



DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
AN AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

2022 CALL TO CONVENTION

The official call to the Ninety-third Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women

Dear Sisters and Friends of Council,

The Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women cordially invites you to attend their annual convention on **Saturday, April 23, and Sunday, April 24, 2022** at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, located at 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. The theme for the convention is **“A Vision for the Future”**, hosted by the women of the Wasatch Deanery. The commissions featured at this convention will be Service and Spirituality.



Our keynote speaker, Mr. Dan Misleh, helped establish the Catholic Climate Covenant in 2006 and is based in Washington, D.C. The organization seeks to engage the Catholic community in a serious and sustained conversation about a Catholic approach to climate change from a faith lens. Dan has spoken to dozens of local, regional and national Catholic groups including talks to the international and national Conferences of Catholic Women. His prior work included 11 years at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as a policy advisor and director of Diocesan Relations for the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development. The title of his presentation is **“Integral Human Development: The Key to our Future in a Climate-Threatened World.”**

Jean Hill has been invited to speak at the invitation of our Spirituality Commission Chair, Susan Espinoza.” Jean Welch Hill is the Director of the Office of Life, Justice and Peace for the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Government Liaison for the Diocese and part-time Communications Director. In these roles, Ms. Hill works to inspire Catholics to join in the Church’s social justice mission and represents the diocese within the community on issues such as homelessness, immigration, and climate change. Prior to joining the Diocese, Jean served as an attorney for the Utah State Board of Education for 12 years. She has also taught history at Judge Memorial Catholic High School and was an editorial writer for the *Salt Lake Tribune*. The title of her presentation on Sunday will be **“Living Laudato Si in Utah”**.

Our Service Commission Chair, Annette Presley, has asked Ms. Elizabeth Canto from St. John the Baptist Parish in Salt Lake City to speak to us about Service. Elizabeth is in her 2nd year of the Echo Program through Notre Dame University, where she is working toward a master’s degree in Theology. She is currently Youth Minister and Faith Formation Assistant at St. John the Baptist and oversees all social justice events at the parish. She has an undergraduate degree in Poverty and Social Justice from Elon University. Ms. Canto will focus on **“What is Service, and How Do We Make It a Part of Our Life?”**

Guest Speakers on Saturday will include **Deacon Mike Bulson** from St. Andrews Parish and **Mrs. Gayle Kasen from Kirkland, Washington**. Deacon Mike practices law in Utah and is a very engaging speaker. Gayle will share her story of Faith and her devotion to the Blessed Mother.

The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, will be the presiding celebrant and homilist at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine on Saturday. Following Mass, he will speak at our banquet and join us as a presenter in honoring our Women of the Year.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- A Prayer Room will be available for quiet meditation
- NCCW table
- Exhibitors
- Sales tables-Magdelene Religious Store, candies and jams hand-crafted by the Carmelite nuns, and Rural African Crafts

CONVENTION ADVERTISING flyer, which highlights our speakers, is enclosed in your packet. Please assist in our advertising effort by placing the flyer in a prominent place within your parish, or by making copies to insert in your parish bulletin or to pass out at your Council meetings. The flyer can also be downloaded off the DCCW website (www.dccwutah.org) and used as an email attachment for sharing. **We need you to spread the word about convention** throughout your parish community and with your circle of friends.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM application and guidelines are enclosed in your packet. The DCCW Sponsorship Program is offered to individuals who want to attend the convention but are unable to do so because of the costs involved. Feel free to make copies of the application; a copy is also posted on the DCCW website. We advise all women to first check with their parish organization to see if it is offering any convention financial assistance. Be assured the Registration and Sponsorship Chairs keep all applications strictly confidential. **The Sponsorship application deadline is March 13, 2022** so it can be processed prior to the registration deadline.

CONVENTION MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE MADELEINE is a highlight for many women and their families, and we are honored that the Cathedral accommodates us at this Mass. We will transport convention attendees to the Cathedral by bus. We are excited that the Most Reverend Bishop Solis has offered the use of the Madeleine School buses to be used with the Judge Memorial buses. This will speed up the process to and from Mass. If any of your parish attendees are unable to walk the steps of the bus or the front stairs of the Cathedral, **please** make arrangements to drive them to Mass by car. Cars may be driven onto the Cathedral Plaza (enter from C Street) for passenger drop-off immediately outside the handicap-accessible doors on the south side of the plaza where no stairs will be encountered. Keep in mind that due to very limited parking, it is suggested that you arrive no later than 4:45 p.m.

THROW DOWN CHALLENGE information is included in your packet. This popular, fun competition allows two affiliates to win convention packages for the 2023 DCCW Convention.

POSTER SESSION-“Tell Us Your Story” information flyer is enclosed in your packet. This is an opportunity for affiliates and deaneries to share ideas and information (and to show off a little) through words and pictures on their posters that will be displayed in the hallway/foyer outside the meeting room doors.

TENTATIVE AGENDA is enclosed in your packet to give an idea of each day’s schedule.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION form is enclosed in your packet. Please use this form for registering for the convention. It can also be found on the DCCW website. **The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 25, 2022. Please note this year we have added a Woman of the Year Registration form.** This will enable our Registration Chair to better place families and friends together with the Woman of the Year for the banquet. . The registration deadline also applies to your Woman of the Year and her guests. All registrations require prepayment. If possible, write one check from your women’s group, payable to DCCW, and note “Convention Registration” on the memo line. *Do not combine convention registration and hotel registration in one check.*

2022 Registration Fees

Package A

\$150 includes two-day registration, convention bag, all meals on both days (including the banquet), and Mass transportation.

Package B

\$75 includes registration for Saturday, Saturday’s breakfast and lunch, and Mass transportation.

Package C

\$50 includes the Saturday night Woman of the Year banquet only. ***There is no on-site registration for the banquet.***

Package D

\$40 includes Sunday only registration and breakfast.

Please fill out the registration form completely and legibly, double-check the spelling of all names for the name badges, and make sure to list banquet table seating preferences (who should sit together) in groups of 10. It is important to **note any special needs** required by those attending. It is much easier to accommodate these if they are known ahead of time.

So that we can ensure a proper welcome, please indicate all first-time attendees on the registration form by checking the appropriate box.

PLEASE NOTE: For every registration postmarked after March 25, 2022, an additional \$20 late fee must be added. There will be **no refunds given after April 8, 2022** as final meal counts are given to the hotel by then. Refunds will only be given if DCCW can resell the registration. Thank you for your consideration of these necessary items.

CONVENTION MEALS- Every effort is made to provide the best meal options while staying within our budget. Once again, we will be offering a healthy choice for a light breakfast on Saturday. All other meals will be plated and chosen based on the feedback received from previous convention evaluations. **Dietary restrictions will be honored, if possible, but must be noted on the registration form.** As standard hotel policy for banquets, the same substitute meal will be available for vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free dietary restrictions.

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET ADVERTISING information is included in your packet. This important form of advertising, congratulating, thanking, or recognizing is extremely helpful as it defrays the cost of printing our convention materials. It also helps cover convention administrative costs which helps keep our registration costs down. (Many of our attendees look at the ads first!) Please contact businesses, employers, friends, or consider purchasing an affiliate, deanery, or individual ad. Our personal contacts are the best resources. Additional copies of the letter and ad submission form are available on the DCCW website. **Convention program ads and payment are due by March 17, 2022; the submittal forms and payments for your Woman of the Year congratulatory ads are due by March 17 as well.**

HOTEL RESERVATION form is included in your packet. Convention room rates are \$118 per night for single and double occupancy and \$128 per night for triple or quadruple occupancy. The hotel is smoke-free. **Guest rooms are furnished with double beds.** Incidental room charges are the responsibility of each guest. The DCCW does not pay to have extra beds put in hotel rooms; if one is requested, the person requesting it will be responsible for payment. All rooms are provided with the usual amenities and hospitality items. Time will be allotted during the Sunday program to facilitate the 12:00 p.m. checkout time.

Please use the enclosed Hotel reservation form and indicate any special needs. Additional forms can be found on the DCCW website. Make your check payable to DCCW and note "Hotel Reservation" on the memo line. Send the check and the completed hotel reservation form to the address listed on the form. Payment in full is required with each reservation. **The hotel reservation deadline is March 23, 2022.** All reservations received on or before March 23 will not be charged room tax. Rooms reserved after the deadline may not be tax exempt or guaranteed the convention rate.

ONE CENTERPIECE, ONE RAFFLE ITEM, AND ONE SILENT AUCTION ITEM are requested from each affiliate. Individual donations are gratefully accepted, also. Proceeds from the raffle and silent auction are our major source of income for the year and we appreciate your continued support. **A Ways & Means sheet with detailed information is enclosed in your packet.** Please bring your centerpiece into the main meeting room first thing Saturday morning so it can be enjoyed. The centerpiece drawing will be held during lunch on Saturday. **Please advise our Ways and Means chair of your donations by April 2, 2022.**

Deaneries and individuals are invited to participate in the **UGLY BAG AUCTION.** This is totally optional. Find the ugliest purse you can and fill it with new *unused* items with a minimum value of \$25. The purses will be part of the silent auction, so make them fun! All purses should be tagged with the donor's name and its value; the contents remain a surprise!

WOMAN OF THE YEAR SELECTION AND PRESENTATION information is included in your packet. This information is also available on the DCCW website. **The name of your Woman of the Year, along with a brief biography which will be read during the banquet program and is due by March 20, 2022.**

Please note that the Woman of the Year and her family members and friends who are not registered with a Package A, and who wish to attend the banquet, must purchase a Package C (banquet only) registration. **All attendee names and registration fees must be included on the Convention Registration form, which is due by March 25, 2022. Please note this year we have added a Woman of the Year Registration form.** We cannot guarantee that names received after this deadline will be included in the convention program literature.

Reserved seating will again be used at the banquet. Seating will be by table number with 10 to a table. Tables will be assigned on a first-registration-received basis. .

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD-

Information and applications for the Affiliate of the Year Award have been sent to Deanery Presidents and affiliate presidents for 2022. The information is also posted on our website at www.dccwutah.org. **The deadline is midnight of March 1, 2022 with no exceptions.**

WHAT TO BRING TO CONVENTION- Once again, we will be collecting donations to assist those in need. All donations are appreciated and will be delivered to the appropriate agencies.

We will be collecting some of our usual items:

- Rosaries
- Eyeglasses
- Cancelled stamps (other than the Forever Flag stamps)
- Pull tabs from cans
- Mini Hygiene Products

There will be tables and boxes for these items in the Orion Room, adjacent to the Prayer Room.

For the Carmelite nuns: toilet paper, paper towels, sugar, Kleenex, 8 oz. canning jars (used or new). **There will be a table in the Raffle Room next to Carmelite Candy Sales**

For a Diocesan-wide Service Project this year, we will be collecting items for Catholic Community Services-Ogden Pantry Pack Program which services low-income elementary schools in Weber and Ogden School Districts. If you have this type of program in your schools in your region of the State, please donate these items for the students in your area. You can assemble a Pantry Pack in a gallon zip lock bag **OR** bring the individual items to Convention:

Gallon Zip Lock Bag, Instant Serving Meal (15 oz. can of ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.), tuna fish (5 oz. can), mac & cheese box, instant oatmeal packets, ramen noodles (3 oz. package), granola bar, fruit snacks pouch, applesauce (fruit cup or fruit squeeze), peanut butter or cheese crackers. **If you build your pantry packs,**

it is important to follow the list to ensure Pantry Packs are consistent and all children receive the same items.

CONVENTION DATES TO REMEMBER reminder card enclosed.

There is a lot to convention, and I hope you will join us to experience it all. Our committees and commissions are working overtime to provide a spiritual, educational, fun-filled weekend.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at beckyc144@gmail.com or the contact person listed on the flyers and forms.

We look forward to seeing you at the Sheraton on March 23-24, 2022 for our 93rd annual convention!

With humility and prayers,

Becky Colombo
DCCW President