

## **Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

Board Meeting: January 18, 2025

NCCW President-Elect's Report

Your National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) Board of Directors will meet on January 31 and February 1, 2025. Most years, our Board gathered for our winter meeting in Washington, DC, to coordinate with participation in the March for Life events. However, a virtual meeting was necessary this year due to the closure of the Washington Retreat House and the lack of viable meeting spaces in Washington during a very busy season in our nation's capital.

Despite our Board meeting being virtual, several of our Executive Committee members will be going to Washington, DC, for the March for Life events that NCCW representatives are invited to attend, such as the annual Pro-Life Leadership Mass at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America and as special guests at the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on January 23, 2025. We will also proudly march the following day and pray for better weather than last year.

I encourage you to participate in our upcoming Member Calls. In February, you will hear from our Spirituality and Service Commissions with ideas for a fruitful Lent, and in March, we will reveal our 2025 Convention program and line-up of speakers and events. If you cannot make the Calls live, I encourage you to watch these replays on the NCCW website.

The Member Call earlier this week featured an update on the fundraising campaign to restore the statue of Our Lady at Mary's Garden at the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The campaign will continue through May 31, 2025. Please visit the NCCW website for more information. Please also prayerfully consider donating to this cause and discern ways your Council can raise funds for this campaign.

Our next NCCW Convention is in Orlando, Florida, in August 2025. Immediately before our DCCW Convention, I will travel to Orlando for a final site visit and meet in person with our local planning committee. Convention registration opens on April 1 – no fooling! – and on behalf of our Council Sisters in Florida, we look forward to having you be our guest.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel pray for us.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Amy Kennedy, NCCW President-Elect