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## **DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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Well, here I am President of the DCCW! I still don't know how that happened?! This is my first AWARE article in that capacity and what does one write about? I know I am a little off the wall sometimes, but I decided to write about the upcoming presidential election.

I know there are many of you reading this that have strong feelings, one way or another about the candidates. Many of you are excited about the possibility of a woman being elected as president as we should all be. What is important is to be well informed, do

your research and vote with a well-developed conscience. I saw a quote from Pope Francis where he called both major US presidential candidates "against life" and he advised Catholic voters to choose the "lesser evil" when casting their ballots in the November election.

"Both are against life, be it one who kicks out migrants, or be it the one who kills babies," the Pope said in rare political comments at a Friday news conference with BBC news, Washington.

Pope Francis did not refer to either Harris or Trump by name. He went on to say, "Not voting is ugly. It is not good. You must Vote. You must choose the lesser evil. Who is the lesser evil? That lady or that gentleman? I don't know. Everyone, in their conscience, should think and do this."

In accord with the Pope's remarks the bishops of the USCCB Level remind us as we approach elections this year that we are called to witness to the Faithful citizenship as we participate in the public square through political engagement and civil dialogue. To that end they publish *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and several accompanying articles and videos.

These can be obtained through:

[forming-conscienes-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf](#)

I strongly encourage you to exercise your right to vote for whomever you feel is the lesser evil!

Carol Harley  
President, DCCW



I wish to thank everyone for your cards, thoughts, and prayers as I navigate this new temporary normal. I have four to six months before they can put my knee replacement back in, but the good news is the markers for the infection are on a downward trend. This has been a journey I never expected to be on but with God and your love and support I know everything will be alright.

God bless you all,  
Love, Cheryl

ANY UPDATES TO DCCW BOARD, DEANERY AND PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION, MUST BE EMAILED TO THE DCCW SECRETARY, TISHA RAMOS-YARBER, ASAP!

**Patricia (Tisha) Ramos-Yarber**

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*Don't Miss Important Year-Round  
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### **Women's Religiosity: A Light for the Church**

Women have always been at the heart of the Church's life and mission, offering a unique spiritual depth and devotion that radiate throughout Christian communities. From biblical times to the present, women's faith has served as a guiding light, bringing warmth, compassion, and strength to the Church. Their religiosity often expresses itself through nurturing roles within families and congregations, active involvement in ministries, and a tireless commitment to prayer and service.

Women like Mary Magdalene, St. Teresa of Ávila, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux have shown how deeply transformative women's spirituality can be, shaping not just their personal lives but also the broader Christian tradition. They remind us that women's religiosity is not merely about personal piety; it is about witnessing to God's love through action, resilience, and an unwavering faith in times of trial.

Despite their vital role, women have often faced challenges in having their contributions fully recognized within the Church. However, their faith continues to shine brightly, inspiring communities and calling for a deeper appreciation of their voices. By embracing and honoring women's spiritual gifts, the Church can more fully reflect the love of Christ and serve as a true home for all believers.



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**DCCW FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/  
PRESIDENT-ELECT  
Annette Pressley — St. Thomas More  
Cottonwood Heights**

It's not the New Year, but September always seems a little like that for me. Most of our CCWs have taken the summer off but are now full speed ahead into a new season of service, prayer, and social activities. As I am

slowly finding my way in this new position, several things come to mind.

If you were not able to attend the Utah Catholic Conference on September 21, you missed a treat. My only complaint was there so many great topics and speakers, it was hard to choose. There were lots of great exhibitors, including the DCCW. Barb Kerouac, Bonnie Siegrist, Susan Porter, and I "manned" the booth. It was amazing. We had a lot of interest and names were taken.

By the time you read this report, hopefully, your CCW will have celebrated Council Sunday with prayers, teas, and other celebrations. This is always a great time to bring your affiliate Council together and educate those in your parish as to what Council Sunday Means.

Looking ahead, it's not too early to mark your calendars. Requests for ads for the 2025 Convention Program will be going out in December. Start making a list of your local businesses for solicitation of ads.

Also, Advent will be here before you know it. If you haven't considered a service project for the Season, I urge you to do so and "Put Your Faith into Action". This is a perfect time to collect for those in need as there are so many needy families, refugees and homeless in our community. If you are not already, consider visiting, calling or dropping a card to those in your parish who are alone, in assisted living or nursing homes. Just a little effort brings such joy.

If you are not an individual member of the National Council of Catholic Women, I encourage you to join. The magazine, *Catholic Woman*, and the NCCW website provide invaluable tools for spiritual growth, service, and so much more.

Submitted by Annette Pressley, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/President Elect SLCDCCW

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you who are able to attend the convention.



# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (NCCW)

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## Why We Gather

In the most recent issue of *Catholic Woman* magazine, I contributed an article titled “Why We Gather and Why Gathering Matters.” In it, I discussed the importance of gathering as Catholic women to unite in community and support each other in our faith journeys. In that article, I describe the joyous feeling I experienced at my very first DCCW convention. Here’s a quote from my article:

“I will never forget the joy, love, and sisterhood I experienced attending my first diocesan Convention over twenty years ago. As a recent convert to the Church, you can imagine my surprise and delight at joining over 200 other Catholic women in Utah of all places!”

While April seems a long way away, our DCCW convention will be here before you know it. I encourage my council sisters to begin planning for the convention right now. For many of us, it requires setting aside funds for registration. For others, it is starting to think of fun items for our silent auction and raffle. I would like us all to think about one other thing: who can you invite to the convention. Even if the person you invite can only join us for one day, that experience can be life-changing for them. Here are some tips for inviting someone to gather with us at Convention:

- Have a sincere and personal invitation. Make her know that her presence is wanted.
- Be prepared that you may have to invite more than once and use the art of gentle persuasion.
- Share your positive stories of how our Conventions have changed your life.

Speaking of gatherings, have you been to our National Council of Catholic Women convention? If so, use these same tips to encourage your council sisters to join you at the next national Convention. Be sure to visit the NCCW website for more information about our upcoming Convention. Our Conventions are filled with inspiring speakers, engaging workshops, and opportunities to connect with other Catholic women. I look forward to gathering with you next year in Salt Lake City in April and Orlando, Florida, in August.



## SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ...

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 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

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FALL, my favorite time of year. Temperatures are moderate, colors are beautiful, crops are bountiful, and the hectic days of summer are slowing.

We are gearing up for the routine of all that surrounds the church and school year. My hope is that everyone let's God direct all their decisions and that He guides us on this path of life. We seem to like to get in His way, instead of letting Him lead us down the right path. Eternal salvation is the destination. "Let go , and let God" is a great motto, but living it is another thing. I have learned it is much easier to let Him direct our way and just stand back and watch where He leads us. It always works out.

I look forward to sitting back and watching the course of the DCCW. It is up to us to let God take the lead, but we also need to answer His call to participate. Have you heard that call and rejected His promptings to follow His lead? I tried, but He had other plans for me. I was reluctant to say "yes" to God's will for me, to put myself in leadership of DCCW. I said, "not now", after all I was working full time and didn't think I could dedicate enough time to the positions. But guess what... He had other plans. When Marianne Mulvihill, was unexpectantly transferred for work out of state, I was asked to step up. OK God, I got the message loud and clear. The past 4 years, 1<sup>st</sup> VP and then President of DCCW, went by quickly. It was a great experience that I do not regret, and my reluctant "Fiat" turned into a wonderful blessing. It's been a journey I am glad to have taken. I hope all of you listen to God's Will for you, "do not be afraid" for He is with you always. God guides us in unknown ways and places the people around you needed for the task and journey. Just believe in His power, love, grace, and merciful ways.....it is truly miraculous.

I am standing by for this next chapter as Immediate Past President of DCCW. My assigned tasks seem minute, but important. I will be reaching out to some of you other reluctant "not now" women of council to step up and say "yes" to the blessings of leadership positions. Just remember... "Let go and Let God" works every time. Do not be afraid. God uses your gifts to benefit all those you will touch by saying "yes". He is asking for your "yes" and so will I. You have a year, maybe, and then we (the nominating committee) will be asking. After all, if I could do it, so can you. Get ready, God is waiting for your "Fiat".

I am graciously humbled to have served in the DCCW leadership roles you all entrusted to me.  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Barb Kerouac, IPP



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# ANNUAL DCCW CONVENTION

*Save the Date!*  
*April 26-27, 2025*

So many indicated you were pleased we moved our April 2024 Convention to the Little America Hotel - so, that being said, please Save the Dates of April 26-27, 2025, for next year's Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention at the Little America Hotel. If you plan to stay on Friday as well, add April 25<sup>th</sup>.

At next year's Convention, we decided to allow the attendees to make their "OWN" Hotel reservations. The Garden King Room Rates are \$89/night (inside the Hotel to the West) and the Tower King Room Rates are \$99/night. With the additional room taxes, the rates will be approximately \$102 and \$113, respectively. There are NO double queen beds available for this weekend. Instructions will be forthcoming later in the Call to Meeting documents. The team will be working on menu choices later in the month of October.

We continue to extend our heartfelt thanks to Jonathan Bakker, Sales Manager, and Cariann Layton, Director of Convention Services, Little America Hotel – they are committed to making next year's Convention experience even better.

**SERVICE COMMISSION**  
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Service Commission - Making an Impact.  
 By Monica Rich

Last month I was thinking about making a big impact with the service commission, I know we do many things around the state, partner with nonprofit organizations, collect items to send to other countries and support as many communities as we can. But we need to look within. I went to the ministry fair at my parish, and it was superb. There were many interesting ministries that I didn't know existed, and I have been a parishioner of St Rose of Lima for 30 years!!!

I was wondering how many of you know:

- ◆ How many ministries are in your parish?
- ◆ What do they need to provide services?
- ◆ How can I connect with other parishes in need?
- ◆ Can we learn from each other to improve our ministries?

Last time we met, I asked for information about services provided to the local parishes ministries and see if we can support each other instead of duplicating services, guess what, I am still waiting for the information. So, to make it easy you can text me!!! 801-643-1542. You can send me the QR code, picture, link, voice message, call me, dictate your favorite service or what your passion is about doing and encourage other people to do it. I think service is all about making it easier for others. But for now, let's play BINGO. Let's take care of our mental health.

**Mindfulness Bingo**

**Let's celebrate together, send pictures, or your favorite activity 801.643.1542**

Be in the moment	Take 1hour break from Technology	Set a daily intention	Declutter One space	Tell someone how much you care
Smile	Name something you can smell now	Give yourself a hug for 10 seconds	Listen to your favorite song	Describe the weather outside
Try to touch your toes	Dance	<b>FREE SPACE</b>	Name 3 things you can hear now	Take a walk and notice 5 things
Tell someone a joke	Drink ½ gallon of water	Watch a sun set	Collect a bag of donations	Daydream for 2 minutes
When you wake up take 5 depth breaths	Declutter your phone	Enjoy eating slowly one meal	Write a thank you note or text	Sit in silence for 5 minutes



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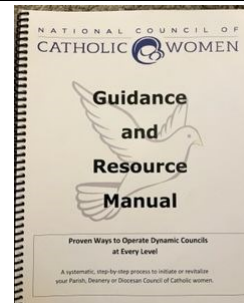
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## MDR AWARE – FALL 2024

Bonnie Siegrist and Michael O’Shea Co-Chairs

Happy Fall Y’all! (We couldn’t resist!) Everyone appears to be in full gear as we finish out the calendar year with plans already being set for the new year. (Did we just say NEW year?)

So what’s with MDR? Well, first as a gentle reminder, MDR stands for Membership Development and Resource. We aim to be like a library of information and experience available to help affiliate parishes, deaneries, and the DCCW in building awareness, membership, and running effective organizations. Bottom line, we will always make our best effort to be available to help women’s organizations in the diocese wherever and whenever needed.



During Immediate Past President Barb Kerouac’s term as DCCW president, we wanted to get a team together made up of one experienced Council woman from each deanery to assist the MDR co-chairs in contacts with women’s groups in their deanery or beyond. At the June DCCW meeting, Gabby Gauchey, President of the Wasatch Deanery, agreed to be on the team. Thank you, Gabby. She is already lined up to assist Barb in a NCCW/DCCW presentation at a possible new Wasatch Deanery affiliate.

No matter what, we still seem to have a reputation of being the “best kept secret”. At the recent Utah Catholic Conference at St. John the Baptist, DCCW had a vendor table with all kinds of information regarding the National Council of Catholic Women and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. In addition to seeing many of our active Council sisters, many women stopped by to find out what the DCCW is. Oddly, some of the women, who signed up for more information about DCCW, already have a parish women’s organization, but they didn’t know it. For these women, we will be contacting the presidents of those affiliates and passing on names, so they can personally invite them to meetings and events. The personal contact has been shown to work wonders! We also took emails to add to our AWARE email list. The fact is we still have a ways to go in spreading the word about who we are AND what we do. No matter what we call our women’s organizations, we are councils of Catholic women. It’s up to all of us at every level to work to change our reputation of Council being the “best kept secret.”

New Idea: Last weekend, St. Andrew’s Women’s Society invited area parish women, including some from the local LDS Ward, to a “Meet & Greet” social luncheon. The idea was simply to meet and share ideas about the things we do for our church and community, as well as how we can help each other in the future. About 30 women participated in a wonderful afternoon. An *Intermountain Catholic* article by Ron Rolheiser titled “Loving Your Own Church and Your Neighbor’s Church As Well” was talked about and made an impact on the attendees. <https://ronrolheiser.com/loving-your-own-church-and-your-neighbors-church-as-well/>

Between personal, parish, CCW, Deanery, and DCCW commitments, calendars seem to fill up faster and faster. Take time to relax and enjoy the Fall.....Y’all!! (There we go again!)



DCCW Booth at Utah Catholic conference.  
Annette Presley, Bonnie Siegrist, Gabby Gauchey,  
Barb Kerouac, Julie Carlin.  
(not pictured: Susan Porter)



St. Andrew’s Women’s Society  
Meet & Greet



## WANT TO SEE YOUR COUNCIL GROW?? INVITE ONE NEW PERSON TO EVERY CCW MEETING AND EVENT .

Inviting ladies to join your Council is offering them an opportunity to enhance their lives while giving service to their church and community. It can be life changing. Our attitude, enthusiasm, and love of Council is contagious and encourages the stranger to attend a meeting or event. Think about all the wonderful things council does and all it accomplishes. We love

## **AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR**

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#### **2025 Affiliate of the Year Award**

The Affiliate of the Year Award Nomination information and form will be sent out to affiliated parish presidents in January of 2025. If you are an affiliated parish and meet the award criteria listed below, please consider nominating your parish for this award. The nomination packet will be posted on the DCCW website. FYI: NCCW will be consulted on February 1<sup>st</sup> as to the status of the SLC DCCW affiliation report.

#### **AWARD CRITERIA**

Nomination should *reflect* the following criteria:

- An affiliate must be a DCCW/NCCW affiliate in good standing, actively involved in affiliate work
- An affiliate who has made a significant contribution on the diocesan, deanery, or local parish level.
- An Affiliate who has served as an outstanding role model of service to others.
- An affiliate who has shown exemplary leadership and made significant contributions to the mission, vision, and programs of DCCW.
- An affiliate who reflects the Gospel values of justice and peace.
- An affiliate who supports the gifts of a multi-cultural church and who enables others to share their gifts in their affiliate work.
- An affiliate who serves as a model of collaboration with others in the diocese and parish.
- Nominations may be updated and re-submitted in subsequent years if the affiliate has not been chosen as the winning Affiliate of the Year for two years.
- Second & third place may reapply.
- If you have been chosen the winner, after two years, your affiliate may re-apply within the new time frame with new accomplishments, such as, increased membership, developed new programs, new community involvement, etc.

**Nominations will be accepted February 1, 2025, through March 1, 2025, by E-Mail only to [Patricia.nccw@gmail.com](mailto:Patricia.nccw@gmail.com).** A “blind” review process will be used with each nomination package being assigned a number before I send the packets to the DCCW Past Presidents who will select the 2025 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place recipients. The top 3 finalists will be contacted prior to the DCCW convention, and the winner will be announced at the convention.

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Autumn reminds us that God is with us. As the leaves change, we are also reminded that we too shall change. We will transform and we will fall into God's arms to wait for something new and wonderful to happen in our lives.

If spiritual summer is about rejoicing in the light of God, autumn is about facing and accepting our inner darkness. We balance between the recognition of all that is good and right with our inner lives and all that is not so good, not so right. This is a season to reassess and a time to be still. When we are still, may come to recognize areas of our life that are not so right and where need to let go, in order to allow God to work within us. We may look for where we need to get out of the way, let God be in control and trust the process.

Let us pray that this autumn season, we may create room for spirituality to grow, by allowing the empty space, the stillness and silence, to take hold of our internal spaces. When we clear our internal ground in the autumn, we go into dormancy and become ready to rest in the cold and darkness of winter, a season when we go into hibernation and become creative. We accomplish this, not by doing, but by becoming quiet and listening to what is trying to emerge from within us, that God has planted.

### **Autumn Prayer**

God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,  
for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,  
for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,  
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,  
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,  
for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,  
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen

— Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J.

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest,  
if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9



## **DCCW LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION**

**Donna Murphy, Chair**  
St. Thomas More, Cottonwood Hts.

**Brandy Farmer, Co-Chair**  
St. Thomas More, Cottonwood Hts.

Many issues continue to be of concern for citizens. Political polarization is distressing.

The core concept we need to remember as Catholics is how we decide to vote for political candidates. We need to be concerned about the lack of respect for each other and the lack of civil discourse. Pope Francis, in *The Times* on Sept. 13, 2024, described the U.S. presidential election as a choice between the two “evils” insisting both candidates are “against life”. This is in reference to Donald Trump’s anti-immigration stance and Kamala Harris’s abortion policy. Pope Francis also weighed in on the 2016 election, saying, “migration was a right described in scripture and anyone who did not follow the biblical call to welcome the stranger was committing a grave sin”. The Pope was very vocal about his term of “killing a human being” when it came to abortion. The current Trump policy plan is to have mass deportations by using the military, however the U.S. military is likely to resist this plan according to a legal analyst Joseph Nunn saying it would undercut other priorities and damage morale.

The recent presidential debate talk about immigrants eating cats and dogs has caused an uproar not only in the small town of Springfield, Ohio, but around the nation.

Vice President Kamala Harris has brought attention to the increased number of both infant and post-partum mortality rates since the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* by Supreme Court Justices. The confusion of various states abortion status has been an issue for doctors and nurses in the hospital setting in Labor & Delivery, Emergency Rooms and clinic exam rooms as they are trying to save the lives of mothers and infants. There are many who feel that religion should not interfere with politics and that the government should not dictate or monitor personal decisions a woman may have about her healthcare decisions with her doctor.

As a Catholic it is important to vote your own conscience and respect other’s opinion if it does not agree with your own. It is extremely important to vote to have your voice heard and trust the election process as election workers are doing their best during a presidential election year.

Please do your research before voting for candidates and Amendments on the ballot. In order make an informed decision, and for the Catholic perspective, you can download [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship - PDF | USCCB](#) from this link.

The recent Women’s State Legislative Council of Utah meeting on Capitol Hill, Sept. 25, 2024, had several guest speakers, covering topics such as: new upcoming legislative Squatter bills next year; domestic violence; building trust and mutual respect among Tribal leaders; the new law which went into effect this summer about public schools having a safety plan with a volunteer or guard who carries a gun with limited liability and a Good Samaritan protection as in self-defense cases; less funding for available child care and how expensive it is. There is also a concern regarding the low wages these child caretakers are earning and how background checks are not currently required for all childcare centers.

Let us not forget to pray about various states’ decisions regarding the death penalty. May this presidential election have a peaceful transfer of power without any violence at our nation’s capital.

Let us continue to pray for our elected officials in Utah as well as across America to make just and moral decisions for their constituents. May we continue to pray for peace around the world and for those most

**For more information, visit  
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## **NORTHERN DEANERY**

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### **Holy Family**

In July, we had 18 ladies that were able to get together at a local restaurant for dinner and enjoy each other's company after a very busy CCW year.

We had our first meeting in September. Brenda Burton and her sister were our guest speakers who provided us some fun and interesting information about our differ-

ent personalities and traits based off the book "It's Your Nature". It gave us a better understanding about how and why we relate and therefore work better together as a group of women.

We will be participating in our parish Ministry Fair the last weekend in September.

We are now planning for our fundraiser Taco/Ice Cream Bar coming on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **St. James the Just**

June 2024

We held our huge Garage Sale in our parish gym – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual and a huge success.

This year we partnered with the Girl S and Boys Club. After the Sale we donated an entire truckload to children and families in need!

July & August – Off

September - At our first CCW meeting in September, Carol Harley came and conducted an Installation of three new officers. It was lovely!

President – Maria Devereux

Vice President – Kathi Dysert

Megan Calderwood – Treasurer

Lisa Carver – Secretary (second term)

We are also preparing for a FREE just RSVP Spaghetti Dinner for our parish community in October and focusing on our next meeting on October 8 – building community in fellowship as we all meet to make Fall Harvest wreaths!

We are focusing on how we can begin to incorporate a small service project in all we do like food donation, etc.

### **St Rose of Lima**

Summer at Saint Rose was very busy. We celebrated our Summer Festival, planning meetings and we have our first Ministry Fair, which helps many of us find a new calling within 29 active ministries in our parish.

Our council has a planning meeting to be more involved in our community. Our first meeting was in September, and it helped us to catch up with our sisters in faith. We learn that some of our beloved members have passed away.

**Saint Rose of Lima is the house of tree relics: Blessed Carlo Acutis, Saint Jose Sanchez del Rio and Maria Goretti.** "Each of the three young saints who will be discussed endure great trials that tested them," he said. Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian website designer who documented Eucharistic miracles, was diagnosed with leukemia. At the age of 15 and lost his life to the disease within weeks of his diagnosis. St Maria Goretti was assaulted and raped at the age of 12; she forgives her attacker rather than carry hatred of him as she died. St Jose Sanchez Del Rio was persecuted for refusing to deny his faith and ultimately was tortured and executed at the age of 13 by the Mexican government" said Michel Edwards, director of the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

We would like to extend our invitation to the **November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints**

**Day Masses: 9 am, 5 pm English and 7 pm Spanish. Veneration of the Relics at the end of the masses.** Please check our parish website for more events ahead of the preparations.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls Day: Bilingual Mass at 10 am.** We're building an altar with pictures in remembrance of our deceased brothers and sisters. You're welcome to bring your pictures.

Please keep in your prayers 45 adults participating in OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) looking to enter the catholic church or receiving their sacraments. **We are celebrating the November 17<sup>th</sup> Rite of Acceptance at 9 am Mass English and 1130 am Spanish Mass.**

**The Adoration schedule at St Rose has been extended:** Wednesdays from 9 am to Noon, every Friday from 9 am to 8 pm, and the second Saturday of the month we have nocturnal adoration from 8 pm to 7 pm.

### **Saint Mary Catholic Church**

Though we took a break for the Summer (June-July-August), we continued with our 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Ladies Rosary and an Hour Adoration. The board continued to meet as well.

We planned and hosted the ordination celebration of one of the newest deacons in the Diocese, Deacon Jesse Ricardez.

We continue to participate in **Nocturnal Adoration held every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 8 pm to 8 am** and every **Friday adoration which starts right after the morning mass and ends at 5 pm.**

We also continue to visit the sick.

We started to meet to plan our Northern Deanery Retreat as well as the lunch for the **Diocese Youth Rally** which will be held at Holy Family on **October 12.**

In September, we participated in the **Nationwide JustServe Program** in commemoration of 9/11 to honor the fallen with a theme of "Taking Care of Your Own" by cleaning the grounds of the church.

**September 28, we held our Northern Deanery Retreat at the Give Me a Chance Garden.** It was attended by 100+ ladies. We had three fantastic speakers; we heard nothing but positive and good comments.

We are having our **Wendover Fun Trip on October 26, come and join us!**

In November, we will again hold our **Basket Sale**, if you have the time please come by and check them out and start or continue your holiday shopping. We will sell tickets after each mass on the week of **November 9 –10 and November 16 – 17.** Winners will be pick after the 12-noon mass in November 17.

**December 14, we are going to have our Second Advent Bingo.** Come and have fun with us!

**EASTERN DEANERY**  
**Becky Colombo, President**  
**St. Anthony of Padua, Helper**

The Eastern Deanery was on recess for the summer, with meetings starting back again in August and September. Our Immediate Past President, Pat Musich, was able to attend the NCCW convention in Oklahoma in August.

Pat reports that the convention was a very amazing experience spiritually and offered valuable leadership information. They were able to tour the Shrine for the Blessed Stanley Rother while in Oklahoma City. Pat expressed her appreciation for visiting the Shrine and wants everyone to view this website: [Rothershrine.org](http://Rothershrine.org). She accompanied the National winner of the Golden Rose Award, Miss Leylahni Munguia Ayon from St. James Parish in Vernal, to the national convention. The Golden Rose Award was created to honor young women in council under the age of 21 and to recognize their accomplishments. What an honor for this young woman, especially to be chosen from all the candidates submitted throughout our nation. We are so very proud to have her as a member of our council! Congratulations Leylahni!

Our Deanery also participated in the Eucharist Pilgrimage and details were shared in the Intermountain Catholic newspaper. The pilgrims traveled through the Uintah Basin, including the Duchesne Indian Reservation, Roosevelt, and Vernal. Many of our women in council participated in this special pilgrimage and have shared how they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Reports from our three active parishes (St. Anthony's in Helper, St. Helen's in Roosevelt, and St. James in Vernal) include preparations for the upcoming months and holidays. St. Helen's is preparing for their annual yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 28 and hosting the first Deanery meeting of the year on Oct. 13. All three parishes are preparing to celebrate Council Sunday in October. St. Anthony's in Helper will be hosting their annual Witch's Bingo on Oct. 26 with food, prizes, and drawings. They hosted a guest speaker for their first meeting from the Price Pregnancy Center. Their annual donation of a beautiful quilt is ready to donate to the parish carnival in November. All three parishes are preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas with food drives, bakes sales, Sub for Santa donations, etc.

Becky Colombo, Eastern Deanery President



**Left:** National Golden Rose Award Winner, Leylahni Ayon from St. James Parish in Vernal-Eastern Deanery.

**Right:** Utah DCCW attendees to NCCW in Oklahoma City in August.

**Front:** Leylahni, Barb Kerouac, Jeanne Audiss, Susan Vaughn, N/A.

**Back:** Casey Pond, Pat Musich, Amy Kennedy, Gracemarie Belvedere, Father Ariel Duran.



**SALT LAKE DEANERY**  
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The Salt Lake Deanery affiliates have had a busy summer getting ready for the fall. Now that meetings have started, we can share all the exciting activities.

**The Cathedral Women's Society** - Amy Kennedy  
Their first meeting had a full agenda as the cal-

endar of events and activities were planned for the year. The schedule has been published and will be approved at the next meeting. A Potluck Dinner was served with an extra guest invited.

The Book Club Selection was "Set the World on Fire: A 4-Week Personal Retreat with The Female Doctor of the Church" by Vanita Hampton Wright.

A new group was formed called Altar Society. The aims to be of service to the Cathedral so coordination with CWS should happen at every meeting.

**Catholic Women's League** - Narda Nordell

On September 14, 2024, CWL held it's Fall Tapestry Beneficiary Luncheon and Fashion Show. There were 169 tickets sold with 7 tables reserved. The fashion show was presented by Chico's. The models were members of CWL, Jesse Fisher, Jo-Ann Heather, Christina Oropeza, Lisa Romero, Kathy Scott and Brandi Valenzuela. There were 64 raffle gifts donated.

Each month a non-profit organization/group is selected that the CWL Board Community Concerns Committee collects items that are needed by organizations. Those selected to receive donations are the children of Kearns-St. Ann's School, Homeless Shelters, Sub for Santa, and The Inn Between.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna** - Teri Miller

The last 4 months at OLOL Magna has been pretty slow. Our last meeting was in May. We purchased dinner from Midvale Mining for everyone and made it a social event. We discussed what we want to focus on for the next two years. We announced our new officers. On August 25th we installed the new officers at our 10:00 am Mass.

We had our bake sale at the Knights of Columbus bingo in June, July, and August.

September 12<sup>th</sup>, our 1st meeting of the new term, we baked pizzelles for our spaghetti dinner. We also worked the bake sale at bingo the following Saturday.

September 29th is our 92nd spaghetti dinner. We are using the whole week to prepare for this event.

We are planning a Trunk N Treat on the 27th of October with a movie to be shown at the church.

The Knights of Columbus are letting us take the October Bingo.

**St. Ann's** - Emmie Atzet

St Ann's Ladies Guild has had a busy month. We collected and delivered a large load of donated baby items plus a nice cash donation to the Martha's Baby Project. We are looking forward to a Ladies Retreat and Ministry Fair in October.

**St. Marguerite** - Carlene Clark

The CCW did not meet over the summer. The new officers did have a meeting in August to revamp the bylaws and map out what we are doing this next year.

September 13th & 14th, we had the fall festival. We all helped with the food, bake sale, car show, 5K run and kids' carnival with great success.

CCW has decided to partner with the Knights of Columbus to help do the Baby pantry that will run the whole month of October.

We will also have our first fundraising breakfast on the 13th of October.

**St. Olaf** - Reinetta Schultz

- General meeting with Installation of new officers and reception
- Costco and Smiths gift cards were supplied for use by the Funeral Committee.
- Co-sponsoring with Parish OCIA, the award winning speaker Annette Hill, October 8th 6pm, at the school great room. Open to all. "What is God calling you to do?"
- Participating monthly in the First Friday Adoration 4-5pm, and reciting rosary last half hour.
- Updated Council Flyers to place in church foyer.
- Organizing a new Mother's Group with a young mother chairing. We will help get them started and will support them.
- We have established a website [www.stolafcw.org](http://www.stolafcw.org) and are working to link it with the church website.
- Going Away Party for Parish Secretary, Jennifer, September 21st after Sat mass.

**SALT LAKE DEANERY**  
**Susan Vaughn, President**

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**St. Vincent de Paul - Mindi Allen**

During the summer we continued with our monthly Coffee and Donuts and stuffing our weekly Bulletins. We hosted the funeral luncheon for Wayne Voorhes, husband of our beloved Pat Voorhes, thanks to all DCCW members that contributed.

Our Board has been meeting regularly this summer and we are excited about the new year.

We will have our Council Sunday on October 20th at the 9:00 Mass, to install our new Board Members. We will our blue scarves to represent and invite new members.

We had a welcome back BBQ on September 9th to kick off our new year.

We are creating a brochure to distribute throughout the year with our activities, service projects and information.

**St. Patrick - Cynthia Acosta and Janell Tafoya**

We took some time off during the summer.

The first Saturday of the month CCW always volunteers for Bingo. We have had 5 funeral luncheons. Helping with the parish council with the Opportunity Drawing ticket sales. We prepared over 250 sack lunches for the Rescue Mission on August 7th.

We held the reception for the First Communion children. CCW assisted with Father Anastasius' 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination.

We held a first evening bingo fundraiser.

Several of the council attended the CWL Fashion Show, where Anthony Martinez was presented a grant from CWL, the grant money will go to purchase furnishings for the new St Joseph building. CCW will be purchasing the appliances for the new building.

Submitted by Susan Vaughn  
Salt Lake Deanery President



**WASATCH DEANERY**  
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The Wasatch Deanery, as always, is very active! As most of our councils are coming out of “summer vacation” mode, we are pleased and not surprised to see such amazing events and services being held as the busy season picks up!

**St. Francis of Assisi, Orem** is excited to welcome our new board and see where they take us in the next two years. With our annual boutique coming up, plans and preparations are underway. Come and visit us there, down in Utah County on December 7th and 8th!

**St. Peter, American Fork** was blessed to have hosted the Blessed Carlo Acutis, Eucharistic Miracles poster displays recently. We made an event out of it, and invited our parish to join us in watching a video on the young saint’s life. For the next few months we are excited to each share with one another our own favorite saints.

**St. Thomas More, Cottonwood Heights** continued their monthly meet and mingles, gathering socially in each other’s homes throughout the summer. Planning has begun for our annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon. The theme this year is “Let the Bells Ring, Chris is Born.” In October we will hold a Rosary in the grotto for Council Sunday.

**Blessed Sacrament, Sandy** kept busy through the summer, hosting First Friday Adoration. In August the meeting theme was Baby Shower - and all attendees bright in baby items to donate to Martha’s Baby Project. In October we are excited to host our Council Sunday Tea party.

**St. Martin de Porres, Taylorsville** is busy busy as usual! In September we invited CCS to bring and present their Empty Bowl project. The Knights of Columbus also blessed us with a presentation on the St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen and the Gift of the Drummer project. So many opportunities to serve in the coming months. And we are more than happy to answer those calls!

**St. Joseph the Worker, West Jordan** held a wonderful “Evening of Spirituality, Women United in Prayer” in September as their welcome back. A wonderful prayer table was set up and set the presence of Jesus in the room for all of us and prayer kept all involved. We look forward to hosting a Trunk or Treat in October.



## **PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES!**

**Want to see your CCW in the *Intermountain Catholic* newspaper?** As space allows, Marie Mischell, Editor, would like to publish pictures of your ladies group activities. Email pictures with caption information to: [marie.mischel@dioslc.org](mailto:marie.mischel@dioslc.org).

**Want to see your ladies on the DCCW website?** Send pictures to our Website Editor, Angela Martinez, at: [omartini25@comcast.net](mailto:omartini25@comcast.net).

**Want to see your ladies in the AWARE?** Send pictures to the Aware Editor, Bonnie Siegrist, at: [utahbonnie@comcast.net](mailto:utahbonnie@comcast.net).

**Publicize the good works and good times of your ladies group and share activity ideas!**

