

WASATCH DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (WDCCW)

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The Wasatch Deanery CCW last met on Saturday, February 29th at St. John the Baptist parish in Draper. We approved our revised bylaws, elected new officers, and shared our plans for the Lenten season and upcoming DCCW convention. Nancy Reading (St. John the Baptist) will be stepping up as our new Deanery President, joined by Sophie Derrick (St. Vincent de Paul) as Vice-President/President Elect, Rose Stehno (Blessed Sacrament) as Secretary, and Tracey Hacking (San Andres) as Treasurer. Many of us had heard about the coronavirus by that time, but I doubt any of us imagined what was to come in a few short weeks.

As many of our Affiliates saw plans and projects cancelled, we sought ways to stay connected with one another. The St. John the Baptist Ladies Association was able to work with the Confirmation candidates to tie fleece blankets as part of their Lenten Service project for the children at Shriners. They put together 40 blankets and have the components for an additional 40. Sadly, they remain in storage as the hospital put a hold on donations due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Ladies Association sent a gift of baby thyme plants to the RCIA class after their Vigil Mass (in lieu of the breakfast usually served) with a message that read: "Please take the Thyme to plant me and together we can grow in Faith!" The ladies have also held some Zoom meetings in recent months. The Ladies of St. Thomas More are also using Zoom to stay in touch, recreating our "Meet & Mingles" that we had a lot of success with the past couple of years. In May, at Blessed Sacrament, a small group of women met and recited the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary—this special devotion to the Virgin Mary during the month of May has been a tradition for more than 700 years in the Catholic Church. In June, they planned an outdoor gathering—a short meeting, followed by a get together using social distancing practices and wearing masks. During the last several months, they have encouraged members to participate in their monthly Shareline newsletter.

I would like to thank the outgoing Deanery officers: Immediate Past-President MaryAnne Mulvihill, Vice-President/President Elect Nancy Reading, Secretary Cheryl Johnson, and Treasurer Monica Villar. The past two years has passed by quickly and I very much appreciate all the support you have provided to the Deanery and to me during my tenure as President. We have also been blessed to have Father Blaine as our Spiritual Moderator. We were planning to celebrate his birthday and the 43-year anniversary of his ordination at the DCCW Convention in April. It will have to be a belated celebration as we look forward to when we can all meet again in person, hopefully in September.



*Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God
Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation
Come and learn now the way of our God. – Marty Haugen*

