

Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

President's Report

June 2, 2018

In reading the April, 2018, issue of the AWARE, it became even more apparent what amazing women make up our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. The women who step forward to be officers in the parish and deanery Councils have done incredible work, supported by a cadre of like-minded, service-oriented, fun-loving women who support their efforts. The DCCW officers and board members are blessed to have the honor of working for and with the members of the affiliate and Deanery Councils. All together we strive “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 that responds with Christian values in the Church and society.”

As I begin my tenure as your new President, I am inspired by all of you and your strengths, abilities, creativeness, your willingness to rise to a challenge, your kindness, humor, spirituality, work ethic, intelligence – I could go on and on. Every woman I think of brings to mind a great quality or characteristic of the ladies of Council. There is no reason that we cannot continue to do amazing things – to make our mark on the Diocesan map a little more evident.

Following a long line of incredible DCCW presidents is a bit intimidating for me, to be honest. DCCW has grown and flourished under their leadership; their strength and wisdom are to be emulated. We are grateful for the time, love, dedication, and service they gave.

As we begin this new biennium, we will remember Immediate Past President Marcie Downs' instruction to “be full of joy” and will carry that with us these next two years. Along with that, I hope to focus on our mission statement, setting goals that will reflect Gospel values (what Jesus said, what Jesus did, and what He told us to do).

So, thank you for your trust in me, and always remember we are sisters in Council. Feel free to share with me your opinion, your advice, constructive criticism, a cup of coffee. 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.

One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true;
One life can make a difference,
One life is me and you....

Shawnee Kellie

Wishing you peace,

Casey Pond
DCCW President