

Service Commission Report  
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women  
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First I want to thank you for your generosity. We had a great Convention and great response to donation requests.

Many thanks to Bobbie Hunt who took many of the collected items. We collected over 150 pairs of glasses. Bobby distributed the glasses 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 and according to Bobbie there were some really beautiful ones. Some were given to Catholic Community Services in Salt Lake City and the rest to a woman at St. Rose of Lima who sends them to an International Ministry for distribution. The cancelled stamps are sent Saint Mary's in Indiana. There were some hearing aids donated that could still use a home.

We collected over 60 pounds of mini hygiene products. A big thank you to Carol Harley and Bonnie Siegrist. Carol took half of the items to Lantern House in Ogden and Bonnie took half to Road Home in Midvale. Strangely enough, the pull top can tabs that are taken to the Ronald McDonald House disappeared from the donations room. Hopefully they found a good home.

The support for the Carmelite Nuns was tremendous per Angela Martinez. Her van was so full she barely had room for her suitcase. Her donations included toilet paper, paper towels, gloves, sugar, marshmallow fluff, Kleenex, new and used canning jars. Candy and jam sales, plus donations, went very well and came to about \$3200. The nun's were very happy and grateful.

There were also items brought to the Convention that had been requested by various women's shelters. A representative from each Deanery took the items to a local donation location. 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 donations to the Dove Center in St. George. Their items included assorted toiletries, blankets, bedding, an slipper socks. The **Eastern Deanery** supports several local shelters including the Friends Against Family Violence and the Food Bank and shelter in Price with both monetary donations and donations in kind. The **Wasatch Deanery** collection effort was outstanding. Thank you to Susan Porter who took the items collected at the Convention to the Women's Rescue Mission in Salt Lake City. There were many toiletry items, cleaning supplies, socks, underwear, and sports bras. Blessed Sacrament took items to the Inn Between, a facility that provides hospice care to homeless individuals. They donated food items, socks, Bingo prizes, and paper towels. They also made a generous donation to the Carmelites including many food items, sugar, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, marshmallow fluff, and canning jars. Saint Thomas More donated items to the Rescue Mission in Salt Lake. There were many toiletries, as well as cleaning products, underwear, socks, sports bras. The women who delivered the items were greeted with such joy and appreciation for the donations. The Carmelite donations included paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, canning jars, sugar, marshmallow fluff and laundry detergent.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Use this time to reflect on the true meaning of the upcoming Thanksgiving and Advent Season. Continue all the good work that you do in your communities and parishes. As usual I welcome and appreciate any suggestions for future projects.

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