

# AWARD

A Newsletter Publication of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women An Affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women since 1928

**WINTER 2022 ISSUE** 

## DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Becky Colombo — St. Anthony of Padua, Helper bcolombo@emerytelcom.net

This is our first edition of the AWARE since our convention in September of 2021. A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who attended, worked, donated, hosted, and in general had anything to do with convention. It had been a long, dry spell between the April 2019 convention and September. Our speakers were awesome and well-liked by the women in attendance. Maria Morera Johnson was a delight and so down-to-earth in conversation with everyone she met. Emmie Gardner was informative and it was a shame we were not able to view her slide show as hoped. She was a delight as well and is happy to come back whenever we want. I hope she can consider attending a convention in the future, although she has her hands full with the care of her mother. Mary Ann Berzins and Kit Cummings were also excellent presenters and kept the attention of those in attendance. Our commission chairs did an awesome job in selecting these speakers and also kudos to our Past President, Casey Pond, for inviting Maria Johnson to be the keynote back in 2020! Our Women of the Year were all very patient in waiting to be honored after most were chosen in 2020. We were happy to have the Most Reverend Bishop Solis available that weekend to preside over Mass at the Cathedral and the banquet to honor our Women of the Year.



Preparations are underway for this next convention, to be held April 23-24, 2022 at the Sheraton. It seems so strange to be planning this event again six months later, but it is what it is! Hopefully this will put us back in the regular rotation of conventions and we can follow the April schedule from now on. Our pandemic numbers are so high in Utah right now that I get "heartburn" thinking of what we can hope for in April. Please keep praying for case numbers to drop and for everyone to feel safe in attending our celebration. The details of the convention are included in this issue of the AWARE and on the website....be sure to read all about our speakers and agenda for the weekend

We will be installing new 2022-2024 DCCW officers and deanery presidents on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have been contacted to consider an office, please pray about it and look into your soul to serve. If you know of someone, let us know. We love our Council and hate to see it dwindle due to lack of leaders to serve. It is work; it takes time; but the rewards are so fulfilling! Admittedly, we can get tired or frustrated, but then after having a successful meeting or event such as DCCW Convention, or attending an NCCW convention, the feeling of inspiration and accomplishment is so renewing!

I am excited to announce that our new Woman of the Year Co-Chairs are Past President Lydia Farnell and Past President Susan Neilson! Thank you to both of them for accepting these positions. Past President Marcie Downs has accepted the position of Director of Meetings Co-Chair, serving with Chair, Becky Hicks. After an absence while working with the NCCW board, Anne Boyer is back as DCCW Liturgical Liaison. After a short absence from the DCCW board, Kathy Fazio is now our Sponsorship Committee Chair. Thank you to all and happy to have you in your new positions on the Council board!

The next DCCW Board Meeting will be held over ZOOM on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Salt Lake Deanery President Jeanne Audiss for arranging to have the ladies of St. Vincent de Paul CCW host the meeting, but for the safety of all it was determined to meet online. We will have reports from our NCCW President, our Convention Committee Chairs, our Nominating Committee, news on a Province Director from Utah, and voting on recipients for our collection at the convention Mass. I will have a report for you all in April. Wow, time flies when we are having so much fun!



## April 23-24, 2022 The Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women 93rd Annual Convention

Join us at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah



Our keynote speaker is Dan Misleh, from the Catholic Climate Covenant based in Washington, D.C. The title of his presentation will be "Integral Human Development: The Key to Our Future in a Climate-Threatened World". In 2006, Dan helped establish Catholic Climate Covenant in response to the U.S. Bishops' statement on climate change. The organization seeks to engage the Catholic community in a serious and sustained conversation about a Catholic approach to climate change from a faith lens. Dan has spoken to dozens of local, regional and national Catholic groups including talks to the international and national Conferences of Catholic Women. His prior work included 11 years at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as a policy advisor and Director of

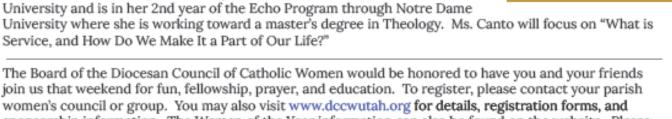
Diocesan Relations for the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development.

Our Spirituality Commission Chair, Susan Espinoza, has invited Jean Hill, Director of The Office of Life, Justice, and Peace for the Salt Lake Diocese, to speak. Ms. Hill is very knowledgeable and has spoken to many groups throughout the State, and has been a speaker at a previous DCCW Convention.

The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, will be the main celebrant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine, 331 E S Temple St, Salt Lake City, on Saturday. Following Mass, he will speak at the banquet (held in the Sheraton Hotel) and join us in honoring the Women of the Year.

Elizabeth Canto, Youth Minister and Faith Formation Assistant at St. John the Baptist, oversees all social justice events at the parish. Elizabeth was invited to speak at convention by our Service Commission Chair, Annette Presley. Elizabeth has an undergraduate degree in Poverty and Social Justice from Elon University and is in her 2nd year of the Echo Program through Notre Dame

University where she is working toward a master's degree in Theology. Ms. Canto will focus on "What is Service, and How Do We Make It a Part of Our Life?"



women's council or group. You may also visit www.dccwutah.org for details, registration forms, and sponsorship information. The Woman of the Year information can also be found on the website. Please contact Becky Colombo, DCCW President, at beckyc144@gmail.com or call 435-650-6392





#### DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

ANNUAL CONVENTION ~ APRIL 23-24, 2022

Sheraton Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City

#### "TENTATIVE" AGENDA



#### Saturday, April 23, 2022

7:30 a.m. Registration and light breakfast

8:30 a.m. Opening prayer service

8:45 a.m. General Session

9:15 a.m. Remarks-Patricia Voorhes, NCCW President

9:30 a.m. Announcements and break

10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker-Dan Misleh, Catholic Climate Covenant

10:45 a.m. Announcements and break

11:00 a.m. Deacon Mike Bulson-Guest Speaker

11:30 a.m. Stand & stretch break-do not leave the room

11:35 a.m. Gayle Kasen-Guest Speaker

12:05 p.m. Announcements and break-hotel set up lunch

12:35 p.m. LUNCH

Our Lady of Good Counsel Mileage and Attendance Awards and Affiliate of the Year

Award presentation Centerpiece drawing

1:45 p.m. Elizabeth Canto, Service Commission speaker

Call to 2023 Convention 2:30 p.m.

2:45 p.m. Closing prayer

3:00 p.m. Announcements for Mass and Buses

3:10 p.m. Recess

Bus boarding for Mass (buses will leave the hotel lobby by 4:30 p.m 4:15 p.m.

Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine 5:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m. Banquet social opens

7:15 p.m. Woman of the Year banquet and awards

#### Sunday, April 24, 2022

7:30 a.m. Recitation of the Rosary

8:00 a.m. Registration 8:30 a.m. Prayer Service 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:45 a.m. Announcements and break

10:00 a.m. Jean Hill-Spirituality Commission Speaker

10:45 a.m. Break and hotel checkout

11:15 a.m. Resume General Session-Resolutions & Installation Ceremony

12:00 p.m. Closing prayer 12:15 p.m. Adjournment

12:20 p.m. Raffle, silent auction, and Ugly Bag-winners announcement





#### DCCW CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE



Kathy Fazio, Chair Christ the King, Cedar City tommycreek2@infowest.com Nancy Reading, Co-Chair St. John the Baptist, Draper nlr@xmission.com



### DCCW SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AND THEY ARE FREE!

Don't let inflation get you down or keep you from a truly spiritual adventure at the DCCW annual convention. If you would like to attend the convention but are concerned that you can't afford it this year, here's some good news - there are DCCW sponsorships available!

A sponsorship will provide confidential financial assistance, making it possible for you to attend the convention. Refer to the Sponsorship Guidelines posted on the DCCW website (<a href="www.dccwutah.org">www.dccwutah.org</a>) to see if you qualify.

The application and submission guidelines are available on the DCCW website, from the president of your parish women's group, or by contacting the Convention Sponsorship Committee Chair above. Do not put this off, the deadline for applications is March 13, 2022.

Sincerely the Sponsorship Committee!



A big thank you to Ernie Folks for her years as chair of the Sponsorship Committee. Ernie went above and beyond in her efforts to let women know about this convention financial assistance program. We wish Ernie well and hope to see her at conventions.



## Our Lady of Good Counsel "AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD"

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Our Lady of Good Counsel Affiliate of the Year Award 2022, will recognize significant and outstanding contributions made by an affiliate in the areas of service: to A the Church, the Council of Catholic Women, the parish, and the community at large, during the past year. Please check the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women website (<a href="https://www.dccwutah.org">www.dccwutah.org</a>) for the Award Criteria, Nomination Form,

and Questions to Consider when submitting your application (should be one page or less). I will start receiving the nominations on February 1, 2022. Please email your completed forms to Pat Musich (patmusich@gmail.com) by the **March 1, 2022** deadline.

No applications will be accepted after this date!



......INVITED A FRIEND TO JOIN COUNCIL? Offer 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!

Jeannie Illian, NCCW LTD Consultant



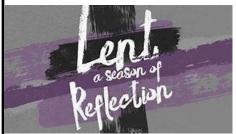
#### DCCW SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

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#### RENEWAL OF FAITH – A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE

The Season of Lent brings us to remember once again the Passion experience of Jesus, who embraced the will of the Father so that humanity will be saved.

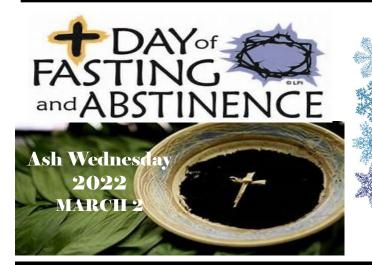
In this journey of faith, our life must be in a constant process of conversion and a change of heart so that we may



become what God wants us to be. The season of Lent is not only an appropriate time but also it is a special time for us to make it happen. As Jesus was tempted in the desert for 40 days, this occurrence of being tempted will always be our everyday experience; and to overcome such obstacle requires conversion and a change of heart in a constant manner. Although temptation is inevitable, it can be overcome by facing it with great faith and trust in God's providential grace. The passion of Jesus is the culmination of his self-offering to the Father so that men and women will be redeemed from sin and death. In shedding his blood

on the cross we are washed of our sins, and in breathing his last breath, he gives us new life in the grace of God.

This holy season of Lent offers us a new chance to renew ourselves to become a better person. Lent is the time to restore God's original design for us: that we may grow in his image and likeness so that we may become worthy to share in the life eternal that he is offering us every day. Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Let us observe this season with a sincere and humble heart in the name of Christ, who is our Savior and our Redeemer. Have a blessed and safe journey through this Season of Lent.



Ladies of Eastern Deanery w/ Father Anil at 2021 Convention



## HAVE YOU EVER TOLD SOMEONE WHAT DCCW IS ABOUT? SAY THE MISSION STATEMENT. ite Catholic women's organizations and individual Catholic women in the s

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.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN PRESIDENT Patricia (Pat) Voorhes — St. Vincents, Murray

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Dear Council Sisters and Spiritual Advisors,

It is with great joy that I write to inform you that Salt Lake City has been chosen as the site of the 2023 National Council of Catholic Women's Convention. Bishop Solis sent his approval and support for our DCCW to host the event at the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City on August 24-26, 2023. The SLC DCCW Leadership will be asking for your help in the coming months with all the volunteer duties and responsibilities required to put on a national convention. This will give us an opportunity to show off the Utah volunteer spirit and the pride we have as members of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Put your thinking caps on and mark your calendars for November 2-5, 2022, for the 2022 NCCW Convention in Minnesota where SLC will invite the 2022 convention attendees to Salt Lake City in 2023. The theme of the 2022 convention is NCCW: Wide Open Hearts Abiding in Faith, Hope and Love. We have a great line up of speakers and many other fun events that will be showcased in the Catholic Woman and on the NCCW website in the months to come.



NCCW has been asked by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops to provide listening sessions for Synod 2021-2023. We asked the membership to decide five themes for the focus of our listening sessions and you did not disappoint. See below and watch for more information and the ZOOM invitation to join the listening sessions. All sessions are via ZOOM on Wednesday evenings 5pm mountain time. For more information and background documents log onto <a href="https://www.nccw.org">www.nccw.org</a> Synod 2021-2023.

Date	Session	Presenter/Facilitator
2/16/2022	Overview/Introduction	Father Miguel González
2/23/2022	Dialogue in Church and Society	Amy Kennedy, LTD trainer
3/9/2022	Listening	Jody Waterman, LTD trainer
3/16/2022	Speaking Out	Susie Harting, LTD trainer
3/23/2022	Discerning and Deciding	Judy Maurer & Peggy Balou, LTD train- ers
3/30/2022	With Other Christian Denominations	Linda Clark. Former LTD trainer

Thank you to those of you that contributed to the Kentucky Tornado Fund. NCCW sent a check to the Owensboro Diocesan Offices for over \$20,000.00.

Many of our members are suffering from Covid. Please pray with me for their swift and complete recovery. May God Bless us and May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us.





#### DCCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE **Lydia Farnell** Saint Peters, American Fork lilyfar@q.com

**Susan Neilson** Saint Francis of Assisi, Orem

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This year we will again be presenting the Woman of the Year Program at Convention, April 23-24, 2022. The program is a special feature of Convention in that it highlights women nominated from parishes, who have shared their talents and served God and church in many ways.

The deadline for your parish to submit your Woman of the Year information is Monday, March 20th 2022. Also of importance and new this year, every Woman of the Year honoree needs to be in the banquet room on Saturday by 6:30pm to be photographed with the other Women of the Year by the Intermountain Catholic. Previously this was done at the end of the banquet. In the Call to Convention being sent to affiliate presidents



or the priest of parishes without a women's group, there is a Woman of the Year letter with further information, please read carefully. The information is also available on the website.

> We look forward to seeing all of you, and ask the blessings of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Lydia and Susan



#### DCCW DIRECTOR OF MEETINGS

**Becky Hicks, Chair** Blessed Sacrament, Sandy rfhicks50@gmail.com

**Marcie Downs, Co-Chair** St. Olaf, Bountiful marciedowns51@gmail.com

A little background . . . As a previous Director of Meetings Co-Chair, I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Bobbie Hunt before she made the decision to retire. After prayerful consideration, Marcie Downs accepted my request to work with me. I spent two terms as the DCCW Treasurer and Marcie served in many positions on the Board, including DCCW President. We bring our experience and work ethic to help us as liaisons between the Board, speakers, convention attendees and the hotel for our annual Convention.

So, what are some of the things we are responsible for in this position? In working along with the President, we review and negotiate the hotel contract for meeting spaces and hotel rooms. Everything is taken into consideration from the rooms we meet in, the cost of hotel rooms, the cost and variety of foods at each meal, the AV requirements, transportation, as well as the environment and assuring everything goes smooth during convention. working with talented women and various committees to bring off a successful convention.

Both of us have been to many of our DCCW Conventions around Utah and NCCW Conventions across the nation. We go for the following reasons: renewing friendships and spending time with friends throughout our Diocese and the U.S., learning something unique from every speaker, celebrating being a Catholic woman, and praying together. It would be fun to learn what Convention means to each of you!

We are sure you have marked your calendars to join us April 23-24, 2022 at the Salt Lake City Sheraton Hotel. This year's convention theme is "A Vision for the Future." The Call to Convention packets will be going out soon, be mindful of all the deadlines (they are extremely important!) and invite your friends to come for the weekend. See you there!



#### DCCW FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

## Barb Kerouac Saints Peter and Paul, West Valley Barb0235@msn.com

#### "A Vision for the Future"

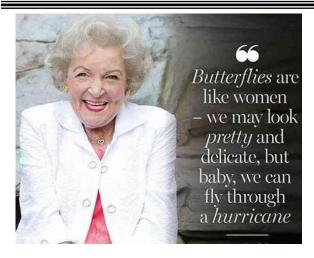
- \* The future is ours. We are to leave this world a better place for future generations. What are you doing to improve the future? We all have goals, but do they include what you are doing as a Catholic for our world? Our world is crying out for assistance. Are you answering those cries? I know I can do more. What is God calling you to do? Are you content with setting back and letting someone else do what is asked of us as Catholics. This is where the Beatitudes come in play. Can you step up to do more and answer the call of God. Mary's "yes" is our inspiration.
- \* Our DCCW is part of that call. We need women of faith to step up and step out of their comfort zones to join our affiliates and do more for our future. Why, what, where, when, and how?
  - Why because it is fulfilling to serve others and Gods beatitudes. What, be a CCW member. Where, your local parish, deanery, diocese, and National organizations. When NOW. How, contact any member of the CCW and they can show you how to join, contact necw.org to sign up as a member, or you can even reach out to me (barb0235@msn.com) and I will help. COVID has changed the world of meeting in person, but there are on-line options.

- \* Please pray and ponder on joining our future so we can strengthen our DCCW. It has many opportunities to work on improving our world, whether it is working on environmental, humanitarian, or spiritual concerns. We are called to work together as one body of Christ to do God's will. Please help us embrace the future and create positive changes to do so.
- \* We will be hosting the NCCW Convention in 2023, and will need many volunteers to help welcome women from all over our nation, it would be wonderful to have many new faces joining us to welcome them. We are honored to have Pat Voorhes, NCCW President; Amy Kennedy, NCCW secretary; and Jeanne Audiss, San Francisco Province Director, from our Salt Lake City DCCW leading us during this honor. Come join us, you are all welcome.
- Please support the upcoming DCCW convention by soliciting businesses for program ads. You can find the forms on dccwutah.org or contact me barb0235@msn.com. Ad forms due March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- \* I am looking forward to our upcoming DCCW Convention, "A Vision for the Future", April 23-24, 2022 and seeing all who are coming to share in the sisterhood of Catholic Women of Utah.

Here's what I know about the future:

It happens as a result of what we do today.









Mike O'Shea, Marcie Downs, Bobbie Hunt kick off 2021 Convention

www.dccwutah.org



#### DCCW IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT/ NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR Casey Pond, St. Olaf, Bountiful

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### NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR DCCW OFFICERS, 2022-2024! Deadline for application – March 15, 2022

In his address to the general audience assembled at St. Peter's Square on November 6, 2013, Pope Francis said, "The Holy Spirit distributes to the faithful a multitude of spiritual gifts and graces.... The charisms...are gifts that

the Holy Spirit gives us: talents, possibilities.... Gifts given not to be hidden but to be shared with others. They are not given for the benefit of the one who receives them, but for the use of the People of God."

We need your gifts, your talents, and your leadership abilities for use of the People of God, and in this instance, the women of the Diocese of Salt Lake City. As we move toward our centennial year as the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, new leadership is needed to guide us to that milestone. With your willingness to step up and serve, our vision for the future is bright.

The Nominating Committee is seeking women to serve on the DCCW Executive Committee for the 2022-2024 term. Offices to be filled are Secretary, Treasurer, Second Vice-President, and First Vice-President/President Elect. An informational letter, the application forms, and officer position information can be retrieved from our website, <a href="www.dccwutah.org">www.dccwutah.org</a> or from any member of the nominating committee:

Chair – Casey Pond, <a href="mailto:casey.pond@comcast.net">casey.pond@comcast.net</a>
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Northern Deanery – Karen Fawbush, <a href="mailto:kfawbush@gmail.com">kfawbush@gmail.com</a>
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Southwestern Deanery – Judy Greene, <a href="mailto:azlibrasun@aol.com">azlibrasun@aol.com</a>
Wasatch Deanery – Nancy Reading, <a href="mailto:nlr@xmission.com">nlr@xmission.com</a>
Member At Large – Kathy Fazio, <a href="mailto:tommycreek2@infowest.com">tommycreek2@infowest.com</a>

Please consider this opportunity with a prayerful and open heart. The rewards and the return on your investment will be priceless and the gift of your service, invaluable.

Please contact any of the committee members or a current DCCW officer for more information.

#### THANK YOU TO THOSE WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED, WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE, OR WHO WILL SERVE!







#### DCCW SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—WAYS & MEANS CHAIR

**Patricia Ramos-Yarber St. Olaf, Bountiful** t.ramos801@gmail.com

Thank you to all the contributors & many talented people who took the time to create such beautiful and unique baskets for the 2021 convention. There was a great response with over 50 raffle baskets, 16 silent auction items, 14 ugly purses, quilt raffle, & 10 outside vendors in Utah & Nevada who donated from individual businesses etc. Also, many thanks to the continued support of Immaculate Heart Religious Goods, Carmelite Nuns, & Rural Africa Crafts. It was great to see the excitement & happiness of the women during the raffle & convention with finally having a chance to enjoy each other.





Preparations are beginning for this year's convention raffles and silent auction. Information about donations will be relayed through the Call to Convention packet sent to each parish as well as be available on the DCCW website. May we have a blessed 2022 convention.



Thank you for your support.

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver" -Maya Angelou

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE DEADLINE APPROACHING..... NEEDED: PEOPLE IN NEED



Catholic Woman's League is accepting applications from Utah 501-(c)-3 non-profit organizations to be considered as beneficiary of their annual Benefit Luncheon to be held in the fall of 2022. Parishes, schools, religious or secular organizations are all eligible. Urge your favorite charity to apply.

#### Applications are due by FEBRUARY 9, 2022.

For information and application forms, contact Rosalie Mirabelli at rmmcat@hotmail.com or call 801-631-8829.

#### **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) 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.

> HAVE YOUR NCCW PARISH /DEANERY AFFILIATE 2022 DUES BEEN PAID???? ARE YOUR INDIVIDUAL NCCW MEMBERSHIP DUES CURRENT?

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#### DCCW SERVICE COMMISSION

Annette Pressley, Chair St. Thomas More, Cottonwood Hts. tennis1054@aol.com



First, I want to thank you for your generosity at September's DCCW Convention. There was tremendous response to the requested donations.

We collected over 150 pairs of glasses, which were taken to Catholic Community Services in Salt Lake City, Lantern House in Ogden, and a Layton optometrist who ministers to the homeless population. Over 100 Rosaries were collected. Some were taken to Catholic Community Services in Salt Lake City and the rest to St. Rose of

Lima parishioner who sends them to an International Ministry for distribution. The cancelled stamps were sent to Saint Mary's in Indiana.

We collected over 60 pounds of mini hygiene products. Half of the items were taken to Lantern House in Ogden and half to Road Home in Midvale.

The support for the Carmelite Nuns was tremendous. A van load of donations was delivered and included toilet paper, paper towels, gloves, sugar, marshmallow fluff, Kleenex, new and used canning jars. The candy and jam sales, plus donations, went very well and came to about \$3200. The nun's were very happy and grateful.

Items were brought to the Convention and distributed to several women's shelters. The **Northern Deanery** took toothbrushes, toothpaste and other toiletry items to Catholic Community Services in Ogden. The **Salt Lake Deanery** took lotions, soaps, hair ties, lip balm, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and glasses to St. Vincent de Paul. They took towels, toilet paper and sugar to the Carmelites. The **Southwestern Deanery** took assorted toiletries, blankets, bedding, and slipper socks to the Dove Center in St. George. The **Eastern Deanery** supported several local shelters including the Friends Against Family Violence, the Food Bank and a shelter in Price with both monetary donations and donations in kind. The **Wasatch Deanery** took the items to the Women's Rescue Mission in Salt Lake City and The Inn Between. There were many toiletry items, cleaning supplies, socks, underwear, and sports bras, food items, socks, Bingo prizes, and paper towels. They also made a generous donation to the Carmelites.

January is recognized as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Please, keep all those suffering from slavery, domestic violence and human trafficking in your thoughts and prayers, not

only in January but every day of every month.

As usual I welcome and appreciate any suggestions for future projects.

Items which we will be collecting at the 2022 DCCW Convention will be listed in the Call to Convention and on the DCCW website.





# AND THE REAL PROPERTY.

#### DCCW SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

Susan Espinoza, Chair — susane0101@gmail.com
St. Joseph the Worker, West Jordan

This is a repeat, but I think bears a second printing

#### **Putting Pause into Practice**

#### Pausing in the New Year

Go to your garage. Find something that you have moved at least three times. Give it away – to a friend, St. Vincent de Paul or the charity of your choice.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Write a letter to someone you love – with real paper, pen, envelope and stamp.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Grab a box of crayons. If you feel overwhelmed at any point today, sit down for 10-minute coloring break.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Buy a bouquet of fresh flowers for your desk or home, and take time to arrange them yourself.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Put a Hershey's kiss on every coworker's desk or on each family member's pillow close to bedtime.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Try the Jewish practice of praying after a meal, instead of before.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Set your cell phone alarm to go off every hour or so. When it does, stop what you are doing and think of something for which you are grateful.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Eat your evening meal by candlelight.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Take a new route as you commute to work or run errands. Notice what is new or different.

#### Pausing in the New Year

There are over 10,000 named saints. Pick an obscure one and learn one fact that makes you smile or gives you hope.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Reread one of your favorite children's books.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Give a flower to someone who had a tough week.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Make a 3"x5" card that says "Thanks for being you" and give it to someone you encounter during the day.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Pick a favorite psalm. Begin your day by reading the psalm aloud.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Use your cell phone to take a photo of an ordinary event, person, plant or part of nature that made you smile. Use it as your screen saver for the next day.

#### Pausing in the New Year

Memorize a new prayer and start your day with it.





#### DCCW LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

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The Utah Legislative 64<sup>th</sup> general session started on Jan. 18 and will end of March 4, 2022. There are several controversial topics this year which has attracted much public scrutiny. The recent bill SJR3 introduced and passed was the reversal of mask mandates in Salt Lake and Summit counties. Representative Carol Spackman Moss had spoken in opposition to this legislation due to the fact she has lost both her husband and her mother in the last 6 months due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It's apparent from the fall and winter of 2020 the numbers of communicable flu and viruses such as RSV Respiratory Syncytial Virus were down significantly

compared to previous years and the variable was mask wearing. It is unfortunate how masks have created such a rift among the community and become such a political fight. Please think about how you respond to this legislation as far as protecting yourself and others during a highly transmissible Omicron Variant pandemic. Hospitals and ICU's are full, and we need to be responsible citizens to help reduce the overload and stress on our local health care system and providers.

A topic of interest this year from the Salt Lake Diocese is the repeal of the death dignity. Our Most Rev. Bishop Oscar A. Solis wrote an opinion in the Salt Lake Tribune, Sunday 1/23/2022 to encourage state senators and representatives to consider the repeal and replacement of Utah's capital punishment statute. As per Bishop Solis, "The death penalty repays suffering with suffering. It does not provide justice, does not restore dignity, does not make us safer as a society. Anytime we allow the intentional destruction of life, we destroy the respect for all life. Repealing the death penalty in Utah is a critical step to building a deeper culture of life across our state, one that recognizes Christ in every human being at every age and stage of life and is therefore able to recognize that true justice does not take life, it restores it." As president-elect of Women's State Legislative Council, it is my hope this over 100-year-old organization will be able to hear this bill and educate our population. We may be able to have a resolution to support repeal of the death dignity. It is difficult to know if this will happen; however, it is my request and anticipation this may be a possibility. This is House Bill (HB 147 Death Penalty Modifications). We need to do our part in requesting legislators hear our voices.

Other bills of interest as per Jean Hill's Prayer and Action Network includes the following: HB 164 Public Transit Fares, which would eliminate all fares for Utah buses and trains. This would help our homeless population as well as individuals at or below the poverty level. **HB 130** Driver License Test Amendments would allow an individual to take the driver's test in their native language or have an interpreter/translator, if the test isn't available in their first language. This would help many refugees and immigrants be able to obtain a driver's license, which in turn would help them get to work or other places like the grocery store for food. **HB 163** Driver License Testing Modifications will allow people with humanitarian parolee status access to the same testing procedures provided to refugees and approved asylees. **HB 165** Food Sales Tax Amendments eliminates the sales tax on food. The Diocese strongly opposed a bill, which has come up many years from different legislative sponsors as **HB 174** End of Life Prescription Amendments, which is a bill to help people end their life earlier without seeking help from hospice or palliative care or allow a natural cause to end their lives.

Please take a few minutes to contact your legislator to vote for bills, which you support or oppose; be respectful, brief and know both sides of the issue as to be informed, and identify yourself as their constituent, you may include your mailing address. Ask for a response to your phone call or email. They need our help in knowing how we as their constituents want them to vote on a bill. Please refer to the web site of <a href="www.le.utah.gov">www.le.utah.gov</a> and <a href="www.dioslc.org">www.dioslc.org</a> for further information on the current legislative session. Please continue to pray for our elected officials so they can make proper voting decisions to improve and respect the sanctity of life and promote ways to save our air quality and reduce global warming impacts on our precious earth.







#### DCCW MEMBERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE TEAM



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The "R" in MDR stands for resource. While our experienced leaders are a personal resource to you and your women's groups, if you are an NCCW affiliate leader or, better still an individual member of NCCW, you have access to over 30 exclusive resources. Simply log into your NCCW account and click on the Member Only Resources link highlighted below:



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## NORTHERN DEANERY CCW Karen Fawbush, President

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#### ST. MARY'S: Jessica Jurkowski, President

NOVEMBER the CCW contributed 30 baskets to be raffled. Tickets were sold over 2 weekends. It was a great fundraiser. We also hosted the Northern Deanery meeting.

DECEMBER: We held our annual Advent dinner and ornament exchange with about 20 ladies. We also supported the parish by selling poinsettias in remembrance of loved ones. The flowers were used to decorate the altar for Christmas and the CCW took care of them.

JANUARY: We will be holding our annual Infant Jesus baby shower. All the gifts will be donated to ST. Martha's Baby project.

Nominations for next year's officers will take place and elections in February. We are also planning on a craft project for February.

#### ST. ROSE OF LIMA: Juanita Topman, President

DECEMBER: We had a successful bake sale and Christmas raffle. We had a Christmas dinner at Hughes Café with 24 ladies attending. We also participated with the Knights of Columbus in their Gifts of the Magi project. We participated with the Christian Formation students placing luminaries outside the church welcoming parishioners to Mass on Christmas.

FEBRUARY: We look forward to hosting the quarterly NDCCW meeting with our special menus that will symbolize our desire for inclusivity of various ethnic groups.

We are developing an educational program on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can help you serve your parish. It will precede a Pentecost event. We are considering a summer trip to Mother Cabrini shrine for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her canonization. Archbishop Samuel J. Aguila has decreed those who visit and spend time in prayer will be granted a partial indulgence. We will share this information once we have options for transportation and lodging.

#### **HOLY FAMILY: Mary Ann Atkin, President**

DECEMBER: We held our Christmas Party and gift exchange at the Ogden Country Club with 23 ladies attending. We also helped with the Angel Tree. Holy Family and the CCW dedicated a new statue of Mary for our church, donated by a parishioner. The dedication was held on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

JANUARY: Several ladies gathered together and made 33 blankets which were donated to Give Me a Chance and the South Ogden Police Department.

One of our CCW members helped Father Bill plan and coordinate the "Casting Nets" mission. It was held over two days and was attended by a great group of people. The mission will take place during Lent. We hope to gather new members and bring back old members to church.

The annual Spaghetti Dinner has been postponed twice and hopefully it will take place soon. This is our biggest fund raiser. We continue to meet once a month for mass and breakfast.



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#### SALT LAKE DEANERY CCW

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The Salt Lake Deanery has been having an exciting time getting back into the "swing of things" so to speak. It is great to have been able to meet in person with both the Councils and with the Parish Communities as a whole.

All of the Affiliates continue their on-going projects of weekly and monthly news-letters 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. Some serve Coffee and Donuts after Mass, and some host bingo. They are also doing funeral dinners again, but some are doing so in new formats being careful of the COVID-19 virus.

All affiliates were excited to have special Christmas Gatherings again, potlucks are so much fun to reconnect and to collect items to give to those in need. **St Ann's** again solicited gift cards, valued at \$4,700 for 60 needy kids and their families. **St Olafs** did a Stocking Stuffer and donating the items to the Center of Hope. **St Patrick's** hosted a light luncheon for their Ground Breaking of the New St Joseph Building. The old one was damaged during the 2020 Earthquake beyond repair.

The **Catholic Women's League** is beginning work on the fall luncheon to be held again this year. They are currently taking applications for a 501(c)3 beneficiaries. For information, please contact Rosalie 891-632-8829 or email her at rmmcat@hotmail.com

It is with great pride that I say thank you to both Pat Voorhes, serving as President of our National Council (NCCW) and Amy Kennedy serving as the Secretary of NCCW. It is such an honor for the Salt Lake Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Salt Lake Deanery to have two very dedicated and qualified representatives on the National Board. I am very humbled to be working with them.







WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE JEANNE AUDISS WILL BE THE NEXT NCCW SAN FRANCISCO PROVINCE DIRECTOR, 2022-2024. JEANNE WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE NOVEMBER, 2022 NCCW ANNUAL CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS.

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#### SOUTHWEST DEANERY CCW

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#### **Happiest of New years!**

<u>St. George Catholic Womens Group</u> has been very busy *and* successful in their endeavors. They also have big plans for the future!

They held a Christmas bake sale on the last weekend before Christmas that was a great success with cakes, pies, cookies, and other sweet delights filling the tables for all Masses (sales proceeds totaled \$1334). Their annual Christmas Angel Tree for children of the parish generated \$5,000 in donations, which resulted in being able to give **each child on Christmas gifts list a \$25 gift card.** On December 22nd, the Sunshine Committee visited Seasons Assisted Living Facility, and distributed **57 prayer shawl**s among the residents.

For Valentine's Day, Sunshine Committee hopes to repeat a prayer shawl distribution at another Assisted Living residence. SGCWG is spearheading "Your Family Away From Home" event on February 26 and 27, in the parish hall. Every parish ministry will have a display. After each Mass, parishioners can learn about the various ministries, meet other parishioners and make new friends. In all, there are about 40 ministries. They felt the need to reconnect. They're looking forward to their annual Easter Bake Sale, traditionally held on Palm Sunday, in hopes of generating at least as much income as was generated by Christmas Bake Sale. Meanwhile they continue to support our local seminarian financially and prayerfully. \$500 was sent to Seminarian Andre Sicard. We need priests! Kudos for remembering our seminarians!

Christ the King's Women's Council, Cedar City has also been busy the last few months. Winter brought a lot of snow to Cedar City, but no worries, their ladies still continued to make it to meetings, helping each other with ride-shares too. They have several new members since fall began and they are ready to dive in! Nice to see a council grow! They helped the K of C with their Coats for Kids drive this year by donating mittens and hats to go with the coats, collecting over 75 items! They also baked cookies, lots of cookies, to give out after the Christmas program the Faith Formation classes performed on December 19th. A fun time was had by all! They had a wonderful Womens Council Christmas party, playing lots of trivia games, eating great food, making merry and sharing lots of laughter and good conversation. They're the best at building council community! Sometimes we forget the importance of just being good friends to each other. Kudos! They, as we all are, are looking forward to spring and some warmer weather!

**St. Pauls Women's Council in Hurricane** has chosen to remain disbanded. They have instead formed a coed 'activity group' with the men of the parish to provide for parish needs. We wish them well.



Meanwhile, the Southwest Deanery Board members are in the early planning stages of a retreat to be held close to Ash Wednesday, in Hurricane. We are considering making it an interdenominational presentation open to all women of the area, of course including our Deanery Affiliates, but also our Protestant neighbors. Together in Christ!



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We are still working through the pandemic with our parish happenings. Just when we think things are slowing down it starts up again. Our parishes have been busy with the holidays and service projects. We still haven't started our coffee and donuts and people are missing that. We are doing our bake sales and dinners by pick up only.

**St. Anthony of Padua** ladies helped with decorating the church and clean up after the holiday, they had their annual Christmas dinner at the Carbon Country Club it was well attended and enjoyed. There affiliate has continued work and monthly meetings. They donated \$100.00 each to the Children's Justice Center and the Women's Shelter. Donated \$860.00 plus 130 lbs. of food and supplies to the Carbo County Food Bank, just took a few hours of their time. Two of our women stood outside the church on the sidewalk with Food Bank Donation signs and a big box. The response was incredible from church and community. They also donated a Senior Angel Tree at Notre Dame Parish. They had a successful preorder bake sale in December. Hopefully they can use some of the money to help some ladies attend the convention in April.

**St. Helens** ladies were able to have their annual Christmas Bazaar, asked the families to donate three craft items and three baked items. They served taco soup for the luncheon. The ladies had invited other women's groups to join them, and it went very well. This year they had a community Mass in the hall followed by a potluck luncheon with a visit from Santa. They have completed their project to collect food for the Duchesne Food Pantry. Finished collecting items for the Domestic Violence Service Project and will be delivering all the items soon.

**St. James the Greater** ladies were asked to participate in the Holly Days celebration on November 26 and 27. They had a fun time decorating the front of the rectory with 11 of us working together. The theme was an old fashioned Christmas. They had a Santa Sleigh donated by a parishioner that he had made for a production at the Vernal High School drama club. Their Christmas Party was at a member's house, combined with a short meeting. Had a fun time with food, crafts, and gift exchange. The parish Christmas party was canceled, but the ladies put together Christmas bags for all the younger children in the parish. They also decorated the church for Christmas with new decorations donated by CCW members. In January they got together and made breakfast burritos for a fund raiser. All the food was donated by the individual members and was well attended. They are planning another later on. They have partnered with Friends Against Family Violence, collecting items such as cards, journals, adult coloring books, nail polish, etc. Each new person that arrives at the center receives a tote. The tote contains a pillow and items from the list. They will be helping with a parish pasta to go fundraiser in February.









#### WASATCH DEANERY—2022 DCCW CONVENTION HOST

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#### 2022 Forecast Sunny with a Splash of COVID

Our beloved Wasatch Deanery has had some rebirth over the past few months! **The ladies of St. Peters** in American Fork are back! They celebrated the Rosca de Reyes (Three Kings) celebration for their first get together and are planning to wait out the latest surge of COVID for now.

**St. Martin De Porres** is back and under new leadership with Robin Marvive. This wonderful group of ladies has hit the pavement running with regular Wednesday meetings, service projects and parish support with tons of encouragement from Father Dominic. They are working with the KC's and their deacon on programs to support the diversity of their parish.

**St. Peter and Paul Parish** our newest Wasatch Deanery Affiliate due to a diocesan redistricting, is very busy integrating bi-lingual rosaries and Masses. They have been busy helping families at Thanksgiving and Christmas with meals and other needs. Domestic Violence has been the focus of their social justice efforts.

**Blessed Sacrament CCW** elected their 2022-23 Officers in November and held a Zoom Rosary on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. December was an in-person meeting and the ladies brought and shared potluck items for socializing and dinner. Even though they had decided to scale back to 40 crafters, there was a steady stream of shoppers at the Holiday Blessing Boutique. In January they had a 'donation meeting' to decide where their summer garage sale and boutique profits will be distributed. They will hold new officer installations at their January CCW meeting and distribute funds to those organizations who didn't receive the donation by mail. Another beautiful year has come to a close and the new one is off and running already!

**The Women of St. Francis of Assisi's** busiest time of the year is the last quarter with their two big events: the Annual Dinner Dance in October, which benefits the parish and their boutique the first weekend of December. To finish the year our group got together before Christmas for a Christmas party. During Advent a group of about sixteen women got together to study *Blessed is She's* Advent Devotional.

**The Ladies of Saint Thomas More** met in person in September and October. They had their Christmas Boutique in December. The ladies celebrated Council Sunday on October 17<sup>th</sup> with a Rosary after the 11:30 mass at the STM Grotto. Their November activity was a presentation by the SLC Audubon Society and the Tracy Aviary. They learned how to keep birds from flying into our windows! They plan on a retreat given by Susan Espinoza, DCCW Spirituality Commission Chair, after the New Year. Wasatch Deanery calendar sales are going pretty well. We have continued with our weekly Zoom Meet and Mingle on Wednesday evening.

The Ladies of St John's finished out 2021 tying fleece blankets for the refugees and in November they learned to make rosaries. SJBLA hosted a fun Christmas party with Chinese food, trivia and a white elephant gift exchange. In January they hosted a Bible Trivia night for our spiritual gathering, and they will play Bunco in February for their social get-together. In March they are planning to do a Lenten service project for Catholic Community Services. While their attendance numbers are down, they are holding strong as a small group.

The ladies of the Wasatch Deanery will be the 2022 convention hosts. We are busy planning all that goes with the job. Our affiliate parish presidents will be looking for help from the women in their councils. We look forward to seeing everyone in April. Remember our skit last year?



WASATCH DEANERY WILL ROCK YOU! (stomp, stomp!)

#### Your input makes a difference. Let's make it better, together.

#### CONVENTION EVALUATION FORMS.... IF YOU WENT LAST YEAR, DID YOU FILL ONE OUT???

We thank those who have taken the opportunity to submit their convention evaluation forms. We always welcome suggestions and constructive criticism and try to consider these for the next year. Our goal is to present an affordable, educational, spiritual, and fun experience for ALL women. We want you to

know the convention evaluation forms are definitely read, tabulated, and presented to the DCCW Board of Directors. For now we'd like to address a few of the more repeated topics that were commented on.

Multiple comments regarding changing the venue

As our numbers have grown over the years, we have needed a venue that will meet all our requirements. We evaluate facilities based on the cost of hotel rooms, the cost of meals, A/V charges, meeting rooms, especially the banquet room, to mention a few of the criteria. All this needs to be done at an affordable cost as these types of charges determine our registration fees each year. Other venues are presently being researched for the future and will be compared to what the Sheraton offers.

Various comments on the Woman of the Year Program

We acknowledge the banquet and Woman of the Year Program ran extra long last year for many reasons. We are making some changes, which should shorten the time yet still give the women to be honored the recognition they deserve. It was unfortunate that many people left before the end of the program. We agree it was unfair to those women who were honored last. With the changes being made this year, we hope this won't be an issue. Additional changes to the deanery rotation are also being

Suggestions were made about having Mass at the hotel or on Sunday rather than Saturday evening before the banquet.

Unfortunately, all available hotel space, which would be large enough to hold Mass, is already set up and used for our banquet; therefore, Mass at the hotel is no longer an option as it was in years past. An even more compelling reason is we must recognize our attendees are from all around the state. For many of our women this is their once-a-year opportunity to attend Mass at our beautiful Cathedral of the Madeleine, the mother church of our diocese. Attending with all our Council sisters makes it even more special. The Sunday suggestion was presented at our leadership's annual meeting with Bishop Solis. After discussion it was agreed due to bus availability which is donated, ladies breakfast needs, and especially the Bishop's availability, it would be best at this time to continue having our group attend Mass Saturday evening, and look at ways to make transportation more efficient, including securing an additional bus.



Last year was an unusual year all around, and parts of our convention were no exception. However, we all need to remember just being together as sisters in Christ.... sharing.... praying.... learning.... laughing.... renewing friendships..... making new friends..... even learning patience..... is what the weekend is all about.





#### **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.

Want to see your ladies on the DCCW website? Send pictures to our Website Editor, Angela Martinez, at: <a href="mailto:omartini25@comcast.net">omartini25@comcast.net</a>.

\*\*\*\*Want to see your ladies in this newsletter? Send pictures to the Aware Editor, Bonnie Siegrist, at <a href="mailto:utahbonnie@comcast.net">utahbonnie@comcast.net</a>.

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





DCCW Officers and Deanery President's Recommitment to DCCW at 2021 Convention

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 or 801-428-1366.







To our sisters in parish, deanery and diocesan councils.....





Time Out .... 2021 Convention Director of Meetings Co-Chair with the Convention Registration Chair.

Becky Hicks/Cheryl Johnson

#### THE AWARE NEWSLETTER

Bonnie Siegrist, Editor Blessed Sacrament, Sandy

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