

San Francisco Province Council of Catholic Women

September 9, 2023 DCCW Meeting

Good morning to all of you,

Last week we celebrated the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. Also known as Our Lady of Good Council. It is an honor for us to always remember to pray to Our Lady of Good Council. A perfect time to do so is either at the opening or closing of your meeting.

Last weekend, 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. I haven't had a chance to speak with any of you but I hope you all enjoyed it. The attendance included Board Members, 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 that other Dioceses don't have because of the Utah laws on gambling. Their Silent Auction raised over \$12,000, \$5,000 more than raised in Minnesota last year. 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.

One of the Gold Sponsors was the Cross Catholic Outreach who promotes the "Box of Joy". A few of our parishes already participate in providing a Box of Joy to a child in need at Christmas time. Last year Catholic Cross Outreach started another project of sending food overseas. 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 or food sharing. I put handouts on the table in back for all of you.

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 Service Commission. 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!

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