

Minutes of the 93rd Annual Convention
Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women
April 23-24, 2022
Sheraton Hotel, Salt Lake City
A Vision for the Future

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Welcome: 8:30 am: DCCW President & Convention Chair Becky Colombo welcomed everyone to the 93rd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women.

Opening Prayer Session: Spirituality Commission Chair Susan Espinoza and Co-Chair Gracemarie Belvedere, led the Morning Prayer service. Piano accompaniment was provided by Jenni Fazio. A moment of silence was observed to remember and honor Bobbi Hunt who passed away earlier this week.

Presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance: Girl Scout Troop #259, led by Troop Leader Candi Morgan, led the colors.

Convention Welcome: DCCW Spiritual Advisor Rev. Ariel Durian welcomed attendees and expressed his gratitude for the work done by DCCW. Nancy Reading, Wasatch Deanery President & Convention Host, followed with a welcome and invitation to “let this be ‘your’ day.”

Response: Barbara Kerouac, First Vice President/President Elect and Convention Co-Chair, gave the DCCW response.

Introductions: President Colombo introduced the head table.

Minutes: DCCW Secretary Cherri Delgado reported that minutes of the 92nd Annual 2021 DCCW Convention were approved as revised at the April 22, 2022, DCCW Board Meeting.

Credentials Report: President Colombo introduced Cheryl Johnson, Convention Registration Chair, and Cheryl reported:

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Acknowledgements: President Colombo thanked Cheryl Johnson, and Hotel Registration Chair Carol Harley and the ladies of the Wasatch Deanery for a job well done.

NCCW Reports: NCCW President Patricia Voorhes updated the attendees regarding NCCW's activities. She thanked everyone for their continued support of NCCW and encouraged all to join NCCW as individual members.

Amy Kennedy, NCCW Secretary, shared a message from San Francisco Province Director Gloria Krzyzanowski who was unable to attend this weekend. Gloria's message included a

report that Jeanne Audiss from the SLC DCCW will be installed as Province Director at the NCCW Convention in November 2022.

DCCW President's Report: President Colombo thanked everyone for their support during her two years as President and gave an update on the status of DCCW. She encouraged everyone to continue to look to the future in their CCW's and parishes. Past DCCW Presidents were asked to stand so they could be acknowledged for their continued commitment to DCCW.

Announcements: Barbara Kerouac invited all to visit the Prayer Room, to fill out the prayer intentions for Mass at the Cathedral, and to view the posters from the affiliates displayed in the hallway. Barbara introduced the vendors at the Convention. She encouraged everyone to visit the raffle/silent auction room. She asked attendees to fill out the evaluation that was included in the convention packets. And, all were asked to fill out the volunteer survey for the 2023 NCCW Convention that will take place in Salt Lake City. At least 150 volunteers are needed.

Recess: 9:30 a.m. **Reconvene:** 10:00 a.m.

Keynote Address: President Colombo introduced keynote speaker Dan Misleh from Catholic Climate Covenant. Dan's topic was "*Integral Human Development: The Key to our Future in a Climate-Threatened World.*" He presented valuable information about the future of our planet, from his many years as policy advisor for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and as Director of Diocesan Relations for the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development.

Announcements: Barbara Kerouac asked attendees to support the on-site vendors and reminded everyone to visit the raffle/silent auction room, view the poster session, and fill out the evaluation form.

Recess: 10:45 a.m. **Reconvene:** 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: President Colombo introduced Deacon Mike Bulson whose topic was "*Creating Wholeness in a Broken World – Thomas Merton and Pope Francis in Conversation.*" Deacon Mike gained much knowledge from his 42 years with Utah Legal Services and his three published books of homilies. Deacon Mike introduced us to the writings of Thomas Merton with whom many of us had been unfamiliar.

Recess: 11:40 a.m. A "stand and stretch" break was taken. 11:40 a.m. - the morning session reconvened.

Guest Speaker: President Colombo introduced Gayle Kasan whose topic was "*My Faith Journey.*" Gayle shared some moving experiences relating to her lifelong faith journey, including some outcomes that could only be viewed as "miracles." Gayle's devotion to Mary, the mother of God, was inspiring.

Announcements: Barbara Kerouac reminded attendees to visit the Prayer Room, silent auction/raffle room and vendors. She made note of the hallway exhibitors and poster session.

Rev. Christopher Gray briefly addressed the attendees to announce the Diocese's participation in the National Eucharistic Revival.

Lunch: 12:30 p.m. A box lunch was served with a blessing of the food by Fr. Durian.

Lunch Activities: During lunch, all joined in to wish Rev. James Blaine, Wasatch Deanery Spiritual Advisor, a happy birthday. President Colombo acknowledged each parish/affiliate that is in attendance today, along with recognizing first-time attendees.

Barbara Kerouac announced the Winners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Awards. For attendance, 3rd Place was St. Anthony of Padua with 15 Package A; 2nd place was Blessed Sacrament with 17 Package A; and first place was St. Francis of Assisi with 20 Package A.

For mileage, 3rd place was St. Anthony of Padua, Helper, with 1,665 miles traveled (111 miles x 15 attendees); 2nd place was St. George, St. George with 1,806 miles traveled (301 miles x 6 attendees); and Christ the King, Cedar City, was awarded first place for traveling 3,780 miles (252 miles x 15 attendees).

Throw-Down Challenge to recognize increased Convention attendance: Winners were announced by Stacey Oliveto, standing in for Leadership Commission Chair Kirsten Mele who was unable to attend. One Package A and one Package B for the 2023 Convention were awarded.

Affiliate of the Year honors were announced by Chairperson Pat Musich. Third place was awarded to St. Anthony of Padua, Helper; second place was given to St. Vincent de Paul, Holladay; and St. James the Greater, Vernal, was chosen as 2022 Affiliate of the Year. All were congratulated on receiving this outstanding service award.

Nancy Reading conducted the centerpiece drawings, and a brief break was taken.

Service Commission Speaker: President Colombo recognized Service Commission Chair Annette Presley, who introduced guest speaker Elizabeth Canto. Elizabeth's topic was *"Living a life of Love: The Significance of Integrating Service into our Lives."* Using examples from her own life, she challenged everyone to make "service" an important part of our lives.

Call to 2023 Convention: Karen Fawbush and the Northern Deanery members invited all present to the 2023 DCCW Convention, to be hosted by the Northern Deanery.

Announcements: Director of Meetings Becky Hicks gave information regarding the buses and this afternoon's Mass at the Cathedral and expressed her gratitude to Judge Memorial High School for allowing us to use their buses, and to the bus drivers who volunteer their time.

President Colombo noted that Bishop Oscar Solis will be the presiding celebrant and homilist and will be joined by several priests from the Diocese of Salt Lake City. This year's recipients of the Mass collection are: The Carmel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Carmelite nuns); the Cathedral of the Madeleine; and the DCCW Sponsorship Fund.

Women of the Year were reminded to be in the banquet room at 6:30 p.m. for a group photo.

Closing Prayer: Susan Espinoza and Gracemarie Belvedere led the closing prayer.

Recess: 3:00 p.m. for Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine.

Reconvene: 7:15 p.m.

Woman of the Year Banquet: President Colombo welcomed all present and introduced the head table and the DCCW past presidents in attendance. Fr. Durian introduced the clergy and religious in attendance. Bishop Solis addressed all those assembled to honor the Women of the Year, recognizing their service to the Church and their communities.

Recess: 7:30 p.m. for dinner. **Reconvene:** 8:00 p.m. for the Woman of the Year presentations.

Lydia Farnell and Susan Neilson, Woman of the Year Co-Chairs, introduced the Women of the Year for 2022. Bishop Solis and Fr. Durian presented each woman with the Our Lady of Good Counsel medal. 27 Women of the Year were recognized.

Recess: 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Rosary: 7:30 a.m. Recitation of the Rosary was held in the Prayer Room, led by Wasatch Deanery President Nancy Reading and Karan Curtis, Eastern Deanery President.

Reconvene: 8:30 a.m.

Prayer Service: Spirituality Commission Chair Susan Espinoza and Co-Chair Gracemarie Belvedere led the Morning Prayer service. Piano accompaniment was provided by Jenni Fazio.

Breakfast: 9:00 a.m. Fr. Ariel Durian, DCCW Spiritual Advisor, gave the blessing and breakfast was served.

Announcements: Barbara Kerouac, First Vice-President/President Elect and Convention Co-Chair, invited everyone to visit the raffle/silent auction room and to support our on-site vendors. She also encouraged everyone to complete the convention evaluation form.

Recess: 9:45 a.m. **Reconvene:** 10:00 a.m.

Spirituality Commission Speaker: Becky Colombo, DCCW President and Convention Chair, recognized Susan Espinoza who introduced guest speaker Jean Hill. Jean's topic was: "*Living Laudato Si in Utah.*" Jean proposed many ideas, big and small, for how all of us can contribute to protecting God's creation.

Announcements: Barbara Kerouac gave information about submitting silent auction and ugly bag bids and the awarding of the raffle prizes.

Recess: 10:45 a.m. for hotel check out. **Reconvene:** 11:00 a.m.

General Session/Business Meeting: President Becky Colombo welcomed everyone to the Sunday session of the 93rd annual Convention.

Convention Welcome: Fr. Durian welcomed attendees and reminded us that "God is good, all the time, God is good." In place of Wasatch Deanery President and Convention Host Nancy Reading who was not able to be in attendance, Becky Colombo thanked the ladies of the

Wasatch Deanery for their efforts.

Response: Barbara Kerouac gave the DCCW response.

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Resolutions: Parliamentarian Bonnie Siegrist proposed the following resolutions, (detailed in Attachment A): 1) Care for Creation; 2) Fruit of Service in Our Daily Lives; 3) A call for Eucharistic Revival; and 4) Pray for Peace.

Bonnie read the resolutions. President Colombo announced that the Parliamentarian has proposed adoption of the four 2022 resolutions by this Convention. Bonnie moved to adopt the resolutions. No discussion to the Motion followed. The motion was approved by the assembly.

Installation of 2022-2024 DCCW Officers and Deanery Presidents: Fr. Durian and Immediate Past President Casey Pond presided over the installation of DCCW officers and Deanery Presidents. President Colombo thanked all the officers and Deanery Presidents for committing themselves to serving our organization for the next two years.

Announcements: Barbara Kerouac reminded attendees to fill out the survey forms, return the badges and the NCCW Convention volunteer form, and to support the businesses that advertised in the convention program.

Closing Prayer: Susan Espinoza and Gracemarie Belvedere led the assembly in the closing prayer service, with Jenni Fazio providing piano accompaniment.

Raffles and Silent Auction: Tish Ramos-Yarber, 2nd Vice President/Ways & Means Chair, conducted the raffle and silent auctions. She thanked everyone for supporting the vendors, for purchasing tickets and placing bids on the auction items.

Final Remarks: Outgoing President Becky Colombo presented incoming President Barbara Kerouac with a President's pin and passed the gavel to Barbara.

Adjournment: 1:00 p.m. With a tap of the gavel, newly installed President Barbara Kerouac adjourned the convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Cherri Delgado
DCCW Secretary