

FALL DCCW REPORT

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Every year when the DCCW First Vice President assembles the convention booklet, there are many faithful individuals and groups who submit an ad to help reduce the cost of printing. Many businesses are included in that list. I have sent the thank you for this year's donors to Ms. Angela Martinez, to be posted on our DCCW website. Please go to the website and review the list. If the ad is approved for publication in the Intermountain Catholic newspaper, all those names will be listed again. Please support the businesses, groups, and individuals for their support. The reduced cost for printing allows more funds to be used for charitable donations from DCCW.

The NCCW convention in Atlanta was full of valuable information on several topics. I am very grateful for the opportunity to attend and bring back notes on all that was presented. I was very impressed with those who spoke and especially the information on the environment.

One presenter, Reverend Rosazza, was very passionate about our world and what is happening. He reviewed several areas of human rights and the lack of respect for life. There are countries dealing with climate change and the results to animals. Those places and people that are most affected are the Third World Countries, where the people rely on the earth for their food, home, and livelihood. We all need to make a change in all we do, before it is too late. One person who is trying to make that change is a 16-year old from Sweden. Reverend Rosazza explained this young girl inspired a school walk-out to draw attention to the environment. She has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and every Friday she protests in front of her country's parliament to bring attention to the problems we face and to encourage leaders to make a change. We all need to make a change!

Another presentation was on St. Bernadette and the Grotto at Lourdes in France. The slides were excellent and the presenter invited everyone to touch the stones and holy water from the grotto. The healing powers from Blessed Mother have been experienced by many over the years. We were given a small bottle of holy water to take home. The night was very inspirational and sparked the desire to see the grotto in person. (Who knows.....maybe we could have a convention in France!)

If you have questions on presentations from the convention, feel free to contact me through my email, bcolombo@emerytelcom.net. I am a talker and would love to share!