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DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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What a great favor God does to those He places in the company of good people.

(St. Teresa of Avila)

And what a great favor we have received! It has been such an honor to serve with so many good people these last two years. I have had the privilege of knowing and working beside some of the most amazing women in the Church in Utah; I have learned from them, been inspired by them, been blessed by them, and consider them friends. Leadership is a quality we promote and develop in the DCCW, and I am very grateful for the pastors and the many Council sisters who encouraged, supported, and advised me; who listened to me and talked with me (often long into the night!); who accepted me and nurtured my growth. Thank you.



The final article the president writes for the AWARE is for the Convention issue, so this feels out of place and anticlimactic, and, to be honest, a little sad, since our 2020 DCCW Convention fell to the pandemic. The theme for the Convention was to be “Let Your Light Shine”, and my hope is that we will all continue to shine brightly, reflecting the light of Christ, not only in these days of uncertainty but into a confident, faith-filled future.

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will soon have a talented and enthusiastic new president, Becky Colombo, from St. Anthony Parish in Helper. Please pray for Becky, her Board of Directors, and the Affiliate Presidents as they lead us for the next two years.

And to all of you: *Always remember you matter, you're important, and you are loved,
and you bring to the world things no one else can.* (Charlie Mackesy)

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.
God bless you!

Casey Pond
DCCW President, 2018-2020



**NOTICE: FINAL MEETING OF THE 2018-2020
DCCW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

July 18—Blessed Sacrament Parish, Sandy
Election and Installation—2020-2022

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How I Survived the Pandemic?

The sudden suspension of public worship and celebrations in mid-March, due to the corona virus, caught all of us by surprise -- it was just like a thief in the night and left all of us unprepared. The world was put to a halt - activities both secular and religious were suspended indefinitely or cancelled. All of a sudden, we found ourselves in quarantine or isolation. Stay at home. Stay safe. Wearing masks is a must. Wash your hands. Keep a safe distance, or social distance, became international mottos. Staying home was the safest way to avoid the spread of the virus. Visiting friends or family members or social visitations were discouraged. With all these things happening, I could not help but ask, "How can one survive, not only the virus, but loneliness, isolation and homesickness, which the pandemic brought about?"

The first Sunday celebration of the Eucharist was so strange and weird, because instead of facing a live congregation, I was facing the camera with a virtual audience. It was not easy because they could see me, but I could not see them, their facial expressions and how they were reacting to my homily. Suddenly, I was celebrating the Eucharist by my lonesome in a cry room turned into a chapel. All Church activities were impromptu, or decided in a spur of the moment. Since the faithful could not attend Mass physically, I had to open the Church for private prayer, personal devotions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was made available by appointment. Those were the activities that continued my connection with the parishioners.

As days went by, we could not see with certainty when things were going back to normal. Things seemed to be getting worse. Almost all of the news was frustrating and depressing, and it seemed like there was no light at the end of the tunnel. The number of infected individuals was rising by the thousands, reports of deaths were increasing and nowhere could one hear news of recoveries or numbers of infected people decreasing.

On my part, as I am not a front liner in the strict sense of the word, the thing that I could do was to stay home so others would be safe, and to put everything in God's hands --because, after all, God is the power in control of everything. All I could do was pray.

I started a devotion to the Blessed Mother by praying the Holy Rosary. My original plan was to pray on Facebook Live every Sunday evening. After the first night on the 22nd of March, I received several requests to have the devotion nightly, which I did. I thought that it would only run for a few nights, but because of the inspiration of those prayer partners participating, and for the Blessed Mother and her intercession for all the front liners, the devotion is still going on, after almost a hundred days since its initiation. There was even an evening with more than 600 people participating, which inspired me to go on live twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays and to replay previous episodes on the other days.

I was able to survive and still am surviving amidst this pandemic of loneliness, homesickness and isolation because of the Eucharist and my devotion to the Blessed Mother, which deepened my prayer life. Actually, I say in all honesty that never in my life as a priest have I prayed as much as I have prayed during this pandemic. There is always truth in the words of the Blessed Mother in her appearance to San Juan Diego when she said, *"I am here. I am your mother. Do not fear. I am near."* And there are inspiring words from Saint Paul in his Letter to the Philippians: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ."*



LET YOUR
TRUST IN GOD
LEAD YOU
TO PEACE
AND HAPPINESS



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

PRESIDENT-ELECT

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As I sat down to write this article, I felt like I have been here before. Déjà vu! Not that I have experienced a pandemic before; but I have written this article before.

In January 2020, I wrote about my list of resolutions all having to do with preparing for the 2020 NCCW Convention. Now this June I am once again preparing for the **202One** NCCW Convention because we were unable to gather to celebrate NCCW's 100th birthday party. Jean Kelly has chosen the same theme *NCCW 2020: A Vision for the Future*. We will gather at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia on August 25-28, 2021. The same room rates will apply. If you made a reservation at the Marriott for the 2020 Convention, please cancel it before July 26th to avoid a one night plus room tax. We will let you know when reservations will open for the **202One** Convention.

Much of the schedule that was in the latest Catholic Woman article will remain the same:

- Evening Tour of Washington DC -- Tuesday, August 24, 2021
- Tour and Centennial Mass at the Basilica – Wednesday, August 25, 2021
- **100th Birthday Party** – Wednesday, August 25, 2021
- Lunch and Learn – Thursday, August 26, 2021
- Province Dinners – Thursday, August 26, 2021
- Awards Breakfast – Friday, August 27, 2021
- The Jersey Tenors Fundraiser – Friday, August 27, 2021
- Gloria Purvis speaking on Saturday, August 28, 2021
- Installation of President (**Yikes that would be me!**), President Elect and Secretary at the Closing Mass – Saturday, August 28, 2021.

We are hoping Abby Johnson and Cardinal Dolan will be able to join us—they are checking their schedule.

The 2020 Membership Campaign to win registration with banquet, the fundraiser and 4 nights at the Hotel is continuing. This year more than most, we need your monetary support so please go out and ask your friends and family to join NCCW so you and your new member can enter to win.

Watch the NCCW website for more information about the **202One** NCCW Convention.



With gratitude we thank President Casey Pond and her entire Board of Directors for their service to the DCCW during this unprecedented 2018-2020 term. With your time, patience, and prayers, you have been an example of leadership and giving. You have truly been a blessing to the DCCW! Thanks for *letting your light shine!*



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

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I would like to begin this article by saying thank you to all of those who sent ads to me for the convention program and were kind enough to say keep the money for next year's program. I also had several people who wanted the money donated to DCCW for expenses, and they stated they will donate again next year when it is time for the convention booklet. In these uncertain times, kindness and generosity abounds in everyone!

It has been such a frustrating and uncertain journey with not-knowing if we would have convention or what would happen. Thank you for being patient, understanding, and generous. My friends and I have been sad over the fact we had to postpone convention, but we understand completely. We miss the spiritual renewing, the friendships rekindled from year-to-year, and the information and knowledge gained from guest speakers and our council women. Over these three months of basically "abstinence" from the social world we are accustomed to, we have gained appreciation for what we have not been able to enjoy. I look forward to our convention next year and hope we have a record number of women attend in April!

It has also been crazy without installation of the new DCCW officers and planning our meetings for the coming year. Normally our president, Casey Pond, would have had her second convention to enjoy and conduct. My heart is heavy that she missed out on this celebration after her year of hard work. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as First Vice President/President Elect, and I look forward to representing all of you as your DCCW President. I am nervous, but I know I have many mentors who I can call upon for guidance and knowledge.

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I hope that this new council year will be full of joy and anticipation, without fear of the virus and illness. Everything is such an unknown, but prayer and faith are essential in moving forward in whatever ways we can to remain safe and healthy. The "new normal" is certainly something we are not familiar with, but I know we are all able to adapt. We cherish each other's friendship in council, and faith will pull us through.

We are women, hear us roar!!



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

MaryAnne Mulvihill — St. Therese, Midvale, Parishioner

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Well, I'm very disappointed that we have had to cancel Convention this year, but it seems God had other plans.

I am in the process of returning the few commercial donations I had received with our thanks, and I have notified the vendors who were to be at the Convention this year. I am asking that my successor will honor the commitments I had to this year's vendors, as they had made inventory purchases based on our Convention.

I have very much missed seeing and visiting with you all, but it is more important to stay safe and healthy. I am praying for you all.

MaryAnne

The quilt will be held for next year!





DCCW TREASURER
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During the first quarter of 2020, NCCW affiliates made the following donations to Water for Life of \$4,924; Refugee Women Emergency Fund of \$391; Madonna Plan of \$4,735; Help-a-Child Fund of \$531; and General Fund of \$815 – for a total of \$11,396 (thanks to so many generous donations). Also, on behalf of those individuals who donated to have their mothers and/or family and friends remembered at Mass on Mother's Day at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, NCCW sent the Basilica \$1,975.

As an update of NCCW Membership in our area of the San Francisco Province – of the 34 parish Affiliate Memberships, only two have not renewed; of the 66 Individual Members, there are 24 who have not renewed; and of the 16 Supporting Members, there is only one who has not renewed. I will be reaching out to those unaffiliated memberships to see if they would be interested in renewing their memberships or remain as unaffiliated. If you are not currently an individual member, please contact me or any Diocesan Council of Catholic Women ("DCCW") Board Member, and we will be glad to assist you OR you can go to www.nccw.org and submit your membership.

Although we were unable to hold our 2020 Convention and fundraiser, our DCCW remains financially stable. We are optimistic we will be able to hold our Convention in 2021.

I am very proud of the accomplishments made by all members of the DCCW. Thank you for the opportunity to have served you during these last two terms.

Becky Hicks, 801-694-8249.

Carmelite Fundraiser—By now, most of you are aware that the Carmelite Nuns have cancelled their annual September Fair. All of us need to do what we can to help support them during this difficult time – please either go to <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/carmelite-nuns-fundraiser>, or <https://www.carmelslc.org>, or send donations to the Carmelite Monastery, 5714 Holladay Blvd., SLC, UT 84121.



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Meeting Minutes

Webster defines a secretary as one entrusted with secrets, a confidential officer. The secretary duties have changed a bit since the olden days. We are more scribes and keepers of records than of secrets. Saint Catherine of Alexandria is a patron of secretaries, scribes and stenographers. There is also Saint Claude de la Colombiere, SJ, the confessor of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, VHM, and a patron of secretaries. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful patrons who guide us in our duties as CCW secretaries.

Our DCCW secretary does occasionally hear confidential information that is not shared with others. For those moments, we look to Saint Joseph, a patron saint of secrets, to guide us. Saint John Nepomucene is also a patron saint of secrets, the secrets of the confessional, for which he was martyred. Don't worry; we don't expect our CCW secretaries to die for our meeting minutes!

It has been an honor to serve as the DCCW Secretary for the last two years. Thank you for your support.



**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR**
Marcie Downs — St. Olaf, Bountiful, Parishioner
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It was March 13, 2020 and what a fun day I had planned for my youngest granddaughters, Lola age five and Vivian age three. I was taking them to Number One Nail Salon to have their little toes professionally painted by Miss Tiffany. Afterward we would head on over to Cold Stone for a scoop of their favorite ice cream. Little did I know that would be the last time I would hold their tiny hand in mine, go to hug them every time they smiled and giggled at me, and lastly puckering up and placing kisses on their sweet little puffy cheeks. Two days later March 15, 2020 that day changed our entire country. The COVID-19 Virus had shut down entire countries, our United States included. Parish churches were not able to celebrate Mass. All churches were closed. Families were told to stay home and BE SAFE. School's closed and teacher's taught via the internet. Sadly, our DCCW President announced that our 92nd Annual DCCW Convention would not be held. All around us life had begun to change and a new vocabulary had emerged with words like social distancing, pandemic, at home sheltering, and ZOOM.

My involvement in council work has stretched over many years of my precious life, which God has given me. My heart aches because we did not gather this

year for convention, but I am filled with gratitude to God for the many blessings, friendships, and fun times that council has given me. For 91 years spiritual women of character, strength and dedication have served the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women. As we enter our 92nd year, we will be installing new leadership, who will be working alongside DCCW President-Elect, Becky Colombo for 2020-2022. Having the privilege to be an officer of the DCCW and thus serve Catholic Women throughout the Diocese brings immeasurable reward. Our 2020-2022 officers will be voted on and installed at the July 18, 2020 meeting.

In closing, I know we are living in challenging times, but I continue to pray to Blessed Mother, who I know understands well the longing for closeness with those whom we love.



MARIA MORERA JOHNSON BOOK CLUB

Maria Morera Johnson was to be the Keynote Speaker at our 2020 DCCW Convention, and we were all looking forward to her talk. In light of the corona virus stay at home recommendation, in order to keep busy this summer Maria is going to be running a couple different book clubs. Her book **Super Girls** will be featured in July and **Our Lady of Charity** in August.

To participate and receive details signup for her newsletter.

<https://mailchimp/b4f370e29f1b/mariamjohnson>

Books should be available at **Immaculate Heart Book Store**. We encourage you to purchase from them, as they were to be a convention vendor this year and had stocked them in anticipation of our convention. You can contact them to verify stock on hand, 801-523-9243.



DCCW DIRECTOR OF MEETINGS & WOMAN OF THE YEAR CHAIR



PAST NCCW PRESIDENT

Bobbie Hunt — St. Rose of Lima, Layton, Parishioner
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My Dear Sisters in Christ,

“Every single thing you go through is designed to grow you. Every experience made you who you are today.”
Unknown

Seems we all have been growing quite a bit lately as life has changed for each of us in some way, for some more than others.

As you know our DCCW Convention had to be cancelled, not once, but twice. It was not an easy decision. The speakers were chosen and ready to come, the menus were decided, and vendors were excited. There was much prayer and agonizing, but in the end cancelling was really the only thing to do. The Sheraton Hotel worked with the DCCW and were so good to us. There was certainly a lot of growing during that time.

Many women of course were sad. Some of the quotes that were heard were:

“I come to Convention to be with other women that share our values, women that live their faith.”

“I will miss Convention as I am with so many strong Catholic Women who live out their baptismal promises.”

“Convention lifts each of us up”

“We need each other.”

“I will miss the hugs:

“There is so much evangelization”

“Being with so many women who are in in the trenches working for Christ.”

“Listening about the Women of the Year and honoring them is so uplifting”

At this time many have a hole in their heart. There is a void. We miss each other and need each other. Convention 2021 will be great. We will appreciate even more seeing each other. We will lift each other up higher and higher.



I would like to thank our DCCW President, Casey Pond, and our First Vice-President, President-Elect, Becky Colombo. These women have gone through much during this difficult time. The Salt Lake City Sheraton Hotel and the Judge Memorial bus coordinator, Che' Bathelt, have worked with us through all the changes. Thank you to the women of the Eastern Deanery, who agreed to host Convention 2021. We have so many blessings in the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women, as well as in our Diocese. Remember this saying that applies to everything:

THIS TOO SHALL PASS!

For now take care, be safe and enjoy your summer. See you at **DCCW Convention 2021, April 17-18!**

Bobbie Hunt



WOMAN OF THE YEAR

We have asked affiliate presidents to continue to send in their parish's **2020** Woman of the Year biographies by **June 30th, 2020**. All 2020 women of the year will be honored at the 2021 convention. *No additional women will be chosen for 2021.*



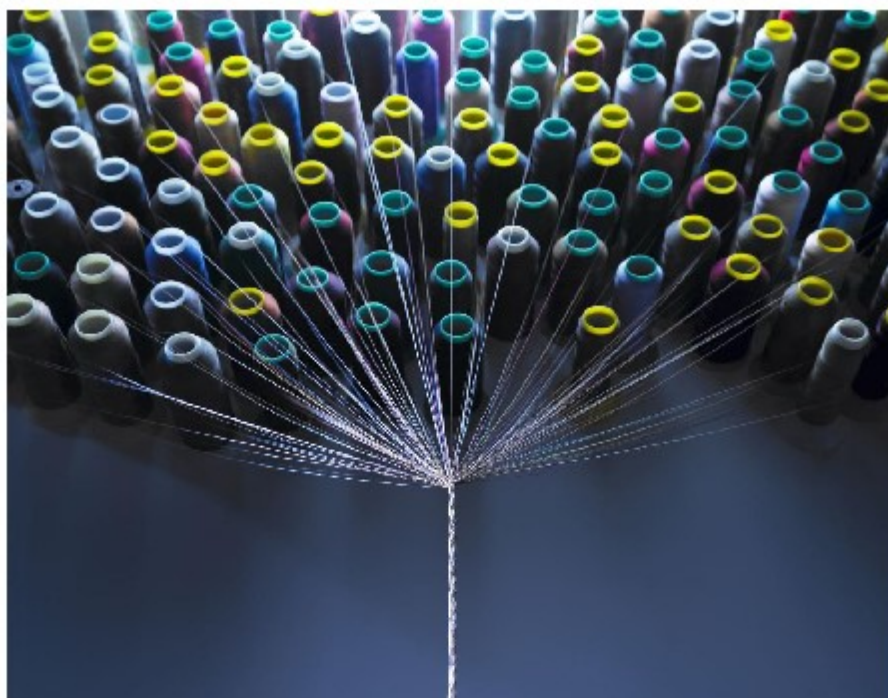
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Together Again

DCCW Convention - April 17-18, 2021

The 10 sponsorship applications which were approved for the April 2020 Convention will be kept on file for the 2021 Convention. Those women need not apply again. They will be contacted next year to verify that all the information is still valid. This gives all parish presidents more time to seek out those women who would love to attend the DCCW Convention but need the financial assistance a sponsorship can provide. Stay Well, Be Safe!



DO YOU KNOW THE 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.





LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

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“LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE”

It has been a privilege to serve as the Leadership Commission Chair. It has been a very rewarding experience. I have worked with a great commission and want to thank each of them. Bonnie Siegrist, Carol Harley, Becky Colombo, and Jeanne Audiss; your expertise and knowledge were invaluable and so greatly appreciated when revising and updating the Bylaws and Standing Rules. I have a great respect for those who were the original writers of our DCCW Bylaws and Standing Rules. Both are such great foundations for our organization to function well.

It has been quite a whirlwind of a year. We were looking forward to our annual DCCW convention and the 100th anniversary of this amazing NCCW organization. Then Covid 19 changed our normal into chaos and an unknown future. What will our new norm be? So many without work, working from home, home schooling, being socially distanced, NO Masses.....What???? Churches closed...What...never...and here we are today.

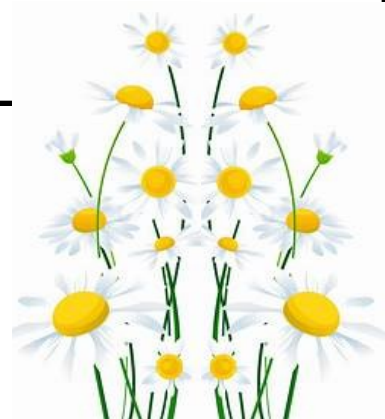
Technology overload, suddenly all is being done remotely thru our social media platforms...internet, wi-fi, computers, laptops, tablets, smart phones...WOW. This is thrusting us into the 21st century faster than our dug in heels can stand. Change is inevitable and is this how to reach the new millenials to join our beloved DCCW? Why, How, Where, When, and Who we become as an organization may depend on it. We need to adapt our role to include these avenues of memberships and communications. I'm inviting you all to participate in a new and challenging time. It will be an adventure well worth your time. This too shall pass and putting our TRUST in JESUS will allow us to thrive.

Go out and LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE and be the change that makes a difference!
Here's to the next 100 years of NCCW.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. Christ's Peace to you all.
Barb

On the NCCW website, nccw.org, NCCW asks all members to read the USCCB pastoral letter on racism "Open Wide Our Hearts: the Enduring Call to Love," (please click here) there is also a link to a corresponding study guide, (please click here for an additional study guide.)

Visit the NCCW website to see whats new. Check out their instructional videos under the tab NCCW News.





SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

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St. Joseph the Worker, West Jordan, Parishioners

Due to our “new way of life”, there aren’t activities to report, so I would like to use this article to talk about the presidential election coming up in just five months.

It is part of our Catholic faith to participate in public life and to make our voices as Catholics heard. I invite you to go to <http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-26.cfm> for information about the USCCB’s most recent update on [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#), the teaching document for the faithful on the political responsibility of Catholics, put out every four years. It does not tell you how to vote but gives direction on what must be considered to make an informed vote. There are also resources discussing the importance of civilized dialogue with those of differing opinions.

Also, this year, there are videos which complement this document and can be viewed on the [USCCB’s YouTube channel](#).

The videos are titled:

- [Catholics Participate in Public Life](#)
- [Catholics Protect Human Life and Dignity](#)
- [Catholics Promote the Common Good](#)
- [Catholics Love their Neighbors](#)
- [Faithful Citizens Work with Christ as He Builds His Kingdom](#) (a compilation of the four videos)

The videos are only 2-3 minutes long, and are available in English, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. The videos in Tagalog feature Bishop Oscar A. Solis of Salt Lake City.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the USCCB, emphasized the importance of these videos saying, “The bishops of the U.S. invite all Catholics to bring their faith into the public square. Political engagement and participation are important ways that together, we can work to protect the unborn, welcome immigrants, bring justice to victims of racism and religious intolerance, support families, accompany those experiencing poverty, and advocate on behalf of all who are vulnerable. As we enter an election year, these *Faithful Citizenship* videos are meant to help the faithful reflect on this call, and we hope they will be widely shared.”

Another great resource is our own Diocesan Office of Life, Justice and Peace <https://www.dioslc.org/outreach/office-of-life-justice-and-peace>. The director, Jean Hill, has a lot of resources for legislative priorities and advocacy tips. She also includes “find your legislator”.

I hope you will take time in the next few months to review these resources and share them with others. All of these resources will be a great help to you in reflecting and praying before the November election.

God bless you all!





LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

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There was a very controversial issue on Capitol Hill during the Utah State General Session, which started on January 27th and ended on March 12, 2020. This bill was House Bill, (HB) 90, which was sponsored by Representative Angela Romero, who happens to be a Catholic legislator. This bill was about priests breaking the seal of Confession. This bill had it become law would have placed priests in a position to be mandatory reporters like doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers and educators, who are mandatory reporters. They are required by law to report cases of child abuse, if it is reported to them. As Director of Health & Human Services Study Committee of Women's State Legislative Council of Utah, (WSLC) I invited Representative Angela Romero and Jean Hill, Government Legislative Liaison from the Salt Lake Catholic Diocese. We had a presentation scheduled on February 12, 2020. Jean spoke about how the Diocese received responses from concerned Catholics in over 82 cities across Utah in both Spanish and English as to how much interest this bill created. Representative Romero spoke about how much negative feedback and even death threats she received as the sponsor of this bill. She said there were derogatory accusations about her own Catholic personal faith. At the end of this Capitol Hill presentation, I emphasized how important it is that as Catholics or just human beings we would always remain respectful to elected officials even if we do not agree with their sponsored legislation. Representative Romero has done a good job with her dedication to help all Utah citizens with legislation helping domestic violence victims as well as years of dedicated work since she was elected in 2012. Usually when a bill is introduced on Capitol Hill, there is an impetus in why the issue became a bill initially. This bill never got very far in the legislative session as it did not have a Senate sponsor and got buried in the Rules Committee.

Senate Bill (SB) 39 Affordable Housing Amendments was sponsored by Senator Jake Anderegg, R-Lehi. This bill provides not only substantial funding to address varied needs for people who may be homeless or trying to avoid such experience. It included funds targeted to permanent supportive housing and extremely affordable housing statewide as it will go into effect in January 2021. As Catholics let us be reminded from the Themes of Catholic Social Teachings that Life and Dignity of the Human Person and Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. This bill addresses these themes as basic human rights. It had 2 substitutes and the 3rd substitute did not pass or get adopted. A \$10,000,000 appropriation was approved during the session and hopefully this will not get reduced during an upcoming special legislative session

in June.

During this surreal time in a Covid-19 pandemic setting, it is vital for our political leaders to know how we feel about issues in order to preserve the Sanctity of Life. Many decisions our political leaders are making during this pandemic can literally make a difference between life and death. There is a line between a surviving economy and a surviving population within a pandemic setting. We all need to make tough choices in how we can individually make the correct choice with social distancing and wearing masks to protect others as well as ourselves.

It is also significant to note that many more Catholic bishops, priests, religious laity are joining in 'Black Lives Matter' protests due to the senseless death of George Floyd by a policeman in Minneapolis. There is now a Special Legislative Session starting on 6/18/20 regarding police reform and measures used to handle police brutality. It is vital as Catholics to unify and recognize the injustice behind the needless killings which happen frequently in America. Legislators will be looking at measures used as choke holds which limit a person's ability to breathe. This legislation is being sponsored by Representative Sandra Hollins, a Democrat from District 23 elected in 2014 and she is a Social Worker by profession. There is much work to be done to address racial inequalities, but this is a good beginning. Let us do what we can as Catholics to preserve and honor the Sanctity of Life because all lives do matter.

This is an important time to think about how you want to get to know your political candidates who are running for office in November. If you do not know who your local elected Representative or Senator is, this may be a good time when we are not in a 45-day Legislative General Session. Please exercise your Catholic voice on important legislative issues by contacting your elected officials. You can visit the web site of www.Utah.gov or www.le.uth.gov to find out who your legislators are. If you want to know the position of the Diocese you can visit www.dioslc.org

"God is peace: let us ask him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world."

Pope Francis



SERVICE COMMISSION

Patricia Ramos-Yarber, Chair — St. Olaf, Bountiful
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With Sylvia Orosco's resignation last fall as Service Chair Commission, I was asked if I would be interested in stepping in her place for the remainder of the term and become a member of DCCW. I gladly accepted the position in January 2020.

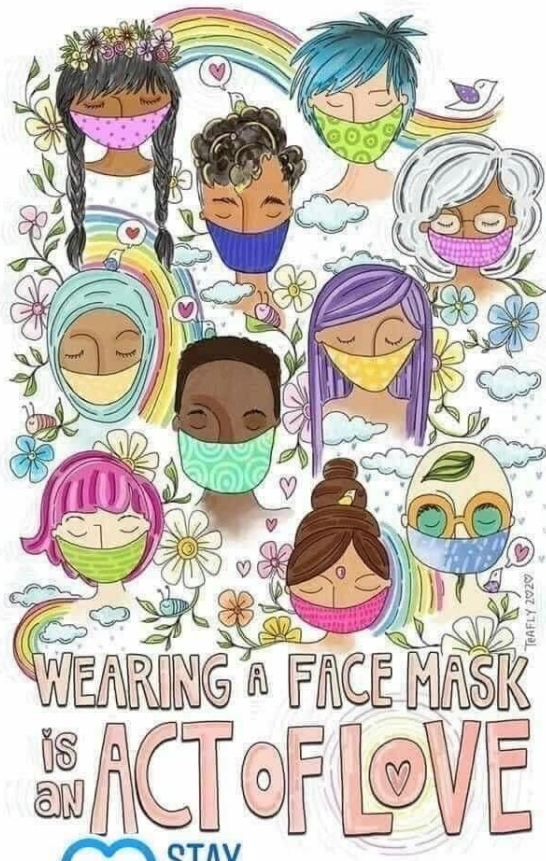
My service project was to organize "Bringing Comfort to Women In Need", a drive for each Deanery to donate items either at their parishes or bringing the items to the DCCW Convention in April, 2020 and distributing to women's shelters or programs. Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic the Convention was postponed until 2021, and therefore, we were not able to complete the drive.

I am grateful to be asked to be Service Commission Chair as well as a member of DCCW and I look forward for future opportunities and being an active member of DCCW.

Keep safe,

Patricia Ramos-Yarber

*-At this time of great need may the Lord bless us and keep us,
may the Lord shed His light upon us and give us His peace.*



Source: Father Kyle Manno | @fathermanno | August 10th, 2018 CatholicLink



**2020 Our Lady of Good Counsel
“Affiliate of the Year” Award
Cheryl Johnson, Past DCCW President, Award Committee Chair**

I am pleased to announce that nine parishes submitted applications to be considered for this prestigious award. All the members of the Council of Catholic Women from these parishes have made outstanding contributions and provided dedicated service to the Church, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, their parish, and the community. The committee had the very difficult task of selecting just three finalists. After careful consideration, the votes were cast and the three parishes selected were notified at the end of March. The winner's name was to be kept secret until it was announced at Convention; however, COVID-19 changed all that! As the Convention has now been postponed until April, 2021, it was decided to notify and publish the names of the three finalists at this time. Therefore, the three finalists are:

Third Place Award Certificate - Saint James the Greater CCW, Vernal

Second Place Award Certificate - Saint George Catholic Women's Group, St. George

2020 Affiliate of the Year —Award Plaque - Saint Anthony of Padua CCW, Helper

All three parishes will be recognized and honored at the DCCW Convention in April, 2021.

Thank you and God bless,
Cheryl Johnson



SALT LAKE DEANERY
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Summer is now upon us after a very long Winter and Spring. Life has been very challenging for most of us. I was fortunate enough to be one who didn't lose their job. The agency I work for is considered "essential services" so we still operated. It wasn't without its challenges. Like most of you, one of the things I missed the most was being able to receive the Eucharist. We recently celebrated Corpus Christi Sunday. The Body of Christ. Even though we are now able to receive the Body of Christ on occasion, this time has been a time for us to focus on how much the Body of Christ means to each of us. We have contemplated how much our Lord Jesus sacrificed so that we could be saved and be with him.

I was installed as President of the Deanery just a few weeks ago. Margaret opened up her back yard, which has plenty of room for social distancing, for a few of us to do the installation. Yes, we all wore masks. It was so refreshing to see some of our Sisters in Christ. We all shared the same feelings and anxieties. After being installed I began working on the new Board of Directors. From the short conversations I have had with the Presidents, none of the CCW's have been able to get together or work on projects. However, a lot of them are saying the Rosary on a weekly basis through Zoom, Webex, etc. They also stay in touch with each other and pray together via zoom and phone calls. Many are also joining Father Rene on his daily Rosary.

This is a challenging time for us and our CCW's. With strong faith in God and His abundant Grace, we will be stronger and more resilient in our councils when this time passes.



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Recommended Summer Reading: *Joyful Momentum*

Monsignor Michael Winterer is the Spiritual Advisor for the Salt Lake Deanery. Msgr. Mike, as he prefers to be called, has sage advice to share, a joyous outlook, and always a book recommendation or two. All of us on the deanery board look forward to what we call Msgr. Mike's Book Club.



Now it is my turn to channel my inner Msgr. Mike and recommend a book to you that was released earlier this year: *Joyful Momentum*: a Catholic handbook for growing and sustaining vibrant women's groups. Written by Elizabeth A. Tomlin, who has loads of experience with the Military Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, I cannot recommend this book enough. I particularly love how Ms. Tomlin weaves spirituality, service, and leadership in a way that was refreshing, new, and inspiring. I learned a lot, which is saying something coming from an experienced Church Lady like me.

I am getting ready to start my second reading of this book over the summer. Call, text, or email me if you are interested in reading *Joyful Momentum* together and forming a virtual book club. You can contact me at 801-755-1574 and at

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EASTERN DEANERY

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We went the whole Easter Season without being able to go to Mass and that was the hardest thing most of us had ever gone through for our spiritual needs and love of the worship of God. Fear still has a lot of people not going to Mass, but St. James does have a live Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Facebook for Sunday. Our parishes are struggling with the weekly contributions and trying to cut expenses.

St. Anthony's CCW conducted an installation ceremony for their new officers for 2020-2022 with outgoing president Becky Colombo and Father Albert.

President: Michael O' Shea

Vice President: Karen Bosone

Secretary: Barbara Jewkes

Treasurer: Carrie Robertson

Also honored were Social Commission Chair, Mary Bonacci and Spiritual Commission Chair, Jona Gonzales. Thanks was extended to outgoing officers with a miniature rose plant. Becky Colombo will be installed as DCCW President on July 18th.

They are hopeful they can have their yard sale in September. They made a \$600 Good Friday donation to the

food bank and reminded everyone that the Carmelite nuns are in need funds since their fair was cancelled. They will have a special Mass for their Woman of the Year, when she is more confident about being in public.

The Mayor of Helper, Lenise Peterman, asked for volunteers to help clean the neglected headstones at the cemetery, and the St. Anthony CCW joined in the effort.

St. Helen's CCW had to cancel their catfish dinner in April and is hoping to continue in the fall. Their CCW hasn't had any meeting, since this has happened. They have started their Mass but with a small amount of people.

St. James CCW has had two meetings, once we were allowed to have ten people together. One was an appreciation dinner for our Woman of the Year, when we were allowed twenty, and was hosted by one of our members. We also helped with a spring clean up with our parishioners. It was nice seeing so many working together. They are canceling their Feast of St. James celebration on July 25.



WASATCH DEANERY

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The Wasatch Deanery CCW last met on Saturday, February 29th at St. John the Baptist parish in Draper. We approved our revised bylaws, elected new officers, and shared our plans for the Lenten season and upcoming DCCW convention. Many of us had an inkling of the coronavirus, but who could have imagined what was to come in a few short weeks. This is my final article for the AWARE as President of the WDCCW. Normally, I would be reporting on an abundance of activity taking place among our Affiliates leading up to the convention. Instead, I would like to share some personal thoughts about the last few months as well as some news from a few CCWs on how they are staying connected during the current situation.

I was quite angry at first about all of the shutdowns, especially Church and everything related to it. I am grateful for my pastor, Father John Evans, and all the parish priests here in Utah and around the country who jumped into action to bring the Mass into our homes. I would also like to thank our DCCW Spiritual Moderator, Father Rene Rodillas, for his nightly devotion to our Blessed Mother. Most of us probably pray the rosary daily but joining in with other prayer partners has been extra special during this time.

Pope Francis delivered a message recently for the 2020 World Day of the Poor about the effect the corona virus has had on all of us, especially the poor. Some excerpts from the National Catholic Register:

“This pandemic arrived suddenly and caught us unprepared, sparking a powerful sense of bewilderment and helplessness. This has made us all the more aware of the presence of the poor in our midst and their need for help.”

“The present experience has challenged many of our assumptions. The loss of employment, and of opportunities to be close to our loved ones and our regular acquaintances, suddenly opened our eyes to horizons that we had long since taken for granted. Our spiritual and material resources were called into question and we found ourselves experiencing fear.”

I think this sums up the feelings many of our Affiliates had as we saw plans cancelled and looked for ways to stay connected with one another.

The **St. John the Baptist** Ladies Association was able to work with the Confirmation candidates to tie fleece blankets as part of their Lenten Service project for the children at

Shriners. They put together 40 blankets and have the components for an additional 40. Sadly, they remain in storage as the hospital put a hold on donations due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Ladies Association sent a gift of baby thyme plants to the RCIA class after their Vigil Mass (in lieu of the breakfast usually served) with a message that read: “Please take the Thyme to plant me and together we can grow in Faith!” The ladies have also held some Zoom meetings in recent months. The Ladies of **St. Thomas More** are also using Zoom to stay in touch, recreating our “Meet & Mingles” that we had a lot of success with the past couple of years. In May, at **Blessed Sacrament**, a small group of women met and recited the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. In June, they are planning an outdoor gathering—a short meeting, followed by a get together using social distancing practices and wearing masks. During the last several months, they have encouraged members to participate in their monthly Shareline newsletter.

In closing, I would like to thank the outgoing Deanery officers: Immediate Past-President MaryAnne Mulvihill, Vice-President/President Elect Nancy Reading, Secretary Cheryl Johnson, and Treasurer Monica Villar; and to congratulate our newly elected Vice-President Sophe Derrick, Secretary Rose Steno, and Treasurer Tracey Hacking. I am in awe of my Advisory Board: NCCW President-Elect Pat Voorhes, Bonnie Siegrist, Cheryl Johnson, and Becky Hicks. I am grateful for the support from all the DCCW Board Reps, Commission and Committee Chairs: Ernie Folks (Leadership), Annette Pressley (Spirituality), Ranae Lupus (Spirituality), Donna Murphy (Legislation), Tracey Hacking (Service and Parliamentarian), Mary Valerio (DCCW Board Rep) and Catherine Ford-Barbiero (Historian and Facebook Page editor-extraordinaire).

I am so proud of the Affiliate Presidents (Becky Hicks, Chris Edwards, Michelle Beasley, Rose Steno, Monica Villar, Gina Bowen, Erin & Amethyst Stephens, Jaclyn Jacquez, Nancy Reading, Julie Carlin, Jan Meigs, Lydia Moore, Lydia Farnell, Roxann Vredenburg, Sophe Derrick, Cabrini Riddle) that I’ve had the opportunity to work with over the past two years. Your job was much harder than mine and I appreciate your attending our meetings and sharing your ideas and successes within your Councils. Finally, we have all been so blessed to have Father Blaine as our Spiritual Moderator. We were planning to celebrate his birthday and the 43-year anniversary of his ordination at the DCCW Convention in April. It will have to be a belated celebration as we look forward to when we can meet again in person, hopefully in September.





SOUTHWEST DEANERY

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Melissa Bogle, Christ the King Women's Council, Cedar City, and **Nadia Neumeier**, St. George Catholic Women's Council, report their activities were severely limited by social distancing requirements. Both kept in contact through emails and phone calls. Most significantly for St. George, they were able to approve their group's budget for the new fiscal year and make three major contributions to the parish:

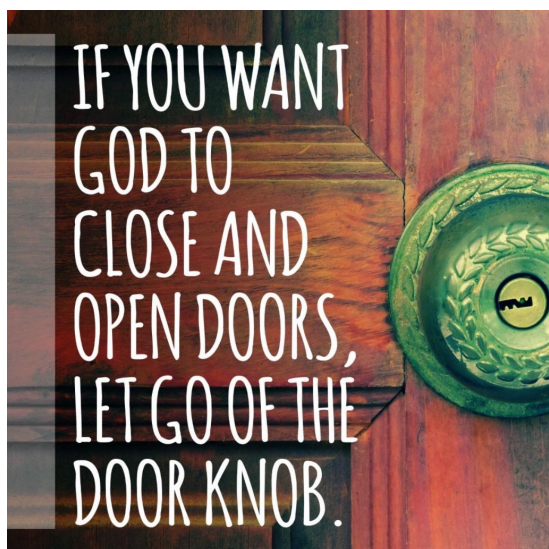
- Donate \$ 200 to CCD for Confirmation Class Retreat
- Donate \$1,000 to Kuzy Hall Renovation Fund
- Fr. Dave's E-Newsletters were forwarded to members of the group, to keep them updated on the parish activities, such as prayer & rosary gatherings.

As a Deanery, we recently gathered at the Black Bear Diner in Washington, for Brunch and a meeting. All officers were in attendance. We discussed next year's convention, ads, printing, contributions for the Eastern Deanery and bag goodies. The possibility of a retreat, "Uninvited", to be held in October, was also discussed.



Promotional activities and the use of Facebook drew discussion. But perhaps most important was the solicitation of possible future officers. To that end we took action to change our by-laws to align with the Province directives. Every two years, the presidency will rotate between affiliates. Hopefully, this action will contribute to the ownership and greater involvement of all our affiliates in the DCCW.

Pictured: (L to R) Trish Christensen, Judy Greene, Cherri Delgado, Kathy Fazio, Mary Skomal (hidden), Mary LeBaron



Lord, take me where you want me to go, let me meet who you want me to meet, tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way.

Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M.
Chaplain FDNY—Died 9/11/2001

*Excerpt from Silent Insight—
Daily Catholic Meditations ,5/14/20*



NORTHERN DEANERY
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The Northern Deanery Council of Catholic Women is made up of ladies from the following active affiliate parishes: Holy Family Parish in South Ogden, St. Mary Parish in West Haven, and St. Rose of Lima in Layton. As was the case with every parish and deanery CCW in the state, due to the precautions and restrictions from COVID-19, the Northern Deanery affiliate parishes were disappointed they were unable to host receptions for First Communion and Confirmation candidates; hold parish community and fundraising events; carry out planned events to honor the Blessed Mother in May; and other activities that normally would bring the ladies together. The CCW presidents were able to put together some eventful activities before the pandemic took hold.

Holy Family Parish:

- Participated in the parish ministry fair in January, providing those attending information about the CCW and its goals.
- Invited guest speaker Christine Ware, a local pharmacist, to speak on the subject of "The Power of Lifestyle Medicine."
- Holy Family's Woman of the Year was selected, Madeleine Birch.
- Via e-mail, the CCW was able to select their new officers, and in May held an installation.
- In March, The CCW hosted their annual "Mary's Way of the Cross" followed by a Tea.

St. Mary Parish:

- The CCW held a donation drive collecting items for the DCCW Service Commission project, providing items to local women's shelters. Giving back to their parish, the CCW donated funds toward repairs in the church building.
- They purchased needed antibacterial wipes for parishioners to use.
- Unable to hold receptions for First Communion and Confirmation candidates, the CCW purchased gift cards to Big Rock Creamery Ice Cream to help celebrate.
- The pandemic has prevented many events, and for St. Mary it prevented plans to prepare ballots for election of officers. Meetings were cancelled that would have normally allowed the ladies to discuss the election, gather nominations for a ballot, and vote.

St. Rose of Lima:

- In January, the CCW held a Baby Jesus Shower. This event was well-attended and the items collected were donated to charitable organization in Davis and Weber counties.
- St. Rose selected their parish Woman of the Year, Chris Biotti. She was recognized for many contributions to the parish including RCIA, VBS, and her duties as a Eucharistic Minister.
- Although the CCW would have liked to install new officers, they felt they should hold a meeting to nominate individuals and create ballots. With COVID-19 they were not able to accomplish the selection as planned. They will be installing officers in the Fall.



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

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!

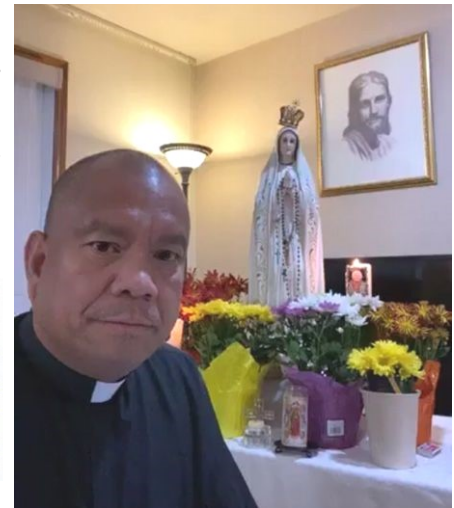


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Prayer partners from around the world join Fr. Rene, our DCCW Spiritual Advisor, on Facebook as he recites the Holy Rosary each night at 8:30 pm through his Facebook page, FrRene Rodillas. If you miss him at 8:30 you can replay the video later.

GOOD FOR A LAUGH

Why does my wife always wait until I'm at the opposite end of the house before asking me to 'Merm frner mernferr brnerfer!'?



REMINDER

ALL CHANGES FOR THE DCCW ROSTER, ESPECIALLY NEW PRESIDENTS & BOARD MEMBERS, NEED TO BE EMAILED TO THE DCCW SECRETARY, MARGARET CRAGIN- MASSARONE, ASAP!

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MARGARET WILL FORWARD NEEDED 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.

THE AWARE NEWSLETTER

Bonnie Siegrist, Editor
Blessed Sacrament, Sandy Parishioner

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