

# Salt Lake Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

## President's Report

September 22, 2018

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
with all my heart;  
I will declare your wondrous deeds.  
I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, Most High.*

Some days – hopefully many days – don't you feel like you should be shouting that Psalm from the mountaintop? Life is good! And we should, as St. Gianna Molla said, "thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."

But what happens when our days don't go so well, they don't go as we planned? There is a good chance we may get a bit crabby and just plain unhappy. Sorry, but Jesus did not promise us happiness, He promised us joy. We had the privilege of listening to a wonderful keynote speaker at the NCCW Convention, Bishop Frank Caggiano, who reminded us that happiness is transitory. It comes and goes depending upon external circumstances over which we may have no control. But Christian joy is a deep and abiding sense of contentment that arises from one's relationship with God. Joy does not require possessions, success, or any pleasure at all. Please go to the NCCW website ([nccw.org](http://nccw.org)) and listen to his speech and to Cardinal Daniel DiNardo's homily; they are such informative, inspirational, and from-the-heart talks. They are posted under the "convention" tab.

And speaking of conventions, ours will be here before you know it! Our featured commissions this year are Spirituality and Service. We will be working with Susan Espinoza and Suzie Brown, our Spirituality Chairpersons, and Sylvia Orosco, our Service Chairperson, to put together the program – the speakers and prayer services – for the convention. Cynthia Acosta, Salt Lake Deanery President, is our Convention Chairman, and Becky Colombo, your DCCW 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president, is the Convention Co-chair. Bobbie Hunt, our Director of Meetings, will be the point person for working with the hotel and will organize the Woman of the Year recognition and banquet. Pat Voorhes will be taking your convention registration, and Carol Harley will make sure you have a hotel room. MaryAnne Mulvihill, your 2nd vice-president, will be organizing and running the auctions. Ernie Folks and Mary Valerio have the honor of accepting applications for sponsorships to attend convention. Marcie Downs, your Immediate Past President, along with Bobbie, Bonnie Siegrist, the Advisory Board members, and the other officers will be great sources of advice and guidance, for which I will be very grateful. So, as you can see, putting together a convention is truly a team effort. But the most important component of convention is your attendance! So, please set aside the last weekend in April and plan now to attend. Begin talking it up and finding a way to send as many women from your parish CCW – as many women from your parish! – as possible. The small effort it takes to attend is definitely worth it.

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful organization!

Wishing you peace,

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DCCW President