



January, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of the DCCW,

The Annual Convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 2024 will be on Saturday, April 27-28 at the Little America Hotel, 500 Main Street, Salt Lake City. Each year, a designated feature of the convention is the honoring of each parish's Woman of the Year at the banquet on Saturday night. **If you have not chosen a Woman of the Year from your parish in the past, please consider doing so for 2024 We need to hear the stories of these select women and the many blessings they bring to our parishes. Should there be no functioning woman's council in your parish, your pastor may choose a woman worthy of this honor.**

The Woman of the Year award is given in recognition to the woman who goes over and beyond in service to her parish. She may be behind the scenes, or she may be the more visible woman in the parish who is active in the organizations and ministries and who serves time after time. To be considered also, are the women who serve by maintaining the church and all that that entails as well as the older woman who is no longer able to contribute but should be honored for her many years of past service. However, only one woman may be selected for this honor. "When you lift up one, you lift up all."

If this is the first year of participation for your woman's council or if you would like to try a new way to make your Woman of the Year selection, the following are suggested methods:

1. A committee of your woman's council, possibly including past Women of the Year, could meet and choose the woman;
2. The parishioners may vote for a woman and explain why she should be chosen;
3. Your woman's organization could choose the lady or submit names for which parishioners can vote;
4. If the parish is unaffiliated with DCCW or has no woman's group, the pastor may choose the woman.

**To assure complete and proper recognition of your Woman of the Year, we must receive her name and a brief biographical resume (bio) and a photo by Friday, March 1st.** We will need a "brief" bio (100 words or less) about her, expressing why she was chosen as Woman of the Year from your parish. A photo will also be required for the WOY booklet. We are conscious of time considering that medals must be ordered and engraved, names printed in the Convention Program as well as a booklet for the Woman of the Year. Please send the bio to: Lydia Farnell, 3950 West 9850 North, Cedar Hills, 84062 or email to [lilyfar@q.com](mailto:lilyfar@q.com). A reply form is being sent for your convenience. Please send in a Word Document. Please send the photo to Carol Harley, [lorac\\_411@yahoo.com](mailto:lorac_411@yahoo.com). Carol will be composing the booklet for the WOY.

Please arrange for your Woman of the Year to attend the convention, especially the banquet on Saturday night since that is the time your parish's Woman of the Year will be honored and will be presented with the Our Lady of Good Counsel medal by the Most Reverend Oscar Solis, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City and the Rev. Ariel Durian, DCCW Spiritual Advisor. We would like to suggest that your parish or woman's organization help pay for her convention experience as a tribute to her.

If you have any questions, please call Lydia at (801) 368-5596, email is listed above or Susan Neilson at (801) 367-0510, email: [susan.neilson@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.neilson@hotmail.com)

**Please note: the deadline is Friday, March 1st**

Please give the enclosed information pertaining to the Woman of the Year to her. Thank you.

God Bless and keep you in His loving care,  
Co-Chairs Susan Neilson and Lydia Farnell