

While I won't be traveling down to our September Board Meeting in (I am hosting my parish's first council event after our summer break that same day), I do feel a bit like Johnny Cash because it seems like "I've Been Everywhere" for the MDR Team in the last few weeks.

On August 11, I spoke after the English and Spanish Sunday Masses at St. Martin de Porres Parish in Taylorsville. They have a great leader in Cabrini Riddle and their pastor Father Jan Bednarz is very supportive of Council and is excited to form a women's group at his parish. I was honored to represent the DCCW and bring the message of the Council of Catholic women to the over 70 women who attended the events.

A few days after my visit to Taylorsville , I headed east and closed out my summer vacation by attending the annual NCCW Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. I came back inspired and with some handy new tools to share with my Council Sisters, and with early plans for an MDR trip to the Eastern Deanery.

With new NCCW materials in hand, on September 16, I was the guest speaker for the Women of St. Francis (Orem) meeting. These ladies have a solid core group of members and are growing. I was pleased to offer them guidance on increasing and sustaining the great things they are doing for their parish. They have some future DCCW leaders in that parish!