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DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marcie Downs — St. Olaf, Bountiful, Parishioner

I like things that are simply *short and sweet*, but life is definitely not patterned this way. Life is full of obstacles, adventures, happiness, and sadness. As Catholic women, we unite with one another to become stronger, educated women on all levels of spirituality, leadership, and service. I love life; sometimes it is hard, sometimes it is simple. I love being a Catholic woman, and I love my Council sisters. This year we said good-bye to two of our Council sisters and one most-loved Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. Bob. I am such a lucky person to have known these individuals and shared the bond of council work with them. I keep this little saying close by – “Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day.” So Mary, Anne and dear Msgr. Bob, we will miss you this convention, but we know you will be watching over us and guiding us on our way.

Heartprints

*Whatever our hands touch – we leave fingerprints!
On walls, on furniture, doorknobs, dishes, books - there’s no escape,
As we touch we leave our identity.
Oh God, wherever I go today, help me leave heartprints!
Heartprints of compassion, of understanding and love,
Heartprints of kindness and genuine concern.
May my heart touch a lonely neighbor, a runaway daughter,
An anxious mother, or perhaps even a friend.
Lord, send me out today to leave heartprints.
And if someone should say “I felt your touch”,
May that one sense YOUR LOVE touching them through me!*

Author unknown

May you all find *Joy, Happiness, Wisdom* and may our convention attendees
“Be Full of Joy” at our 90th Annual DCCW Convention.

With much gratitude,

Marcie

DCCW 2016-2018 President



DCCW SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Father Reynado “Rene” Rodillas — St. Olaf, Bountiful, Pastor

THE JOY OF PRIESTHOOD

Several years ago, while I was serving in Epiphany Church in San Francisco, Sister Paula, an elderly nun who attended Mass every morning, approached me and said, “Father, there is something that I have noticed. Even while you celebrate Mass, your eyes are smiling, and it seems to me that you have a joyful attitude about life! It seems as though you don’t have problems at all. You must be so contented with your life?” I told her that I thank God because he has given me a smiling face and smiling eyes.” Frankly though, all of us, with no exceptions, have our own personal worries and cares. Parents worry about how to raise their children, how to provide for their needs, how to be good examples to them, etc. As a priest, I also have my own share of worries and problems, both vocational and personal. If people see joy in my eyes, it is because when I have these concerns, I always go back to my Galilee.



When I am confronted with personal concerns, I always say to myself, “this too shall come to pass”. Sometimes it is not easy to do that, because in reality, when we are confronted with problems, we have a tendency to dwell on the problem, rather than focusing on finding a solution to it. And we often keep our problems to ourselves. Many times, it feels like the problem does not come to an end. It seems like there is no light at the end of the tunnel; as if it is the end of the world for us. Actually, it is not. There is always the light after the darkness, if we allow Jesus to journey with us. We are not alone! Jesus walks with us in good times and in bad. We just need to recognize his presence, even in the midst of trials and difficulties in life.

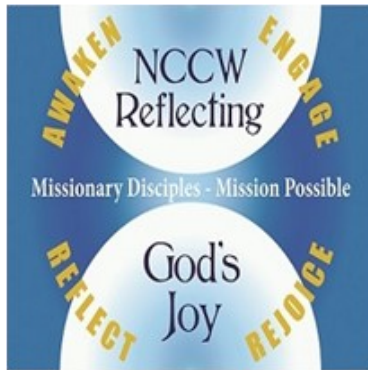
There is a story of a blind man, who sat on the sidewalk every day asking for alms. His sign read: “Help me, I am blind!” People passing by vaguely notice him. Then one day, a good Samaritan took pity on him and changed his sign. It caught people’s attention and donations came flowing in. The new sign read: “It’s a beautiful day, and I can’t see it!”. Even the blind man knows that there is light out there. So when we are weighed down with a lot of concerns, we need not worry, no matter how heavy they may be. These concerns, too, shall come to pass. Just trust in the Lord and be joyful.

When I am confronted with ministerial issues, and there are issues too heavy to carry, I always go back to the day I first said “yes” to the Lord. I bravely left my family, the people dear to me and my career and profession. I tread the path not too many men would travel, when I promised from my heart and free-will to follow where the Lord would lead me. Serving the Lord in the ministerial priesthood gives joy to my heart. This way may not be the most materially rewarding vocation, but the joy of celebrating the Eucharist alone is enough reward for me, which cannot be compared with any material possessions. This, along with the joy of giving absolution to the sinner, accompanying the dying in their last moments of life, listening to people’s pain and heartaches and comforting the broken-hearted, in spite of my own brokenness and woundedness. I am so grateful the Lord called me to be his servant-priest, to help lead people to their eternal salvation. These are the sources of my joy, springing forth from serving the Lord through his people. No one can take that joy away from me, because it’s a kind of joy that comes from deep within the core of my being, deep within my heart where my gracious Lord resides.



National Council of Catholic Women
SAN FRANCISCO PROVINCE DIRECTOR
Pat Voorhes — St. Vincents, Murray, Parishioner

Does anyone remember the opening of the spy thriller Mission Impossible series? “Good morning, Mr. Phelps. This is your mission should you choose to accept it...” The theme song is engaging and thrilling. Think of the song when I say to you:



Good morning CCW women. Your mission should you choose to accept it is to head to Pittsburgh August 29th-September 1st, 2018 for the 98th Annual NCCW Convention. Come to AWAKEN your knowledge of Council; ENGAGE in the many learning and fun activities; REFLECT on God's joy as we REJOICE in being part of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Every new NCCW individual membership paid for this weekend entitles you to a chance at the free convention registration (\$300.00 value), lodging 8/29-9/1 (\$500.00 value), and a banquet ticket (\$82.00 value). Drawing to be held at the June NCCW BOD meeting.

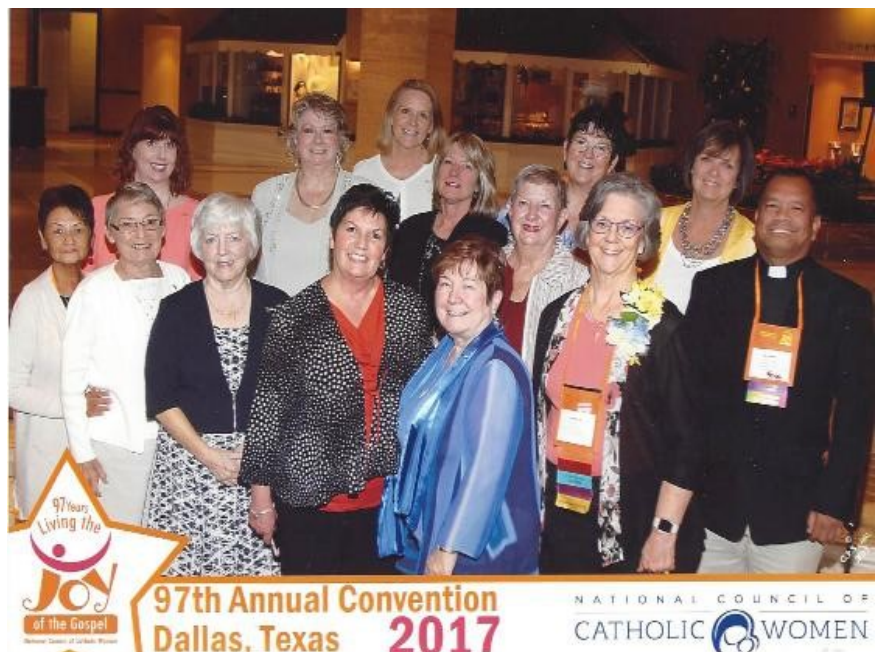
Gift a membership to yourself, your daughter, your mother, your friend

If you enter this weekend at our DCCW convention, you also win a chance at the NEW Our Lady of Good Counsel Rosary drawing that will be on Sunday during the raffles.

Stop by the NCCW display or give me your individual membership form in your packets when you see me.



**FUN GROUP OF ATTENDEES AT LAST YEAR'S
NCCW CONVENTION IN DALLAS.**



DETAILS OF THE 2018 CONVENTION INCLUDING SPEAKERS, SCHEDULES, REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE NCCW WEBSITE: **NCCW.ORG**. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, WITH THE SALT LAKE GROUP CONTACT: PRESIDENT-ELECT, CASEY POND: **CASEY.POND@COMCAST.NET**



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

Casey Pond — St. Olaf, Bountiful, Parishioner

The joy of Easter, the joy of the Gospel, the joy of Christ's love –
how can we not **Be Full of Joy?**

As we wrap up another DCCW year, we look back on all the good that's happened in our parish and deanery Councils and look forward to continuing the positive and repairing the negative. We celebrate our successful prayer services, fund-raisers, social events, and educational opportunities and rethink events that need strengthening or revamping.

This is a good time of year, also, to do some personal introspection. Who and what brings you joy? Are you nourishing the relationships you have with people you care about and making efforts to stay involved in activities that make you happy? Were mistakes made last year? If so, how can you help correct them to make things better? Perhaps take a little time to think about your strengths and weaknesses and what you have to offer, then regroup, reevaluate, reprioritize, and recommit. Pope Francis understands that not all will be perfect in our lives: "With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, He makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew. Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than His life, which impels us onwards!" - and which brings us joy.

On a personal note, thank you to all who have supported me these last two years as I served as your 1st vice-president. After all these years, I have learned even more about Council, about people, about living the Faith, and about the joy of being a Catholic woman in service with other Catholic women. My primary responsibility is listed as the Convention co-chair, and to compile and produce the printed materials for Convention. With that, my heart has been gladdened by the beautiful tributes, congratulations, and thank-you ads placed in last and this year's Convention program books which I know bring joy to the people those ads honor.

Again, from Pope Francis: "Let us ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate the fruit of Gospel Joy within us. Let us embrace by grace the way of humility and find the happiness of heaven - beginning right here on earth." And let us go forward into our new Council year ready to serve God, the Church, our Councils, and each other with sincere and joyful hearts.

God bless you,
Casey



DCCW TREASURER

Becky Hicks — Blessed Sacrament, Sandy, Parishioner

I would like everyone to know how much I appreciated working with Bishop Solis and staff in the office of the Diocese of Salt Lake City; our Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Rene Rodillas; San Francisco Province Director, Pat Voorhes; DCCW's Advisory Board Members, Executive Board Officers, Commission Chairs, Standing Committee Members, and the Deanery Presidents & Representatives. I am very proud of the continuing accomplishments made by the members of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.
Becky Hicks, DCCW Treasurer 2016-18.





SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Barb Kerouac — Sts. Peter and Paul, West Valley, Parishioner

Welcome to the 90th DCCW Convention!!

We again have so many beautiful donated items in the “Raffle Room”. Please check out all the creative, colorful, warm fuzzy, delicate, quirky, inspirational, crafty, calming, self-help, spiritual, beautiful, doable, heart-felt, just to name a few, items in the Raffle room. Even the “Ugly Bags” are over the top. You out do yourselves when it comes to creating your donations. We always have wonderful support from not only you, but also the community. Our Community Businesses, Arts, and Sports Venues have always been so generous not only for the raffle items donated, but in our program ads, please support them throughout the year.

It has been a JOY to serve as the 2nd VP of the DCCW the past 2 years. I have met so many wonderful ladies from across the state. Your generosity has humbled me, because without your generosity, my job would have been daunting. You have all made it so easy and because of your generosity the fundraiser at convention is a huge success. I thank God for all your support and ask that HE continues to bless each of you. I am so pleased to be a part of this great organization and hope all of you will consider taking on bigger roles in your Affiliate CCW's, Deanery CCW, and of course the DCCW. All the wonderful relationships that you form, and of course, all the generous Catholic Women of our Diocese, make the leadership positions easier than you think.

MENTOR:

learning from
someone who
wants you to grow



There are so many resources and Mentors available, that even if you feel unsure or lost in the steps to take, someone is there to reassure, teach, suggest, and point you down the right path. We truly live the mission of Supporting, Empowering, and Educating women to be all they can be in the service of the Lord. We are never alone.

Have a Joy filled Convention!

Barb Kerouac



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT/NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Bonnie Siegrist — Blessed Sacrament, Sandy, Parishioner

Wow! It's hard to believe another CCW council year is ending. New DCCW officers and deanery presidents will be installed at the end of our convention this weekend. For the last two years I've focused my articles on encouraging ladies to “step out of the box” and run for office at the parish, deanery or DCCW level.

We have a wonderful slate of DCCW officers, who will be presented to the convention assembly during Sunday's installation. I want to thank each nominee for their willingness to take the step and commit. Additionally, I want to thank everyone who submitted names to the Nominating Committee and the following ladies for serving on the committee: Angela Martinez, Michael O'Shea (Eastern Deanery), Barbara Larsen (Northern Deanery), Donna Dischbein (Southwestern Deanery), Jeanne Audiss (Salt Lake Deanery), Susan Porter (Wasatch Deanery).

At the close of convention, President-Elect Casey Pond takes the presidential reins. She, as well as the newly installed deanery presidents, will be looking for ladies to fill positions on their 2018-2020 boards. In order to grow, we need your voice. We need new voices from ladies with new ideas. So, at the risk of being the proverbial broken record, my parting words (at least as Immediate Past President!) are to encourage you to always look forward in your council journey. Help unite our voices in leading the organizations of Catholic women in Utah.

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same spirit; there are different
forms of service but the same Lord.*

Corinthians 1 2:4-5





DIRECTOR OF MEETINGS/ WOMAN OF THE YEAR CHAIR

Bobbie Hunt — St. Rose of Lima, Layton, Parishioner

We Have Come a Long Way

This year our Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women is celebrating 90 years of coming together as Catholic women in the State of Utah. Our conventions have come a long way. My first DCCW convention was a one day meeting and it was held at Notre Dame School auditorium in Price. Having just moved to Utah it was a joyful experience being with so many Catholic women coming together to celebrate their faith and their sisterhood. Somewhere in the early to mid-eighties our conventions had outgrown our parish auditoriums and social centers. They also went from one day to two days. Our numbers grew and so we had to find a hotel that could hold all of our attendees, which was a great thing. Our numbers this year for Saturday are over 300 and our Women of the Year banquet is over 500. Thanks to the Judge Memorial High School bus staff we are able to attend Mass at our beautiful Cathedral of the Madeleine and not in the hotel as in days gone by. Yes we have come a long way.

Things that have never changed over the past 90 years is our joy at coming together in sisterhood as Catholic Women in Utah, sharing the beauty of each other. Coming together to celebrate our faith with Mass and the lovely prayer services. Coming together to delight in our friendships and learn from our speakers. When I was the National Council of Catholic Women President the theme for my 2009 convention was "Moving Forward with Faith and Joy" I believe that is exactly what the Salt Lake DCCW has done through the years and now at our 90th convention we are still women of faith and women of joy celebrating being "Full of Joy."

Much time and energy has gone into this convention. Your DCCW Board and your Convention Committee have put many hours into making this a beautiful, welcoming and **joyful** weekend.

May God bless our time together and may we go home with much joy and energized to continue our work serving Our Lord, our Diocese, our Parish, our Community and our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Peace ~ Love ~ Joy ~ Happiness

Bobbie Hunt

Past NCCW President/ Director of Meetings

When you wish someone joy, you wish them peace, love, prosperity, happiness... all the good things.

Maya Angelou

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

DCCW Board Meeting: Apr. 27, 2018

Sheraton City Center, SLC

DCCW Convention Apr. 28-29, 2018

Sheraton City Center, SLC

DCCW Board Meeting: June 2, 2018

Northern Deanery

NCCW Convention: Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2018

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Details: nccw.org





CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

Ernie Folks — Mary Valerio
St. Peters, American Fork, Parishioners



2018 DCCW CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP

“THANK YOU”

TO EVERYONE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE
FOR SIXTEEN WOMEN TO ATTEND THE
2018 DCCW CONVENTION. ELEVEN OF
THOSE WOMEN ALSO RECEIVED A
HOTEL SPONSORSHIP

Ernie Folks and Mary Valerio
Sponsorship Co-chairpersons

THANK YOU to our 2016-2018 DCCW Officers for two wonderful years!

Marcie Downs—
President

Casey Pond—
1st VP/Pres. Elect
Barb Kerouac—2nd VP
Kathy Fazio—Secretary
Becky Hicks—Treasurer

The greatest gift you can
give someone is your time.
Because when you give
your time, you are giving
a portion of your life that
you will never get back.

We must find time to
STOP & THANK
the people who make a
DIFFERENCE
in our lives.

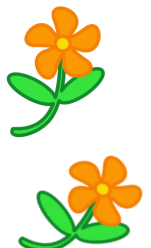
John F. Kennedy

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DCCW MISSION STATEMENT

To unite Catholic women's organizations and individual Catholic women in the state of Utah, Diocese of Salt Lake City, in purpose, through **support, empowerment, and education** in the areas of **spirituality, leadership** and **service** and respond with Christian values to current issues in the church and society.





DCCW PARLIAMENTARIAN

Jeanne Audiss — St. Peter & Paul,
West Valley, Parishioner

Robert's Rules of Order

- Why do we use Robert's Rules of Order?
 - Due process
 - Enable everyone present to participate
 - Make decisions with clarity
 - Ensure that the majority decides but the minority is heard
 - Facilitate meetings effectively



ROBERTS RULES CHEAT SHEET

To:	You say:	Interrupt Speaker	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Needed
Adjourn	"I move that we adjourn"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Recess	"I move that we recess until..."	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Complain about noise, room temp., etc.	"Point of privilege"	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Decides
Suspend further consideration of something	"I move that we table it"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
End debate	"I move the previous question"	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Postpone consideration of something	"I move we postpone this matter until..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	"I move that this motion be amended by..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Introduce business (a primary motion)	"I move that..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

The above listed motions and points are listed in established order of precedence. When any one of them is pending, you may not introduce another that is listed below, but you may introduce another that is listed above it.

To:	You say:	Interrupt Speaker	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Needed
Object to procedure or personal affront	"Point of order"	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides
Request information	"Point of information"	Yes	No	No	No	None
Ask for vote by actual count to verify voice vote	"I call for a division of the house"	Must be done before new motion	No	No	No	None unless someone objects
Object to considering some undiplomatic or improper matter	"I object to consideration of this question"	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Take up matter previously tabled	"I move we take from the table..."	Yes	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider something already disposed of	"I move we now (or later) reconsider our action relative to..."	Yes	Yes	Only if original motion was debatable	No	Majority
Consider something out of its scheduled order	"I move we suspend the rules and consider..."	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Vote on a ruling by the Chair	"I appeal the Chair's decision"	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority

The motions, points and proposals listed above have no established order of preference; any of them may be introduced at any time except when meeting is considering one of the top three matters listed from the first chart (Motion to Adjourn, Recess or Point of Privilege).



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RESOURCE TEAM

Amy Kennedy, Chair — Cathedral of the Madeleine Parishioner

My MDR Co-chair, Anne Smith, left us too soon in February 2018. I still cannot fully comprehend that I will not be seeing my beautiful friend at Convention and hearing about her latest adventures. This first solo Aware article since Anne's passing was a hard one to write; computer screens are harder to see through tears, and I am a bit out of practice writing the Aware articles for the MDR Committee. You see, within hours of receiving notice of an article submission deadline, Anne would already have a draft article ready to go. She was always full of new ideas and enthusiasm to share with her Council sisters. Ever a teacher and an artist at heart, Anne always had a beautiful lesson to share with us.



Anne Smith

It is fitting that this Convention is being hosted by the Southwest Deanery, as Anne Smith played an integral part in the official formation of this deanery. As I was preparing to finish my term as DCCW President in 2014, Anne agreed to co-present a leadership workshop with me in Hurricane for close to 30 women. I confess that I did not know Anne very well prior to working with her on this workshop. By the time of our presentation, I knew all about PowerPoint - I did not know how to use or create a PowerPoint at that time but Anne taught me - and I learned firsthand what an amazing talent Anne was. Seeing her present was a treat and her natural talent for teaching and engaging radiated throughout the day. Our road trip weekend ended not only with the official formation of the Southwest Deanery but also with the formation of a dear friendship and a partnership that would continue for the next four years as co-chairs of the MDR Committee.

Anne's loss is immeasurable but her lasting legacy will never be far from any DCCW event. As we gather this Convention weekend, let us cherish each other and remember Anne with these four words that I think so beautifully represent her: **Live, Learn, Laugh, and Love!**



SALT LAKE DEANERY

Margaret Cragin-Masarone, President
Sts. Peter and Paul, West Valley City, Parishioner

The Salt Lake Deanery had another great Spring Luncheon celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in March. Our guest speaker was Maria Cruz Gray, the Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Salt Lake. Mrs. Gray spoke on V Encuentro, the Fifth Encounter.



You have probably heard about it but skipped the information in the Intermountain Catholic since it involves the Hispanic and Latino Ministries in the United States. Actually, it involves all of us. We are being invited to participate by encountering Hispanic and Latino Catholics, particularly those living in the periphery. The main goal of V Encuentro is to discern ways in which the Church in the United States can better respond to the Hispanic and Latino presence, and to strengthen the ways in which Hispanics and Latinos

respond to the call to the New Evangelization as missionary disciples serving the entire Church.

Hispanics in Utah have grown to an estimated 411,143 members in 2015; this is approximately 13.7% of the population. They are the single largest minority in Utah. Hispanics bring a rich cultural heritage to Utah and a strong, vibrant faith to the Catholic Church in Utah.

The New Evangelization of the Church calls us to a loving encounter with Jesus through our neighbors, even the neighbors who do not speak our language or look like us. We are called with words and actions to walk with Jesus and our neighbors. V Encuentro provides us with a process and tools to extend a loving hand to Hispanics and Latinos in our parish communities. Rather than turning our backs and shunning our neighbors, perhaps it is time to open hearts and extend a warm welcome.



LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

Becky Colombo, Chair — St. Anthony of Padua, Helper, Parishioner
Pat Musich, Co-Chair — St. Helen's, Roosevelt, Parishioner

This Leadership report covers the time frame of June 2017 through April 2018. During that time, the Leadership Chair and Co-Chair selected a committee to update the Sponsorship Application for DCCW, the DCCW Sponsorship Guidelines, and the Standing Rules for Sponsorship. There was a small change in wording for the sponsorship application and guidelines. The wording was changed to read that “**Sponsorships are for packages A, B, C (only in combo with Package B or D), and up to one-half hotel room for one night**”. This change was made to clarify the inclusion of the banquet with B or D, since Package A already includes the banquet.

An idea was proposed this year to create a sponsorship program for one woman's registration to the annual NCCW Convention. It was suggested to the membership at the DCCW meeting at St. Ambrose Parish on January 27, 2018. I handed out a list of pro's and con's for the membership to ponder and take back to their councils to discuss. There was no decision made on that day regarding this proposed sponsorship. It would have to be written, voted on, and put into action for the NCCW Convention in 2019, since it was proposed so late in the year. This sponsorship was suggested since DCCW is in good shape financially and could provide assistance to send a member to attend National for the purpose of education in leadership and spiritual growth.

Our Mission as the Council of Catholic Women is to support, empower, and educate Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership, and service.

The “Throw Down Challenge” was created a few years ago to increase attendance at the DCCW Convention in April. I included this in my annual report last year, and some may think this is like a broken record, but others may not have heard of the challenge. Any affiliate or group who increases their number of women attending the convention from the previous year earns a raffle ticket for each additional attendee. Those tickets are submitted to a drawing to win one free Package A registration to the next year's convention, and a second drawing for one free Package B registration. Last year's drawing winners were St. Vincent DePaul Parish for the Package A registration, and St. Joseph the Worker Parish for the Package B registration. This was an awesome idea to increase attendance and was created by Kathy Fazio from Christ the King Parish, Cedar City, when she was the DCCW Leadership Chair.

My reports during the year were written from articles in the NCCW *Catholic Woman* magazine and the NCCW *Connect* Bulletin. I wrote about the gifts that Council has given to us as individuals; building trust within your council groups; mentoring other council members, and the empowerment of women in your local groups and around the world. We all know the power the “Me Too” movement has had across our nation and throughout the world. What better way to show the empowerment of women when we join forces? There have been many women, who have mentored and inspired me over the years in leadership skills and confidence and made me thankful to be a part of the Council of Catholic Women. I hope my reports this year for DCCW have enlightened or educated women in their councils.

**THERE IS NO TOOL
FOR DEVELOPMENT
MORE EFFECTIVE
THAN THE
EMPOWERMENT OF
WOMEN**

-Kofi Annan



I will end my report by saying we were all saddened over the loss of one of our past DCCW presidents, Mary Adams, and also one of our Membership Development and Resource Team Chairs, Anne Smith. Both of these women were great leaders and dynamic personalities in our council. May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them.



SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

Susan Espinoza, Chair — Suzie Brown, Co-Chair
St. Joseph the Worker, West Jordan, Parishioners

Prayer:

There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage 'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.' Springtime is a season of optimism and hope, and the Christian lives a faith centered on hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone, just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond. We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you, Lord, for the hope that you bring, the renewal that you bring, both to this world and to our hearts and lives.



"Just as there are seasons in the world around us, so there are in our interior life," Teresa of Avila wisely observed. "We cannot expect it to be otherwise."

Spring is a season of renewal and rebirth - as outside, so inside. Spring is a time for making way for fresh possibilities and new commitments. It's a time to revive our senses and expand our horizons. It's a time to begin again, a time for opening windows, turning soil, planting seeds.

Praying with Seeds

It is also an ideal time for praying. In fact, prayer can be especially invigorating during this season by attaching it to three activities in particular.

Seed Prayers

Jesus once told a parable about a sower who scattered seeds on different types of soil. In His story, the seeds represented words (see Mark 4:14). So, one way to pray this spring is to make the seeds you plant - whether in a planter, a garden or field - into prayers. You might attach a name to each seed, praying for a different person as you poke the seed into soil. Or you might pray a different prayer with each different kind of seed you plant - say, a prayer of praise as you plant flowers, intercession for others as you plant vegetables, etc.

Feed Prayers

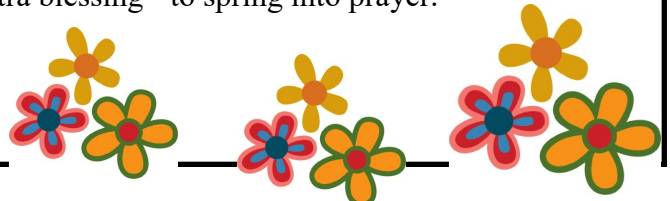
Spring is also a great time to feed birds and other wild animals. So you may wish to fill your bird feeder as you pray, "God, just as you feed the birds of the air who do not sow or reap or store away in barns, please provide my family's needs" (see Matthew 6:26). Or you might scatter bread or crackers for wildlife while praying for the hungry, or [donate](#) to a food pantry or soup kitchen along with a prayer for those in need, or better yet, volunteer at a feeding program near you.

Good Deed Prayers

One of the best prayers you can offer is to reach out and do something kind for another human being. Take a plate of cookies to a new neighbor with a prayer for their home on a note card. Visit a friend in the hospital or nursing home and pray (silently or audibly) for comfort and healing. Write and send a prayer to a service member on overseas duty. Pick up trash on a roadside or in a parking lot while praying Psalm 51:10 ("Create in me a clean heart, O God"). Call someone who is lonely. Leave an extra-generous tip for your restaurant server as a prayer for his or her well-being.

You may want to alternate "seed prayers," "feed prayers" and "good deed prayers" over the course of the next few days or weeks. Or you may try to include one each in your routine every day. Whatever you choose, it takes just a little extra effort - and brings much extra blessing - to spring into prayer.

Praying with Seeds from www.guidepost.org





SERVICE COMMISSION

Lisa Adamson, Chair — St. Olaf, Bountiful, Parishioner

Dear Council Sisters,

As I finish my two-year term as the Service Commission Chair for the DCCW, I am in awe by the service that the women of our parishes are accomplishing every day for those in need. It has been my pleasure to serve alongside the women of the DCCW.

Last year our service project for the DCCW was centered around feeding the hungry children around our state. As you will remember, over 175 boxes of food were delivered to pantries in various counties for distribution to children with food insecurities. Your response to this collection was incredible.

This year our project was focused on people affected by domestic violence. Eight shelters were chosen from around the state and a list was compiled of needed items. Once again, the response was so generous. I would like to share with you the what some of our parishes did for this cause.



Saint Peter's reported their project was held during Lent and was titled "Under the Clothes, Over the Toes," and included their Hispanic families. Debajo la Ropa, Sobre los Dedos dei Pie. The items collected went to the South Valley Sanctuary in West Jordan. Inclusion of all our women is so important and builds our CCW communities. Such a beautiful success story.

The women of Saint Vincent de Paul further helped the South Valley Sanctuary when they hosted a speaker from their shelter and donated items from their wish list. Later, they went on a tour of their space and donated more items. The countless people these two parishes helped is immeasurable.

"The one thing you can always count on from the ladies of the CCW is their benevolent nature." So it is with the women of Holy Family in South Ogden. They donate each year to the local Catholic Community Services pantry. The hygiene and personal items they collected over the year numbered in the hundreds. What an impact this will have on countless recipients.

The women of Christ the King in Cedar City donated cleaning materials and a large amount of copy paper to the Cedar City Women's Crisis Center. They also donated backpacks to the Southern Utah Family Support Center. They are filled with school supplies for children who need to be in a protected environment. They come to the shelter with nothing. I'm sure these centers are appreciative of the fabulous way our women serve others.

Saint Olaf in Bountiful participated in an interfaith service project to benefit the Safe Harbor Shelter in Davis County. We combined with the Episcopal Church, the Community Church and an LDS stake to sew 65 pairs of pajama pants, 200 blankets and collect pillows as well as cleaning supplies. We also filled 170 buckets of cleaning supplies for the Refugee Resettlement program and filled 1000 pantry packs for the hungry children for their weekend meal needs. This was a fantastic day of service.

After they hosted a speaker from the health department, Saint Anthony CCW ladies held a baby shower for the WIC program. They also learned about the "Clothesline" project which helps women and children of violence. They donated funds to help buy tee shirts that the victims decorate as part of the healing process. What a wonderful worthwhile service project.

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Service was also taking place at Saints Peter and Paul. A clothing drive was conducted in December and several bags were delivered to the YWCA shelter. These women come to them with nothing when they flee and these items are so needed.

The story from San Andres in Payson is heartwarming. After they received donated craft materials from their ladies, they made advent wreaths and sold them after masses and at meetings. The demand kept growing as the advent season continued and they sold 45 and proudly presented a check for \$850.00 to the Family Support and Treatment Center in Orem.

Saint Ambrose held their drive in December and their parish responded ten fold. It yielded a full truckload of items from our collections list delivered to the YWCA in Salt Lake. They were very excited and appreciative of the generous donation.

Wonderful things were being conducted at Saint John the Baptist in December. They collected many items for the Center for Women and Children in Crisis in Orem. They made 50 bracelets for the women and gave snowman candy tins to the children as well as pillows, bras, underwear for women and children, socks and tee shirts, sweat pants, journals, pens, and baby wipes. Another amazing success story for their shelter.

Works of service were also unfolding in Hurricane at the Saint Paul Catholic Center. Their women collected and delivered numerous items to the DOVE/Erin Kimball Center in October. They also cooked turkeys, breads and side dishes for the center for Thanksgiving. God willing, they will continue their projects year and year. The women of Saint George Catholic Church are also busy collecting items for the DOVE Center as well. Incredible acts of service always in the works.

We should all be proud of the fantastic things we are accomplishing in our communities. The ripple effect from our works will be felt near and far. Let us all remember those feelings of JOY and peace that come from sharing ourselves and helping others. As we move on through the years let us remember that children will continue to be hungry and women and children will continue to enter shelters for safety every day. God's blessings to them all.

Blessed to be among you,
Lisa Adamson



UNITE WITH COUNCIL SISTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON NCCW MONTHLY ROSARY CALL



On the 13th of every month, NCCW members are welcome to join Spirituality Commission Chair Mary Rowley in the rosary. Our first rosary call began on October 13th, 2017, the 100th anniversary of the miracle of the sun at Fatima. Unite with your council sisters across the country for this powerful prayer each month!

6:00 PM
Mountain Time

NCCW Members' Call Information

Call in number for all calls: (515) 739 - 1261 - Pin 703993#

Times are 5 pm (PT), **6 pm (MT)**, 7 pm (CT), and 8 pm (ET)

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2. When you join the call, please mute your phone by pressing *6. You can take the phone off mute if you wish to speak by pressing *6 again.



LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

Donna Murphy, Chair — St. Thomas More, Sandy, Parishioner



The legislative session was a long 45 day event starting on Jan. 25th and ending March 10th. There were 533 bills passed this session for the Governor to sign into law or to veto. There was much controversy about the House Bill 234 (HB) Utah Inland Port Authority Sponsored by Senator Stephenson. This bill created by the Legislature to create new authority to oversee development of a trade hub in the northwest quadrant of the state did pass and got signed into law by Governor Herbert.

Senate Bill 27 (SB) sponsored by Senator Todd Weiler, Republican (R) from District 23 worked together with Democrat (D) Rep. Angela Romero from District 26 as cosponsor to address Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and stalking Amendments. Rep. Robert Spendlove (R) from District 49 sponsored HB 33 Domestic Response Amendments with Senator Bramble (R) from District 16 did not pass the last night of the session.

There were a few issues which shaped this year's session, which included Medicaid expansion, a high suicide rate and medicinal marijuana. A partial Medicaid expansion included coverage to 70,000 low income adults. As per the *Salt Lake Tribune*, lawmakers have consistently refused to cover the state's "gap" population of 150,000 uninsured poor people who were supposed to gain Medicaid coverage under the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Obama care 8 years ago. Some legislators voiced concerns over the program's potential costs, despite the federal government paying 90% of the bill. Since there is a Medicaid expansion on the ballot this November which citizens can vote for as it includes the 150, 000 people in the gap without insurance and not require the approval of the federal government. This is unlike the Legislature's version.

Representative, (Rep.) Eliason sponsored HB 41 with Senator Dan Thatcher regarding Youth Suicide Task Force Amendments. Utah has had a near record year of youth suicide and legislators have worked tirelessly on bills with a task force aimed at tackling the issue. A bill targeted to direct schools to provide education and youth suicide prevention programs as well as to allow the Utah Office of the Medical Examiner to collect more data on suicide deaths was passed. There is also an app. In which a person can download on their cell phones titled SafeUt. This app. has 24 hours coverage by professional social workers employed by the University of Utah who can readily respond to these phone calls and has saved many youths from suicide. Data is being monitored from these crisis phone calls.

Approximately 400 deaths in Utah happened in 2016 from opioid addiction and this year legislators passed a bill requiring pharmacists to place labels on pill containers, warning of the risk of overdoses and addiction. Lawmakers passed a resolution to call on Utah Attorney General's office to sue large opioid manufacturers-a step several counties in Utah and around the country have already taken with along at least 16 states. Recently the Tribune posted an article about Salt Lake County District Attorney, Sim Gill with Mayor Ben McAdams, Sheriff Rosie Rivera and former Arizona Attorney Grant Woods who have filed a suit against Big Pharma. There are six pharmaceutical companies named as defendants in the lawsuit. They spoke about the opioid addiction's effect on crime and the strain it has put on the county's budget and jail. Gill claims that many people who use heroin in the county and across the nation started with prescription painkillers. Summit and Tooele counties filed lawsuits last month against many of the same countries and lawsuits are expected from Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Utah, Washington and Weber counties are expected to follow.

Abortion is always a heated subject and legislators heard two bills and one passed through the session as SB 118 Abortion Law Amendments which updates and improves the state's informed consent law. It replaces an outdated video and replaces it with online modules which are more accessible and easier to adapt. The concept is to help eliminate bias some women felt when speaking to their care providers about the old informed-consent pamphlets and video. The other abortion bill which did not pass was HB 205 Down Syndrome Nondiscrimination Abortion Act which was very controversial which would have made it a crime for a health care provider to perform an abortion if they knew the woman wanted to do so since the baby had been diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Legislative attorneys warned legislators this HB could be found as unconstitutional.

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HB 86 Manslaughter Amendments included verbiage how assisting suicide is a crime and includes doctor-assisted suicide being illegal as well. HB 86 protects doctors, who in accordance with Catholic teaching, may use pain relief medications and treatment procedures without intending to assist patient's suicide.

Some bills which helped the preferential option for the poor included waiving the \$20 fee for obtaining a birth certificate. HB 170 Licensing Fee Waivers Amendments, which waives the professional licensing for individuals receiving public assistance as this may reduce barriers to work did pass. Affordable housing in Utah is difficult to find as it is a critical issue and the \$100 million bond bill did not pass this session but legislators agreed to study the problem. The main SLC homeless shelter is scheduled to close in 2019. The legislature was unable to pass HB 148 Tax Revisions which would have eliminated the sales tax on food. HB 57 Utah Intergenerational Poverty Work and Self Sufficiency Tax Credit included an Earned Income Tax Credit for families living in intergenerational poverty did not pass either.

On March 24, 2018 Utah students marched from West High School to the Utah state Capitol in protest about how legislators across the nation appear to care more about gun rights than about young lives. These students participated in The March for Our Lives and are in support of gun violence protection with sensible gun laws.

Pope Francis made world news a few years ago when he declared that health care is a human right and not a privilege. Remember as Catholics we are called to protect the dignity and sanctity of each and every human being. We are encouraged to sign the initiatives for the Medicaid Expansion as well as the above initiative with sensible gun laws. Hopefully these initiatives will have enough signatures, as 113,000 signatures from the 26 Senate districts by the end of April in order to be on the November ballot. Please take time to do your civic duty as a Catholic who cares about protecting the dignity and sanctity of all human beings. Keep our politicians in your prayers to help them vote favorably on issues which can save and help all of us live in a better world.

Please feel free to call me at 801-414-4725 with any questions or if I can be of assistance to you.

God Bless, *Donna Murphy*

Resources: WSLC meeting minutes, Intermountain Catholic, Jean Hill's articles and email Prayer and Action Network, Salt Lake Tribune, Legislative website, www.le.utah.gov



I would like
to be known
as an *intelligent* woman,
a *courageous* woman,
a *loving* woman,
a *woman who teaches*
by being.

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EASTERN DEANERY

Barbara Jewkes, President — St. Anthony, Helper, Parishioner

The Eastern Deanery has had a busy year assisting our parishes with activities and service projects, contributing to our communities, and participating in our deanery project, which we called “Chuck your Change”. Each parish collected change and the funds will be matched by EDCCW and sent to CRS and CCS to help with disaster relief. We have also participated in the Domestic Violence Shelter project for DCCW. At our Spring meeting, we honored the Women of the Year from each of the four parishes, and we also had our installation ceremony for our new officers for 2018-20. I would now like to honor our beloved member of sixty plus years, Christina Sanchez, and share the story of this beautiful Catholic woman and her journey to DCCW.

Christina was born in Velarde, New Mexico in October of 1925 and raised by her loving parents as an only child, as her two brothers died from pneumonia as infants. She remembers selling fruit from the family farm on the highway when she was a young girl. Her father and uncles left the family farm and relocated to Utah to work on the railroad. Her future husband, Fidel, traded her father a straight edged razor for a picture of Christina and told everyone that this beautiful young lady would someday be his wife. They were married on her seventeenth birthday, and she moved with him to Utah (Their marriage was later blessed at St. Anthony's). Fidel worked in the coal mine and then joined the Army, fought in WWII and Christina suffered a stillbirth before delivering their oldest daughter, Elaine in 1944. Their family soon grew, adding Joseph, John and Rose (spaced only about a year between them). In 1950 her widowed grandmother, Tita, moved to Helper to assist, along with Christina's parents her growing family. They bought their first home and moved to Spring Glen, near her parents. Again, the family expanded, adding Patrick, Anthony, Felipe, Michael, Geralyn, Marie and Felipe Michael (in close succession). Although it came with sacrifice, all the children attended Notre Dame School in Price, the four oldest were ND graduates. Christina and her mother joined St. Anthony's Altar Society in the early 1960's. Tina's faith would soon be tested as they suffered a series of tragedies: Tita passed away on Christmas Day in 1964, then six weeks later, nine-month old Michael died of pneumonia, followed in March by the same fate for his three-year old brother, Felipe.



Five-year old Anthony got the infection too, but survived. Christina's daughter, Rose would come to realize years later while attending nursing classes that the babies likely died of Reyes syndrome, caused by the aspirin they were given to combat high fevers. Rose was killed in a car accident in 1982, leaving behind three young children and a loving husband, and, again a grief-stricken mother.

In 1965, Father Dowling, in an effort to get her more involved in church activities and take her mind off her grief asked Christina to drive a group of St. Anthony's ladies to the DCCW Convention in Salt Lake who would otherwise be unable to attend. Christina agreed. Thus, began her relationship with the women of the Salt Lake Diocese. Council literally saved her, as these women, along with the good people of St. Anthony's and her family would become her support group and friends. She would go on to become involved at each council level, holding offices from president on down at the CCW and Deanery levels as well as secretary and treasurer of the DCCW. She attended nearly every meeting, and travelled to most DCCW Conventions and several NCCW Conventions through the years. She was named St. Anthony's Woman of the Year in 1984. Until recently, she continued to serve her parish by helping with many events and activities. Fidel died in 2003. Recently, between her advanced age and spending time with her children, she has been unable to participate in many Council activities. She is currently residing with her son and daughter-in-law in West Valley. She has built quite a legacy with her 9 surviving children, 34 grandchildren (one passed away), 68 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-greats (as of mid- April 2018).

What an amazing woman she is and such an inspiration to us all. Smiles still abound whenever her name is mentioned at a Council event, and I for one am looking forward to seeing her at the 90th DCCW Convention in April. Her daughter, Geralyn, will accompany her. I'm sure I speak for all who know her, when I say, “We love you Christina, thanks for being our friend and mentor, and may God bless you”.

Here's to strong women
May we know them
May we raise them
May we be them



SOUTHWESTERN DEANERY

**Mary LeBaron, President —
St. Paul Catholic Center, Hurricane, Parishioner**

The Sw Deanery is growing stronger every year. Hosting the Convention has given us a unifying purpose this year. All the Women's Councils have worked hard within their own groups and their communities and with the other deanery affiliates to pull together to make this a great convention experience. Christ the King, in Cedar City, hosted a Line Dancing class to raise funds for Convention bags. Besides the convention, our different groups have all been very active supporting their respective parishes and communities.

To serve their communities, as school began, Saint Paul's held a School Supply Drive for the local schools, and St. George held a "Snack Drive" to collect foods for less fortunate children in the schools. Both St. George and Saint Paul's conducted a "diaper Drive" in the Fall to collect funds and necessities for Hope Pregnancy Center, Switchpoint, and the Erin Kimball foundation. In a similar way, Christ the King hosted a "Baby Shower" which supported their endeavor, "St. Martha's Baby Project" which provides baskets to the mothers of newborns through the hospital in Cedar City. All three groups collected much needed supplies for the Battered Women's Dove Center in Saint George. Saint Paul's also provided a complete Thanksgiving dinner for the shelter. Saint Paul's supported the Hurricane Christmas Tree Festival which supports the local Shop with a Cop program. They provided a decorated tree which was sold for the charity. Keeping in the Christmas Spirit they went caroling to the three assisted-living facilities in Hurricane, providing residents with puzzles and games. St. George conducted a "Coat and Toy Drive" for the San Pablo Mission in Beryl which was generously supported and sponsored an "Angel Tree" for less fortunate members of their community. Our affiliate in Kanab participated in a multi-denominational city-wide St. Patrick's Day Dinner to support several churches and charities in the community.

To support their parish, Kanab co-hosts (with the KC) a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds to provide for their parish needs. St. George actively supports Parish activities by providing refreshments/receptions for funerals, First Communion and Confirmation. Their "Sunshine Committee" provides "prayer shawls" to the families of deceased parishioners. St. George also hosts dinner for the Parish Youth Group and a Thrift Store Fashion Show" which is highly successful. Their members also host "coffee and donuts" after mass. Christ the King, Saint Paul's and St. George hosted receptions for priests who left and new priests. Christ the King 'lost' Sr. Yvonne as she retired and St. George lost their beloved Deacon Mark when he died. All the parishes provide community building activities such as dances, dinners, and festivals, parish picnics, Halloween carnivals, Christmas dinners, New Year Eve parties, Easter events that help celebrate Holy Days. All the affiliates also fund raise invidious ways: bake sales, raffles, donation jars.

To encourage membership growth, Christ the King holds a raffle and gives door prizes at their meetings. St. George council meets informally for lunch one Tuesday a month and Saint Paul's holds a Women's Tea. Christ the King holds special events like their Spring Planting seminar and St. George has guest speakers. Most affiliates also recognized their members at Mass in October. Saint Paul women all received a 'make-a-wrist-rosary-bracelet-kit'. Christ the King also hosted the Fall DCCW meeting, providing a wonderful breakfast and luncheon.

Our Councils have all been very busy supporting their parishes and their communities. They are a strong, much needed, Catholic presence in Southern Utah and glorify God in their endeavors.



NORTHERN DEANERY

Sylvia Orosco, President — St. Joseph, Ogden, Parishioner

Deanery Report

Sylvia Orosco, President

It's been a momentous year with the Northern Deanery and my term as president is coming to an end. We just elected new officers. Barbara Larsen- President-Holy Family, Wanda Spell- President Elect, St Joseph's Parish, Donna Kushian- Secretary- St Rose of Lima Parish, Karen Fawbush- Treasurer, Holy Family Parish. The raffled our deanery quilt donated by Jane Mathis our deanery secretary. Toni Almanza, Holy Family, was the lucky winner. For our DCCW service project parishes are continuing to make hygiene kits for the Domestic Violence Victims and taking them to the different shelters We collected 100 boxes of food for Feed a Child, and took back packs filled with food Catholic Community Services. We also collected over 100 bags of coats and sweaters and took them to the different Weber County Shelters

Holy Family Council of Catholic Women, South Ogden

Karen Fawbush, President

Met with our new Priest, Fr. Bill Wheaton, to discuss the role of Holy Family Council of Catholic Women. Decided to bring the CCW in a new direction with a goal to devote more time towards the spiritual wellbeing of our members. So far attendance has increased. New Bylaws were created and presented to the officers and members for corrections and vote. This was a huge accomplishment for our organization. Elections and voting for Woman of the Year were held. Rhonda Phillips is the recipient of this well-deserved award. We continue to support the Holy Family First Communion and Confirmation receptions and will hold a huge spring bake sale and quilt raffle fundraiser. We take a summer break and will begin planning meetings for the new officers for the next year.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women West Haven

Jessica Jurkowski, President

St Mary's started off the year with our annual Baby Shower for Jesus with all gifts and donations going to St Martha's Baby Project. We held a Wine and Cheese Social to try and boost participation. We held

our first Easter Egg Hunt and also held a food drive for the Lantern House. Our CCW will host two receptions to celebrate those receiving First Communion and Confirmation. We will also cook and serve dinner for Father Vidal and the Confirmation teachers and spouses. This past year we held our 59th Annual Fall Bazaar!

St. Rose Council of Catholic Women Layton

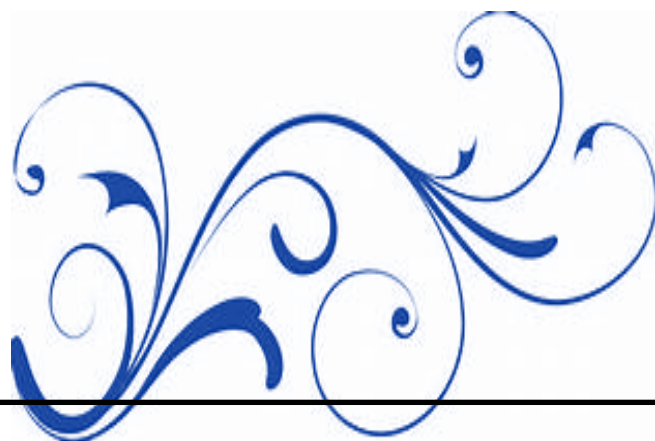
Wendy DiGiacomo, President

Our annual Mexican Dinner and Bingo was very successful. The meal was homemade by two of our ladies. Money that was made will be donated to the church for much needed improvements. Our Woman of the Year is Monica Rich. We are planning our annual Spaghetti dinner, and May 12th will be our lady's tea and May crowning of our Blessed Mother. The African Choir that performed at the convention last year will perform at our lady's tea.

St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women Ogden

Marie Neri, President

Beginning with the new year the Council of Catholic Women supported twenty families with funeral luncheon, had twenty-two baby blankets for Catholic Community Services and donated 27 afghan baby blankets and burp cloths. We served refreshments after the Blessing of the Donor Wall in the Education Building. We hosted a reception for RCIA after the Easter Vigil Mass. We invited ladies from St. James, St Florence and Promoters to join us in attending the State Convention in April





WASATCH DEANERY

MaryAnne Mulvihill, President — St. Therese, Midvale, Parishioner

Wasatch Deanery Facebook: Catherine is very busy posting to our Facebook page, which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WDCCW/>. She posts prayers and uplifting stories almost every day, and pictures of our Deanery meetings and the parish CCW meetings that she receives.



Blessed Sacrament: Since the February AWARE, we assisted with the Parish “Debt Free” potluck to celebrate paying off the mortgage. Approx 75 people attended. We had a guest speaker from Sandy City at our February meeting present the “Do’s and Don’ts of Recycling”. A fun Lenten craft project for the ladies was making Resurrection Gardens. June will be the annual CCW garage sale fundraiser. The Youth Group runs a bake sale in conjunction with the garage sale and maintains all profits on it. Once again, we look forward to a large group of ladies attending convention this year.

San Andres: Since our Advent Wreath project in December, we have mainly focused on getting everyone prepared for convention and serving our parish through funeral dinners, providing food to families who were undergoing medical problems and our monthly brunches. My goal as president, and our goal as an organization is to continue to build our group to provide more service when needed. We are currently planning a Mexican dinner open to our parish and community to support one of our parishioners who needs surgery, but does not have the funds to pay what is required in advance. Our women do not always attend our planned meetings, but they are there to support the parish whenever called upon.

St. John the Baptist: The SJB Ladies collected a ton of clothes and pillows for the Veterans at the Valor House, We donated over 50 pillow and sheet sets and then this week we delivered and served them Dinner for our Lenten Service Project. In March we held our St. Patrick’s Day general meeting and hosted the ladies dressed in green who tried their luck at Bingo while collecting the items for the Valor house and writing kind “thank you” notes for serving their country. The notes were tied to the socks we delivered.



St. Peter:

In March we discussed DCCW Convention and sponsorship program. Our service project, named *Under the Clothes Over the Toes, Debajo la Ropa Sobre Los Dedos del Pie*, was successful with items taken to the South Valley Sanctuary in West Jordan. The ladies led the Stations of the Cross from Mary’s perspective. We had a great response on our Palm Sunday Bake Sale. In April the ladies will be voting on continuing the Committee format for the upcoming year. It will be up to each Committee member should they wish to continue or step down. New members will be asked to join the Committee, they will be voted in by the organization. Prior to our April Confirmation Mass, the ladies will prepare a dinner for Bishop Solis, Father Blaine, the DRE and Confirmation staff as well as provide a reception following Mass.



On April 22nd the parish will be celebrating Fr. Blaine’s birthday and retirement with a potluck dinner. In May the ladies will be hosting the First Communion reception. We will also be gathering for our annual end of year social Tea Party. On May 14th – A reception will be held for Fr. Blaine at the parish with invitations going out throughout the diocese. He has been the pastor at St. Peter’s for 22 years, and will be sorely missed. Although our CCW goes dark for the summer, we will be gathering one more time on Father’s Day to give the fathers of the parish a scrumptious breakfast.

**Happy Birthday Fr. Blaine,
and Congratulations on
your retirement!**

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St. Vincent de Paul: St. Vincent de Paul CCW meets the fourth Monday of the month at 7pm. We have a President, Secretary & Treasurer and usually have 20 women at each meeting. Our Newsletter is titled *Heart to Heart* and is published in the bulletin the weekend before our meeting. A group of our women has begun a welcoming newcomer ministry and greet people every Mass as well as call all the newcomers every week. St. Vincent de Paul CCW has a Facebook page thanks to one of our members. We sponsor Sunday coffee and donuts alternating weeks with the Knights of Columbus. Instead of a split and take every meeting, we are now charging \$1.00 dues every month to cover expenses. During our meetings this year we learned how to sign the Mass, had a speaker from St. Martha's Baby Guild along with a baby shower and games, celebrated a Christian Seder, and learned to make terrariums. In June we will have a potluck with election of officers for 2018-2019. Other than helping at the parish summer picnic, we take the summer off and resume meetings in September.

St. Thomas More: Since the last Aware, the ladies continue to be busy. We made Valentine's Day cards for the residents of Wentworth Retirement Home and the seminarians. We also gave each seminarian \$25. In February, Regina Smithers came and presented a power point of her trip to Haiti. It was a powerful presentation and many suggested she give her presentation to the entire parish. The Ladies hosted the parish Easter Egg Hunt this year on Easter Sunday. We also participate in the parish donut Sunday. We are currently accepting letters from non-profit agencies/groups for disbursement of the money we made on our boutique luncheon. This is approximately \$18,000, and we try to keep 70-80 percent of these funds here at Saint Thomas More. Our April activity is being presented by author, Karen Jones, who is new to Saint Thomas More.

Women of St. Francis Assisi: In January we had a candle light service on love, respecting others and what words came to mind on how they interact in our life. We hosted a Stations of the Cross from "Mary's Point of View", which was heart wrenching. For our service project we held a collection of items to help other women in need (Crisis Center in Orem). We put a big push on DCCW Convention this year stressing how important it is to support not just our parish, but all of the Catholic women in Utah while building our faith and love for our Lord and each other. I do believe we will have a big turn out this year. In May, we will be honoring our Blessed Mother and women who have changed our lives.

THANKS FOR READING ♥

THE AWARE NEWSLETTER

Bonnie Siegrist, Editor

Blessed Sacrament, Sandy, Parishioner

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