

I've been busy since our last DCCW board meeting but not much of it has had to do with my position as 1st VP, President Elect. I was involved prior to, and the day of the Eucharistic Rally held on July 9th at the Mountain America Expo Center. I worked as a volunteer the day of from 7:00 A.M. till the beginning of Mass. I helped before the rally with assembling music folders for the very impressive choir. If you couldn't attend the Mass, you may have missed out on a once in a lifetime experience. It was totally awesome with the presence of the Bishop and dozens of priests and deacons vested and assisting in the celebration of the Mass, with the amazing choir made up of members from parishes throughout the state, the Knights of Columbus and an estimated 10,000 Catholics in the congregation. I heard someone say they couldn't imagine enough people would come to fill that huge event center and yet they did. It was a truly inspirational and awe-inspiring celebration.

The other amazing experience I had was attending and volunteering at the Hyatt Regency Hotel the week of September 22nd thru the 26 for the National Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention, held right here in Salt Lake City. Our State and National Officers did an amazing job, and the ladies of the Diocese of Salt Lake out did themselves with the planning and preparation for hosting the convention. The speakers were amazing as were all the beautiful Masses celebrated each day at the hotel. I congratulate our own Pat Voohes who finished her 2-year term as president of the NCCW with this convention, Amy Kennedy who finished her 2-year term as secretary of the NCCW and who was installed as 1st Vice Pres/Pres Elect of the NCCW. There were many outstanding members of the DCCW who worked their fannies off to make it a convention to remember with Becky Hicks and Anne Boyer being to notable examples, but they had a lot of help. Great job Ladies!!

I know this is somewhat unusual as a report from the 1st VP/Pres Elect but I say, "fake it till you make it"! My duties will start picking up again before the end of the year, so I'll do some actual reporting on duties of that office. Till then!
Respectfully Submitted.

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