

San Francisco Province Council of Catholic Women

November 4, 2023 DCCW Meeting

Good morning to all of you,

During the month of October, we all gave more prayerful attention to our Blessed Mother Mary in saying extra Rosaries and Litanies to Mary. I pray that it brought all of you closer to our Mother Mary. I know it did for me.

We now have a new National President who has a somewhat different style and direction as Pat did. Our meeting in November mostly focused on training for the new Province Directors. I did find out from President Mahoney, that she would like to focus on the Resolutions of the National Council for the last five years. There is a list of the Resolved portions of the Resolutions posted on our website along with my report. There are very few of the Resolutions that we have passed at the National Conventions that are no longer valid. Just like our own Resolutions that we pass at our DCCW Conventions, there isn't an ending time for the need of our work as Catholic Women. I hope you will dig out the past Resolutions that we passed at the DCCW Conventions.

This report is awkward to write as I am reporting on something that hasn't happened yet but will have happened by the time I give this report. I was in San Francisco this week as a Representative of the NCCW for the funeral of a very wonderful and amazing lady, Mary Ann Schwab. Mary Ann got involved with NCCW in 1970 and served as the National President from 1983 to 1985. She was President of NCCW at the time of the first National Convention that I attended. She handled Roberts Rules of Order as though it was a breeze, especially during the By-law changes. This was a time when editorial changes had to be approved by the entire Convention. The ladies argued over every period, comma, semi-colon, and capitalization. It was very long and grueling. But Mary Ann handled it all with the Grace that God never ceased to give her. She has inspired me ever since. She never, ever, stopped supporting the Council of Catholic Women and many other groups that support women. Her mind never failed her but her body just gave out. She passed away at the young age of 103.

It is my honor to serve as your Province Director.

May the Peace of Christ be with you Always!

Jeanne Audiss

Province Director

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