

San Francisco Province Council of Catholic Women

April 26, 2024 DCCW Meeting

The National Council of Catholic Women has not met since our last DCCW meeting. However, the San Francisco Province did have their Annual Province Meeting/Gathering on February 23rd – 25th at the Marriot University Park Hotel. We had a great turn out. We had beautiful prayer services led by Susan Neilson. Finding Mary in the Desert and Mary's Way of the Cross Stations were exceptional.

Michael O'Shea serves as the Province Secretary and Casey Pond serves as the Province Treasurer. Becky Columbo arranged a beautiful fundraiser with lots of great gifts. It was very successful because both donors and buyers were very generous.

The focus this year was past NCCW Resolutions. We had speakers from the Utah Attorney General's Office presenting on the "Dark Side of Technology" – Predators, Sexting, and Cyberbullying. Their information was excellent and very eye opening. We had a speaker address Restorative Justice. We then had speakers from Catholic Community Services who spoke on the St Vincent's Kitchen Academy's program for teaching Sous Chef skills to low-income clients and two speakers from the Foster Care Program addressing issues of life after Foster Care. Sunday speakers all focused on Mary, the Eucharist, Lectio Devina Prayer, and Nat-Su Healthcare and healing our indigenous brothers and sister using cultural traditions.

We had representatives from the San Francisco ArchDCCW, the Santa Rosa DCCW, and of course many from our very own Salt Lake DCCW. We attended Mass at the Cathedral on Saturday.

Our next Gathering will be held during our National Council of Catholic Women Convention being held at the Omni Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City on August 13th through the 17th. I hope to see many of you there.

May you all continue to be blessed by God's Peace and Grace!

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