

DCCW SERVICE COMMISSION

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Well, that was quick. Fall lasted about 4 days and suddenly winter was here! The time between Labor Day and Three Kings' Day is my favorite. This year, Advent will start the Sunday right after Thanksgiving. This is a perfect time to not only give our thanks to God for our many blessings but to also look to see how we can be a blessing to others.

Our convention will be in April 2023 and we will continue to collect our usual items:

- Rosaries
- Eyeglasses
- Cancelled stamps (not the Forever Flag stamps)
- Pull tabs from soda cans
- Mini hygiene products

Please collect and bring these to the DCCW convention. There will be collection boxes for these items.

Join the Diocese in prayer from January 19-27, 2023 by praying the “9 Days For Life” Novena, an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive daily prayers via email or text. Go to <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup> for more resources, including resources to promote and share this novena in your parish, school or ministry.

With this colder weather, many people will need warmer clothing. Host a “Coat Drive” in your parish and donate the warm clothing to the Geraldine E. King Women's Resource Center located at 131 E. 700 S. in Salt Lake City. You must schedule a drop off time (go here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044da8af2babf94-wrcdonation2>). Go to <https://www.voaut.org/winter-urgent-needs> for a complete list of cold weather items that are in urgent need (the center assists both men and women).

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)
- Anti-Trafficking Project

Our parishes are excellent places to practice a charitable and giving spirit! One comment I have heard consistently is that people are lonely. In their loneliness, they crave connection, community, and love. Continue to reach out to everyone and if you notice that someone hasn’t made it back to church yet, call or visit them. Many people are just waiting for someone to notice that they haven’t come back yet.

I appreciate all that you do! 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 holiday season!