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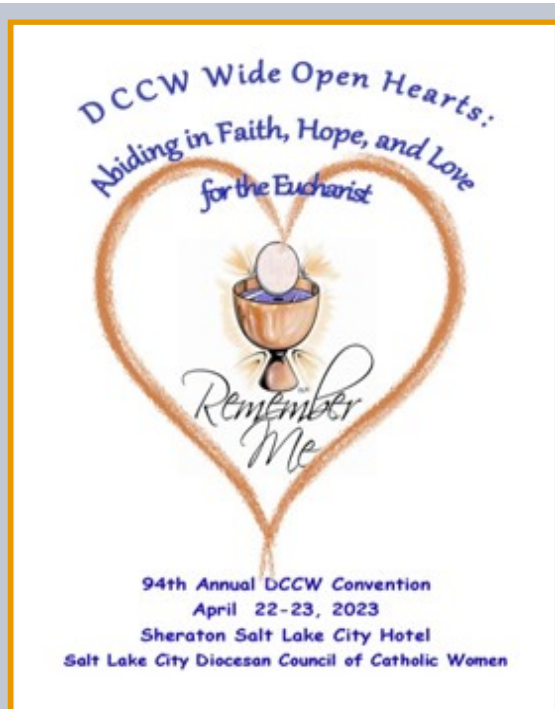
DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barb Kerouac — Saints Peter and Paul, West Valley City

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A new year and a new chance for a new beginning. It is time to put some rough years behind us and start anew. The Christmas season always, through faith, allows us to have hope in what is to come. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and it has sprung a new hope in you also, by God's undying Mercy and Grace.

With the new beginning it is also the time for us to look to the events of the new year. We have been called to the Eucharistic Revival by the USCCB. The source and summit of our faith, the holy Eucharist, is the Real Presence of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Without which, we have nothing; with Him, we have everything. The faith, hope, and love that He gives through His presence is phenomenal. If only we believe He is truly present on the Altar of every Mass, we are able to attain that faith, hope, and love. This year the theme for the DCCW Convention focuses on just that.



Father Christopher Gray, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption in Park City will be our Keynote speaker. He will open our eyes and hearts to the Eucharist. Saint Pope John II's "Ecclesia de Eucharistia" encyclical will be the focus of his talk. Fr. Gray leads the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival. He will deliver an inspirational view of the Eucharist in our lives. *

Please join us with "**Wide Open Hearts: Abiding in faith, hope, and love for the Eucharist**". We have planned a full Saturday of spiritual renewal. Leadership and Legislative are our two featured commissions. **Sister Veronica Fajardo**, of the Holy Cross, a bi-lingual therapist will speak on "**Responding with Eagerness to the Body of Christ**". **Deacon Greg Werking and Paula Terry**, both active members of the Diocesan Respect Life Commission will present on the impacts of the reversal of Roe vs. Wade, now what? They will be the Legislative Commission speakers for Sunday morning.

Our wish is that you come join the Catholic women of Utah for a spirit-filled, fun, refreshing weekend at our **94th Salt Lake City DCCW Convention**. Please invite other women especially those who have never been to convention. Family and friends of all ages will form new relationships and experience the best of Catholic women in Utah. All convention information is on our website www.dccwutah.org. A convention information packet with all details and forms has also been given to your women's group president. Feel free to check it out and register.

Registration deadline is March 22nd. We'd love to see you there!

* Fr. Gray's source of inspiration from the introduction of "Ecclesia de Eucharistia" Encyclical by Saint John Paul II

"Marker 6. *The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist; by him she is fed and by him she is enlightened. The Eucharist is both a mystery of faith and a "mystery of light".³ Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist, the faithful can in some way relive the experience of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: "their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (Lk 24:31).*

Last 2 sentences: *The Eucharist is too great a gift to tolerate ambiguity and deprecation. It is my hope that the present Encyclical Letter will effectively help to banish the dark clouds of unacceptable doctrine and practice, so that the Eucharist will continue to shine forth in all its radiant mystery.*



DIocese OF SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
94th ANNUAL CONVENTION - APRIL 22-23, 2023
Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

TENTATIVE AGENDA

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer Service
- 9:00 a.m. General Session
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Keynote Address: *"Easter Joy in the Eucharistic Church"* Fr. Christopher Gray
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. Leadership Commission: *"Responding with Eagerness to the Body of Christ"*
Sister Veronica Fajardo
- 12:00 p.m. Break
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch, Our Lady of Good Counsel-Attendance Awards, centerpiece drawing
Call to 2024 Convention (Southwest Deanery)
- 1:45 p.m. Eucharistic Miracle Display movie
- 2:15 p.m. Closing prayer
- 2:30 p.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/ Confessions
- 3:00 p.m. Recess
- 4:15 p.m. Bus Boarding (buses will leave hotel by 4:30 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine
Bus boarding immediately after Mass. Last bus departs by 6:30 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m. Banquet Social Opens
- 7:15 p.m. Woman of the Year Banquet & Awards

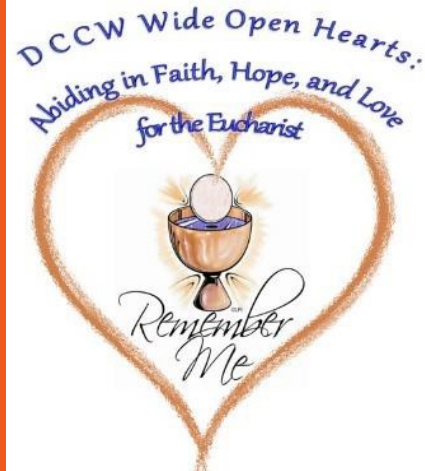
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Service: Taizé
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Legislative Commission: Deacon Greg Werking / Paula Terry: Right to Life
Commission.
- 11:00 a.m. Break – Hotel Checkout
- 11:15 a.m. Resume General Session: Resolutions, Recommitment ceremony
- 12:00 p.m. Closing Prayer
- 12:15 p.m. Raffle and Silent Auction
- 1:30 p.m. Adjournment



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**CONVENTION 2023 FURTHER MEETS
THE MISION OF THE
DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ...**



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.

**2023 CONVENTION DEADLINES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Sponsorship Applications	March 1, 2023
Affiliate of the Year	March 15, 2023
Ads for Convention Program	March 15, 2023
Woman of the Year (Bio & Picture)	March 15, 2023
All Convention/Banquet Registration	March 22, 2023
Convention Hotel Registration	March 22, 2023
Confirm Raffle/Silent Auction donations	April 1, 2023

DETAILED INFORMATION & ALL FORMS ARE ON THE DCCW WEBSITE, WWW.DCCWUTAH.ORG, OR CONTACT YOUR CCW PRESIDENT.



LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING CHRIST...



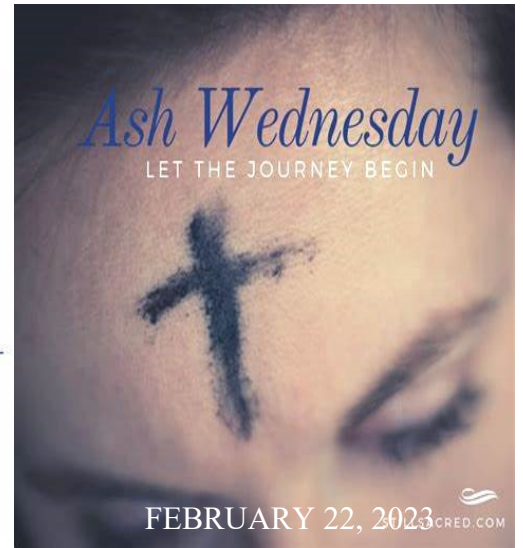
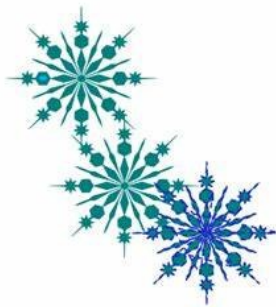
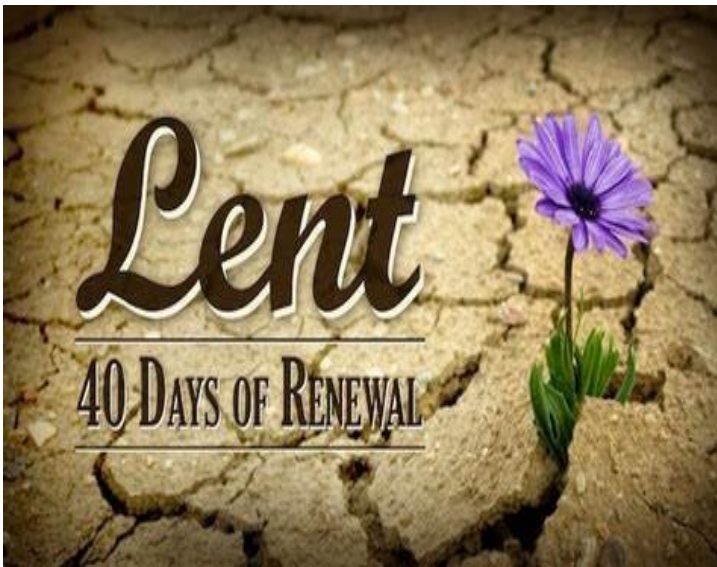
In this winter season, the Church once again is leading us to look ahead for the coming of the Season of Lent. And as we all know, Lent is a time where we remember and specifically observe the Passion experience of Jesus.

Year after year, the church calls and reminds us to reflect, meditate and contemplate on the crucial moments in the life of Jesus, the Son of the living God: the suffering and his death on the cross of salvation. During this time of Lent, we journey together as a community, not only personally. As people of faith it is very personal to each one of us because this man named Jesus, who was sinless, who brought hope, who revealed to us the real face of God, the bringer of peace and the fountain of salvation, was falsely accused and was condemned to die on the cross.

This Lenten journey is an opportunity and our response to the invitation of the Lord as he calls us once again to come back to him with a contrite heart for he is merciful and kind, slow to anger and rich in compassion. He is calling us to conversion, to renew our hearts and minds, and to walk with him towards the path of holiness and righteousness.

The ashes that we will soon be receiving on the Ash Wednesday celebration is a sign of our readiness to journey once again in a spirit of joyful hope, to be renewed and be changed, for the grace of God is sufficient to perfect our imperfections, to heal our wounded souls, and to open the eyes of our faith so that we may see the hands of God working among us and accompanying us in this journey of faith.

As we come closer to the Lord in this journey, the more we will find ourselves drawn to act out the three religious practices that the church invites us to do: almsgiving, prayer and fasting. We will experience within ourselves a desire to serve others just as the Lord served his people and to be attentive to his presence. Lent invites us to journey in such a way that when Easter Sunday comes, we can renew our baptismal promises with renewed enthusiasm. In this, as we relive once again the story of Jesus' sacrificial love, may our journey this coming season of Lent, lead us to a renewal of faith and strengthen our commitment in our following of Jesus. Amen.



IMPORTANT REMINDER: 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, Former NCCW LTD Program Consultant*



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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Dear Friends,

Can you believe it is 2023 already? What resolutions did you make at midnight this year? Did you resolve to lose weight, to spend more time with your family, to spend more time in prayer or to be kinder to a difficult person in your life? During the NCCW Convention, resolutions are also made. Last year in Minneapolis, NCCW members resolved to say a daily rosary and practice the First Saturday Devotion (requested by Our Lady of Fatima), form cenacles of prayer before Mass, on First Saturdays, or at times of Adoration.

Here are some resources to help you meet the resolve to pray the rosary:

- ◆ Have you purchased the beautiful *Pray the Rosary with the National Council of Catholic Women* presented by the 2021-2022 Spirituality Commission? It is available in the NCCW store at www.nccw.org
- ◆ The Spirituality Commission prays the Rosary on the 13th of every month via Free Conference Call. The call-in number is located on the Members Only Resources Page on the NCCW website.
- ◆ On the NCCW Members Only Resources Page, there are 3 Rosary Meditations, Dignity of Women, Rosary of Peace and Healing and The Our Lady of Seven Dolor's.

Come to the 2023 NCCW Convention where you will hear how well we did in meeting the resolve of the 2022 Resolution. The theme I have chosen for the 2023 Convention is ***Path of Renewed Encounter*** based on Chapter 7 of *Fratelli Tutti* written by our Holy Father Pope Francis, with subthemes of peace, forgiveness, harmony, social justice, and an end to the death penalty, violence, and war as well as *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* written by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Meditate on some of my favorite quotes from these two documents regarding encounter to get you in the mindset of the theme. "In many parts of the world, there is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of peace and renewed encounter" (Fratelli Tutti 225) and "The Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter Him in the Eucharist." (Mystery of the Eucharist, pg. 3).



Come to Salt Lake City, Utah, August 24-26, 2023, at the Salt Lake City Hyatt Regency to ***Renew Your Path of Encounter*** with Jesus. Pope Francis explains in a homily he gave in the Diocese of Rome on December 1, 2013, "Life is a journey. It is a path, a journey to meet Jesus. Our whole life is an encounter with Jesus: in prayer, when we go to Mass, when we receive Communion, when we do good works, when we visit the sick, when we help the poor, when we think of others, when we are not selfish, when we are loving, in these things we always meet Jesus."

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us to Jesus.
Patricia Voorhes





NCCW SAN FRANCISCO PROVINCE CCW

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I am hoping you were all blessed with a very Spiritual Advent Season and an Inspiring and Blessed Christmas. I'm also hoping you were able to share both of them with loved ones and friends. It all went by so quickly and now we are back into the rush of our other daily living and responsibilities.

I am so very honored to be serving as your Province Director for the San Francisco Province Council of Catholic Women. Michael O'Shea is serving as the Province Secretary and Casey Pond is serving as the Province Treasurer. The National Board is an amazing group of women who are all so inspiring and dedicated to the success of the National Council.

Since I have been installed, I have been working on connecting with the other DCCWs in the Province. Those in Nevada are not affiliated with Council, but there are two individuals that used to be Individual Members. I have reached out to both of them, but I have not had a response. I have also reached out to all the Bishops of the Province, including Nevada, Hawaii and the four inactive DCCWs in Northern California. Even though I have not had a response from any that are inactive, I will continue to reach out to them to try and pique some interest. I will be reaching out to Jean Kelly, the NCCW Immediate Past President for ideas on approaching them. May God Bless you all and keep you in his care!

NCCW San Francisco Province Meeting – Salt Lake City

I would love to have all of you join us for our first Province Meeting/Gathering to be held on **March 10th – 12th** of this year at the **Marriot University Park Hotel**. Registration begins at 4:00 PM on the 10th and it will conclude Sunday following our lunch.

Our speakers include

- ◆ Deacon Sunday Espinoza, with the Diocesan Office of Vocations and a Deacon at St Joseph the Worker Parish, who will be talking on the Rosary and Adoration.
- ◆ Chris Huntzinger, the Liturgical Music Director at St Ambrose Parish, will speak on Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* on the liturgical formation of God. This ties in with the Eucharistic Revival.
- ◆ We will have a woman refugee from Catholic Community Services tell her story. The plan is for a woman from the Ukraine.
- ◆ We will also have a speaker from the Diocesan Respect for Life Committee who will speak on *Walking with Moms in Need*, and
- ◆ Amy Kennedy will present a Leadership workshop on *Creating a Diverse CCW* including Latina groups.

We will be attending the 5:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral on Saturday.

Rooms are double queen and are \$136 per night.

The registration is \$250 and includes all meals: two dinners, two lunches, and two breakfasts.

If you would like to join us and haven't seen a registration form, please email me at jaudiss1234@yahoo.com.

Deadline: February 10, 2023



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AWARD AT THE
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DCCW IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

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This issue of our AWARE Newsletter is always dedicated to the DCCW Convention scheduled in April in Salt Lake City. As the immediate past president, I hope you are all considering attending the convention this year and looking forward to Salt Lake City hosting the National Council of Catholic Women's Convention in August. Every time that I, personally, have attended a convention I go home feeling renewed and spiritually inspired. We encourage anyone and everyone to attend, and hope that you have resources you can use to help your women financially. Sometimes our support is in the form of an invitation to those who are shy or timid about attending. Sometimes our members feel they don't fit in or have a good friend to share the experience, so let's all do our best to "talk up" both conventions and plant the seed to bring in more first time attendees!

We also have the San Francisco Province meeting in Salt Lake City in March, and I am happy to be fortunate enough to plan on attending this event. Our own Jeanne Audiss from Salt Lake City is our new Province Director and has a great weekend planned with some awesome speakers. I'm sure Jeanne will have details about the event for everyone. I am looking forward to helping Jeanne at the meeting by running the raffle/silent auction. Several women have already offered donations for this, and I will gladly accept more from anyone who would love to contribute. The Province meetings are scaled down to a smaller number of ladies, but they are just as dynamic and rewarding as our large conventions. It would be great to see you there!

We all realize that these gatherings can be costly and money is tight for everyone right now. Please reach out to DCCW and your local councils for help to attend. The DCCW has a Sponsorship Fund for assistance in attending the DCCW convention. Many councils have sponsorship or scholarship funds that enable women to attend, and we hope those who desire joining the meetings are able to do so. You can reach out to our DCCW President, Barb Kerouac, to inquire about resources and contacts for help in these areas.

The Recommitment Ceremony at DCCW Convention in April is the time when our current officers and Deanery Presidents are asked to confirm their obligations of their positions. It is always a beautiful part of convention on Sunday, and I look forward to my part in this ceremony. I am constantly looking and encouraging women who may be possible officers for 2024. Please pray for our members to consider different offices and also pray for me to find those willing and excited to join the board. It is a rewarding time in our lives, as all your past presidents and officers can confirm!

Please pray for the repose of all the souls we have lost over the past year and this new year, especially Father Albert Kileo.



DCCW SECOND VICE PRESIDENT/WAYS & MEANS CHAIR

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In reflecting on the past year, I am so grateful and blessed for my affiliation with the DCCW and the St. Olaf's Council of Women and my relationships with such wonderful women. I'm looking forward to this year's DCCW and NCCW conventions. It will be an exciting, busy time.

As DCCW has done annually, we will be conducting our convention fundraisers: the silent auction, general raffle including the \$100 prize, ugly bag silent auction, and the table centerpiece doorprizes. At this time I do not have a quilt for the quilt auction. If you know someone who would like to donate one for the raffle, please let me know.

We will soon be sending requests to each affiliate asking for donations for use in the raffle, silent auctions, as well as a table centerpiece. Please let me know if there will be any additional items. I will also be sending requests to several local businesses.

As always the success of these fundraisers depends on the support, creativity, and generosity of our affiliates and attendees. These fundraisers help support the mission of the DCCW, our commissions and programs, future convention speakers, sponsorships, etc., as well as the Carmelite Nuns, Daughters of Charity Give Me a Chance Program, and the National Council of Catholic Women and the San Francisco Province.

Thank you for your continued support. Many blessings to each and everyone.





DCCW FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

Carol Harley — St. Mary's, West Haven

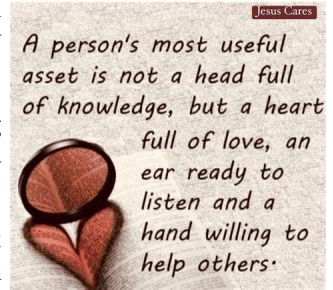
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Greetings and Happy New Years to you all. Busy times ladies as I'm sure you all know. This has certainly all been a new experience for me. I've already spent a lot of time outside my comfort zone, and I'm sure that will continue. I struggle with a chronic and terminal case of procrastination, which causes me and anyone depending on me a great deal of discomfort. Just ask Barb who's been pulling her hair out! So I need to channel all of the amazingly strong, capable women, who've filled these shoes before me, and try not to disappoint any of them/you.

I've enjoyed doing the hotel reservations for the last several years and felt really comfortable doing them. I will miss doing them this year, but Karen Fawbush will be taking that over and will do a fantastic job at it.

I know the convention will turn out as great as it usually does, and I intend to do my part to make that happen. **I will need some help from all of you, though, and for starters I'd like you all to work on getting corporate and individual advertising for our convention program to help defray the cost of printing.** You've all done such a great job in the past. I know we can count on you all again. Maria Devereux has agreed to be my assistant with the programs and other print jobs. She'll be great.

I am looking forward to the late afternoon on April 24th, 2023, when we can look back and say, "Job well done"!



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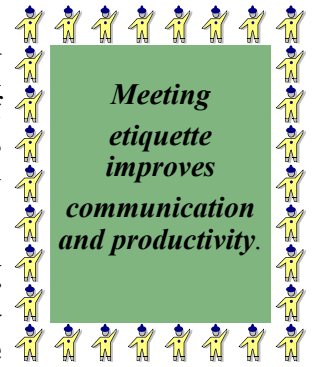
We often hear the word *protocol* when discussing activities during our meetings and conventions – such things as who sits at the head table and in what order they should be, how our officers should be addressed, or how to formulate an amendment to a motion. There are several versions of the definition of the word *protocol*, but they all are very similar: they are a “system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations.” Some synonyms for *protocol* are *formality*, *decorum*, *rules*, and *propriety*; more interesting are the synonyms *etiquette*, *courtesy*, and *manners*.

In the booklet “Ask the Parliamentarian,” authored by Pat Reymann, a Professional Registered Parliamentarian and published by the National Council of Catholic Women, Ms. Reymann states, “To me protocol means official good manners. It is a set of customs or code of etiquette that properly respects the offices that members and guests may hold.” She adds, “Good manners also dictate that only one person speaks at a time; side conversations are a breach of protocol as well as manners.”

It's safe to say that almost everyone (I'm guilty!) has had a side conversation or two during a meeting. It is very difficult not to, as we want to ask our neighbor a clarifying question or whisper our opinion about the topic at hand, or, unfortunately, chat about something totally off topic. “The fundamental right of deliberative assemblies requires all questions to be thoroughly discussed before taking action.” (RobertsRules.org) But if we do not listen attentively to the discussion, how will we know what action to take? If members shout out instead of waiting to be recognized, how will the discussion run smoothly?

Scott Hammond, Ph.D., says this about listening: “...Dialogue requires listening. You cannot really be listening if you do not build on what others said. Connecting your ideas with others builds a continuous string of collective thought that can truly change the direction of your organization.” He believes groups that create and allow for equal communication among its members will find “once-quiet voices come forth with brilliant insight.”

Honest, respectful, and well-mannered communication fosters and strengthens not only our organization, but our community.



DCCW MEMBERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE TEAM



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As I'm sure many of you know, St. Anthony of Padua parish in Helper had a tragedy. Our wonderful pastor, Father Albert Kileo died from a fall. Bishop Solis came down and said mass on Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th. He also presided over the funeral mass in Helper and at the Cathedral. We are devastated and will need your prayers for consolation and prayers we will be able to get a priest. Most importantly, pray for the Repose of His Soul and his family in Tanzania.



Happy news: Our brilliant, organized, creative and multi-talented Amy Kennedy has been officially nominated for NCCW President Elect. Amy has proven herself over and over to be totally committed to the National Council of Catholic Women. What we're asking you to do is help her get elected! Please encourage your ladies to join NCCW as individual members, so they can vote. **All deanery and parish affiliates must be current with their dues by January 31st in order to vote. Individual or supporting members must be current with their dues at the time of voting.** Go to www.nccw.org to signup or

contact Jeanne Audiss our Province Director, who can help you. Voting begins April 3rd and ends May 1st. Utah Catholic women ROCK!!!!

Also, please make sure you are saving up for the conventions in April and August. I am sure if you are willing to volunteer for the national convention, Becky Hicks, our Director of Meetings, can help you find a job that fits you.

In addition to our DCCW convention in April and the NCCW convention in August, we are hosting the NCCW San Francisco Province meeting in March in Salt Lake City. Our Province Director and National Council of Catholic Woman 2022 Our Lady of Good Counsel award winner, Jeanne Audiss, will be presiding, and we've no doubt it will be fabulous! Details are in her AWARE report.

Please contact Bonnie Siegrist or me, if you would like us to help in any way with your affiliate membership and meetings. Has your ladies group set goals for 2023? We are updating our "MDR" brochure and invite you to stop at our information table at the DCCW April convention. **Our** goal is to make sure you know the MDR "team" is here, willing to share our years of experience on all levels of council to help you achieve **your** Council goals. All you have to do is ask!

DCCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Affiliate of the Year Award 2023



The Affiliate of the Year Award – 2023 applications will be sent to the President of each affiliated parish that is on the DCCW Roster on February 1st. Information will be available on the DCCW website, as well. <http://www.dioslc.org>

The entry deadline is March 15th at 11:59 pm. No exceptions.

Entries will be reviewed and voted on by members of the DCCW Advisory Committee (past DCCW presidents) listed on the DCCW Roster.

Noted in red are the guideline changes for his year. These were voted on by the DCCW board:

- ♦ The parish must be a DCCW affiliate in good standing, actively involved in affiliate work. Nominations may be updated and re-submitted in subsequent years, **if they have not been chosen the winning Affiliate of the Year for two years. (Second & third place may reapply)**
- ♦ **If you have been chosen a winner, after two years your affiliate may re-apply with new accomplishments within this time: increased membership, developed new programs, etc.**

For any questions or concerns, please contact program chair Pat Musich: 435-722-1000 (call or text) or Co-Chair Becky Columbo: 435-650-6392



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When asked to submit an article, sometimes it's hard to decide what the topic should be . . . so in talking with Marcie, she mentioned "What is God leading me to do in 2023?"

Awesome choice, and I've been contemplating that topic for many days. As I look forward to this year, I am the DOM Chair for our April 22-23, 2023, DCCW Convention, the Volunteer Coordinator for the NCCW Annual Convention in August 24-26, 2023, in Salt Lake City (Yay!), the Chair to my High School's 55th Graduating Class Reunion that will be held the first weekend in August in Idaho, and I will be undergoing knee replacements – not on one leg, but both! As I look at what's involved in these activities, I'm praying these are part of what God wants me to do this year. But as I raised my hand and made these choices – I'm thinking that, at some point, I will need to place myself in the palm of his hands and contemplate where he wants me to go and what he wants me to accomplish for 2023 and beyond. *BECKY*

A new year brings us new beginnings. What am I expecting in 2023? A couple of things that came to me right away were establishing a more positive approach to my life and in my everyday work. Then the thought of what my granddaughter does each year - she makes a vision board of images and words that represent her wishes or goals to serve as an inspiration of motivation for the year. So, my vision board began and started with praying hands. A bible, praying with a group of people, laughter, joy and knowing that God is always at work in my life. It's just for me to be more aware of it. *MARCIE*

We invite you to open your hearts and listen for his voice - *What is God leading you to do in 2023?*

Marcie and I, along with the DCCW Board members, have been working on our April DCCW Convention. The Call to Meeting with all information and documents will be out this month. The prices did unfortunately increase this year, but please make the decision to join us. *Remember DCCW does have a Sponsorship Program if needed.*

Complete convention details & all forms, including Sponsorship, can be found on the DCCW Website www.dccwutah.org, or contact your CCW President. Note Sponsorship Applications are due March 1st.

Package A \$185 includes Saturday and Sunday registration, convention bag, all meals both days (including banquet) and Mass transportation

Package B \$85 includes registration for Saturday, convention bag, Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Mass transportation **Registration & hotel reservations deadline is March 22.**

Package C \$65 includes Saturday night Banquet only – **Must preregister.**

Package D \$45 includes Sunday only registration, convention bag and Breakfast

Hotel convention rates — \$122 single/double, \$132 triple, \$142 quad. All rooms have double beds.



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ANNUAL CONVENTION August 24-26, 2023—Salt Lake City Hyatt Regency Hotel,

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During the April 2022 DCCW Convention, many of you signed up to volunteer for the NCCW 2023 Convention. **You have not been forgotten!**

After talking with the Minneapolis 2022 Convention Volunteer Coordinator, it was decided that we (SLC) would be using the same "Sign Up Genius" program they used. This will be re-created for the NCCW Salt Lake City convention. When set up, you will be able to go to the site and designate the areas and times when you are willing to offer your time.

Many members of the DCCW board have been working with NCCW on the initial areas that need to be completed in time for the upcoming issue of the NCCW **Catholic Woman** magazine. NCCW individual members and affiliate presidents need to watch for your magazine copy in the mail.



DCCW CONVENTION WOMAN OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

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WONDERFUL Leaders of Council, Happy New 2023!!

Ladies, it is now time to choose your **WOMAN OF THE YEAR** from your parish, and to prepare for our DCCW Convention, April 22 - 23, 2023 at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel. *Your Woman of the Year will be honored at the convention banquet on Saturday evening!*

In choosing your Woman of the Year, you might consider someone who works behind the scene or a lady who is more visibly active. Consider the older woman, who was once active, but never received this recognition! Remember, we can only recognize one Woman of the Year from each parish!

After choosing your woman, we need a **BRIEF, 100 word resume** about her qualifications. **Don't delay! The deadline for this, as well as their convention/banquet registration is March 15th!!**

PLEASE send her RESUME to LYDIA FARNELL, 3950 West 9850 North, Cedar Hills, Utah, 84062, or email it to Lydia at lilyfar@q.com. Convention/banquet registration for her and her guests is detailed on the convention registration form, which is sent to Cheryl Johnson.

Detailed Woman of the Year Program information will be provided in the CALL TO CONVENTION packet, which affiliate presidents or pastors receive. Information will also be available on the DCCW website, www.dccwutah.org. Any questions can be answered by calling either SUSAN NEILSON at 801-367-0510, or LYDIA FARNELL at 801-368-5596, Woman of the Year Co-chairs.

**LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER FOR THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION
APRIL 22—23rd!**



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



If you would like to attend the 2023 DCCW convention but are concerned that you can't afford to go this year, here's some good news - there are DCCW sponsorships available!

A sponsorship will provide confidential financial assistance, making it possible for you to attend the convention. Refer to the [Sponsorship Guidelines](#) posted on the DCCW website (www.dccwutah.org) to see if you qualify.

The application and submission guidelines are available on the DCCW website, www.dccwutah.org, from the president of your parish women's group, or by contacting Kathy Fazio, the Convention Sponsorship Committee Chair.

Don't put this off, the deadline for applications is MARCH 1, 2023.



DCCW LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

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The first day of the Utah State Legislature's general session was Tuesday January 17, 2023, the day after Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday on January 16th. The MLK holiday took 32 years of dedicated campaigning in honor of King who was a Baptist minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner known for being instrumental in the civil rights movement in the 1950's, He was assassinated at the young age of 39. To this day citizens are continuing to fight for their rights, freedom and democracy. The session will end on March 3, 2023.

Jean Hill served as director of the Salt Lake City Diocese Office of Life, Justice and Peace for 11 years and was presented with the icon of the Lady of Tenderness in November 2022. She has chosen to work with Salt Lake County as director of the Criminal Justice Advisory Council. Jean is an attorney and a dedicated parishioner at St. Vincent De Paul parish in Holladay. She has worked tirelessly as an advocate for the homeless population, immigrants, inmates, the unborn and reform with the criminal justice system.

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed 2 pro-life measure bills which will likely meet some resistance in the U. S. Senate. The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act is about providing medical care for the child's gestational age if they survive an abortion. The second bill is a resolution condemning violence against pro life facilities, people and churches. This is response to the violence which erupted from the U.S. Supreme Court's June 2022 decision to overturn Roe vs Wade and favor Dobbs vs Jackson's Women's Health Organization. This decision places the authority to the individual state legislatures to decide how they will enact and provide care for the mother and the unborn child. Congress did not renew the expanded child tax credit which would have lifted millions of children out of poverty. The hope for Catholics is with bipartisan support we can reduce poverty and abortion.

Utah State Legislature has Senate Bill (SB)72 by Senator Stephanie Pitcher which would require clergy to notify authorities if there is reason to believe child abuse is current or likely to be ongoing. This issue was presented a few years ago but did not pass at that time. There is a House Bill (HB) 54 which would modify state tax revisions by Representative Steve Eliason and Senator Dan McCay. Governor Cox has stated he feels the initiative to reduce food sales tax has gained some momentum this session since it did not pass last year.

There is ongoing talk about giving some educational funding to private schools with vouchers and would include a \$6,000 a year pay raise for educators. Sponsored by Representative Candace Pierucci as House Bill 215 it is in its third substitution at this time. Medicaid expansion is being sponsored by Representative Rosemary Lesser as HB 84 Postpartum Medicaid Coverage Amendments which would request a waiver to extend Medicaid coverage for a postpartum woman from 60 days to 1 year in order to provide coverage for any complications, mental health issues, and family planning. HB 85 Pregnancy Medicaid Coverage Amendments would extend Medicaid coverage to pregnant women with a household income less than or equal to 200% of the federal poverty level.

For more information please follow the web sites of www.le.utah.gov and the www.dioslc.org and let your elected officials know how you expect them to vote on specific issues which are aligned with your Catholic viewpoints.



At the January DCCW meeting, Fr. Ariel Durian, DCCW Spiritual Advisor, and DCCW President, Barb Kerouac, install Deacon Sunday Espinoza as Wasatch Deanery CCW Spiritual Advisor.



SERVICE COMMISSION
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Hello and happy New Year! In welcoming the New Year, we look for fresh new starts and goals that will ask us to stretch and move outside of our comfort zone. One thing we can always do better is sharing our beautiful Catholic faith with others. **St. Francis of Assisi said “Preach the gospel at all times. Use words only when necessary.”** I love this quote! What a wonderful reminder that many times it is by our actions that others know we are Catholic. Lent starts on February 22nd this year. When others ask about the ‘dirt’ on your face, use the opportunity to share why receiving ashes is an important part of practicing our faith. Many people will be happy for the answer and walk away. But a few will stop and ask more questions. Many people are curious about Catholicism but are afraid to ask because they don’t want to get a whole catechism lesson. By giving them an answer and not being afraid of looking strange or being ‘overly enthusiastic’, you may give someone a reason to look into Catholicism more!

My hope is that while I am here, I can help you promote service projects within your parishes that will not only bring you together as a community but will also be an inspiration to your individual parishioners to step out of their comfort zone. Your parish may already have a plan for service projects, but if you needed some ideas, I’ve listed some below.

Our convention will be in April 2023 and, in memory of Bobbie Hunt, we will continue to collect our favorite items: rosaries, eyeglasses, cancelled stamps (not the Forever Flag stamps), pull tabs from soda cans, and mini hygiene products. Please collect and bring these to the DCCW convention. There will be collection boxes for these items. More information will be coming about how these donations will be distributed.

The **Diocesan Convention Service Project** is for the benefit of the Pregnancy Resource Center. At the January DCCW Board Meeting, **we had 100 baby bottles for distribution to parishes via the CCWs. The hope is that these bottles would be filled with change, cash and checks during Lent and returned at the convention in April.** With the repeal of Roe v Wade (something we have prayed about for many years!) comes the obligation to support moms who choose to raise their child. Keep in mind that many nearby states, like California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, have designated themselves as abortion safe states.

We will also be collecting items for donation to the Pregnancy Resource Center: newborn diapers through size 6 diapers, baby hand mittens, 12m+ baby clothing (boy and girl); baby toiletries (shampoo, bath wash, diaper rash cream), and grocery gift cards to Smiths and Walmart (requested in increments of \$25).

Need a bottle? Let me know, and I will get your parish baby bottles to fill! Bring the filled baby bottles and the donation items to the Pregnancy Resource Center information table at the convention! They will gladly accept all donations! You can also check out their website <https://pregnancyresource.net/> to learn about more ways to get involved, like donating time or becoming a prayer warrior.

MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS:

The theme for January service is “Keeping Them Safe”. January is the month we focus our awareness on the very real problems of human trafficking and domestic violence.

Suggested service activities:

Human Trafficking Awareness – host an information night to help raise awareness on what it is, what it looks like, who it targets, and how to help. After a brief talk and Q&A, lead a rosary to pray for those who are trafficked.

Domestic Violence Awareness – collect backpacks to be donated to domestic violence shelters for children who are taken from their abusive environment carrying their belongings in a trash bag (frequently the quickest and easiest means of gathering a few of their things). Collect the backpacks at a meeting where a speaker can provide more information on how to recognize signs of abuse and how to help.

The theme for February service is “Love Your Neighbor”. February is a great time of year to focus on others.

Suggested service activities:

Canned Food Drive – Have a canned food drive (or other needed items) for your parish pantry or local food bank.

Love Your Neighbor Baskets – create little love bags for homebound parishioners that contain a Valentine’s Day card, a holy card, a blessed candle (Candlemas is Feb 2 and traditionally, candles are blessed on this day), a calendar of Lenten and Easter services at your parish and a small bag of treats. Sing ‘You Are My Sunshine’ with each delivery. Don’t forget their fur babies!

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SERVICE COMMISSION Continued.....

Love Seniors Too – bring joy to the senior home by hosting a ‘love-in’ at the local senior center. Surprise them with an activity (like bingo or card games set up by table) and treats. Sing songs from by-gone eras, like “A Bicycle Built For Two” and “My Darling Clementine”. Bring Valentine’s Day cards for everyone. Leave treats at the caretaker’s stations.

The theme for March is “Serving the Poor” March is a perfect time of year to be someone’s lucky charm and bless their lives with compassionate service that brings back their dignity and helps them to feel like the beloved children of God that they are.

Suggested service activities:

Hygiene Kits – Collect mini hygiene items, package them in ziplock bags and donate to your local shelters for distribution. Don’t forget to check with the local food pantries! Many times, they will offer mini-hygiene kits to patrons.

Ladies Hygiene Kits - Living in a shelter or on the street frequently means women must put off caring for this very basic need. Partner with your parish’s young women (who can understand the embarrassment that is felt by women who cannot afford these items). Collect women’s personal products for distribution at a shelter.

Volunteer at a soup kitchen – Ministries that serve those who are in need are always in need of volunteers. Combine this activity with your youth group or confirmation students to help reinforce a core value of Catholic Social Justice.

I am looking forward to a great year with you! Please send me your ideas and suggestions.

I appreciate all that you do and aspire to do in your parishes! I am excited to hear about what’s happening in your communities. As I am still learning this role, I appreciate any feedback and welcome your thoughts and suggestions for the coming year.

May God continue to bless you and your families as we head into season of Lent and Easter!



SALT LAKE DEANERY Stacey Oliveto, President — St. Olaf, Bountiful soliveto@connect2.com

The Salt Lake Deanery affiliates have been very busy taking care of their parishes and those who are less fortunate. This is just a snapshot of all their work.

Cathedral of the Madeleine Women's Society prayed the Rosary using the new *NCCW Rosary* book, and they wrote Christmas cards to their diocesan seminarians.

The **Catholic Woman's League** presented the benefactors of their fashion show fundraiser, the Sharing Place and the Literacy Action Program, with checks for \$2,000 each.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Magna Council's bazaar raised \$2,700 for the painting of their church. In December they filled 24 boxes for The Christmas Box program.

Saint Ann's Guild provided Christmas gifts for 20 shut-ins families in their parish. They are busy planning and preparing for their luncheon on February 18th.

Saint Marguerite's Council hosted a simple dinner, where the price of admission was warm socks, gloves, hats, blankets and sweats for their Community Resource Center.

Saint Olaf's Council gathered winter clothing items for the Road Home, collected food items for the Ladies of Charity food pantry, and collected food gift cards for the homeless teen centers in Davis County.

Saint Patrick's Council helped purchase items for the children's goodie bags for the parish Christmas party. They also purchased calendars for the parish and included the save the date for the NCCW convention.

Saint Vincent de Paul's Council held a baby shower for Saint Martha's Baby Project and have scheduled a game day fundraiser with the proceeds going to support their service projects.



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A GOOD NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

I CHOOSE

It's quiet. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming.
In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun.
The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day.
The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race.
The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met.
For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands.
It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so, I choose.....

I CHOOSE LOVE

No occasion justifies hatred, no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love.
Today I will love God and what God loves.

I CHOOSE JOY

I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance.
I will refuse the temptation to be cynical ... the tool of the lazy thinker.
I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God.
I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I CHOOSE PEACE

I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I CHOOSE PATIENCE

I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place,
I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long,
I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments,
I will face them with joy and courage.

I CHOOSE KINDNESS

I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid.
And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I CHOOSE GOODNESS

I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast.
I will confess before I accuse. I choose goodness.

I CHOOSE FAITHFULNESS

Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word.
My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father *will* not come home.

I CHOOSE GENTLENESS

Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise.
If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I CHOOSE SELF-CONTROL

I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar.
I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal, I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by *joy*.
I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God.
I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek his grace.
And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

~ MAX LUCADO, *When God Whispers Your Name*

YOU HAVE A CHOICE
EACH AND EVERY SINGLE DAY.



WASATCH DEANERY

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The women of the Wasatch Deanery look forward to a new year filled with exciting activities and events. As we look forward to spring, we will encourage all women of our affiliates to attend the San Francisco Province Meeting in March, the DCCW Convention in April, and the NCCW SLC Convention in August. The Wasatch Deanery will be a vendor and have the world famous, Gabby Gauchay Saint Calendars for sale. We look forward to welcoming our new spiritual advisor, Deacon Sunday Espinoza.

San Andres Council of Catholic Women has been focusing on building relationships with our Hispanic community. In October we had a great turn out at Payson Park for the World Rosary Day. In November our Advent retreat had a great turnout from both communities. We are planning something for Lent. We are finding, for now, quarterly events are more successful for bridging those gaps than the monthly meetings have been.

St. Joseph the Worker Council of Catholic Women meets monthly, and each meeting has a theme, and food that follows the theme. In October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, we enjoyed a video presentation on the history of the Holy Rosary and prayed a living rosary. Women were connected by Fall leaves which represented rosary beads. "Holy" food was enjoyed! For November-We Give Thanks and We Remember-CCW members shared a memento/photo of loved one. We enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast. In December - Happy Birthday, Jesus! Santa Claus and his helpful Elf, read the "Nativity Story". We enjoyed passing gifts, Christmas music, pictures with Santa, and tons of delicious food! CCW participated in CCS Gift of the Drummer and collected close to 200 bags of needed clothing and supplies. The ladies sold Advent wreaths and Advent candles during Advent. St. Joseph the Worker CCW looks forward to hosting the DCCW/Wasatch Deanery meetings in January.

Women of St. Francis of Assisi hosted a Roaring Twenties themed dinner and dance as a fundraiser for our parish. We enjoyed a great meal, a dance instructor and fun DJ, and raised some money for our parish at the same time! Miriam Cortez-Cooper led us through the Lectio Divina method of prayer. We donated to Coats for Kids through our Knights of Columbus. We celebrated Friendsgiving and collected ten Thanksgiving meals (including turkeys!) to give to families in our parish and assisted our local KC's in serving free meals to veterans and first responders in honor of Veterans Day. Our annual Christmas boutique is our biggest fundraiser making over \$2,500 to support our programs. We hosted a reception for an Advent concert by our church choir. We had a Christmas party, ornament exchange and an imaginative prayer exercise that allowed us to be present when the angel announced the good news of Christ's birth to the shepherds. We thank God for a lovely end to a very active year.

Saints Peter and Paul is not holding CCW meetings but is maintaining dues to NCCW and WDCCW and staying informed on current events.

Blessed Sacrament CCW -hosts first Friday adoration every month and holds a monthly meeting. In November the ladies enjoyed a show-and-tell hobby display and made raffle bags for the upcoming Boutique. Advent booklets were distributed to all present. The officers for 2023 were elected: Cheryl Illario & Jan VandeVeegaete - Co-presidents; Bonnie Williamson - Vice President; Secretary - Katherine Martin; and Treasurer - Libby Ketchum. They will be installed in January. Our annual Holiday Blessings Boutique was held in November with 40 crafters, food, and a raffle, and it was a great success. In December, our Community Service Committee collected items for the With Love, From Strangers program benefitting the Navajo Nation Street Medicine Project. After the meeting, the ladies enjoyed celebrating Christmas with a potluck, door prizes, ornament exchange, and white elephant exchange. In January, an audit of the Treasurer's books was conducted, followed by the yearly donation meeting, to decide which charities/programs will receive funds earned from our fundraisers.

Fr. Rodel
Installed
2023
Officers



St John the Baptist - is starting a "NEW" Women's Group. Ruth Penderghast and Julie Carlin want to rejuvenate the ladies. It will be simpler, more fun, more spiritual, more social, with service to the parish. We will plan events each month, not on a regular schedule. Our first event was Monday, January 9th. Thirty-seven women showed up with plenty of food to share. Everyone participated in an ice breaker by introducing themselves using one word to describe themselves, and we played Catholic Jeopardy. The ladies were thankful for the event, and a few said they want to be more involved. In February, we are planning an event for Lent with guest speakers to help us enrich our Lenten practice, and in March a service project to gather hygiene products. We want to provide a place the ladies of the parish can find sisterhood and appreciate the power of women in the church.



SJB January Kick-Off Event

WASATCH DEANERYContinued

Saint Peter Council of Catholic Women had a busy December. We prepared gifts for our shut ins which were personally delivered by our ladies. We were delighted to welcome Jeanne Audiss, our Province Director, to the meeting. She gave us an insight into her work in council. We were delighted to welcome Jeanne Audiss, our Province Director, to the meeting. She gave us an insight into her work in council. We were delighted to congratulate Jeanne on her recent NCCW award. We had many items left over from our “Undie Sunday” outreach, and Jeanne left with multiple boxes of socks and underwear for distribution by CCS. On Sunday, January 8th we held our El Dia de Reyes party.... complete with a Three Kings Cake! This social event was well attended and, aside from a few announcements, was a “no business” zone! Our next meeting will be in February. We will be encouraging ladies to attend the Province Meeting and DCCW Convention!

St. Francis Xavier's CCW has managed to hang on throughout the pandemic. We had a nice Christmas party with gift exchange in December and for our first meeting of the year, we had a wonderful potluck, did chair yoga, and planned the rest of our meetings until May. We are excited to continue our group and will explore various charities we can contribute to.

St. Martin de Porres CCW wants to create an environment for learning, creating, and serving. In November we hosted the

Hispanic Community who taught us the history and importance of Mañanitas and the Festival for Our Lady of Guadalupe. They brought their traditional snacks and taught us the Mañanitas song. In December we had our Ornament Exchange Christmas Party and hosted our Filipino Community, who talked to us about the Simbang Gabi in preparation for the Mass being held at our parish. We are working diligently to engage our community to support one another. We are working with a full board; each woman brings so many talents and faith to table. We are blessed to add Kenndi as our Vice President and Guadalupe as Secretary. We are one family! Agape Love.

The Ladies of Saint Thomas More have been very busy. We continue with our monthly in-person Meet and Mingle. Our Ladies Luncheon and Boutique in December were a huge success. We had 295 women attend the Luncheon and over 60 vendors at our Boutique. In February we will be making Valentines for parishioners who are ill, who have lost loved ones, or are lonely. Valentines are also shared with an assisted living home and the Diocesan seminarians. On February 8th we will be making reusable sanitary kits for girls in third world countries through Days for Girls. We will pray Mary's Way of the Cross during Lent as we have for the last several years. We all look forward to the selection of our Woman of the Year and attending the DCCW Convention as well as the NCCW Convention here in Utah.



LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

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I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very blessed Christmas. It's hard to believe that 2022 is behind us and that 2023 is here. I hope for so many things in this New Year. Sometimes it feels a bit overwhelming when I start thinking of all I want to do or change in this New Year. This year I am going to look at it as a New Year's Vision, instead of a New Year's Resolution. I want to be excited and inspired this year. I am doing that by reflecting on last year and what went well and how I have grown through successes and challenges in 2022. I hope that by sitting with these thoughts, I can have a vision that will help with my goals and hold me accountable in 2023. I share this with all of you in the hopes that you too will have a wonderful year with many blessings!

One of my visions for 2023 is getting to know more of the women of the DCCW. As Leadership Chair it has been so nice to meet and get to know more of the Catholic women of Utah. I am blessed to be in such great company of Catholic women who are inspiring in so many ways.

The Leadership Committee has had a full 6 months of revising and updating the DCCW Bylaws and Standing Rules. We then moved on to revising and updating the DCCW Convention Guidelines. Barb Kerouac, DCCW President, also asked the Committee to write up DCCW Convention Sponsor Guidelines. We gave a proposed document to the board at the November meeting. After some tweaks here and there, a few changes, and a few suggestions, it will be (hopefully) approved of after a vote. I have Kathy Fazio to thank with all my heart for her help with all the changes that were made with all the documents. I couldn't have done it without her.

I also want to thank the committee members who helped with this monumental task. They are Becky Columbo - Eastern Deanery, Kirsten Mele - Salt Lake Deanery, Kathy Fazio - Southwest Deanery, Karen Fawbush - Northern Deanery, and Cheryl Johnson - Wasatch Deanery. I appreciate everyone for your suggestions and all the knowledge you shared with me. It made this huge task much easier for me. Thank you!

May God bless you in this New Year with His love.





SOUTHWEST DEANERY
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St. George Catholic Women's Group had a busy fourth quarter.

- ◆ Christmas bake sale held after Masses on Dec 17-18 generated \$ 1500. Parishioners were exceptionally generous in donating baked goods this year, even more so than in past years. Very few baked goods remained after the last Mass, and these were given to the youth group for their meeting that evening.
- ◆ SGCWG has spearheaded "gift cards for children" Christmas program for the past several years. In the fourth quarter, \$ 6700 was donated towards the program and gift cards were distributed among 378 children registered for the program.
- ◆ SGCWG successfully hosted Coffee and Doughnuts events in October, November & December, on the first Sunday of the month after Masses. Event received overwhelmingly positive reviews from the attending parishioners.
- ◆ Traditionally, we have been sending \$ 500 for Christmas to a Seminarian. When Fr. Tristan Dillon was in the seminary, we were sending him \$ 500 every year. Since his ordination, we have been sending \$ 500 to Andre Sicard.
- ◆ Group continues to meet every month and also tries to have lunch together in a local Harmons on a monthly basis.

Christ the King CWC

- ◆ The CWC at Christ the King had a wonderful turn out in October at our trunk or treat. There were 17 cars that came and handed out treats, popcorn and glow sticks to over 300 kids. It was amazing!
- ◆ In November we started our annual fundraiser to raise money for our local charities. We sold wooden replicas of Christ the King during the entire month and have raised nearly 900 dollars so far!
- ◆ The CWC also helped the confirmation students with a service project called Operation Christmas Child. We helped them gather donations, put the boxes together and helped the students fill and ship the boxes, such a wonderful project.
- ◆ In December the CWC served the juice and cookies, which we donated, to all the children that were in the Faith Formation Christmas Program. The kids did an amazing job!
- ◆ We had our annual Christmas party and we collected 85 hats and 75 pairs of gloves to donate to the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids drive.

We continue to stay busy in our parish and our community as always and look forward to a busy New Year!





EASTERN DEANERY

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We are deeply saddened by the news of our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Albert Kileo's death. He was a kind soul and had served in each one of our three parishes over the years since 2002. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and for his family, parish, and the diocese. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

Our deanery has a cedar chest and twin-size quilt raffle from now until March 26th, we will draw at our EDCCW Spring meeting. Contact us for your tickets.

Each group is discussing how they can be involved with the volunteering at the NCCW Convention in August. Our winter meeting is February 26 at St. Helen's, and Spring meeting is March 26th at St. James for the Woman of the Year.



St. James CCW – Vernal, Utah

In November, the Bingo Bash was a BIG success! Many members of CCW worked tirelessly on this project!! The "Bee Basket " was a big success! A Bake and Craft Fair was held on Dec. 17. We decorated the church for Christmas. We also held the CCW Christmas party and everyone donated two dozen cookies to take to the nursing homes. Had discussions for our participation in upcoming events and the DCCW and NCCW conventions.

St. Anthony- Helper, Utah

We held our annual church carnival the first weekend in November. It has been two years since we have been able to host an in-person carnival! The ladies were busy helping with booths, dinners, and Bingo! It was a very successful carnival. In December, we held our annual Christmas Bake Sale. We had our annual Christmas party at the Carbon Country Club. It was a fun night with delicious food and Christmas Bingo! Everyone was asked to bring a prize for our game! We invited all the ladies to join us from our parish! We had 22 ladies in attendance!

We unfortunately had to cancel our January meeting due to the passing of our dear Father Albert. The ladies have been busy cleaning the church and rectory for the funeral mass this week. We were blessed to have Bishop Solis and Deacon Lynn Johnson visit this weekend for both masses.

St. Helen's CCW – Roosevelt, Utah

Projects for St. Helen's were the St. Nick Program: two adult food card, two families with four children total. A donation was made to the Principal's Pantry for school lunches. We held our Bazaar, hosted the Interfaith Sing-a-long and Nativity Play for the community, serving the refreshments. We hosted the Annual Christmas Pageant and Potluck dinner, with Santa's visit. We decorated the hall for the Christmas Masses with the Nativity Scene, poinsettias, and tree. More projects are being planned for the new year.



REMINDER: ANY UPDATES TO DCCW BOARD, DEANERY AND PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION, MUST BE EMAILED TO THE DCCW SECRETARY, JAMIE BEERT, ASAP!

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JAMIE WILL FORWARD UPDATES TO NCCW

**Don't Miss Important
Communication from DCCW & NCCW**

INDIVIDUAL NCCW MEMBERS NEED TO MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR PROFILE ONLINE OR CONTACT NCCW DIRECTLY



Holy Family graciously hosted our Northern Deanery meeting on the 14th of January. It was great seeing all the ladies, and hearing the wonderful things going on in all of our parishes. We discussed the upcoming convention, and are looking forward to hosting. Sue Durbano is heading up our committee for convention bags, and is diligently researching options. We have secured some great donations to put in the bags, and will be reaching out to potential sponsors once guidelines are solidified. We have a good list of volunteers to help with hostess duties such as collecting tickets, and distributing centerpieces etc. We also discussed the criteria and various ways of selecting a Woman of the Year. In addition to the convention, we are planning a Lenten Retreat for the Northern Deanery, to be held at St James on 25 February.

Saint Mary CCW Activities

1. We continued to manage the sale of Poinsettias for advent church decoration and were also in charge for their upkeep.
2. We attended an Advent Retreat given by Deacon Michael Bulson, Saint Andrew Catholic Church Riverton on Renewing the Parish through Encultured Reverence.
3. We collected/donated cold weather apparel such as coats, jackets, scarves, gloves, and hats/bennies; they were personally distributed by one of our members, Maria Delfin to Ogden's homeless citizens.
4. We sent Christmas cards and small gifts to the homebound parishioners through the ministers who visit them. This activity had been discussed for some time and it finally came to fruition this year.
5. We also had our Annual Advent Dinner at Bella's Restaurant; 28 members attended.

St. James the Just Parish

1. Erin Calhoun has been added to our board of directors. She is the chair of one of committees.
2. Christmas Café Bakesale and gift baskets held on December 18th.
3. St. James CCW will be holding a women's retreat on Feb. 25th.
4. CCW has resurrected Coffee and Donuts once a month.
5. Year-In-Review: 46 sign-ups, 20 regular participate in monthly meetings and activities, 3 fundraising activities in 2022.
6. 2023 will focus on parish ministry service.

Holy Family CCW

- ◆ To date we have donated just over 100 infant/toddler items to the CCS pantry. Items include a variety of diapers, wipes, diaper rash ointment, formula powder, body washes, lotions, shampoos and pacifiers.
- ◆ Christmas Party with 30 people in attendance
- ◆ Sponsored a St. Nick night for the Luke two forty group
- ◆ Volunteers will be working with Fr. Joseph to create a hospitality committee to welcome new people to Holy Family.
- ◆ Working on ordering and finding items for the convention bags
- ◆ We have scheduled a CCW morning Mass & Breakfast 2nd Tuesday of the month and Mass & Dinner the 4th Tuesday of the month.
- ◆ Planning our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Feb, 11th 5-7:30pm in the social hall



Mark Your Calendar!
Give Me A Chance - Utah
 A Daughters of Charity Ministry
 Announced their 9th Annual
Enchantment in the Summer Garden
Dinner Fundraiser
Saturday, September 9, 2023
Ogden, Utah

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 group 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, Bonnie Siegrist, at: utahbonnie@comcast.net.

Publicize the good works and good times of your ladies group and share activity ideas!



Salt Lake Deanery Spring Luncheon

MARCH 25, 2023
Our Lady of Lourdes
2840 South 9000 West,
Magna, Utah

Spring

11 AM Social—12 PM Lunch

Cost: \$15/person (\$20 Day of Event)

Guest Speaker: Phil Notarianni

"The Early Beginnings of Catholicism in Utah"

Baskets, 50/50

Drawing, Cookie

Walk

Sponsored by:

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