

Fall has arrived. Still up and down temps, but what a beautiful time of the year. I love the Fall as it brings cooler weather and the bounty from our gardens and crops. It gives such a great sense of accomplishment.

I have been relieved of so many duties as president, what a relief to say the least, but it seems as though I should be doing more.

Annette Pressley, Bonnie Siegrist, Susan Porter, and myself were able to represent the DCCW at the Utah Catholic Conference on September 21. We (the DCCW) had a vendor table with information about DCCW and our work within the Diocese. Many women stopped to inquire; I hope this provides a seed to grow upon. We are putting a face to the DCCW by being able to have informational booths at Diocesan events. The event was great with many interesting speakers, presentations, vendors, and sense of community for our Utah Catholics. I recommend attending this next year if you have a chance.

May I reiterate the importance of reading and knowing our Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Convention guidelines as DCCW board members. This is a recommendation for all Deanery Presidents and Officers as well as the DCCW Board. They are the rules and guidance for smooth operation of our organization. There are still times I refer to them for understanding and clarification. The next month they will be reviewed, revised, and presented for vote...know what you are voting on, come that time. After all, it is an election year in our Nation, I hope and pray that you do your due diligence for your choices, just as you should do for our organization. Just a quick plug, as chair of the nominating committee for the next officer candidates, please consider saying "yes" when asked to run for one of the positions on the DCCW board. Just like all elections, it is nice to have choices. If you are even slightly interested, please reach out to me, your Deanery President, or DCCW board member ..... all of whom you can find on the current roster. Having held many of the positions in leadership, let me tell you it is very rewarding. The most rewarding part is getting to know so many wonderful Catholic women and share our Faith. Lifetime friendships are formed.

May God bless you all!

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us.

Humbly yours in Christ  
Barb Kerouac, IPP DCCW

*Daily Prayer; International Pilgrim Virgin of Our Lady of Fatima Statue*

*" Make of everything you can a sacrifice,  
and offer it to God as and act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended,  
and in supplication for the conversion of sinners.  
You will thus draw down peace upon your country.  
(Angel of Peace, 1916)*