



## President's Report

June 2022

Awe June. What a special month in our church. We celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the source and summit of our Catholic faith., June 19<sup>th</sup> (also Father's Day, coincidental, I think not) Given the astonishing survey that came out saying 70% of Catholic's do not believe in the "true Presence" of Jesus in the Eucharist, we are in dire need of the "Eucharistic Revival" the USSCB has called for the next 3 years. Women and especially Father's across the scope of the church need to be Spiritual leaders, leading the way, in their families, to Christ. It is proven that if the Father of the family does not lead spirituality, 95% of their children won't follow the Faith. It doesn't seem to matter how faithful the mother is. Why I'm not sure, Especially given the fact that every priest I know gives great kudos to their mother. We are truly a great influence in our children's lives, but Dads seem to be the unspoken hero. Let's get back on track. Pray, Pray, Pray.

June the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion. Have you said a Novena lately? I have found a wonderful site that helps make it easy to stay on track with your Novenas [PrayMoreNovenas.com](http://PrayMoreNovenas.com) Right now it is The Novena to the Sacred Heart. *"My Heart is so full of the love for men that it can no longer contain the flames of its burning love. I must discover to men the treasures of My Heart and save them from perdition."* as Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in a vision in 1673. Look up the 12 promises to those who devote themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Down to business. First, Thank you Becky Colombo for the past 2 years as DCCW President, you had an especially difficult tenure with all the Covid Chaos. Thanks for leading us so gracefully through the turmoil. I look forward to serving as your President the next 2 years. I am in awe of all the work you do for your parishes. Thank you and may God give us all the grace to continue. Thank you to all the women who have said yes, when asked to serve at the DCCW level. You are so appreciated by me and all who are the DCCW.

Second, I want to thank you for the great support given to Becky Colombo, and her leadership, making the 93<sup>rd</sup> DCCW Convention a great success. It was so good to see everyone enjoying the camaraderie at Convention. We had 252 pkg A, B, & C attendees plus 432 at the banquet. The Woman of the Year banquet, 27 honorees, was quite nice and ran smoothly, thank you Lydia Farnell and Susan Neilson for your hard work making it a success. "A Vision for the Future" is in the books. Good Job everyone who worked diligently behind the scenes to make it a success. There was a glitch with the vendors, Covid and inadvertent date mix-up, but I think it didn't put too much of a damper on the Convention.

Third, the loss of our dear Bobbie Hunt was heartbreaking, especially since we had COVID exposure at convention deterring her DCCW family from attending her funeral Mass. We want to honor her life and dedication to CCW, DCCW, & NCCW by having a “celebration of her life” during October, the month that recognizes the Council of Catholic Women throughout the nation. The details will be forthcoming, tentatively planned for October 8th. I hope all who were touched by Bobbie's beautiful spirit can and will attend.

Fourth, a busy year ahead. We will hold a Leadership training for all the affiliate, deanery and DCCW officers and Commission Chairs. Details are being worked out and the details will be sent out as soon as we have it set from the MDR team. September: the “Give me a Chance annual fundraiser “Enchantment in the Summer Garden” will be held the 10<sup>th</sup> in Ogden, then a DCCW board Meeting the 17th. October will be Council recognition Month, start thinking of ideas as to how to celebrate your women at your Parishes. Plus, Bobbie's Memorial.

November: **NCCW Convention, the 3-5<sup>th</sup>, in Minneapolis, MN** with Pat Voorhes, NCCW President at the helm and Amy Kennedy NCCW secretary. Jeanne Audiss will be installed as San Francisco Province Director. What a marvelous showing for our small Diocese of Salt Lake. We may be few, but we are a force to be reckoned with. I hope we have a good representation from Utah attending. Attendees are limited so register early, **Registration opens July 1, at NCCW.org**. AND GUESS WHAT! We are honored to be the next location for the 2023 NCCW Convention, August 24-26, at the new Hyatt Regency downtown SLC. Get ready ladies, here is your opportunity to attend NCCW right here in your backyard. Put those volunteer caps on and join in the fun and comradery of Catholic women from all over the nation. Sign up to volunteer. Contact me at [barb0235@msn.com](mailto:barb0235@msn.com) or Becky Hicks, SLC NCCW Convention volunteer coordinator, at [rfhicks50@gmail.com](mailto:rfhicks50@gmail.com) “Many hands make short work.”

January brings our DCCW Call to Convention board meeting and all that comes with preparations to make it successful. Work is ongoing throughout the year to coordinate it. More to come on this subject.

This doesn't include what all you lovely ladies do throughout the year at your affiliate levels. We are busy women, with JOY and love in our hearts. Keep on being AWESOME WOMEN OF FAITH!!

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Barb Kerouac



*Read Matthew 25: 14-30, [The Parable of the Talents](#)*

*Reflect: Am I giving God reasons to “react with Joy” as a result of how I am using my gifts? Are there ways that I can do more with the abilities God has given me? Sit in silence listening for God's voice.*

*Credit to: Faith-filled Catholic Women's Bible, “Joy”*