredo pasta fundraisers by pre-orders and pick up. They cleaned and decorated the church for Christmas and had a successful toy drive for their local Sub for Santa. During this last Lenten season the CCW held concessions during the Knight's bingo nights and had a presentation on self-care by Mindy Smith. At one of their meetings they painted pottery Angels, which was a very nice diversion from the stress of everything and was very well attended including some grandkids in attendance. They participated in Spring clean-up, held a reception for their graduating seniors. Additionally, they had a potluck at their Woman of the Year Michelle Stratton's home for their not quite year-end meeting. Their rummage sale was in June. The St James the Greater Woman of the Year, Michelle Stratton, will be attending the DCCW convention.

### St. Helen

The St. Helen's CCW had to cancel their Bazaar 2020. In February the parish had a nice visit from Bishop Solis. The Council started meeting in March. They were not permitted to have receptions, so they gave gifts to their three graduates. Rosaries were given to the seven Confirmation students, and one gift for First Communicant. The ladies are looking forward to DCCW convention with their Woman of the Year, Jackie Tapoof. They will have two or three attending the NCCW convention in August.





# PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES!

Want to see your CCW in the *Intermountain Catholic* newspaper? As space allows, Marie Mischell, Editor, would like to publish pictures of your ladies group activities. Email pictures with caption information to: [marie.mischel@dioslc.org](mailto:marie.mischel@dioslc.org).

Want to see your ladies on the DCCW website? Send pictures to our Website Editor, Angela Martinez, at: [omartini25@comcast.net](mailto:omartini25@comcast.net).

Want to see your ladies in the AWARE? Send pictures to the Aware Editor, Bonnie Siegrist, at: [utahbonnie@comcast.net](mailto:utahbonnie@comcast.net).

Publicize the good works and good times of your ladies group and share activity ideas!



Cleo Mota- Quilt Winner



MaryAnne Mulvihill Bday Zoom with siblings



Sign at the Basilica



100th Birthday Celebration—Decade Costumes



Bishop Solis Con-celebrated Mass



Hot Dog & Hoagie Night



New NCCW Secretary, Amy Kennedy (left) and President, Pat Voorhes (right)



Bishop Wack (Tallahassee/Pensacola) Marcie Downs, Bonnie Siegrist



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ASK US ABOUT NCCW 2022 CONVENTION, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, NOV. 2—5, 2022



October 2021

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!*



St. John the Baptist Parish & the Knights of Columbus Council 12181  
invite you to join the 34th annual

### NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

**Take a stand and pray!**

10600 South & State Street, Sandy, UT

Sunday, September 26, 2021—1:00-2:00 PM

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing and praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

- Stand with thousands of pro-life individuals throughout the USA and Canada in honor of millions of babies whose lives have been lost to abortion. Pray for people in crisis situations and for our nation.
- You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!
- Bring your whole family! Invite your friends and neighbors!

**Parking:** Please carpool if possible. Do not park in front of any open business. Always be courteous.

**Signs:** Signs will be provided, or feel free to bring your own. Please nothing provocative or graphic.

**Rain or Shine!**



**LIFE CHAIN**

You can learn more about Life Chain by visiting [www.lifechain.org](http://www.lifechain.org)

Questions: Contact Patrick Schmitt—[pschmitt12181@gmail.com](mailto:pschmitt12181@gmail.com)



## VOLUNTEER GROUPS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall is in need of volunteer groups to help prepare and serve meals to clients. Groups interested in customized service opportunities are also encouraged to inquire.



For more information or to sign up to volunteer, contact Monica Rich at [mrich@ccsutah.org](mailto:mrich@ccsutah.org) or 801-428-1366.



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Bonnie Siegrist, Editor  
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### GOOD FOR A LAUGH

**We all know**  
coffee and jelly beans  
**mirrors don't lie...**



**I'm just grateful that  
they don't laugh.**

COFFEE AND JELLY BEANS

THANKS FOR READING ♥