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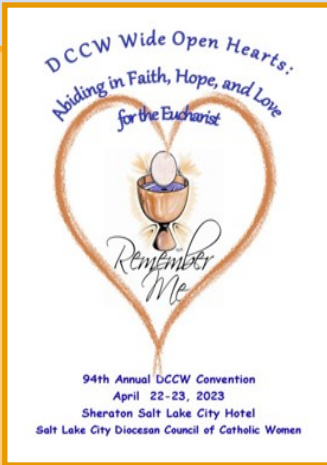
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## DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Barb Kerouac — Saints Peter and Paul, West Valley City**

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WELCOME! This weekend is the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention. Wow, what an accomplishment, by the grace of God and His Will be done. It has been a work in progress for me and through God's grace and promptings we hope to continue with His work. "DCCW Wide Open Hearts: Abiding in Faith, Hope, and Love for the Eucharist" is the theme. We are proud to be presenting a convention full of inspirational talks and displays which will lead to a path of Eucharistic Revival in your hearts. Attendees have the opportunity to see the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Display and Documentary. Together we will grow in Faith, Hope, and Love.

There are two other important dates to remember.

- ◆ We are in the Diocesan Year of the Eucharistic Revival, and we will be participating in the Diocesan Mass and Rally on **July 9, 2023** at the Mountain America Expo Center.
- ◆ **August 24-26, 2023**, is the National Council of Catholic Convention that we are privileged to host. Our own Pat Voorhes, will preside as her last duty as NCCW President.

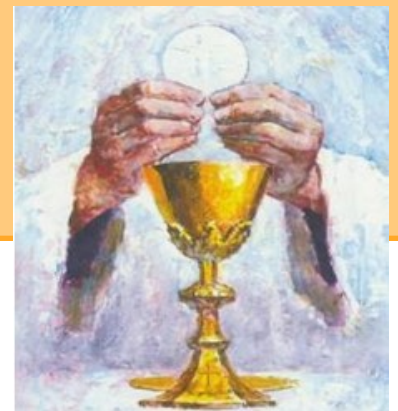
Bishop Solis, Pat Voorhes, and myself are asking you to come and volunteer your time to both events. You will have the opportunity to sign up at the convention for each event. You are amazing women who always give so generously of your time to support our Mission Diocese.

We (the DCCW membership) are few, but strong in our Catholic faith. After attending the NCCW convention in Minneapolis and finding out they have five dioceses and 3 million Catholics, compared to our five deaneries (one diocese) and less than 200,000 Catholics, it became real as to how much you all give and contribute to support the DCCW and your parishes. *Thank-you!*

Our work is not over, just think of the rewards we reap by sowing seeds of Faith, Hope, and Love. Please join us for these wonderful events, which we will be blessed to take part. The NCCW Convention is so inspiring; please take the opportunity to attend. You'll be supporting not only Pat Voorhes, NCCW President, but also Amy Kennedy, NCCW Secretary and 2023 nominee/candidate for NCCW President-elect, and Jeanne Audiss, San Francisco Province Director and NCCW 2022 Our Lady of Good Council Award Recipient. Each of these women all right here from our beautiful state of Utah.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you!

Our Lady of Good Council, Pray for us!



**"This is my body, which will be given  
for you; do this in memory of me"**

**Lk 22:19**





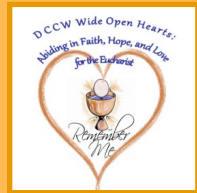
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**RESURRECTION COMES SALVATION...**

The reason for the joy of Easter is that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. At first the women who came to the tomb were troubled because they didn't find the body of Christ. They thought somebody took the body. But later they had found and realized their joy in his resurrection. John, along with Peter, were the first apostles to reach the tomb on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb or hear the angel's message. After seeing the empty tomb, John must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no one, not even the tomb, could confine the Lord, who is the source of life. This is the good news, that the real joy of Easter is a joy of faith, which no one can take away. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the summit of our Christian faith and the central teaching of the Catholic faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord opens the eyes of our faith in order to know him and to fathom the power of his resurrection. To encounter the resurrected Christ every day and to know him personally as our Redeemer is the greatest joy of our faith.

Let us sing:

**ALLELUIA! FOR THE LORD HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**



**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

**Patricia Voorhes — NCCW President**

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Dear Friends,

I hope you are planning on attending the NCCW Convention August 24-26, 2023 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City. The theme I have chosen is **Path of Renewed Encounter** based on Chapter 7 of *Fratelli Tutti* and *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* written by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

We have great speakers: Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy (Catholic Mobilizing Network), Donna Stoering (Utah), Julie Boerio-Goates (Utah), Kimberly Tosti (Utah), Susan Northway (Utah) and Jean Welch Hill (Utah). The Madeleine Choir School will perform for us on Friday night for the fundraiser. Tuesday before convention we have great tours planned to include a night tour of the Cathedral of the Madeleine with Adoration. Wednesday before convention we are featuring an Evening with the Gold Sponsors. Come and support the fantastic Utah Planning Committee. Registration is open now at [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org).



May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us to Jesus.

Patricia Voorhes

***"Life is a journey. It is a path, a journey to meet Jesus. Our whole life is an encounter with Jesus: in prayer, when we go to Mass, when we receive Communion, when we do good works, when we visit the sick, when we help the poor, when we think of others, when we are not selfish, when we are loving, in these things we always meet Jesus."***  
**Pope Francis December 1, 2013 homily**

August 24-26, 2023  
Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City

Subject to change

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Choose from 3 Tour options (add on)  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. NCCW Convention Registration Open  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tour of the Cathedral of the Madeleine with Adoration (add on)

**Wednesday, August 23, 2023**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration Open  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Welcome Liturgy **Principal Celebrant/Homilist: Very Reverend Miguel González**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Exhibits Setup  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Meditation Room Open  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. NCCW Board of Directors Meeting  
11:00am - 4:00 p.m. Silent Auction accepting donations.  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Awards (OLGC & Golden Rose) Luncheon (add on) **Speaker/performer: Donna Stoering**  
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Exhibits Open  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. First Timers Orientation  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting  
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Silent Auction Open  
5:30 pm - 7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own  
6:00pm - 6:30pm Grab and Go Dinner (add on)  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Evening with the Gold Sponsors

**Thursday, August 24, 2023**

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Confessions  
7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Associates of NCCW, Inc. Board Meeting (add on)  
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Friends of NCCW for WUCWO Board Meeting (add on)  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Meditation Room Open  
9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Opening General Session **Speaker: Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy**  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. NCCW Store Open  
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Opening Liturgy **Principal Celebrant/Homilist: The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis**  
12:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Exhibits Open  
12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Grab and Go Lunch (add on)  
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction open  
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Spirituality Commission Session  
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Leadership Commission Session  
4:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. Service Commission Session  
5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. 45 and Under Gathering  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Province Dinners (add on)

**Friday, August 25, 2023**

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
8:30a.m.-9:30a.m. **Pano! Julie Boerio-Goates, Susan Northway, Kimberly Tosti, Kim Padan**  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Meditation Room Open  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibits open  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. NCCW Store Open  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Silent Auction open  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
1:00p.m.-1:30 p.m. Grab and Go Lunch (add on)  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Purse Auction  
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Leadership Training and Development Session  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Liturgy for Deceased Members  
**Principal Celebrant/Homilist: The Most Reverend William Wack, CSC**  
6:00pm - 8:00p.m. Exhibits Open  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 pm Spiritual Advisors Dinner/Meeting  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Silent Auction Open Final bids close at 8:00 pm  
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fundraiser Madeleine Choir School (add on)

**Saturday, August 26, 2026**

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Confessions  
7:15am - 8:00am Rosary  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Friends of NCCW for WUCWO  
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Meditation Room Open  
8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Exhibits Open  
9:00 a.m. Silent Auction winners posted at the NCCW store winners pay before pickup  
9:00a.m.-10:00a.m. Education Committee Session  
10:15am - 11:15am **Speaker: Jean Welch Hill**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. NCCW Store Open  
10:30am - 12:00 p.m. Silent Auction Pickup - Winners pick up and present NCCW store paid receipt  
11:30 a.m. - 1:15p.m. Lunch on Own  
11:30 am - 1:15p.m. Associates Luncheon and Meeting  
1:30p.m. - 3:15 p.m. President's Closing  
4:00p.m. Installation of Province Directors/Installation of Nominating Committee  
Closing Liturgy/Installation of New Officers  
**Principal Celebrant/Homilist: The Most Reverend Timothy Broglio  
The Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha  
The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis**  
6:00 p.m. Cash Bar opens.  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Closing Banquet with Entertainment (add on)



COMPLETE NCCW  
CONVENTION DETAILS  
AND REGISTRATION  
ARE ON THE NCCW  
WEBSITE:

WWW.NCCW.ORG

*We hope to see you there!*

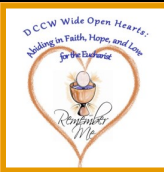
THERE ARE PLENTY OF VOLUNTEER  
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# NCCW SAN FRANCISCO PROVINCE DIRECTOR Jeannie Audiss — Saint Joseph the Worker, West Jordan jaudiss1234@yahoo.com

We had a great turn out for our first Province gathering held on March 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> at the Marriot University Park Hotel. We had beautiful prayer services led by Susan Neilson. The Lenten Journey Prayer Service was exceptional. Michael O’Shea serves as the Province Secretary and Casey Pond serves as the Province Treasurer.

Our speakers included Deacon Sunday Espinoza, who spoke on the Rosary and Adoration; Chris Huntzinger spoke on Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi; two women from CCS, one from the Ukraine and one from Bosnia, told their stories; Chrystal Painter spoke on Walking with Moms in Need; and, Amy Kennedy presented a Leadership workshop on Creating a Diverse CCW including Latina groups. We had representatives from the San Francisco ArchDCCW, the Santa Rosa DCCW, and of course many from our very own Salt Lake DCCW. We attended Mass at the Cathedral on Saturday. Becky Columbo arranged a beautiful fundraiser with lots of great gifts. Both donors and buyers were very generous.

Our next Gathering will be held during our National Council of Catholic Women Convention being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City on August 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you there.

May God Bless you all and keep you in his care!

## WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

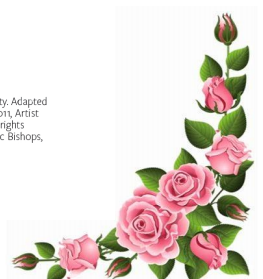


### A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.\* Amen.



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To all the Mothers,  
Grandmothers,  
Aunts, Sisters  
and other women  
in our lives that care for  
us and love us  
unconditionally,  
**Happy Mother's Day!**



## DCCW IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

**Becky Colombo — St. Anthony, Helper**

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Welcome to the annual convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women! As part of the DCCW Board, I want to say we are thrilled to have you in attendance. If you are reading this issue of the AWARE newsletter at home, we are sorry you are not with us at this convention and hope you can join us next April.

Our current DCCW officers pledge their recommitment to their positions on Sunday at the convention. Next April will be the installation of new officers. Prior to the recommitment ceremony on Sunday, we honor those who have left us over the past year at the memorial prayer service. This is a beautiful moment during convention to stop and remember our members and religious who have left us to be with God and his angels.

This past month I was able to attend the San Francisco Province Meeting held in Salt Lake City. Jeanne Audiss, our SF Province Director, assembled a line-up of great speakers that truly inspired those in attendance. The prayer services were beautiful and touching. We were in the presence of women who have endured obstacles in their lives through war and immigrating as refugees from Europe. We are so very lucky to live where we do, and we are so thankful for our homes, food, jobs, and families that we have and enjoy. We should never take any of these things for granted. If any of you are interested in helping these refugee families, contact Jeanne Audiss or one of the DCCW Officers.

I hope that you are all aware of the upcoming National Council of Catholic Women's Convention in Salt Lake City. These national conventions are AMAZING and do not disappoint. Please contact your affiliate women's council or our DCCW officers, if you need help or have questions about attending the convention in August. We want to enable as many women as possible to experience this event, since it is in our "home" state and eliminates the cost of an airplane flight to attend. It is an experience you will enjoy and not forget.

Thank you to all who have helped make my job easier this year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about convention, holding an office in DCCW, or anything in general about our Councils of Catholic Women.

With my prayers and humility.

### *DCCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Affiliate of the Year Award 2023*



*We received a great response for the Affiliate of the Year Award. Seven affiliates submitted their applications. Thank you to the Advisory Board for helping with choosing this year's award.*

*Their responses as they submitted their votes, was that they were amazed at how much these affiliates were doing in their parishes, deanery, DCCW, NCCW, and their communities.*

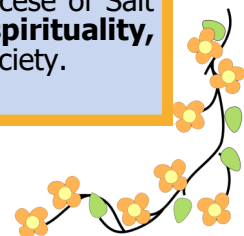
*The awards for the top three will be given at the Convention.*

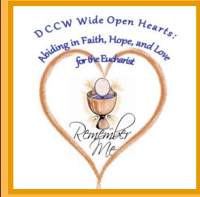
*We invite you all to start working on your plans to improve your affiliates in all that you do. Put your application together and submit it for next year.*

*For any questions, please contact Pat Musich: 435-722-1000 (call or text) or Co-Chair: Becky Columbo: 435-650-6392*

### **CAN YOU TELL SOMEONE THE MISION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ???**

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.





**DCCW FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT**  
**Carol Harley — St. Mary's, West Haven**  
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Greetings ladies and Father! If you're reading this, it means we've made it to or through convention. Everyone's hard work has come to fruition, and the convention is in progress or over now. I'm sure we'll all look back on DCCW Convention 2023 with a combination of relief and satisfaction and maybe have learned some things in the process. I know, so far, it's all been a learning experience for me!

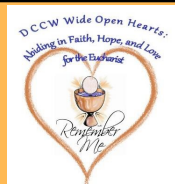
I looked back at Barb Kerouac's report from last year, and she mentioned learning the complexities of building the convention program in such a short time. I can so relate to that sentiment; there's very little you can do to prepare for the task! For me the luckiest thing was to have two good friends volunteer to help me. I literally would not have been able to do the work without them. My thanks go out to Maria Devereux and Jessica Jurkowski, and there's a lot I couldn't do without my daughter, Michelle Harley-Lloyd's help.



Also, we couldn't be doing it at all if it weren't for the generous donations made by individuals, our affiliates and businesses; so, I'd like to thank them all for their support. The Eastern Deanery has once again come through like gangbusters, but so have other affiliates and individuals. I hope that you will all read the ads and try to support the businesses that have advertised with us. Mention to them that you saw their ad, and you appreciate their support.

Fortunately or unfortunately we'll be doing it all again when we host the NCCW 2023 Convention, which will be held in SLC in August. This is an amazing opportunity and what a fitting end to our own Patricia Voorhes' two-year term as president of the NCCW! We may also, hopefully, be watching Amy Kennedy being installed as the NCCW 1<sup>st</sup> V.P./President Elect as she is a candidate for that position. There will be ample opportunity to volunteer to assist in making this NCCW an outstanding success. We hope you will all volunteer and attend this convention.

Another opportunity to volunteer is for the July 9<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Rally being held at the Mountain America Expo Center. Churches have been asked not to have morning Masses on this day so everyone can attend the Mass at the rally. Other highlights include youth contests, essays, poetry, artwork, video and music provided by a joint Diocesan Choir for the Mass. Please plan to volunteer and to attend.



**DCCW SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/WAYS & MEANS CHAIR**  
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Another exciting, busy year with the 2023 DCCW Annual Convention, and then before we know it the NCCW Convention. We all will surely be following our theme this year "Wide Open Hearts" when we gather for both events.

As DCCW has done annually, we will be conducting convention fundraisers: the silent auction, general raffle, ugly bag raffle, table centerpiece drawing, and \$100 raffle. Loretta Lazar from St. Joseph the Worker is making and donating a quilt and also working together with Jacque Bergstrom from St. Martin de Porres on creating another quilt.



Each affiliate was asked to donate two items to be used for the raffle and silent auction, and one table centerpiece. Local vendors throughout Utah have also donated.

We are grateful to also have the Carmelite Nuns, Immaculate Heart Religious Goods and Catholic Community Services participate with us once again.



Thank you for your continued support and generous donations. Many blessings to each and everyone.





## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE TEAM

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We have not had many calls to come to your meetings, so we can presume either all is going well, or you don't know we are available for presentations or help you find the resources needed to achieve successful councils. At the January board meeting Bonnie asked how many knew what "MDR" stood for. Unfortunately, not many answered. So, we aim to change that starting at the convention. We will have a table with information on how we can help affiliate development and samples of resources available through DCCW and NCCW. So, if you're at the convention, stop by our table and check it out. If not, give us a call. We're always happy to help out wherever we can.

We were on the committee to help determine the Affiliate of the Year award and was so impressed with all that is going on in our diocese. The energy and creative ideas are incredible as is the devotion to council. It is a shame that all who applied can't be recognized and given an award! Keep it up ladies and be sure to share your ideas and events in this newsletter and on our DCCW website.

Michael was privileged to attend the San Francisco Province meeting in March, under the direction of our Province Director, Jeanne Audiss. The speakers were filled with such spirit and dedication. The passion they exude is contagious! Michael especially wants to give a shout out to Susan Neilson for her beautiful prayer services. They experienced a hands-on Lenten Journey that has stayed with her for weeks. Kudos to Jeanne for organizing such a great weekend.

By the way, "MDR" stands for Membership Development & Resource!



### REMEMBER GOING TO YOUR FIRST CCW MEETING? WHAT (OR WHO) BROUGHT YOU THERE?

Inviting ladies to join Council is offering them an opportunity to enhance their lives while giving service to their church and community. It can be life changing. Our attitude, enthusiasm, and love of Council is contagious and encourages the stranger to attend a meeting or event. Think about all the wonderful things council does and all it accomplishes. We love Council, love spending time together and find our accomplishments fulfilling and meaningful.

*Jeannie Illian, Former NCCW LTD Program Consultant*



## DCCW CONVENTION WOMAN OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

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Springtime Greetings from your DCCW Woman of the Year Program Chairs!

We are pleased to report that twenty-five wonderful and worthy women will be honored on Saturday evening, April 22, at our Convention Banquet. And, SURPRISE, every one of them met the DEADLINE DATE! Thank you so very much, affiliates!

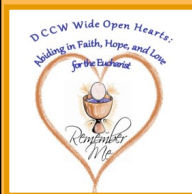
We have tried to stay within the 100 words for each of the bio's we received, which will be read during the award presentation. We had to do some rewrites. So if you notice a change in the composition you submitted, please understand.

Looking forward to honoring these hard-working ladies!

See you all at the Convention.



## DCCW LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION



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The Legislative General Session ended on March 3, 2023. It was a significantly good year for Catholic schools with the passage of four bills. This includes \$42 million in scholarship funding as Utah Fits All and each scholarship is \$8000. There will be 5,312 scholarships available; therefore, 100 percent of all children are eligible to apply. HB 215 helped Utah families with private and homeschool education with "The Utah Fits All," which requires all sixteen Catholic schools help low income families. The applications will be available in March 2024.

HB499 Homeless Services Amendments improved the process for selecting winter overflow shelters and made it easier for the states to select cities, if they are unable to do it. HB 60 Juvenile Justice Modifications was an expungement process for juvenile crimes, which is like the process adults already have in place. Utah legislators did not increase the minimum wage of \$7.25, this is inconsistent with the high increase in rent and cost of homes. Union jobs usually offer higher paying jobs and better benefits as legislators should encourage union collective bargaining as per Intermountain Catholic article on 3/17/23.

HB 467 sponsored by Rep. Karianne Lisonbee, R-Clearfield, and Senator Daniel McCay, R-Riverton was signed into law banning abortion clinics. Under this new law abortions may only be performed in hospitals and no abortion clinic is allowed to operate in Utah on or after Jan. 1, 2024. HB 297 was also signed into law, sponsored by Rep. Kera Birkeland R-Morgan, and Sen. Michael McKell improved support to sexual assault victims by requiring more reporting from doctors who are performing abortions under the rape exception and limits abortion in the case of rape or incest to eighteen weeks. A few years ago, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops developed the "Walking With Moms in Need" program. There is also another program "Project Rachel" for those affected by abortion.

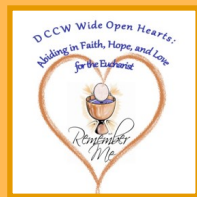
It is very common for many people to shy away from politics and not want to be involved due to all the polarization. However, it is important as Catholics for us to take part in the political process and talk to our elected officials to encourage them to vote in a way which is conducive to our Christian values. We are encouraged by Pope Francis to take part and work on initiating positive changes both locally as well as on national issues. As per Intermountain Catholic article on March 3, 2023 Pope Francis said in a new book of interviews stating that "everyone must engage in politics, which is simply what it means to take part constructively in the life of a nation or society". Speaking about the increasing polarization in the world, the pope said, "we are not water and oil, we are brothers and sisters."

There are many issues which continue to need legislative reform and negotiable solutions as Medicaid expansion, mental health accessibility, education funding, homelessness, hunger issues worldwide as well as in our own country. There are also the complicated border issues which involve action on U.S. asylum policy. One issue which I feel most passionate about is our numbers of school shootings and senseless deaths of innocent children and adults. Many of these involve the use of assault rifles which are in the hands of everyday citizens and are at the root of many of the mass murder cases. As per a PBS News Report on June 13, 2022 gun violence is the leading cause of deaths in the U.S. Recent years have seen some of the worst gun violence in US history. In 2021 guns killed more than 45,000 Americans, the highest toll in decades, an upward trend is on track to continue. As per Sim Gill, District Attorney, "This issue isn't about the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. It's about death, the tragic self-inflicted immolation of society". We all need to advocate for proper gun reform to help save our children and society. The right to learn, heal and worship is the impetus behind my political activism years ago.

For more information on the Utah legislative process please research [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov) and for the Catholic viewpoints please review the diocese website at dioslc.org. Please feel free to call me at 801-414-4725 with questions. God Bless.







**SERVICE COMMISSION**  
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He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter is such a joyous time of year. How blessed are we to live in a country where we can openly proclaim our faith in the Lord! I practice a daily gratitude (when I wake up before I get up) and living here is always in my top 10.

St Francis de Sales said “There is nothing small in the service of God”. A welcomed reminder that every act of service, no matter how small or (we think) trivial, can change another person for the better. But more importantly, even when we cannot see that our act has made a difference, our acts of kindness and service will change the person we’ve helped because they have been seen and loved where they are. No judgement. Just the love of Christ enveloping them. We all want to be seen and heard. Service to others puts us in a unique place to both see and hear our fellow humans. God made us for companionship, for love, for human contact. Making connections is why we are here.



My hope is that while I am here, I can help you promote service projects within your parishes that will not only bring you together as a community but will also be an inspiration to your individual parishioners to step out of their comfort zone. Your council may already have a plan for service projects, but if you needed some ideas, I’ve listed some below:

**In April (Stewardship of the Earth),** sponsor a volunteer cleaning day for a local home, the rectory, or a park in the parish community. For a fun afternoon, bring pots and pansies to the senior home and pot plants with seniors. What a special way to share the (hopefully) warm beauty of spring!

**In May (Honor Mothers Who Choose Life),** sell roses (purchased from Costco or Sam’s Club) after Mass on Mother’s Day weekend and donate the proceeds to your local Pregnancy Resource Center. Or collect and donate new and gently used items for moms who need some help welcoming their precious baby into the world.

**In June (Honoring Fathers/Welcome Home),** host a spring cleaning of the closets clothing exchange! Leftover items can be donated to help women who are transitioning from incarceration to the world. Pack a picnic lunch for shut-in parishioners or sell carnations after Mass on Father’s Day weekend and donate the proceeds to your local men’s shelter.

**At our April convention in memory of Bobby Hunt, we continued to collect our favorite items: rosaries; eyeglasses; cancelled stamps (not the Forever Flag stamps); pull tabs from soda cans; and, mini hygiene products.** More information will be coming about how these donations are distributed.

At the January DCCW Board Meeting, we had 100 baby bottles for distribution to the parishes via the CCWs. The hope was that these bottles would be filled with change, cash and checks during Lent and returned to us at the convention in April. Donations go to the Preganancy Resource Center, who will have an information table and collect the donations. You can also check out their website ( <https://pregnancyresource.net/> ) to learn about more ways to get involved, like donating time or becoming a prayer warrior.

With the repeal of Roe v Wade (something we have prayed about for many years!) comes the obligation to support moms who choose to raise their child. Keep in mind that many nearby states, like California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, have designated themselves as abortion “sanctuary” states, using taxpayer resources to pay for all care related to obtaining an abortion.

I am looking forward to a great year with you! Please send me your ideas and suggestions. 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. As I am still learning this role, 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 enjoy the Easter Season!



## SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION



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Having recently celebrated another Easter Vigil with our catechumens, and to continue the Eucharistic Revival, I wanted to prompt us all to keep in our minds and hearts what a wonderful gift the Eucharist is to us. In watching our new Catholics receive their First Communion, it always moves me to thank God again for this gift and to help me never to take it for granted.

St. John Damascene writes that the Eucharist is called “Holy Communion” because in receiving the Lord’s precious Body and Blood, we communicate with and are intimately united to Jesus.

In the Eucharist, we are also united to the faithful here on earth as well as to those in heaven. St. John Chrysostom urges us to come with profound faith and love to the Table of the Eucharist, where the gifts are not only joy but also “harmony, peace, and union of soul.” When we receive the Lord in the Eucharist, we receive the grace to be more closely united to those we love here on earth, and in heaven. This sacrament is thus the sacrament of the Church’s unity, for “the common spiritual good” of the entire Church is contained in the Lord given to us in the Eucharist. The more lovingly we receive the Him, the more united we become to those dear to us here on earth, especially those with whom we are blessed to share the Eucharist. Our receiving of the Lord also unites us more deeply with all the members of the one Mystical Body, in a foreshadowing of the loving union that will be ours in heaven.



This outpouring of God’s love through Jesus did not just happen in the past, two thousand years ago, *it is happening continually*, but we can *only receive and experience it here and now in the present moment*. The risen Christ is present to his Church in many ways, but most especially through the sacrament of his Body and Blood” (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops).

Let us remember this Easter season how blessed we are!

## LEADERSHIP COMMISSION



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The Leadership Commission has had a very busy year revising and updating the DCCW Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Commission also was given the job to write up a Convention Sponsorship Program for any business or organization that supports the mission of the DCCW and desires to contribute money to offset annual DCCW convention expenses. We had a great committee that worked very hard to complete these tasks. I’d like to thank the committee members: Kathy Fazio- Southwest Deanery, Becky Colombo- Eastern Deanery, Kirsten Mele-Salt Lake Deanery, Karen Fawbush-Northern Deanery, Cheryl Johnson-Wasatch Deanery, and myself.

These documents are what make our Council work smoothly. They are full of necessary information that help with all the different positions in the DCCW. I took the chance and said yes to the Leadership Chair and I ask you to pray and think about becoming a leader in your affiliate. You won’t regret it. I know I haven’t.

The theme for the 94<sup>th</sup> annual DCCW convention is “Wide Open Hearts: Abiding in Faith, Hope, and Love for the Eucharist” Please open your hearts and think about what you can do for your parish and your diocese as a faithful woman in Christ. Take the opportunity to get involved, if you aren’t already.

We hope this convention is one to remember, and your council took the opportunity to share your talents with a poster of your affiliate’s activities to display in the convention hall. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Convention!

May God bless you all and open your hearts to all His gifts and talents He has given to each one of us.



## WASATCH DEANERY

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I am so proud to be a part of this great group of Catholic women. They work so hard to support each other, their parishes, and all women in need. We are excited to help and participate in the Eucharistic Revival mass in July and the NCCW Convention hosted here in Salt Lake City. Keep an eye out for our now world-famous Saintry Doodles Calendar created by our own Gabby Gauchay. It will be available in time for the NCCW Convention in August. I, also, want to congratulate the Wasatch Deanery's Woman of the Year recipients. They are all well deserving and have done so much for their parish communities. I can't wait to hear their stories at the Woman of the Year Banquet. Welcome Deacon Sunday Espinoza as our new WDCCW Spiritual Advisor.

**St John the Baptist** welcomed three women parishioners, in February, sharing their Lenten practices and devotions, and how they have impacted their spiritual lives. In March they made cards for the seniors (delivered in a lovely basket with Easter candy for the center's staff) They also created hygiene kits from donations to help support our parish's hygiene pantry. In May, a financial planner will talk about financial planning that women need to do (statistically, we are more likely to outlive our spouses). June will be a wine and cheese pairing night.

**St. Joseph the Worker** January-New Beginnings! Life! Ladies were invited to bring their baby/childhood photo for a fun sharing activity getting to know each other's 'beginning' and watched the video, 'Meet Olivia' which portrayed the development of the human being., and enjoyed 'new' foods, recipes, and shared upcoming Respect for Life activities. February-Care of Your Heart. A guest speaker talked about emotional well-being and perceptions. CCW nurses provided blood pressure checks and women were given tips on maintaining healthy blood pressure. Food was "healthy" items, to feed both the body and spirit! March-St. Patrick. Our guest speaker, retired Fr. Patrick Carley, former St. Joseph the Worker Pastor, regaled us with history and geography of Ireland. The ladies wore green and enjoyed green foods. CCW participated in Stations of the Cross and Lenten Soup & Bread. In April, the CCW will be preparing and serving dinner to Bishop Solis and his guests prior to parish Confirmation.

**Saints Peter and Paul** -ladies have been fundraising for our Little Missionaries. Our ladies prayer group will be coordinating the parish involvement in the Diocesan Eucharistic Mass. The CCW will continue to brainstorm ideas on how to involve all the ladies of the parish in the life of the church.

**Saint Peter's** in March Father Ariel spoke about his upbringing in the Philippines and journey to the priesthood. The ladies presented him with an NCCW stole.. On March 24, the ladies presented a Soup Supper before leading bilingual Stations of the Cross. In April we will welcome Julie Boerio-Goates to talk to the ladies about volunteer opportunities for the Eucharistic Renewal.

**St Francis of Assisi** -In January, one of their ladies, who was recently on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, gave a beautiful presentation on her trip. In February, one of their members spoke on St. Catherine of Siena, our saint of the year. We also talked about the upcoming Eucharistic Revival. In March, our vice-president spoke with us on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Blessed Sacrament** CCW hosts First Friday Adorations and hosted Stations of in March, during which different women led each of the stations of Mary's Way of the Cross. A chili cook-off, with 7 participants was held in March. Ribbons were awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners, who also received a potted clover plant. June 9-10 will be their annual garage sale fundraiser.

**St Martin de Porres** welcomed Jeanne Audiss in February as their guest speaker on Woman in the Heart of the Christ, a spiritual reflection of the Women in the Bible and the Church and meditation. Had signups for Stations of the Cross Lenten Soup sales and included the CCD students to help serve and experience the Stations of the Cross. In March they created 200 Blessing Bags for the The Weigand Shelter. In April they are gathering a collection of Mother's Day cards for the prison inspired by the book *Holy Moments* and creating Mother's Day cards and acknowledging the women at the Rescue Mission center.

**Saint Thomas More-** In February made and distributed over 100 Valentines for parishioners who are ill, lost loved ones, and who are lonely. Valentines were also given to an assisted living home and the diocesan seminarians. They also made reusable sanitary kits for girls in third world countries through Days for Girls. They coordinated Mary's Way of the Cross with their women leading each station. They look forward to distributing roses to the women of the parish on Mother's Day.

**St. Francis Xavier** meets regularly. They have done "chair yoga" and made crafts as well as made Valentines for St. Joseph's Villa in hopes of cheering up the residents. This year they were able to pick a Women of the Year and will have several attendees at the banquet. St. Francis ran the first Stations of the Cross and provided soup for all. It was a wonderful start to Lent.

**San Andres Council of Catholic Women** have been focusing on building relationships with their Hispanic community. Last fall was their first attempt, which was a retreat focusing on building faith. In October they had a great turnout at Payson Park for the World Rosary Day. They had a second retreat for Advent with another great turnout from both communities. They are finding, for now, these quarterly events are more successful for bridging those gaps than the monthly meetings have been.



# SOUTHWEST DEANERY

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**SW Deanery CCW** hosted a "Lenten Retreat" in Kuzy Hall in St. George Parish on March 4th. The facilitators were Mary Hogan and Ruth Ann Pilney. There were 65 people in attendance, which included Cedar City, Hurricane and surrounding areas. We started with a gourmet brunch prepared by our Chef Sal, with two breaks in the afternoon, and ending with the opportunity to attend 5:00 Mass. The ladies from Cedar City, Hurricane and St. George were very helpful in organizing this spiritual event and I want to thank them very much!!!

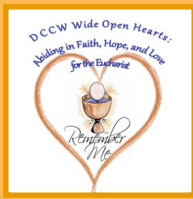
### Christ the King, Cedar City

January started off with a ton of snow, but the ladies braved the weather to come to meetings. They set up a fundraiser for the homeless here in Cedar City and a bake sale scheduled for February. February came and they had a Mardi Gras party, which was a huge success! Their bake sale fundraiser brought in \$1165 for the Iron County Care and Share to help fight homelessness, with a speaker from five counties, speaking about the need for senior volunteers in our community and surrounding areas. They also discussed final procedures for "Woman of the Year" voting and started making plans for convention. In March announced their WOY winner Luz Garcia, and decided who will bring what to convention. The church Lenten Tree was up through Lent and Donna Dischbein took all the items to Care and Share. She is also in charge of packing hygiene bags for the community. They are all excited for Convention and SPRING!!!

### St George Catholic Church

SGCWG donated \$500 to the youth from the Neocatechumenal Way, who are raising funds to send 8-12 parish children to World Youth Day on July 27, 2023 in Portugal. They donated \$50 worth of restaurant gift cards toward a "meal train" to help one of the local families experiencing hardship. The Sunshine Committee continued to deliver "Prayer Shawls" to the sick and bereaved. In the first quarter, eleven prayer shawls were distributed. On Palm Sunday weekend, the group is having a bake sale to raise funds for multiple charitable causes that they support.





# SALT LAKE DEANERY

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The Salt Lake Deanery affiliates have been very busy during this Lenten season working in their parishes and helping their communities.

- ◆ **The Cathedral of the Madeleine** Women's Society on April 15th will put on a mini-retreat about Mercy as they close out the Easter Week.
- ◆ **The Catholic Woman's League** will be having their annual membership tea April 30th at Saint Vincent de Paul from 2-4 p.m., all are invited.
- ◆ **Our Lady of Lourdes Magna** Council raised over \$1000 with the fun bus to Wendover and are busy getting ready for their Easter egg hunt for the children.
- ◆ **Saint Ann's** Guild has been helping with suppers after the Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass and will be having their big bake sale on Mother's Day.
- ◆ **Saint Marguerite's Council** will be delivering forty lilies with an Easter card to their home bound parishioners and nursing homes in April.
- ◆ **Saint Olaf's** Council donated to and volunteered at the Interfaith Service Project Day in Bountiful with three other faiths.
- ◆ **Saint Patrick's** Council has been helping the Knights of Columbus with their fish fry and the Lenten soup dinners on Friday nights during Lent.
- ◆ **Saint Vincent de Paul's** Council held a Seder meal at their March meeting and have been helping with Lenten fish fry's.

The Salt Lake Deanery held their annual Spring Luncheon fundraiser in March. It was well attended and a pleasant afternoon with Catholic women from different parishes.



Happy Spring



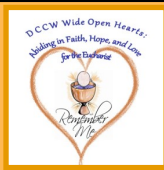
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*JAMIE WILL FORWARD UPDATES TO NCCW*

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# EASTERN DEANERY

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On July 14th, the feast day for St. Kateri Tekakwitha, a Mass was held by the Mission in Ft. Duchesne. Pamela Cuch and Jackie Tapoof, along with Fr. Edward Leondhas, planned the Mass with Bishop Solis. Many of the Eastern Deanery ladies from St. Helen's, St. James, and St. Anthony's attended. It was attended by the Ute Tribe Royalty and concluded with a luncheon and Native American dances.

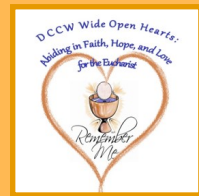
The Eastern Deanery held a special fundraiser of a beautiful Cedar Chest, handmade quilt, with special items inside. The winner was chosen at the Spring Meeting. Thank you everyone.

Each of the affiliates continue to work on membership, leadership and outreach in the parishes and communities. There are yard sales, bingo ( a special Witches bingo), bazaars, helping with parish fundraisers, as well. We all host funeral dinners, receptions for First Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation. Members clean the church, altar linens, clean the hall. They are active in all aspects of the parish: on Parish Council, teaching Faith Formation, RCIA, also the coordinator. Many serve as CCW officers, Deanery officers, and serve on the DCCW board.

We were all so sad to hear of the death of our Spiritual Advisor for the EDCCW, Fr Albert Kileo. He will be greatly missed.

All the affiliate members are involved in attending the DCCW convention, attending the National CCW convention in August, and being volunteers.

Officers for 2023-2024: Pat Musich: President, Becky Colombo: Vice President, Linda Mitchell: Secretary, Marsha Murphy: Treasurer



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Welcome to the 94th DCCW Convention!

There is a lot of planning and negotiating that goes into an in-person conference event. In the preparation of the event the Director of Meetings (DOM) must consider many factors to assure a successful convention. Here are just a few of the points that need to be evaluated and compared each year when making venue decisions:

- Event Venue Location
- Meals per Attendee
- Equipment (AV Tech)
- Transportation Service
- Availability of Parking
- Overall Cost

It takes a team of dedicated individuals to put on a convention and keep things running smooth throughout the event. We are prepared, speakers ready, tables set, and menus are ready to go.

We welcome all in attendance and hope you find this a faith-filled weekend.





# NORTHERN DEANERY

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The ladies of the Northern Deanery have been very busy planning for the DCCW convention and are looking forward to serving as the convention hosts. We held our Northern Deanery meeting at St Rose of Lima, on March 4<sup>th</sup>. DCCW President Barb Kerouac and DCCW Spiritual Advisor, Fr Ariel, attended and helped us officially install our new Deanery Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Tom Devereux. Fr. Vidal from St Rose was also in attendance and spoke to us about the Joshua Project. The CCW ladies of St Rose provided a wonderful breakfast and lunch.

Carol Harley and I were able to attend the Province Meeting that was held in March. It was a beautiful and uplifting weekend. I encourage everyone to attend in the future.

The Northern Deanery also sponsored a Women's Lenten Retreat "In the Midst". It was a beautiful day filled with uplifting talks, prayers, and music. There was 60+ ladies in attendance. A huge thank you to the ladies of St James for putting the retreat together and hosting.

**St Rose of Lima** held a successful takeout dinner fundraiser. They tried something different in choosing a woman of the year and believe it was successful. Last month they had a CPR demonstration. They opened it up to the parish but only one person showed up, which was disappointing. All they can do is try.

### Holy Family

- Ladies gathered for a morning Mass followed by breakfast and an evening Mass followed by dinner in January.
- They hosted the annual Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 11th. The first time since Covid. It was a huge success; they had more attendees than expected and will plan for more next year. Raffle baskets and a 50/50 really helped keep the dinner price down and still be able to cover costs and have a small profit.
- They introduced a cocktail of the month. The Ladybug cocktail was a perfect Valentine drink.
- They hosted Stations of the Cross and a soup dinner on March 24th.
- In March they voted on their WOY.
- They have been gathering baby items at each meeting to be donated to CCS, and will be having a baby shower in May to finish the year.

### St. James the Just

- CCW is hosting Coffee and Donuts for the parish every 2 Sunday after both morning masses.
- In April, CCW will be hosting a book discussion on *Holy Moments*, by Mathew Kelly
- On Valentines Day, Father David hosted a Line Dancing for Women social that members of our CCW supported.
- On March 18<sup>th</sup>, the CCW hosted the Northern Deanery Lenten Retreat "In the Midst"
- The CCW hosted Stations of the Cross on March 24 followed by a Lenten dinner.
- May, will be our closing Wine Social at St. James. They would like to invite all Northern Deanery ladies to attend.

### St Mary

- In January they held their annual Baby Shower for Jesus. All gifts were donated to St Martha's Baby Project.
- In February they held their first fund raiser of the year, and sold Lumpia. It was a great success.
- On Fridays during Lent, they hosted soup dinner and a movie following Stations of the Cross.
- They participated in a Lenten Journey with the Eucharist and Mary led by Fa ther Gregory.
- The CCW is helping with the planning of the Flores de Mayo celebration. This is a community event that will take place on May 13th. All are invited to attend.



## 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 group activities. Email pictures with caption information to:

[marie.mischel@dioslc.org](mailto: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](mailto:omartini25@comcast.net).

Want to see your ladies in the AWARE? Send pictures to the Aware Editor, Bonnie Siegrist, at: [utahbonnie@comcast.net](mailto:utahbonnie@comcast.net).

Publicize the good works and good times of your ladies group and share activity ideas!



Word has it the bees may be buzzing around the Sheraton Hotel during the DCCW convention with a special message for you. Keep a look out!

## GOOD FOR A LAUGH



Some of you don't even realize how you light up rooms and inspire people just by being you.

**Have questions or want more info on an article? Email addresses are provided for your "DCCW" use. They would be happy to hear from you.**

THANKS FOR READING ♡



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