

Salt Lake Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

President's Report to the Board

January 25, 2020

Let your light shine! The theme for the 92nd annual DCCW Convention invites us to live fully as active, believing, practicing, joyful Catholic women.

Let your light shine! We are called to love one another.

Let your light shine! We must follow Jesus' example of hospitality.

Let your light shine! There is joy in the hope we have of eternal life; let's live in that joy.

Let your light shine! Allow your inner light to be a light for others.

Let your light shine! You are a reflection of the love of God; you should be glowing!

Let your light shine! Lead others by your example.

And what a wonderful place to enjoy the company of others whose lights also shine – the 92nd Annual DCCW Convention! It begins exactly three months from today – are you ready?

Building on the foundation of the DCCW Board's summer retreat, which was presented by our Spirituality Chair, Susan Espinoza, we will hear from speakers who will give us real-life examples of letting one's light shine, how the light of Christ should guide us as leaders, and inform us as to how we, too, can move forward as Catholic women reflecting the light of Christ, the light we all received at our baptisms.

The commissions we are featuring this year are Leadership and Legislative, and those commissioners, as well as the other DCCW commissioners and committee chairs, the women of the Eastern Deanery, and your Executive Board are diligently working to bring together a fabulous convention! So get registered, reserve a hotel room, invite your friends, and share the excitement!

We will learn from our speakers and from one another. We have the opportunity to celebrate Mass with our Bishop and hundreds of Catholics from around the Diocese. We can win one-of-a-kind raffle items. We will share good conversation and good meals, share our long-held ideas and gain new ones, laugh while enjoying one another's company, and grow in our sisterhood over coffee, tea, and, perhaps, wine. We will pray together, using that foundation of faith to strengthen the light of Christ within us. Come to convention with your friends and leave with many more.

A wonderful convention is wonderful because of the people who participate in it. Thank you, in advance, for making it wonderful by attending the 92nd Annual DCCW Convention. See you there!

Yours in the light in Christ,

Casey Pond
DCCW President

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

--Howard Thurman