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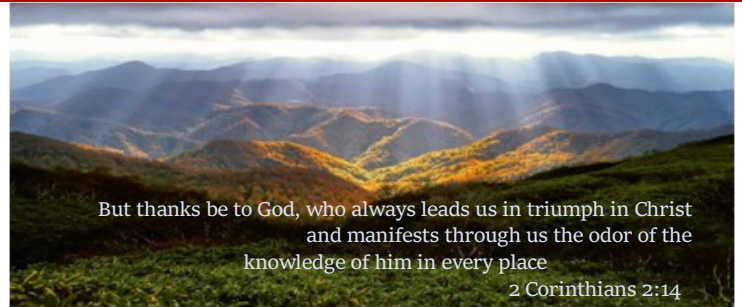
FALL 2023

DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fall is quickly coming, and it is a beautiful time of year to reflect on our summer. We have been blessed with a summer of great weather and not so hot that we couldn't enjoy the great outdoors. Our reservoirs were full and water levels safe. It was great to see little patches of snow in the mountains into late July and even early August. Wow, what a blessing from God. Now to cherish this blessing and get on bended knee in gratitude.



But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ
and manifests through us the odor of the
knowledge of him in every place

2 Corinthians 2:14

Speaking of GRATITUDE. Your Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women totally rocked this summer, a typical time of hiatus for most of the CCW's. We jumped from our Annual convention right into the Eucharistic Revival Mass and Rally at the Mountain America Expo Center July 9. What an absolute wonderful undertaking by the Diocese. Kudo's to Maria Devereux (St. James the Just CCW) for her hard work as Volunteer Coordinator and those who worked beside her. There were so many behind the scene helpers. I met a few along the way. All I can say is wow, what a great community of volunteers, who made it happen. Our DCCW exhibit table brought many women up to inquire about who and what we are as a DCCW. We obtained some names and contact info to hopefully grow our numbers.

We were also able to connect with the World Youth Day SLC delegates at their Send-off Mass and retreat on July 8, held at the Carmelite Monastery. What a wonderful group of young people to represent our diocese in Lisbon, Spain. They expressed their appreciation for our \$500 donation to their fundraising for the journey. One of the young men even came to help out at the NCCW set up at the Hyatt Regency in preparation of our biggest event. The week-long set up and official 2023 NCCW Convention, "Path of Renewed Encounter," from August 24-26.

Our own Pat Voorhes, NCCW President 2021-2023, led us beautifully throughout the convention. All the women, who donated of their time and talents to host the convention, put their heart and souls into making it a wonderful event. Our out of town guests only expressed praise for the convention. They loved the weather, the tours, the hotel, the speakers, silent auction. The "BEE Informed" desk, along with the gold scarves, pins, and even the bee antenna were hits. All the table centerpieces and silent auction decorations were sought after mementos for them to take back to their homes. We also had great praise over the Meditation Room, where we held Eucharistic Adoration twice, plus confessions were also held on the same floor. Anne Boyer as usual coordinated wonderful liturgies. It is awe-inspiring to see so many priests and Bishops concelebrating the Mass. Even the impromptu banquet entertainment seemed to be loved. Thanks to Fr. Ariel Durian, Fr. Miguel Gonzales, Bishop Solis, and Jeanette Fortier (Minnesota sing-along extraordinaire) for providing a memorable night of entertainment.

I want to thank the Salt Lake City DCCW Planning committee. Without your dedication to detail and unwavering time and talent this would not have been possible. I appreciate each and every one of you! Words cannot express the gratitude I have in my heart for each of you. You are true blessings from above. **Becky Hicks**, Volunteer Coordinator; **Nancy Reading**, Exhibitors; **Becky Colombo/Michael O'Shea**, Hospitality; **Pat Musich**, Hostess Recognition/décor; **Anne Boyer**, Liturgical Liaison; **Gracemarie Belvedere**, Meditation Room; **Bonnie Siegrist/Marcie Downs**, Silent Auction; **Susan Vaughn/Stacey Oliveto**, Flowers & Table Décor; **Jeanne Audiss**, Local Information; **Barb Kerouac**, Tours; **Planning committee**, "Utah" Convention bag.

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DCCW President's Message—Continued

There were so many more who helped plus donated so much; I love this sisterhood of Council that we get to enjoy. I hope you all were able to enjoy the convention and hope you choose to continue in your service to DCCW. If you ever have a chance, make the effort to attend at least one NCCW Convention, after all, we have Amy Kennedy (Cathedral of the Madeleine) leading the Salt Lake Diocese leadership charge to the top of NCCW. We are so blessed to have her represent us. Congratulations, Amy, as newly installed 2023-2025 First Vice President/President-Elect of NCCW.



We are looking ahead to the upcoming year with a Path of Renewed Encounter, following the NCCW theme for our annual 2024 convention. If you have a chance, read the Pope's Encyclical "Fratelli Tutti". (Overview and summary can be found on the USCCB website: www.usccb.org)

Come October we will again recognize the CCW's throughout the Diocese with Council Sundays to be held in parishes. The annual executive board pastoral meeting with Bishop Solis will be October 18th to go over our strategic plan and budget for 2024. All the DCCW affiliates will be up and running with new and old agendas for the year. Take pictures to celebrate your events and successes to share with us all. Have fun, enjoy your works, be passionate in what you do, and have compassion for all you encounter. Love each other, as He has loved you!

I am hopeful for this path of renewed encounter to take us successfully into the future. Have a Happy, healthy Fall full of gratitude & blessings. May God Bless you abundantly.



103rd CONVENTION
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN



Eucharistic Rally Booth



DCCW Supported the SLC WYD Group



Amy Kennedy
New NCCW President/Elect 2023-2025



Cathedral Choristers- NCCW Entertainment

Silent Auction Volunteers



Ladies gathered for group photo with Bishop Solis after the NCCW banquet



Selling candy for the Carmelite Nuns at NCCW



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ROUNABOUT AHEAD...

As Summer season comes to a close, we brace ourselves for the Season of Fall and Winter. Like the flowers in the field, as it flourishes in the meadows it also withers and fades in due time. But there is a promise that it will bud forth and spring back to life again

In our journey of life, we often encounter moments where challenges and difficulties slow us down in our pursuit of holiness. Often, the light of our faith flickers when there is strong wind that comes along our way. But, when one's faith is deeply rooted in the love of God, whatever storms that come to us, it will not prevail because we are safely anchored in God's care and protection towards us.

Let us be reminded that Jesus wants us all to be saved, and He intends for us to use the many talents and graces He is giving us to use and utilize it for the glory of God in the service of one another especially the poor and the marginalized regardless of their colors, races and traditions. As God's love for us knows no boundaries and limitations, we are called to emulate and imitate the examples of Jesus who searched for the scattered people of God.

As Christians, our mission is to make present God's invisible face through us in allowing ourselves to become his extension of love, or in other words, to become his ambassadors of mercy and hope to others in the face of chaos, tragedies and troublesome situations that often we encounter in the course of living this life and in our following of Jesus daily.

Soon, the darkness of winter will soon befall upon us, but let us continue to aflame the fire of God's love within us, and to make it be seen by others in the way we live our life each day. In this, as the sun shines brightly upon us, may the Lord's blessings be upon us always now and forever. Amen.





NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
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Dear Friends,

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for the incredible NCCW Convention you made happen last month. I have never been prouder to say I am a member of the Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The Intermountain Catholic article on September 8, 2023, said it well: “Utah Catholic women came out in force and showed their strengths”. I have heard nothing but wonderful statements of gratitude to you for your gracious hospitality, your tenacious hard work, and your amazing spirit.

As I write my last President’s Report, I am reflecting on the Prayer to the Creator at the end of *Fratelli Tutti*:

“May our hearts be open, To all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognize the goodness and beauty, That you have sown in each of us, And thus, forge bonds of unity, common projects, And shared dreams. Amen.”

It doesn’t seem possible that 2 years have passed since my installation as President in Arlington, Virginia. The time goes by very quickly. Looking back and taking stock is something people do when they are leaving a position so pardon the reminiscing.

Throughout my two year term, we made a difference for you, the members, because NCCW was always first and the goal was to accomplish our mission to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in Gospel values. We covered chapter 7 of *Fratelli Tutti* at the 2022 convention in Minneapolis. With wide open hearts abiding in faith, hope and Love we embarked on the Path of Renewed Encounter with Christ journeying to Salt Lake City, Utah to cover Chapter 4 of *Fratelli Tutti*.

In 2022 we participated in Synod 2021-2023 *For a synodal Church Communion, Participation, Mission* and initiated special funds for natural disasters occurring in the United States like Hurricane Ian and the Kentucky tornado as well as Internationally for Ukraine.

We made a difference by providing resources, projects, and programs to help the members accomplish the goals of our mission statement: **Resources** such as Regain, Retain and Grow Your Council & Why Vote, updated Anti Trafficking Resources & Called to the Joy of Love, a Prayer for Adoration prayer card, My Faith Journey, *Pray the Rosary with the National Council of Catholic Women*, Eucharistic Journal, a study guide to *On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church*, a resource to start a Latina group, and how to start a junior council. **Projects** such as establishing and awarding the first National Golden Rose Award. **Programs** such as updating the *Women Healing the Wounds* Resource.

After two years of leading the National Council of Catholic Women, I turned over the gavel to Beth Mahoney for her to lead, forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel ask her Divine Son to bless the SLC DCCW and the NCCW. May we recognize the goodness and beauty in each other.

Pat Voorhes

NCCW Immediate Past President

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To support, empower, and educate all Catholic women



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Greetings to all of you!

In September we celebrated the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as the Holy Name of Mary. As you know both of these celebrations are about our Heavenly Mother Mary, also known as Our Lady of Good Council. We are showing honor to Mary by always remembering to pray to Our Lady of Good Council. A perfect time to do so is either at the opening or closing of your meetings.

The last part of August, we concluded hosting the Annual Convention for the National Council of Catholic Women. I was thrilled with the great number of Utah women who attended the Convention. From everyone I spoke with it seemed to be enjoyed by all. The attendance from Utah included Board Members, and Deanery Members, as well as some new faces that I did not know. I was so very proud of the women who came down to volunteer their time and energy. Many kudos to those who chaired various areas of the convention, for example Bonnie Siegrist and Marcie Downs chaired the Silent Auction. It was a challenge which other diocese' don't have because of the Utah laws on gambling. Our Silent Auction raised over \$11,500, \$5,000 more than raised in Minnesota last year. We were told that it was the most ever raised. President Kerouac and Becky Hicks kept everything running smoothly through the entire convention. Thanks to all of you. You all made Utah shine and many will not forget the convention of Salt Lake City. It was a very great honor to have Pat Voorhes serve as the President of the National Council. She did an amazing job! Thank you, Pat.

The final liturgy included the installation of the next President Elect, Amy Kennedy.

My first goal of this year is to promote the Box of Joy, promoted through the Cross Catholic Outreach. A few of our parishes already participate in providing a Box of Joy to a child in need at Christmas time. Last year NCCW Affiliates donated 118,990 Boxes. We need your help to increase that number. It takes months to accomplish getting the boxes put together, shipped to headquarters, and then shipped to the children in need. Please check into this early in the year to find out a good time to start working on the boxes. Last year Cross Catholic Outreach started a new program to bring food to the hungry called Food Packing Events. You can find all of this information on the Cross Catholic Outreach website <https://crosscatholic.org/>



Don't forget that October is the month we celebrate us, the National Council of Catholic Women, NCCW. You can pick any weekend you choose in October to promote NCCW in your Parish. Promote what your council does and who you are. Take pictures and send them to Bonnie for the next Aware and to Angela for the website.

It is my honor to serve as the Province Director for the San Francisco Province. I represented all of you at the NCCW Board Meetings, and I also served as a member of the National Service Commission and the Resolutions Committee. Just an FYI: According to Bishop Wack, the NCCW Liaison from USCCB, we will remain a part of the San Francisco Province for the time being.

May the Peace of Christ be with you Always!

Jeanne Audiss

CAN YOU RECITE THE DCCW MISSION STATEMENT ???

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 Annual Convention Follow-up
August 24-26, 2023 – Hyatt Regency Hotel, Salt Lake City**

BECKY HICKS, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



I'm sure most of you are aware that after Salt Lake City was chosen to hold the 2023 NCCW Convention, and then after the group of us gave our "BEE ATTITUDES" welcome skit at the 2022 NCCW Convention in Minneapolis, MN, the Salt Lake Planning Group worked very hard to make this year's NCCW Convention a success. As proud as I was working with such a wonderful group of women, I'm extremely proud of the group of more than 63 volunteers from Utah, Idaho, California, etc., who signed up to share their time and talents at this year's convention. Based on a report from Sign Up Genius, I had created 314 event slots covering Tuesday through Saturday. Before the convention started, only 282 event slots were filled; however, the volunteers either stayed longer to fill in the gaps or we determined that during the later hours of the day, the BEE Informed table did not need to stay open.

During the days of the Salt Lake City Convention, I received numerous comments from Convention attendees voicing their Thank You's as to how welcome we made them feel and everyone's ability to either answer their question or get the answer for them. Almost every volunteer let me know they had also been approached at one point or another with comments of appreciation. In attending future conventions, a valuable lesson learned is letting volunteers know how much their efforts are appreciated.



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"YOU CAN TELL WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE"

Since getting the AWARE reminder from Bonnie I was trying to figure out what I was going to write about. Then when I was talking to some ladies at the DCCW board meeting last Saturday in Roosevelt, we got to talking about some behaviors we had experienced, witnessed, or overheard at some of our gatherings. For instance, at our last convention people who weren't happy about their banquet table assignment or were upset that they couldn't check into the hotel at 11:00 am on Saturday morning, when the hotel clearly states check-in begins at 4:00 P.M. We've seen hotel staff or people waiting on our tables being treated rudely and wonder where the "Christian" is in some of these Catholic women. (I say women because it is mostly women who attend these events.)



One day a group of my friends and I were talking about what it takes to be a good friend. There were many different responses, but one lady said, "My mother would tell us every morning when we got up, JUST REMEMBER TO BE KIND, and every night when we went to bed, she would say JUST REMEMBER TO BE KIND"! That made a great impression on me. I've thought of it often and have since repeated it many times. What a different world this would be if we would all just remember to be kind.

My cousin and I were traveling last summer, and she told me that she heard about someone that would thank the employees she encountered for coming to work. I started doing this. It's absolutely amazing the responses you get from almost everyone when you do this. They may say, "well I had to", and I say, "no you didn't have to, many people don't, and I couldn't be here in your place of business if you weren't at work".

I would hope the staff at a hotel would be happy to see me come back, or the grocery store clerk would be happy to check me out again, or that the registration chair says, "Welcome back, Carol, I'm glad you came to Convention again". Simply put, let's always be kind and encourage others to be kind. Let us show them "You can Tell We are Christians by Our Love, by Our Love"!



DCCW SECOND VICE PRESIDENT Patricia Ramos-Yarber, St. Olaf, Bountiful

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We are about seven months away from our 2024 convention. Please keep our raffle, ugly purse auction, and silent auction in mind. If you have anything you would like to donate for any of the raffles or silent auction, please let me know. Thank you for all you do to make this such a great success each year!



Be on the lookout for your ugly purse!



DCCW IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Becky Colombo — St. Anthony, Helper

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The weather and the colors at this time of year have always been my favorite, with the warm orange, gold, and yellow leaves; along with the perfect temperatures to enjoy during the day. Our nights are already cooling down which is a sign of the approach of changes and a new year.

I have reached out to the deaneries in our DCCW and asked for members to serve on the Nominating Committee to begin our search for executive board officers during the term of 2024-2026. This always brings a “shudder” to all our members, and I question why that is. (LOL!) We all begin thinking... “No, do not call me! What excuse can I give them, so I do not have to say yes to running for office?” Believe me...I know we all think it! But seriously, don’t we all enjoy our DCCW and the thought of being together at meetings, conventions, and events? I really feel like we are blessed to have each other and enjoy the friendship and satisfaction of service to God, our parish, our diocese, and our communities. We all do SO MUCH, and it makes me proud to be able to say I am one of such an amazing group of women.



I want to thank those who have said “yes” to being on the Nominating Committee. From the Eastern Deanery, thank you Michael O’Shea, and Barbara Jewkes as a back-up. From the Northern Deanery, thank you Karen Fawbush. From the Salt Lake Deanery, thank you Marcie Downs. From the Wasatch Deanery, thank you Robin Marvive, and from the Southwest Deanery, thank you Mary Skomal. Thank you, Angela Martinez, for volunteering to be the DCCW Board Member at Large.

The committee will have the task of finding nominees for the executive board, which includes secretary, treasurer, second vice president, and first vice president/president elect. When any of these members call on you to consider taking an office, please take the time to consider the possibility of serving. Take a moment, take a day or several, and pray about your decision. Consider the rewards and the support you have from all the women who are here to advise you in that position and aid in your work. We really do support, advise, and make the job easier because we have served in the position and can help you in so many ways. It always seems daunting, and your first thought is usually “I cannot do that! I will not know what I am doing!” Believe me, you learn quickly, and we are “here” for you. The rewards are so worth the effort.

Our council needs you!





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Happy Fall Everyone!

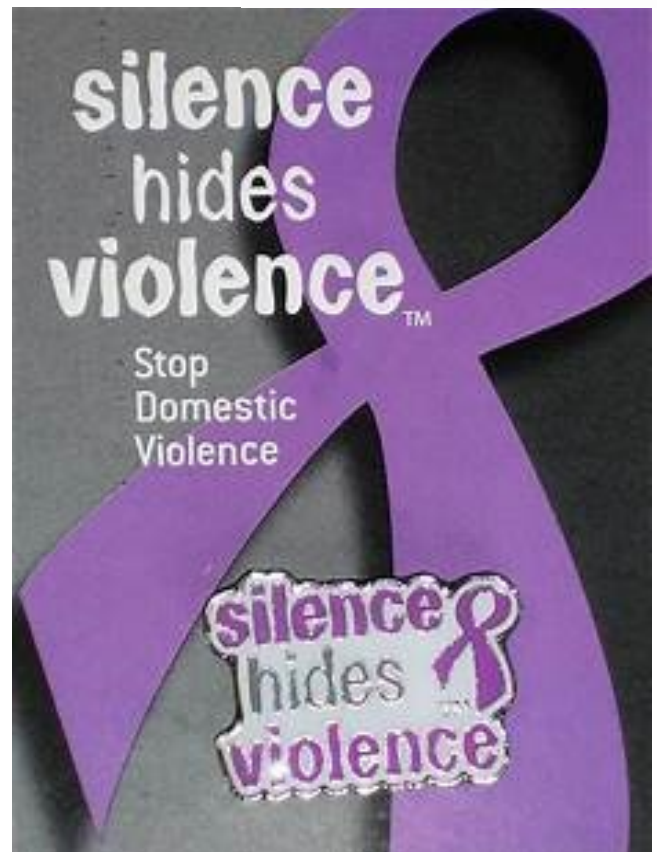
For those who don't know, I did NOT step down from the MDR Team. I'm happy to be here, and I, along with Bonnie, encourage you to contact us if we can assist in any way with your affiliate.

I attended the NCCW Convention in SLC and heard some excellent presentations. I was intrigued with Karen Painter's talk on the Religious Alliance Against Pornography, RAPP. I asked her to send me some of her information. Following are some statistics you might want to share with your ladies at your meetings.

Human trafficking and child sex slavery are among the world's greatest atrocities where children, babies, toddlers, and teens are sold—sometimes five or more times a day to sexual deviants. It is a \$150 Billion dollar industry and the United States is the biggest supplier and consumer at a cost of \$9.8 billion dollars a year.

Trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person to engage in commercial sex. It can happen in any community. It happens in every state in the USA with 80% of trafficked victims being teenagers.

For more information on this you can contact RAAP at www.religiousalliance.org.





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We have spent a great deal of time and research in reviewing the following options for next year's April 27-28, 2024, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention ("DCCW").

Going back to the Sheraton Hotel:

Although we have been able to keep costs down in staying at the Sheraton Hotel, repeated comments from annual convention surveys suggest that we look at another hotel.

Going to the Dixie Convention and Hotels in St. George:

The subject of holding our convention in St. George has come up over the last several years. Although costs to attend a convention in St. George are somewhat comparable, the reality is the majority of attendees are from the "North" — Women of the Year and their families, our parish priests who would not be able to conduct Masses in their parish if they went to St. George. Then there's the unpredictable weather in April that could greatly jeopardize our contract liability.

Going to the Little America Hotel:

Yearly rounds in discussions with their Sales team, as well as the fact they spent significant \$'s to upgrade the hotel during Covid, make them a very good alternative.

Going to the Hyatt Regency:

Unfortunately, they are out of our league as far as hotel rooms, food, and beverage costs.

All of this is leading up to the fact that during our DCCW meeting held on Saturday, September 16th, in Roosevelt, UT, the consensus of the group was to move the April 2024 Convention to the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City. The Director of Meetings Chair/Co-Chair, along with our President and President Elect will be following up to get the best pricing we can for our group. Start planning now to save your dollars to attend the April 2024 Convention — the costs will be going up, but they have also made some serious concessions to make this a lucrative alternative. We will have pricing numbers for you when DCCW meets again in November. Look forward to seeing all of you in April 2024.

Blessings to each of you.
Becky

SAVE THE DATE... and start saving
You won't want to miss it!

THE 95TH ANNUAL DCCW
CONVENTION

APRIL 27-28, 2024

***** Little America Hotel, SLC *****



Past DCCW presidents show their support of President Barb Kerouac and the current leadership of the DCCW through continued attendance at annual DCCW conventions.

DCCW OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD



We received a great response for the Affiliate of the Year for 2023. These yearly awards were given at the convention that was held in April.

First place went to St. James the Just, Ogden. They had just reorganized their group, and won first place.

We gave two second place awards, as there was a tie.

St. George Ladies Group, St. George
St. Joseph the Worker CCW, West Jordan

We invite you all to start working on your plans to improve your affiliates in all that you do. Put your plan together and submit it for next year. The new application and info will be out soon.

This is my last report for Affiliate of the Year, as I am stepping down. For any questions, please contact the new chair, Becky Columbo, beckyc144@gmail.com

Pat Musich
2023 Chair



WITH HARVEST SEASON UPON US, OUR CARMELITE NUNS IN HOLLADAY, UTAH ARE IN NEED OF 8 OZ GLASS MASON JARS (NEW OR USED IN 'GOOD' CONDITION) FOR THE HANDMADE JELLY THEY SELL AS A FUNDRAISER.

JARS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE MONASTERY LOCATED AT:

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Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life. May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life. May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen

— author unknown

8 Ways to Focus on the Lord During Autumn

- 1. Let go.** — Now is a great time to look at what excess we can shed. Letting go of obligations, or commitments, that sap our strength, will allow God to come into our lives and renew our spirit.
- 2. Bundle up.** — God offers us the full armor of Christ to protect us from the threats of evil. We are not immune to these threats, so please don't forget to dress appropriately for life.
- 3. Feed your soul.** — The Word of the Lord is bread for the soul, and when we make an effort to partake daily of its richness, we experience a satisfaction with eternal benefits.
- 4. Set your light out for all to see.** — Perhaps you feel as if your light is too dim to be of any use. Then I encourage you to ask the Lord to magnify your light today, and give you courage to glow for His glory.
- 5. Sweeten the words of your lips.** — I end my day counting my blessings, when I should start my day being one to others. I Peter 3:10 reminds us that if we love life and want to see good days, we must be mindful to have our lips speak truth and sweetness.
- 6. Color your life with whatever is lovely and praiseworthy** — When our mind focuses on gray living, it's hard to find joy. Autumn is filled with magnificent color! Let's take a cue from our Lord's rendering of the season, and paint our thoughts with whatever is lovely, true, and praiseworthy.
- 7. Pile on prayer.** — What if each mound was a monument of praise, thanksgiving, and petition to the Lord? And what if we jumped into those mountains of prayer, tossed each one to the sky, and rolled in the certainty that they're in the most perfect hands ever?
- 8. Stoke the fires of refinement.** — When it comes to facing the Lord's refinement, we would rather walk through warm water than a roaring fire. But He doesn't take us through the heat to harm, but to teach us to call on his name, so he can respond, "These are my people." (Zechariah 13:9)

— excerpts from Raye Wortel

How do you focus on the Lord during this season?

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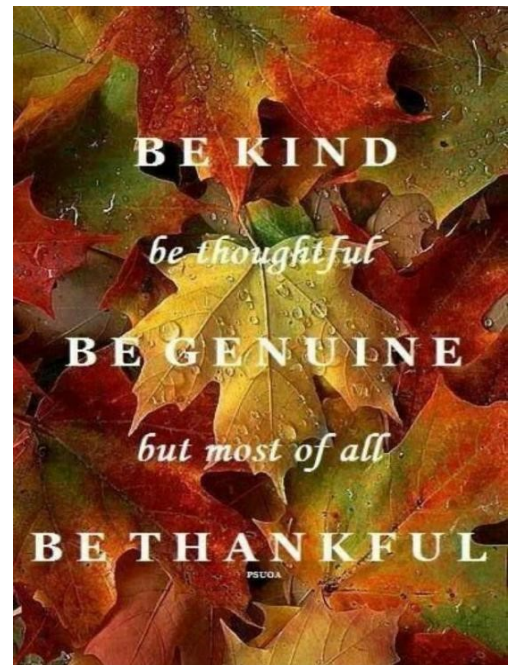
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE 2024 DCCW CONVENTION

WOW! The DCCW's annual convention will take place in just about seven months - on the weekend of April 27-28, 2024. If you would like to attend the convention but are concerned that you can't work it into your budget, here's some good news - there are DCCW scholarships available! Don't let inflation get you down or keep you from a truly spiritual, educational and fun adventure.

A scholarship will provide confidential financial assistance, making it possible for you to attend the convention. The application and submission guidelines for the 2024 convention will be available on the DCCW website in January. Your affiliate president will also receive information about the scholarship program in her "Call to Convention" packet. Be sure to ask her about it.

It's Time to Celebrate DCCW Council Sunday October, 2023

THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING AND PUBLICIZING **COUNCIL SUNDAY**. THIS ANNUAL DAY OF RECOGNITION IS TO CELEBRATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR DCCW AFFILIATED WOMEN'S GROUPS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME INCREASE COUNCIL AWARENESS. CONTACT YOUR WOMEN'S COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SEE WHAT'S PLANNED AT YOUR PARISH! SEND US PICTURES.



PICTURES, 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 groups 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: omartini25@comcast.net.

Want to see your ladies in the **AWARE**? Send pictures to the Aware Editor, utahbonnie@comcast.net.

Publicize the good works your ladies are doing and share activity ideas.



DCCW SERVICE COMMISSION

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Happy Fall, y'all! The NCCW Convention was absolutely wonderful and it was fun to see so many friends there! If you weren't able to go, I sincerely hope that you'll make it to Oklahoma City next year. It absolutely made me feel renewed!

Speaking of being renewed, the theme was "Path of Renewed Encounter" and it was a call to encounter Christ. Our faith is a living faith and it calls us to action! I like to say "God didn't ask Noah to pray that the ark would be built. He told Noah to build it!" Christ was a do-er and I believe He expects no less from us. So, how do we do this? My job is to give you ideas, and I am full of ideas!

First, our DCCW Convention will be in April 2024 and we will continue to collect our usual items: rosaries, eyeglasses, cancelled stamps (no Forever Flag), pull tabs, mini hygiene products. Please collect and bring these to the DCCW convention. There will be collection boxes for these items.

September is Suicide Awareness month. This would be a great month to partner with your parish's youth group and talk about suicide awareness. We tend to think our kids aren't ready to discuss such heavy topics but not only are they ready, they are turning to social media to answer their questions. Host a fundraiser with the youth group and have the donations go to Hope4Utah, a local organization that works within school communities to address the mental health of our children. September is also dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. How Our Lady's heart must break with each person who feels so unloved that they believe suicide is the answer! Think about having a rosary prayer meeting and make help for those who intend suicide be the intentions. September 29 is the Feast of St Michael – does your parish have a Blue Mass? This is a Mass traditionally given for our first responders. Follow it with a pancake breakfast (Knights are usually good for this!)

The Carmelite Fair was held Sunday, September 17th. The Carmelite Fair is the main financial support for the Sisters. They pray for us daily and all they ask in return is our support of their service to God. If you weren't able to physically attend, you can still support the nuns through your prayers. Then, there's the jams and fudge at the Convention!! You may also visit <https://www.carmelslc.org/carmelite-fair/> to donate online.

October is Respect Life Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. One way we can show love for others is by helping them to stay warm in the coming cold months. Join Bank of Utah, Arctic Circle and Red Hanger in their '**Warm Bodies, Warm Souls Clothing Drive**'. From October 17 to November 11, drop off warm clothing donations at Arctic Circle or Red Hanger Dry Cleaners and receive a coupon for a free double cheeseburger or shirt cleaning. Visit <https://www.bankofutah.com/clothing-drive> to learn more, donate online or find a collection location near you. (This is a state wide clothing drive!)

November is traditionally a time to remember with gratitude all the blessings God has given us and our country. Create 'Gratitude Boxes' for shut-ins (filled with little things that you are grateful for) or 'Turkey Boxes' for families in need. Did you miss the Warm Bodies, Warm Souls clothing drive last month? Any time in November, stop by a CheckCity location to donate warm articles of clothing for the Road Home. Learn more here: <https://www.checkcity.com/community-outreach/warm-hearts-coat-drive>.

December can be a lonely time for many people, especially the elderly in senior homes. Call a senior center (or memory care facility or rehab center) and set a date to go in and have a Christmas sing-along (this actually works well any time of year). Bring song sheets with BIG print, gather your local Cub or Girl Scout troop and share the beauty of the season. Hand out handmade Christmas cards and ask about bringing hot chocolate in (some facilities may not allow it). Are there homebound parishioners in your parish? Serenade them too! Their neighbors will enjoy the caroling as well.



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SERVICE COMMISSION— CONTINUED

January is a great time to start the new year right! Many people don't realize that January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. While the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated in 2024, it is still a good reason to come together, say the Rosary and enjoy the Rose Bowl (and if the Utes are in it, even more reason to come together).

NCCW still advocates for supporting mothers who choose life. There are many resources and organizations that would love to partner with your parish. One thing we can do is make sure that your parish has resources listed (try <https://singlemotherguide.com/state/utah/> or <https://www.lowincomefinancialhelp.com/money-assistance-utah/>) to be able to direct those in need to services that can help.

Other national initiatives include (more information at <https://www.nccw.org/commissionscommittees/>)

- The fight against domestic violence (“Mending the brokenness with real love”)
- Friends with Pens Prison Ministry (Order of Malta Pen Pal Program)
- Walking with Moms in Need
- Anti-Trafficking Project

It is in the small acts of daily living and interacting with each other that we can best be true followers of Christ and do as He did – being kind, smiling, making eye contact, and making sure that everyone who crosses your path feels seen and loved.

I appreciate all that you do and aspire to do in your parishes! I am excited to hear about what's happening in your communities. I appreciate any feedback and welcome your thoughts and suggestions for the coming year.

May God continue to bless you and your families as we head into the fall season!

Ruth



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Happy Fall! Summer flew by and here we are in mid September. How can that be?! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Now it's time to regroup and come together as women in Christ who serve our parishes, serve our community, serve one another, and to serve our Lord.

Most of our CCW's have met again after a summer hiatus, or some continued to meet during the summer. In either case I encourage all of you to stay active in your parish CCW and invite new women to join in your CCW. Everyone wants to be chosen and feel wanted. So please take the time to reach out to someone new or someone less active and invite them to your CCW meeting.

The Leadership Commission had a busy year last year. We reviewed and updated the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and the Convention Guidelines. We also wrote up and had approved at the January 2023 meeting the DCCW Scholarship Guidelines. With that all being done last year, this year will be a little quieter. Bylaws and Standing rules are only reviewed every two years. Convention Guidelines are reviewed every year.

I look forward to this upcoming year serving as the Leadership Chair. I can only do it well with all my sisters in Christ who serve with me. I leave you with this wonderful quote from Erma Bombeck.

“When I Stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, ‘I used everything You gave me’.



EASTERN DEANERY CCW
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We hope everyone has had a great summer. Fall is always a beautiful season, as the colors start changing on the trees.

St. Anthony of Padua Council of Catholic Women – Helper, Utah

St. Anthony of Padua CCW had a great year. Ally Robertson was featured in the National Council of Catholic Women magazine! She was honored to represent Utah. In May, CCW had our closing banquet at the Carbon Country Club. It was a great night having yummy drinks, dinner, and getting to spend time with one another. The first meeting with a speaker on September 14. I invited Landrie Anderson from Go Gold Memorial to talk about her organization that supports childhood cancer awareness. We will paint rocks for her memorial walks. We hope to have another Witches Bingo coming in October!

St. Helen's CCW – Roosevelt, Utah

We had our first meeting in August to start planning the events for the year.

Marsha Murphy and Pat Musich attended and volunteered at the NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City. It was a great success.

We are currently planning the annual yard sale and bazaar for December.

We will be making plans to participate in the Council Sunday in October.

St. James the Greater CCW- Vernal, Utah

The activities since May at St James are:

- End of year dinner and last meeting in May. Also, elected new officers.
- June, we got together and cleaned the church grounds. Yard and garden work.
- Clean church after renovations.
- September 23rd, we will hold Mass to celebrate the 100th year. We're selling cookbooks with all recipes from parishioners.
- In Oct. we will have a bowling party to benefit a charity.

We had several members of the deanery attend and volunteer at the NCCW convention in August. We all enjoyed it. We are planning our fall EDCCW meeting at St. Helen's, Sunday, October 8th.



SALT LAKE DEANERY CCW
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The Salt Lake Deanery women spent the summer giving of their time by volunteering and attending both the Eucharistic Rally and NCCW Convention.

Cathedral of the Madeleine Women's Society decided to take the summer off (except for Amy Kennedy).

Our Lady of Lourdes Magna Council spent their Fourth of July helping the Knights of Columbus with their pancake breakfast. At their first meeting they made over 1,200 pizzelle cookies for Our Lady of Lourdes Magna Spaghetti Dinner that was held on September 24th.

Saint Ann's Guild had a very successful parish collection for Saint Martha's Baby Project in June. The Guild's next upcoming event is their famous Bake and Holiday sale in October.

Saint Marguerite's Council is running strong. They hosted a baby shower in June for a teenage mother and are working on getting their youth involved in their parish.

Saint Olaf's Council held their first meeting and social during the first part of September with a great turn out of old and new faces.

Saint Patrick's is busy selling tickets and getting ready for their annual boutique that will be held on October 29th.

Saint Vincent de Paul's Council is giving of their time to host coffee and donuts twice a month, serve as lectors and Eucharistic ministers, and assemble bulletins weekly.

Catholic Women's League has been busy planning their Fall Tapestry Luncheon Fashion Show on September 30th at the Sheraton Hotel.

Our next meeting will be held on September 30th and we are looking forward to hosting the DCWW board meeting in January.



SOUTHWESTERN DEANERY CCW

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Saint George Women’s Group does not meet in July and August and resumes meetings the first Tuesday of September, when the group plans all the events and fundraisers for the upcoming year. However, the Board met in August to discuss recruitment and retainment.

Women’s Group hosted Coffee and Doughnuts the first Sunday of September. One of the active members of the group, Joan Opheikens, became the Director of parish Pro-Life Ministry and organized a Rosary event on September 9, to pray for the millions of children who have been aborted. This was an outdoor event attended by most of the members of Women’s Group.

Over summer, the group continued to give Prayer Shawls to parishioners experiencing health issues and to the families of deceased parishioners. Women’s Group donated \$ 150 for the Newman Club recruitment event “Ice-cream Social”.

Mary Skomal, an active member of Women’s Group and current President of the Southwest Deanery, attended the NCCW Convention in Salt Lake City last August and shared the Convention highlights at the Women’s Group meeting in September.

We are looking forward to having another successful & productive year and are gearing up to earn the 1st place in the Affiliate of the Year Contest!

The St. George Youth Group had their annual Vacation Bible School with Babylon as the theme. They had tents set up for the merchants and we had 9 of the tribes portrayed. The kids had different things to do that centered around life in that era.

Christ the King had many activities going on. The Women's Group stays active during the summer. They did have some bad news just last week. Their president, Donna's son passed away last Friday. Please keep them in your prayers.



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NORTHERN DEANERY CCW

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Summer is typically a time in which we suspend meetings to take advantage of the warm weather to travel and spend time with family and friends. This summer seems to be the exception, it has been filled with many opportunities to gather as a community and lift each other up. Seems like just yesterday that we were hosting the DCCW convention. We continued with our hostess duties by hosting the DCCW meeting in June. Many of us had the opportunity to help and participate in the "Once in a Generation" Eucharistic rally in July. The rally was an amazing and beautiful experience, it was fantastic to see so many Catholics gathered under one roof. August brought the NCCW convention to Salt Lake, providing us another opportunity to help and participate, with a beautiful gathering of our sisters in faith from across the nation. As the summer winds down, we held a Deanery meeting on August 31, to catch up, and share with one another the plans each Parish CCW group has as we begin our regular meetings.

Here are the individual parish reports:

Holy Family suspended meetings for the Summer. During the break, the CCW President and Vice President both stepped down. The CCW held their first meeting the first week of September and held elections for the two vacant positions. Judy Mellot was elected President, and Rhonda Phillips was elected as Vice President. The ladies will hold their next meeting in October.

St Rose of Lima CCW met in May and ended regular monthly meetings for the summer by having a movie night. Regular monthly meetings will resume, with the first meeting being held September 12th. While meetings were suspended, the CCW was still helping around the Parish: The CCW ladies helped with Pentecost Sunday Celebration, which was held outdoors thanks to Father Vidal. We helped to plan the Gran Kermes fundraiser and car show September 17. The CCW board met over the summer to plan next year's budget and agenda. We're planning on having an Advent retreat on November 11 from 9am to 12pm.

St. James the Just CCW will resumed monthly meetings on September 12 after a short summer hiatus. CCW is working with the Knights of Columbus to start pickleball for parish members and community members. It will start with pickleball clinics to gauge interest in a league in the parish, which may be an income source for our parish. Our CCW Board of Directors has grown from 4 to 8. Newest at-large member were approved at last board meeting and is Kathi Dysert. Kathi brings corporate events planning and financial expertise to the CCW Board. On June 10, we held our first yard sale and earned \$6,000. All items donated by parish members. Our St. James CCW Affiliate was awarded "Affiliate of the Year" for our performance in our first year of formation. With the commencement of monthly CCW meeting, we will be focusing on service and Eucharistic study as our themes for 2023-2024 activity. Also planning for another annual holiday boutique fundraiser and annual spiritual retreat. CCW partnered with the Knights of Columbus on a fundraiser during the July 24th Ogden Rodeo week. We manned a food truck at the rodeo to raise funds for both CCW and Knights. It was the second year that we partnered with the Knights at this event.

St Mary resumed meetings for the year on August 29, and mapped out plans for several events: On September 9, in conjunction with the National Day of Service, we partnered with our neighboring LDS Ladies, and filled one thousand food bags for students in need to take home on the weekends during the school year. The bags were distributed to two local elementary schools. We plan to continue this project throughout the year. The CCW ladies gathered items, and donated a basket for the Give me a Chance fundraiser. We have been attending Nocturnal Adoration every First Friday of the month. We started our fund raiser to support Maui fire victims by pre selling Frozen Eggrolls. Orders will be taken throughout the month of September with delivery planned for October 7th and 8th . The CCW is coordinating a community garage sale for September 30th. Spaces can be rented for \$25, all are welcome to participate. For October, we are going to Wendover for another fund raiser. We also started collecting items for our annual basket sale to be held in November. Our annual Advent dinner is planned for December and will be held at the Timbermine restaurant.

As you can see from these reports, all our parishes are busy helping and supporting our community with service and love.





WASATCH DEANERY CCW

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Summer is almost over, and fall is on the way. We all participated in one way or another in the AMAZING Eucharist Rally on July 9th. What a blessing!! Many of us attended and/or volunteered at the NCCW convention here in Salt Lake City. It was indeed a tremendous experience with lots of prayer, masses, rosaries, speakers, fun and fellowship. Our wonderful state and Catholic women were showcased in the most phenomenal way. We are all ready to get back to work and look forward to sales of our Wasatch Deanery Sainly Doodles Calendars with inspirational artwork by our own Gabby Gauchay. Many, but not all, of our affiliates took the summer off from the usual meetings but stayed active in other ways as you can see from the highlights listed below.

Blessed Sacrament hosted First Friday Adoration on June, July, and August. They held meetings in June and August starting with Rosary and Social time, taking July off to meet for dinner at Black Bear Diner. On June 9 and 10 held their annual Garage Sale fundraiser. In August they started a book exchange to clear out our bookshelves, give some books a new home, and contribute to another's reading enjoyment. They also delivered extra produce from their gardens to the Inn Between, a hospice for the homeless. The ladies volunteered at the Carmelite Fair and the NCCW Convention, held a baby shower for St. Martha's Baby Project and tied baby quilts, and will be participating in Box of Joy. They will be hosting the WCCW meeting Sept. 30th. Plans are underway for their Holiday Blessings Boutique on November 18th.

St. Martin de Porres had a board meeting in August to break out the year for events, activities, and opportunities to learn and serve for our CCW members. Their first meeting was September 13, with a presentation by Sister Germaine Sarrazin about St. Vincent de Paul. At the meeting they received Father Dominic's blessing to start a youth CCW. They will be selling Hope Soap for the Ladies of Charity fundraiser, who run a food pantry/thrift shop. Of course, they will also be selling the WCCW calendars. Looking ahead, plans include October, the living rosary and making rosaries in honor of Mother Mary. November, a guest speaker from BACA, Bikers Against Child Abuse, and collect or create fleece blankets.

St Francis of Assisi in July welcomed their new Vice President/President Elect Pat who spoke to the group about Christian friendship and what it means to be a friend to others as Christ is to us. In August they co-hosted a picnic with our local Knights of Columbus council to welcome two new priests to our parish. They also made cards for Cards of Kindness and were able to donate about 45 handmade cards that will be passed on to other organizations to bring smiles and encouragement to those who need them! Plans for our annual Dinner Dance on September 30th, the largest fundraiser we do for our parish each year. This will include a silent auction, dinner, games, and a DJ.

St Peter Parish has been inactive during the summer kicked off the fall with their first meeting on September 19.

St John the Baptist welcomed a financial planner in May who spoke about financial planning for women. It was very informative, and the women had great questions.

In June they hosted a wine and cheese tasting. One of our members went above and beyond in creating the most beautiful and delicious mini-charcuterie boards to go with the wines! We tasted 7 wines. In September they hosted a Welcome Back social and played a fun icebreaker and got to know each other better. Lookahead they will be hosting the Eucharistic Miracles display, planning a baby shower for St Martha's Baby Project and a Christmas party.

St Joseph the Worker Parish CCW had their first meeting on September 7th and crafted Fall greeting cards for those in care centers and meals on wheels and discussed the upcoming year and what we would like to sponsor for CCS. They shared potluck dishes with produce from their gardens. They will be making prayer shawls for priests, deacons and those doing homebound ministry to take to sick or shut ins.

Ladies of Saint Thomas More had a great summer. Our popular Meet and Mingle was hosted in July, August, and September at a member's home. We kicked off our year with Bunco on September 6 and followed with our first business meeting September 12th. We installed new officers and, also, voted to institute a First Saturday Adoration. We will celebrate Council Sunday on October 22 with a multilingual rosary in the grotto. We will be selling our Wasatch Deanery Sainly Doodle Calendars after masses in September. Plans are in the works for our Annual Christmas Luncheon and Boutique December 1-2.



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