

Salt Lake Diocesan Council of Catholic Women President's Report

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Are you ready for convention? It's three months away, and your DCCW officers, commissioners, and committee chairs are working very hard to put together a spirit-filled, joyful, educational, and *fun* weekend for you and for all the women you bring with you to the Salt Lake Sheraton Hotel on April 27-28. It's time to get registered, reserve a hotel room, and get excited!

Our theme this year, **"Through the Grace of God"**, is one with which we've all had experience. Grace, a free and unmerited gift of God, is something we've had the delight of receiving. We've all been recipients of "God winks" or of a surprising insight, of awe when looking at the ocean or at a spectacular sunset, or of prayers answered or unanswered. Grace is the favor and goodness that God shows to humankind. It is everything that God does.

The commissions we are featuring this year are Spirituality and Service, and the two go hand-in-hand. Father Rene, our DCCW Spiritual Advisor, said that "All is grace." It gives us the strength to continue our service, especially volunteer service. It helps us realize the bigger picture when we are really tired or just don't want to move forward anymore. And that grace of God is bestowed upon us through the action of the Holy Spirit.

So let's celebrate the goodness of God together as like-minded, grace-filled, Catholic women! Let's share our time and listen to and learn from the speakers and from each other. Let's celebrate Mass with our Bishop and hundreds more Utah Catholics. Let's share good conversation and good meals; exchange well-formed ideas and gain new ones; laugh and enjoy one another's company; and share a couple cups of coffee or tea, and, perhaps, a glass (or two!) of wine. Let's come together in prayer, knowing that all we have is given to us through God's grace. Let's come to convention with our friends and leave with many more.

You will be the stars of the show at the 91st Annual DCCW Convention. See you there!

Wishing you peace – and grace!

Casey Pond
DCCW President

Seek grace in the smallest things, and you will also find grace to accomplish, to believe in, and to hope for the greatest things.

– Blessed Peter Favre, S.J.