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DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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"Let Your Light Shine" was the title of a retreat given by Susan Espinoza to the DCCW Board of Directors this summer and was perfect for those of us striving to be more effective, more caring, more Christ-centered Catholic women; it was also a wonderful time spent together as friends and sisters in Council.

In the same way, your light must shine before men so that they may see the goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16

**Let Your Light
Shine**

To say that our current culture could use the Light of Christ is an understatement. We Catholics are needed to let His light shine through us and out to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and especially out to the secular world. The coarse rhetoric, the lack of civility, the "what's in it for me?" mentality, the violence, the lack of care and concern for our environment, the absence of edifying images in the media – all that and more should call us to action. How are we to live so the light will grow in us, making it stronger for others to see so that we can make a positive difference? These Scripture passages help answer that question:

You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: only to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Finally, my brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, admirable, decent, virtuous, or worthy of praise. Phil. 4:8

Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of any kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ. Eph. 4:31-32

In 2016, Pope Francis said that "Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence. But this can grow only when we also build inner peace in our hearts." The most profound impact of inner peace is the peace it spreads to the world outside of us; the great gift of our inner light, when shared, is the blessing it becomes to others.

September is a traditional time for gearing up, getting back into routines, and setting goals (again). I hope all of us will set a goal of living a light-filled life. What an influence for good we can be!

Please also make a goal of attending the **92nd Annual DCCW Convention on April 25-26, 2020**. It is a time to get away, to slow down, to laugh, to contemplate, to pray, to learn, to socialize, and to share your inner light with your Utah Catholic sisters.

God bless you!

Casey





FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

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I feel very fortunate to have been able to attend the recent NCCW Convention in Atlanta. While talking with others from Utah, we agreed that this was one of the best conventions we have experienced. The other women from across the nation were friendly, welcoming, and made you feel comfortable. The comradery was amazing! I hope we can continue to enjoy that feeling in our DCCW meetings and conventions, and in future NCCW conventions.

The speakers at the convention were also excellent. The theme was “Caring for God’s Creation” and focused a great deal on the environment and global warming. There were other interesting topics, such as dealing with suicide, loss of a child, and mental illness. There was a Leadership presentation on how to create a junior council for NCCW in your area.

I was very partial to the environmental topics, simply because I am such a strong advocate of the three R’s: *Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle*. We were encouraged to bring our reusable water bottles to the convention, and to try to reduce the use of plastics. Our presenters painted a gloomy future for the world regarding climate change, weather patterns, and garbage. We need to encourage everyone to listen and to do their part in helping to save our planet, no matter how small the effort. A 16-year old teen from Sweden organized a school walk-out to bring attention to world leaders on the severity of our environmental crisis. She continues to protest every Friday in front of her government’s parliament to bring attention to our plight. She has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and was invited to speak to the United Nations. She refused to fly because of the environment and airplane emissions. Instead, she opted to travel 15 days by boat to reach the U.S. to address the assembly. How amazing is that? The fact that one teen can make such a difference and be heard!

#TrashTagChallenge

Cleaning up the world
one piece of trash at a time.

We all need to bond together to help make a change. One way you can begin is to participate in the NCCW “Trash Tag Challenge” in your communities. Take a picture of an area in your community that needs to be cleaned and invite your parish or CCW to participate. Take an “after” picture and post them to the NCCW website with the hashtag #TrashTagChallenge. You can post your pictures to Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook. Using that same hashtag.

Let’s all try to do our part and make a difference!



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RSVP ... Repondez s'il vous plait ...

Please respond to confirm your invitation. It's an old fashioned idea and considered rather formal; however, it is common courtesy to let your hostess know if you will or will not attend a function. With the internet and cell phones, RSVPs are easy and quick. Unfortunately, too many of us have ignored this common courtesy. Women of faith who support each other practice this show of politeness toward others. When we do forget (and we all have those moments), we apologize as a way to convey not only our regret, but our love and respect to our sisters. Many times, we no longer want to attend an event or participate in an activity. We may outgrow activities. A quick phone call of explanation to the hostess would be of benefit to both parties. Remember when making decisions, your no must mean no and your yes must mean yes.





SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

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Well, it's been a nice, relaxing summer. Now it's time to start looking through my notes and my files to start preparing for next year's convention.

I want you all to know how much I appreciate you and your support. I thank God for all of you!

I also want to share how much I enjoyed the NCCW Convention last month. The workshops were informative and encouraging. The hotel even decorated the glass elevators and the center of the foyer with our NCCW convention logo! I learned a lot (and more sinks in as I think about it) and am so grateful that I could go.

Love & Peace of Christ,
MaryAnne



Impressive recognition
from the Renaissance
Atlanta Waverly Hotel



DCCW TREASURER

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On behalf of generous donors, the National Council of Catholic Women of which we are an affiliate recently made the following donations: Catholic Relief Services for Water for Life (\$4,470); Refugee Women Emergency Fund (\$375); Madonna Plan (\$2,514); Help-a-Child Fund (\$613); and the General Fund (\$1,117) – for a total of \$9,089. Also, as so many individuals were generous in support of the Vocation Purse Club, a check for \$32,362 was sent to the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations.

As a reminder, during our 2019 DCCW Convention, donations from the Cathedral Mass collection allowed us to send \$1,035 each to the following: NCCW's Vocation Purse Club, Cathedral of the Madeleine; and the Fisher House for Veterans SLC.

I would put out a challenge to each of us – encourage your friend, who is not currently a member, to become one – an Individual Membership is \$50/year and a Supporting Membership is \$100/year. Please contact me or any Diocesan Council of Catholic Women ("DCCW") Board Member and we will be glad to assist you – you can also go directly to NCCW (www.nccw.org). As a current member of NCCW, please be aware of your renewal date. Also, I will be reminding all Affiliates to be submitting their NCCW affiliate dues before the end of the year.

I continue to be very proud of the accomplishments made by our members of the DCCW.
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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN PRESIDENT ELECT

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For me the highlight of the Atlanta NCCW Convention, was of course, my installation as NCCW President Elect. I was so happy and honored to have 18 of my DCCW sisters there. How quickly I had to come off cloud 9 and get to work with the responsibilities of NCCW President Elect. My main responsibility is to plan the NCCW Conventions for the next 2 years and work on sites for future years. In between all that, I plan the member calls.

The excitement is mounting for the 100th anniversary. Jean Kelly, NCCW President, has chosen the theme: ***NCCW 2020: A Vision for the Future*** for our 100th Anniversary Convention, August 26-August 29, 2020 to be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott, in Arlington, Virginia. I will be going out there in October to begin the planning of this important event.

We are planning a night-time tour of Washington DC, a daytime tour and Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in D.C., and so much more.

Start saving your money to attend. We are hoping to have registration open by February of 2020.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Pray for us,
Pat



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No doubt, you've heard the saying, "a picture is worth a thousand words." I don't know how many words a three-minute video is worth, but I would say the new **"We are NCCW"** video is priceless. Whether your women's group needs a pep talk, or you are looking for a Council Sunday reminder of why we are all members of the National Council of Catholic Women, this video which made its premiere at the NCCW Convention in August, is sure to inspire. The "We are NCCW" video is sure to be great recruitment tool, as well.



You can find the video front and center on the NCCW website (www.nccw.org), and you are encouraged to share it far and wide. Share the video on your personal and affiliate social media pages. Email a link to all of your members. See if your parish will put a link to the video on its website or in the bulletin. Perhaps add watching this video as part of your meeting openings. Let me know how your council uses the video.

The possibilities are endless!

(Click pic for video)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO AMY KENNEDY NEWLY
ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NCCW ASSOCIATES!!!**

DIRECTOR OF MEETINGS/WOMAN OF THE YEAR CHAIR & PAST NCCW PRESIDENT

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Greetings My Dear Sisters in Christ,

It doesn't seem possible but convention was over five months ago, and here we are in late September. Speaking of convention I want to thank all who brought stamps. We got so many it was very heart warming. We recently received a thank you for our donation. It read:

"Thank you so much! Your donation of stamps, which benefit our Ministry with the Poor, has been gratefully received. These donations make possible stories like the one below. I hope you will take a few moments to see what you are helping to achieve in India. Your prayers for our sisters and those to whom they minister are deeply appreciated. May you continue to have a safe and happy end of summer!" It was signed by Sister M. Jane Chantal (Method), CSC Manager, Stamp Room. Some of you may know Sister Chantal as she served in Utah for a time and truly enjoyed her stay here.

The story Sister wrote about was regarding Our Lady of the Holy Cross School in Barakathal, India. The school began in 2012 when a group of Holy Cross sisters agreed to assist the teachers in the local village school. Over time the sisters were asked to open their own school. In 2014 the students moved to their new facility. The school is open to both girls and boys. Today there are more than 350 children in nursery, and kindergarten through grade 9. Enrollment is expected to continue to grow. "We offer deepest thanks to all those who have assisted this young school's development as it endeavors to deliver an outstanding Catholic, Holy Cross education of both mind and heart."

Please continue to help the Stamp Ministry. Here are some hints:



The cancelled stamps on your incoming mail can help the Sisters of the Holy Cross Ministry with the Poor. Save stamps that have their perforation intact, are not too heavily canceled, and are not torn, cut or stained. Leave at least ¼ inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope." Some of the good stamps are U.S. off or on paper, especially commemorative stamps. Foreign stamps off or on paper. Anyone with an album collection you would like to donate is most welcome.

Stamps that are plentiful and have little or no resale value are:

U.S. flag stamps, liberty bell and fireworks stamps. Also U.S. nonprofit and presort. Recent low denomination stamps from fund-raising appeals like the 1 cent with fruit, the 5 cent with blackberries and the 10 cent with red pears.

So become a Stamp Minister. Start saving now, convention is only 7 months away. Happy stamping!

Peace and Joy,
Bobbie Hunt
Past NCCW President



*"I slept and dreamt that life was Joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was Joy." -
R. Tagore*





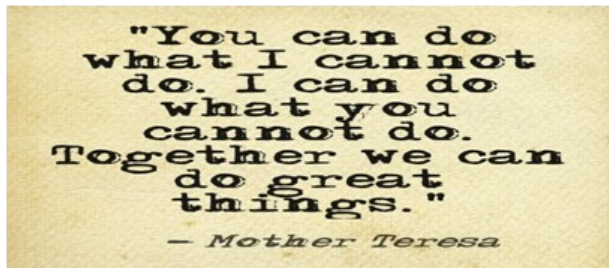
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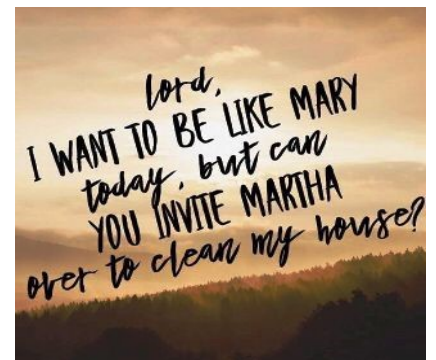
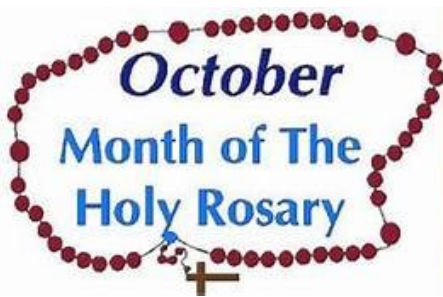
I have been trying to think of what to write for this article; I've prayed about it and left it to God to inspire me. He brought me to Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She was such a humble, devoted, and loving leader. She would be the first to downplay her extraordinary ability to lead so many others to her work. In the book, Mother Teresa: Her Essential Wisdom, I found a quote that seems so appropriate about our DCCW organization.

"When you look at the inner workings of electrical things, you often see small and big wires, new and old, cheap and expensive, all lined up. Until the current passes through them there will be no light. That wire is you and me. The current is God. We have the power to let the current pass through us, use us, produce the light of the world. Or we can refuse to be used and allow darkness to spread."

I thought how true this is. All of us are so different in our abilities, strengths and weaknesses, our backgrounds, professions, ethnicity, personalities, etc.

Without God's "current" going through us and inspiring us to say yes to our roles in CCW, we wouldn't have this beautiful organization that inspires so many good works locally, in our state, region, nation, and world. Next year is NCCW's 100th year. Our DCCW has been affiliated since 1928. Our Councils are strong, but in need of new leaders to keep them strong. I am asking and encouraging every woman of the Diocese of Salt Lake City to please consider taking on a leadership role at their affiliate level. Even if you offer to just lead a meeting or arrange for a speaker, or coordinate a retreat, service project, craft, prayer service, anything that brings Catholic women together, is an answer to let God's current work through you. As you work within your parishes, also consider moving up the Deanery and Diocesan levels of Leadership. After all, as Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: ***"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things!"*** Let's make our future even brighter!

Without new leaders and members, our organization becomes stagnant and ineffective. We don't want the darkness to spread into our wonderful organization, there are so many who rely on us for help. Help us make our DCCW brighter! So Please *let the current pass through you, use you, and produce the light of DCCW.* ***May God inspire and bless you all!***



DID YOU KNOW...

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.



SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

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Change starts not in the future but in the present; not in Washington or on Wall Street but where I stand. It begins not in the isolated dramatic gesture or the petition signed but in the ordinary actions of life: how I live minute to minute, what I notice, what I respond to, the care and attention with which I listen, the way in which I respond. What I want to bring out is how a pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words, and deeds is like that.

Jim Forest - "What I Learned about Justice from Dorothy Day." Salt of the Earth. July/August 1995

My prayer for each of us is that we be aware of the "ripples" we send out and strive for them to be positive, life-affirming movements in our families, parishes and communities.



It has been a pretty quiet summer. As many of you know, I retired (again) at the end of June. I look forward to having more time to devote to Adult Faith Formation and spiritual retreats with my newfound time.

I presented a retreat – *Let Your Light Shine* – for the DCCW Board in August. I also prepared an Evening of Spirituality to kick off the year for our women's group at St. Joseph the Worker parish.

I am looking forward to working with my co-chair, Suzie Brown, on any and all projects, prayer services and retreats as requested.



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

On the **13th of every month**, join NCCW members from around the country in the rosary lead by members of the NCCW Spirituality Commission. 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 as we continue this powerful prayer each month!

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)

1. If you join the call after the start time, please do not announce yourself despite the instruction to do so.
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.

6:00 PM
Mountain Time

SAVE THE DATE: October 16th — The October Monthly Member's Call

Jane Carter (NCCW Supporting Member) and Genevieve Mougey (Bread for the World).

NCCW Member's Call information:

Call in number : (515)-606-5163 Access Code: 703993# **6 pm (MT)**,

1. If you join the call after the start time, please do not announce yourself despite the instruction to do so.
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.
3. If you are unable to join the call, it will be recorded and a link will be posted on nccw.org





EASTERN DEANERY

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After the April convention, the ladies of the Eastern Deanery usually have one last meeting in May to end the season with an informal type gathering. Some have a dinner at one of the members houses, at their parish or wherever they decide. They talk about what happened at the convention and plan what the parish may be doing during the summer.

St. Anthony's women help where needed and most of them are in various activities, such as book clubs, bowling leagues. St. Anthony' C.C.W. had their first meeting in September and are planning a retreat on October 5, 2019 with the theme " Images of Mary" with Mrs. Susan Nielsen. They also are planning the rest of the year.

St. Helens welcomed Father Anil as their new Priest with a parish potluck. They successfully completed their community service project and delivered the donations to the women's shelter in Vernal. They are working of their annual rummage sale and planning their Christmas Bazar, with a new Kids Corner where they can shop for their friends and family.

St. James had their last meeting in May just to plan our dinner at Pearl Cooks house. We had a small meeting at the dinner to recruit new officers and plan our summer activities, such as helping with first communion celebration, clean the church grounds, meditation garden, parking lot and flower beds. One of our parish members donated truck loads of large rocks. They helped with the confirmation class luncheon for the young adults and their families along with Bishop Solis. Our C.C.W. also donated money to help with the gifts that were giving to them. Our C.C.W. also shared a booth with the Knights of Columbus for our St. James Carnival. We had a yard sale, which the Knights helped with. Last of all the parish had a picnic for all parishioners, which a lot of the CCW helped with.



**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHO
PURCHASED ADS IN OUR 2019 CONVENTION PROGRAM.
PLEASE SUPPORT THEM WHENEVER POSSIBLE, AND THINK
ABOUT WHO YOU CAN CONTACT FOR 2020!**

Sommertime Embroidery, Utah's Treasures, ARS Investment Advisors (Joseph Pond), The Coffee Shop, The Yawning Dog Ranch, Bellasano Salon, Dart, Adamson and Donovan (Amy Kennedy), Advanced Window Products, Happiness Within, Balance Rock Eatery, Dutch Oven Cuisine, Hard Hat Furniture & Appliance, No Tap Pro Shop, Aspen Wealth Management (Anita Bruno), City Creek Living (Nadia Neumeier), Gateway Lanes, Ye Olde Catholic Thrift Shoppe, Farnell's Carpets & Vinyl, Castle Gate RV Park, Daniel Maland Software Engineer, Marsha's Sammich Shop.



SOUTHWESTERN DEANERY

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Southwest Deanery councils had a busy summer.

Saint George Catholic Womens' Council provided compassionate services by serving food and beverages at the funeral reception for Yolanda Hernandez, in June. Working on uniting their parish, they also sponsored a whole-day bilingual retreat hosted by Fr. Sebastien titled "Women of St. George Following Jesus". Fr. Sébastien's presentation was followed by group discussions and Adoration. About 80 women in attendance meaningfully participated in colloquy. Attendees reflected on lives of women from the New Testament, who selflessly followed Jesus. July found them busy saying hello/goodbye as their priests' assignments were changed. They served food and provided desserts for Fr. Martin's Farewell Party, then turned around and welcomed their new priest, Father Dave, with cookies and refreshments after each mass. During August they were busy preparing to host a Diaper Drive after masses on Sept 21-22 and 28-29. This is always a most successful activity for the community.

Christ the King's CWC installed new officers during their last meeting before summer break. September's meeting was the first for their new term. They discussed many things, including the DCCW board meeting to be held the end of September. They also discussed new fund raising ideas, along with hosting our annual Martha's baby basket shower. Which helps local moms in Iron County with baskets full of new baby items and a few goodies for the new moms, which are handed out at the hospital. Here is to a fun and exciting new adventure for all the women of Christ the King's CWC!!

God's blessings to all our women as we serve our Lord and communities throughout this year.



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WITH SPIRITUAL ADVISOR,
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*Visit nccw.org website for a
convention recap by NCCW
President, Jean Kelly, as well
as more convention pictures.*



NORTHERN DEANERY

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It's a new year and the Northern Deanery CCW presidents are conducting meetings, planning various events, activities and fundraisers. Each is looking to introduce something new to their meetings. Something spiritual, something fun, something to bring their community of ladies together.

Holy Family:

In June Holy Family CCW held an appreciation dinner for the ladies of the CCW to celebrate the hard work and dedication they extended during the past year. The Annual Parish Picnic was also held in June and hosted by the CCW. The Parish provided the burgers, hot dogs and drinks and the attendees brought a variety of pot luck dishes. The highlight of the picnic is the announcement of the winners of the 9 raffle baskets donated by the ministries. The CCW donated a basket valued at \$90 to auction at the Give Me A Chance fundraising dinner. Their President, Karen Fawbush held her first meeting of the year, where they installed their new Vice President, Mary Ann Atkin. They planned and immediately held their first fundraiser, a cookie dough sale--raising over \$1,000. Future events include a spaghetti dinner; group participation in the annual Walk For Life; and periodically they plan to attend Mass as a group then go to breakfast.

St. Joseph:

St Joseph is involved in numerous charitable activities including donating school supplies to the Odyssey Charter School in Ogden. They also contributed to the Give Me a Chance fundraising dinner by donating a Doterra Essential Oils basket. Marie Neri, President, let us know they are planning events for the future that include hosting a St. Martha's Baby Shower, and a Christmas event for women of the Parish. They will also be recruiting a team to serve twice a month at Lantern House, a shelter for the homeless individuals and families who are in need of shelter, food and emergency services. They continue to host the funeral lunches for the Parish.

St. Mary:

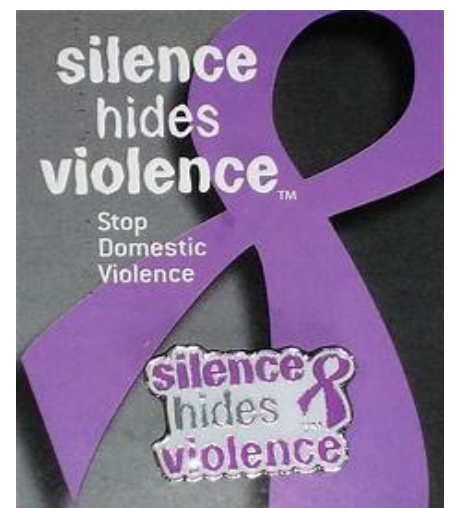
St. Mary CCW, led by their President Jessica Jurkowski, held their first meeting of the year in August with a wine and cheese social. During that meeting they planned one of their big events of the year, the Fall Bazaar. During the Summer they hosted a welcome reception for their new Pastor, Father Picos. Father Picos came to St Mary from St. George Parish. He was also the Dean of the Southwestern Deanery. St. Mary also donated an item to Give Me a Chance fundraising dinner. They donated a Mary and Martha casserole dish, along with tea towels and breakfast grocery items.

St. Rose of Lima:

On August 23rd St. Rose celebrated their 25th Anniversary as a Parish/Church. It was also the Feast Day of St. Rose of Lima. Mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Solis. Their President Gayelyn Hengel held her first meeting of the year where they discussed future events to include a dinner and auction early in the Fall. They want to continue donating their time in support of charitable contributions to the community.



Every October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. This year Respect Life Sunday is October 6. The 2019 year's theme is "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life."





WASATCH DEANERY

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It's September again, and I find myself feeling very grateful for having had the opportunity to attend another NCCW Convention in Atlanta last month with sixteen of my Utah Council sisters and Father Rene. I am already looking forward to next year's 100-year celebration in Arlington, VA. I especially enjoyed the welcome lunch featuring Mother Delores Hart, the Virtual Tour of Lourdes, and the presentations by the Spirituality and Leadership Commissions. As always, the liturgies were beautiful and uplifting. During the closing liturgy, our own "WDCCW Founding President," Pat Voorhes, was installed as the new NCCW President-Elect. I am anxious to share the Leadership Training & Development handout on the "Life Cycle of a Council" at our next meeting. We are fortunate to have many Affiliates who are in the "Prime" or "Mature" stage, strengthening our Wasatch Deanery Council all the more. And I'm happy to report that most of our Affiliate Presidents are returning for another year of leadership. We are also excited about two of our parishes, St. Martin de Porres and St. Therese, that are in the "Rebirth" stage, working toward re-affiliation. We've all been busy filling calendars with retreats, fundraisers, service projects, guest speakers, plans for Council Sunday, and other fun, enriching activities.

Blessed Sacrament Michelle Beasley and Rose Stehno were installed as Co-Presidents of Blessed Sacrament's CCW in January 2019. Blessed Sacrament CCW had a busy summer with continued monthly meetings and activities. The annual Garage Sale in June was a success. Late July and early August saw a successful collection of over 100 backpacks for CCS. Also in August, a video on "The INN Between" was shown in response to the adoption of one of the April DCCW Convention resolutions. They also held a collection of items on The INN Between's Wish List. The women at Blessed Sacrament are making plans for their Council Sunday Tea on October 20th as well as for the 32nd annual Holiday Blessings Boutique on November 23rd. On Council Sunday, they also plan to have CCW members serve as lectors, ushers, gift bearers, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the 11:30 am Mass. Blessed Sacrament generously donated a gift basket for the Silent Auction at the Give Me a Chance event earlier this month.

San Andres Monica Villar is the San Andres Women's Society (SAWS) President. She is also the Wasatch Deanery CCW Treasurer. She is serving her second term in this roles. San Andres is gearing up for the year ahead.

St. Francis of Assisi Gina Bowen is continuing at the helm of the Women of St. Francis of Assisi. They don't take a break over the summer, so she was busy scheduling guest speakers each month and helping out with other parish activities. In July they put together 250 hygiene kits to benefit the Women's Shelter and Food Coalition in Provo. The director from the Food Coalition spoke at their August meeting. Amy Kennedy, DCCW MDR Chair and NCCW LTD member, was the featured speaker at their meeting on September 16th. They have a retreat scheduled on Saturday, September 28th, "With Joyful Hearts." Gina extended an invitation to all of the parish CCWs in the Deanery. They are also getting ready for their annual Fall dinner dance in October, featuring a Wizard of Oz theme.



St. Francis Xavier Erin Stephens is the new CCW President at St. Francis Xavier, taking over the reins from Jaclyn Jaquez, who has been coming to our Deanery meetings for as long as I can remember. I am thankful for Jaclyn's service and for her friendship and look forward to working with Erin.

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WASATCH DEANERY—Continued

St. John the Baptist Nancy Reading is the new President of the St. John the Baptist's Ladies Association (SJBLA) for 2019-2020. SJBLA spent the summer planning their annual charity luncheon, a "Roaring 20's" Themed party—Putting on the Glitz, which will be held on November 3rd. In August, they helped three Blessed Sacrament Boy Scouts fund their Eagle projects at the Carmelite Convent by presenting them with a \$500 check. Their new pastor, Father Tilley, asked them to create a "thank-you" quilt for Msgr. Moore to commemorate SJB's 20th Anniversary. Father Tilley was also surprised with his own fleece tied blanket that said, "Let the Adventure Begin." The Ladies Association has had great success in handing out flyers after the weekend Masses to encourage attendance at their meetings. They have scheduled the following events through the end of 2019: A Garden Party and Jewelry Making social in September, a "Witches Night" in October where they will share crock-pot recipes of soup and scary desserts while crafting *spectacular* witches hats, and a "Whoville" themed Christmas Party and Social Justice Project in December.



St. Thomas More At my parish, we are pleased to have Roxann Vredenburg continuing as President of the Ladies of St. Thomas More. The Ladies of St. Thomas More are excited to celebrate Council Sunday with a half-day retreat, "Images of Mary," on Saturday, October 19th, presented by Susan Neilson. We are also planning for our annual Ladies Luncheon and Boutique which will be held December 6-7th. Last year, we hosted a series of "Meet & Mingle" events throughout the year to promote community among women in the parish as well as sample goodies from local vendors. We plan to continue this tradition this year and will be holding our first get together at the end of September. Over the summer, we enjoyed an early morning hike and met for coffee afterwards at a local establishment.

St. Vincent de Paul. Sophe Derrick is serving the second year of her term as CCW President at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Council Sunday will be celebrated on October 13th with Coffee and Donuts and a membership drive. Their calendar is filled with activities, including guest speakers from Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Youth Resource Center. Their October meeting will focus on Safety/Protection—Physical and Electronic. They are also very excited to be hosting our next Deanery meeting on Saturday, October 5th.

St. Martin de Porres. Cabrini Riddle has been a member of St. Martin de Porres Parish for 18 years. Her pastor, Father Jan Berdnarz, approached her in June about organizing a Council of Catholic Women at the parish. She spoke with several women while attending DCCW and WDCCW meetings over the summer and also consulted with some past CCW presidents from St. Martin's. On Sunday, August 11th, she set up a Coffee and Donut Meet & Greet after the Masses. She also invited Amy Kennedy to attend and answer questions about the various rings of Council. A total of 63 ladies attended. They introduced themselves at their respective tables, played a few icebreakers, and learned about the benefits of volunteering. They held their first organizational meeting on September 15th where they discussed the duties of the various offices and committees that make up a CCW. They plan to vote on September 29th to fill those positions.

St. Joseph the Worker. The new president of the Women of the Worker is Jan Meigs. They had their St. Martha's Baby Shower in June, as well as their Parish Unity Festival, which went well. They started back up in August with a prayer service and potluck to welcome new ladies.





SALT LAKE DEANERY

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The NCCW Convention was held in Atlanta in August, I was very fortunate to be able to attend, and I want to say a big thank you to the Salt Lake Deanery for sending me. I had the opportunity to hear great speakers, as well as witness the installation of Pat Voorhees, as NCCW President Elect. I also want to send out a huge thank you to the ladies from Our Lady of Lourdes in Magna for being great hostesses at the DCCW Convention in April, as well as all the deanery ladies who served on the committees

Our Spiritual Advisor, Msgr. Winterer, at our June meeting noted he had bone cancer and started chemo at the Huntsman Cancer Center. He relied on the power of prayer, and his doctor confirmed it! He thanked all the ladies for their prayers. Msgr recommended these books “33 Days to Morning Glory”, “33 Days to Merciful Love”, “Consoling the Heart of Jesus”, and “Paul and the Faithfulness of God” a biography written by N T Wright, a bible scholar.

Saint Peter and Paul reported they are working on some ideas. We will watch for those.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna had a potluck, unity festival, and they will start meeting in August to prepare for their annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held on September 29, 2019.

Saint Ann's had a successful fashion show. They installed new officers in May at a potluck meeting, they gathered baby items for the St. Martha's Baby Project for Holy Cross Ministries. They are considering a Christmas Ornament sale in October, and a parish picnic in August.

Saint Olaf's met for their end of the year meeting at a local restaurant and discussed plans for the next year.

Saint Patrick members have been very busy with the 100 year dedication of the church. They will have a mass to celebrate the anniversary on July 13th. Bishop Solis will celebrate mass, and a luncheon will follow. They are planning to open the corner stone, and then add to the contents. Father Anasasius will be celebrating his 25th jubilee on August 27th. Mark Walberg chose St Patrick to film a part of the upcoming movie “Good Joe Bell”. It was filmed in the parish hall... watch for the movie next year. CCW helps with weekly bingo, and their annual Carnival,



SEPTEMBER DCCW BOARD MEETING CLOSING PRAYER: Susan Espinoza Spirituality Commission

O God of Creation, You have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

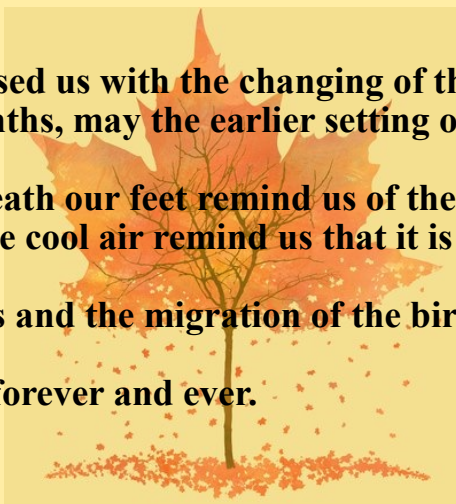
May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who gives us the breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds remind us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen





LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

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This summer has consisted of the Interim Session of the Legislature until they begin the formal General Session of Utah Legislature in January 2020. Some of the interim topics included the Medicaid Expansion with the lack of federal support for funding it, the medical marijuana debate regarding the ballot initiatives the public voted on, and the tax overhaul bill. There is talk about placing tax on services rendered, as well as food tax, which would place an unfair burden on people in poverty. Utah education has taken a toll since more than \$4 billion has been taken out of the general fund since 2012, when the Legislature began earmarking a large and growing portion out of the state sales tax for transportation.

According to Jean Hill's 9/23/19 Prayer & Action Network: As the Catholic Church prepares to celebrate the [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) on September 29th, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us of "Pope Francis urging us all to work for a 'globalization of solidarity' with refugees, not a globalization of 'indifference. In light of refugees' extraordinary contributions to our country, and of the world's struggle with the greatest forced displacement crisis on record and historic highs in religious persecution, we categorically oppose any further reductions in the refugee resettlement program."

In reference to the September 20 *Intermountain Catholic* newspaper, "The leaders of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops stated that admitting fewer refugees 'runs counter' to U.S. values. A proposal to reduce the number of refugee admissions to the United States to fewer than 30,000 "would be wholly counter to our values as a nation of immigrants," said the president of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the chair of the bishops Committee on Migration. In recent years, the U.S. has accepted between 50,000 to 75,000 refugees per year. The number was capped at 45,000 after Trump became president in 2017 and was scaled back to 30,000 for fiscal year 2019.

In addressing conflicts the country is going through, Archbishop Wester from Santa Fe stated, "Examples abound: bullying on the internet, personal ad hominem attacks by politicians, shaming on social media, hundreds of killings each year, racial hatred and violence, technology breaking down the bonds that unite us, addictions that isolate and fragment families, mental illness born of poverty and addiction, nationalism, as well as egoism." He would like to have people join in the goodwill as pilgrims seeking healing among others. He has called for a "pilgrimage of conversion" to start from Sept. 14, the Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, through April 20, 2020, which is Good Friday. He said, "Many young have lost sight of the sacred, many old have forgotten to behold the holy. Now, more than ever, we must seek the hand of God, who heals our wounds - in our homes, in our society, and in our church". For more information see www.dioslc.org and www.le.utah.gov.



THE AWARE NEWSLETTER

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Inviting ladies to join 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 Council, love spending time together and find our accomplishments fulfilling and meaningful!

Jeannie Illian, NCCW LTD Program Consultant



It's time to Celebrate DCCW Council Sunday October 20, 2019

Throughout the diocese, we will be celebrating and publicizing **Council Sunday**. This annual day of recognition is to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of our DCCW affiliated women's groups, while at the same time increase Council awareness. Contact your women's council president to see what's planned at your parish! **Send pictures.**

Watch for our ad in the [Intermountain Catholic](#).

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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 groups activities. Email pictures with caption information to:

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.

Want to see your ladies in the AWARE? Send pictures to the Aware Editor, Bonie Siegrist, at: utahbonnie@comcast.net.

Publicize the good works your ladies are doing and share activity ideas.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October— Domestic Violence Month Respect Life Month

October 6 — Respect Life Sunday
October 12 — CWL Luncheon & Fashion Show
October 13 — NCCW Rosary Call-in
October 16 — NCCW Membership Call-in
October 20 — DCCW Council Sunday
Bread for the World Sunday
November 9 — DCCW Board Meeting
St. Thomas More, Sandy
November 21 — NCCW Day of Prayer & Fasting
December 31— NCCW Affiliate Dues deadline

January 25, 2020—DCCW Board Meeting,
St. Patrick, Salt Lake
March 27-29, 2020—San Francisco Province
Meeting— Menlo Park, CA
April 24, 2020 —DCCW Board Meeting
April 25-26, 2020—DCCW Annual Convention
Sheraton Salt Lake City
June 6, 2020—DCCW Board Meeting
Northern Deanery
Aug. 26-29, 2020—NCCW 100th Convention,
Arlington, VA

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE

You won't want to miss it!

**The 92nd Annual
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DON'T MISS IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION

**ALL CHANGES FOR THE DCCW ROSTER, ESPECIALLY NEW
AFFILIATE PRESIDENT'S CONTACT INFORMATION, NEEDS
TO BE EMAILED TO THE DCCW SECRETARY,
MARGARET CRAGIN- MASSARONE, ASAP!**

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MARGARET WILL FORWARD UPDATES TO NCCW

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