



*“Rejoice always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all
circumstances:
for this is God’s Will
for you in Christ Jesus”*

Thessalonians 5:16-18

November 19, 2022

President’s Report

DCCW Board Meeting

Where is time going? It seems we just met in September and here it is November. We have all been busy with Fall activities and soon Thanksgiving and Christmas will be upon us. I am so Thankful for all of you. You have blessed me with Hope, Faith, and Love. Hope of a bright future, faith in God’s providence, and love for His unending mercy and guidance. Be faith-filled women of the Holy Eucharist, let His graces fill your soul!

September 28th was the Pastoral meeting with Bishop Solis. DCCW Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Ariel Durian; NCCW President, Pat Voorhes; San Francisco Province Director elect, Jeanne Audiss; DCCW President elect, Carol Harley; DOM Becky Hicks; and myself attended. We presented our goals and budget. Bishop Solis was very supportive of the DCCW and encouraged us to continue our mission and service to our parishes. He was quite pleased that we are hosting the NCCW Convention to be held in August 2023 at the Hyatt Regency in Salt Lake City. He gave many ideas for fundraising for the convention. He graciously approved the diocesan annual gift to the DCCW, which will be used to support the DCCW projects.

October was Council of Catholic Women Recognition Month. We were blessed by a beautiful letter of support from Bishop Solis. We were able to publish that letter in the Intermountain Catholic in both English and Spanish. I emailed copies to each parish hoping to have it either read at Mass or inserted into their bulletins. I hope each affiliate was able to honor the women of their parishes during the month of October. Please contact the Intermountain Catholic with your pictures and activities. We were also finally able to honor Bobbie Hunt with a Memorial Mass and celebration of life on Oct 8, in her home parish of St. Rose of Lima. Fr. Vidal and Fr. Sandoval officiated. The women of St. Rose of Lima provided a very nice luncheon and we were finally able to give Bobbie a proper memorial for her many years of service to the CCW, DCCW, and NCCW. Her family was so appreciative and said it was so very nice to be able to remember her in such a way that they could appreciate it without the shock and initial grief immediately after her passing.

November brought the NCCW Convention, ‘NCCW Wide open hearts: abiding in Faith, Hope, and Love.’ in Minneapolis, MN. 15 Utahans attended with President Pat Voorhes (St. Vincent’s Parishioner) presiding and Amy Kennedy (Cathedral of Madeleine parishioner), NCCW recording Secretary. Jeanne Audiss was honored with the NCCW Our Lady of Good Council award. The OLGC Award is awarded to an individual who exemplifies the qualities of NCCW and its mission of supporting, empowering, educating women in spirituality, leadership and service. Jeanne was selected (blind-selection process) from a field of 8 nominees as the National Recipient. Jeanne was also installed as the new San Francisco Province Director. We are so honored and blessed to have Jeanne as a member of our DCCW. Congratulations Jeanne!

In addition, as the hosting DCCW for the 2023 NCCW Convention we were given the task of doing the Call to convention. The Eastern Deanery Ladies came up with a great song for us to perform. It did not



disappoint, everyone we talked to thought it was one of the best “call to convention” skits ever. Fr. Ariel was such a good BEE. The BEE attitudes would not have been the same without him and Cleo Mato in their BEE Costumes. Thanks for your support and participation Father Ariel.

I sure wish you all could have seen us in action, thank you to all those who participated, 15 strong. It was so much fun. Our little worker BEE swarm was a hit. Thank you, Eastern Deanery, especially Michael and Erin O’Shea, for putting this together. You made the Salt Lake City DCCW proud!!Becky Hicks, Bonnie Siegrist and I were able to

meet with our counterparts to review what worked and what didn’t work for the Minnesota hostesses. They were so willing to share and give their support to us. Now to put it all into action. Get ready ladies we have big shoes to fill to make the Salt Lake NCCW Convention as successful. Pat Voorhes did an amazing job. The convention ran very smoothly and the speakers were amazing. It leaves my heart full. Inspirational, Spiritual, educational presentations were given throughout the convention. The Blessed Carlos Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Display was such a gift to take part in, what an amazing young man of our times. I hope all of the women of Utah and the surrounding areas take full advantage of the NCCW convention location here and work to attend such a wonderful Catholic event.

Cherri Delgado submitted her letter of resignation after the September meeting. Becky Colombo as Immediate Past President was charged with opening nominations for the position. Nominees will be presented, voted on, and installed at the November meeting. Thank you, Cherri, for your service and dedication to the DCCW the past two and a half years. We wish you all the best in your upcoming move to Arizona. May God bless you with all your needs and graces according to His will. We will miss you.

DCCW Convention guidelines have been finalized, Bylaws and Standing Rules revisions, and the new Convention Sponsor guidelines will be presented for discussion. I hope all of you will read them and provide constructive input. Dawn Haberkorn (Leadership chair), Kathy Fazio, Becky Colombo, Cheryl Johnson, Karen Fawbush, and Kirsten Mele are the committee who have reviewed and made the suggested changes. Thank you for your hours of dedication revising, updating, and creating these documents to guide us.

We have the Diocesan CFO, Candace Greenwald, and Sarah Nieman coming to answer questions about affiliate bank account reporting. All Affiliate presidents and treasurers are invited to attend. We need to be following the diocesan rule in order to be under the Parish FEIN, for nonprofit status.

All the Affiliates are busy with events, fundraisers, plus usual activities. I am so grateful for your dedication to support our priests and parishes. Happy Thanksgiving. You are amazing women of God. Thank you for your yes, (FIAT) to serve one another and your communities. Embark on a great spirit filled Advent in preparation of a Blessed Christmas. May God bless you all this Christmas Season and throughout the new year.

Respectfully yours in Christ, Barb Kerouac

“You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run.” St. Augustine