

DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
An Affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women



2024 CALL TO CONVENTION

The official call to the Ninety-fifth Convention of the Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Dear friends of Council,

The Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women cordially invites you to attend their annual convention on **Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, 2024**, at the new location of the **Little America Hotel, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah**. The proud hosts of this year's convention are the Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women. "*Path of Renewed Encounter*" will be the theme, which follows the 2023 NCCW convention theme. The Service and Spirituality Commissions are featured.

Mass transportation will be provided by Catholic School buses as in the past as part of your registration. We will be honoring the Woman of the Year recipients at the Saturday evening banquet along with Reverend Ariel Durian, Salt Lake City DCCW Spiritual Advisor with special guests from the Diocese.

We have an inspiring and informative program planned to focus on our journey of faith. We want to continue focusing on our journey toward Jesus and Heaven. As last year, we will also have a time for confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. Please come and encounter the journey.



Yen Fasano will be our keynote speaker. She is a dynamic speaker who presented at the 2022 Minneapolis NCCW Convention. A member of All Saints in Lakeville and St. Anne-St. Joseph Hien in Minneapolis, Fasano is chair of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation board. She is associate director of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, leading the Drexel Mission Schools Initiative. She has a master's degree in educational leadership. A Catholic speaker, she has dedicated two decades to teaching in schools and parishes. She and her husband, Frank, have three children. "Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum." is the title of her talk. In English "Let it be done unto me according to thy word." It will touch on our journey of Encounter which requires humility and courageous vulnerability. It starts with allowing His gaze to rest upon us and meeting His gaze as His heart speaks to ours, as His most beloved daughter. Intriguing, don't you think?

Deacon Joaquin Mixto, St. Martin de Porres Parish, will be presenting “Restorative Justice: A look at the Salt Lake County Jail Ministry.” When the Covid Pandemic occurred and Jail ministry was denied to all the incarcerated, it devastated the program. It is now time to reinvigorate this crucial program. We have been called to visit the incarcerated Let’s see what we can do.

Our two featured Commissions are Service and Spirituality.

Service Commission speaker will be Katherina Holzhauser, CCS Board President, the Chief Operations Officer at Pentara (a statistical consulting firm specializing in degenerative diseases). She and her Husband Todd have been leading music at St. Thomas More for over 20 years. The title of her presentation will be “Martha, Martha. Moving toward a listening heart.”

Spirituality Commission Speaker is Marie Mischel, Editor of Intermountain Catholic, the Newspaper of the Dioceses of Salt Lake City. She has been a journalist for more than 20 years. She has a master’s degree in theology as well as a Master of Fine Arts in spiritual writing. “Creating an Encounter: An Introvert’s Guide to Talking to Strangers”

We again will have confessions and Eucharistic Adoration available for your spiritual renewal. The National Eucharistic Revival event is in Indianapolis, Indiana. in July 17-23, 2024. These crucial elements of our faith strengthen our resolve and lead us on our encounter with Christ. Please take advantage of both the Rite of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Prayer/Meditation Room and inspiring prayer services
- Poster Session
- Exhibitors: CCS, Jail Ministry
- Vendors: Magdalene Religious Goods, Carmelites Candies and Jams

CONVENTION MEALS:

We are at a new venue and have selected a varied menu selection. We hope you will enjoy the selections. We have tried to keep your previous comments in evaluations in mind, plus tried to keep it reasonable, which is difficult, as food prices have skyrocketed everywhere. (Meals are the greatest cost of the convention.) The hotel will provide vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free meals as indicated on your registration forms. *Please make sure your dietary restrictions are noted on your registrations.*

TENTATIVE AGENDA

The agenda enclosed will give you an idea of each day's timeline.

CONVENTION MASS

The 5:00 pm Vigil Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine will again be a highlight of the convention. Each year we have graciously been able to attend the regular evening Mass. We are visitors to the Cathedral and really appreciate this opportunity. Please remember to be reverent and avoid visiting when entering the Cathedral, we are guests in the Lord’s house. We again will have buses from the local Catholic High School provide transportation. If any of your attendees are challenged by mobility problems, please know that the buses drop us off at the front of the Cathedral, requiring them to climb the stairs. Please plan to provide private transportation. The Cathedral has accessibility via the Plaza/courtyard by entering from C Street. Due to limited parking, it is suggested you arrive no later than 4:45 pm. *The WOY Group Picture will take place at the end of the Mass at the Cathedral. WOY should plan to take the last bus back to the hotel or have private transportation.*

CONVENTION ADVERTISING: Flyer enclosed

Please promote Convention attendance by using the enclosed flyer on your bulletin boards, websites, social media page(s), and in your weekly bulletin as an insert. Be creative on spreading the word and inviting women from your parishes, friends, and acquaintances. The flyer will also be on the DCCW website www.dccwutah.org. **WE NEED YOU to spread the word and make it known that all are welcome.**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: *Application and guidelines Enclosed (deadline March 1)*

The DCCW Scholarship Program is offered to individuals who want to attend the convention but are unable to do so because of the costs involved. A copy of the Scholarship Application and Guidelines is enclosed. (Additional copies are on the website.) We advise all women to first check with your parish organization to see if they offer any convention financial assistance. Be assured the Registration and Scholarship Chairs keep all applications strictly confidential. **The Scholarship Application deadline is March 1, 2024, so it can be processed prior to the registration deadline.**

CONVENTION REGISTRATION: Forms enclosed (**deadline March 20**)

NEW THIS YEAR: 2 Separate forms: 1 for Convention Registration (Package A, B, & D)

1 for Banquet Registration (Package C only)

By doing this we are hoping to alleviate any confusion for the WOY Banquet registrants.

Please use the enclosed *Registration forms*, which can also be found on the DCCW Website. **The Registration Deadline is Wednesday, March 20, 2024. This includes the Woman of the Year and her guests.** All Registrations need prepayment. Make one check payable to the “DCCW” and note “Convention Registration” on the check. Because forms are sent to two different people, separate checks must be used for Convention/Banquet Registration and Hotel Registrations.

2024 REGISTRATION FEES:

Package A	\$235 includes registration, convention bag, all meals, (banquet included) and Mass transportation.
Package B	\$105 includes Saturday registration, Breakfast, lunch, (NO Banquet) and Mass transportation.
Package C	\$85 includes Saturday night Banquet only: MUST PRE-REGISTER: NO at door registrations accepted.
Package D	\$65 includes Sunday only registration and breakfast.

Please fill out the registration forms completely and legibly, double check spelling of all names (as this list will be used to name badges), and **make sure to list banquet table seating preferences (who is to sit together), if more than 8 registrants.** There will be 2 choices for the banquet, *please* make sure you mark the choice of meals, Prime Rib **OR** Halibut on your registrations. (There will be vegan, vegetarian, gluten free substitutions available if it is marked on your registrations. The banquet pricing is the same for special dietary needs) It's important to *note any dietary restrictions and list them in the space provided on the registration form, as well as those attending with special needs.* This makes it much easier to accommodate special needs if known in advance. Please remember to **mark first time attendees** on the registration form to assure they are given a proper welcome. Parking fees are waived.

PLEASE NOTE: A late fee of \$20 per registration will be added to each registration postmarked after March 20, 2024. After April 10, 2024, no refunds will be given. Final meal counts are turned into the hotel, and the DCCW is responsible for payment at that point.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS- Form enclosed (**Deadline March 20**)

Little America room rates per night include single, double, triple, & quad (1-4 individuals)

Garden room (outside, next to hotel) rates: \$169

Garden Premium room (in hotel, close to ballrooms) rate: \$179

Tower room rate: \$199

The hotel is furnished with Queen beds. Incidental room charges are the responsibility of each person. All rooms are provided with the usual amenities and hospitality items. Time will be allotted during the Sunday program to facilitate **11:00am check out**. (arrange for a late check-out for an added fee) The hotel front desk can arrange to check luggage prior to check-in and at check-out, if needed.

Please use the enclosed Hotel Reservation Form and indicate any special needs. Additional forms can be found on the DCCW Website, www.dccwutah.org. Make the check payable to the DCCW, note hotel reservation in the memo line. Send the check and completed Hotel reservation form to the address listed on the form. Payment in full is required with each reservation. **The hotel reservation deadline is March 20, 2024.** Room rate and tax-exempt may not be guaranteed after this deadline.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR (WOY): (**Deadline March 1**) & (**Banquet registration deadline March20**)

The information about the selection of the Woman of the Year from your parish is enclosed. This information is also available on the DCCW Website: www.dccwutah.org The name of your Woman of the Year along with a brief biography and “headshot” picture, is to be sent to the addresses on the enclosed forms due by **Wednesday, MARCH 1, 2024**. This is 1 month away so please do not procrastinate, as it takes time for us to compile the information needed to present at the Woman of the Year banquet. Any names received after March 1, 2024, may not have their names in the convention program.

NEW THIS YEAR: The Group Picture will be taken at the Cathedral following the Vigil Mass.

ALL Women of the Year, family members and friends wishing to accompany her to the banquet must purchase at least the package C (banquet only) Registration. All attendee names and registration fees must be included on the Convention registration form, due March 20, 2024. *THERE WILL BE NO BANQUET TICKET SALES THE DAY OF THE BANQUET.* Please advise them to plan ahead.

Woman of the Year (WOY) Banquet Seating and General information:

All seating for the Woman of the Year Banquet is pre-assigned and there will be no “on-site” banquet tickets sales. Seating will be by table number. If your affiliate has more than 8, please indicate who should sit together. Tables will be assigned on a first registered basis. We will attempt to seat parish attendees together based on registration forms. The earlier you get your registration in, the better your chance of receiving your seating request.

NOTE: Make sure the Woman of the Year’s name is on the forms. If her party contains more than 8 people, please indicate who will sit together. We will attempt to seat them at nearby tables.

There will be a cash bar available during the social and banquet. Dietary restrictions will be honored, if possible. Please indicate in the space provided on the registration as to those restrictions. Dietary accommodation is at the discretion of the hotel. One meal is available which meets vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free guidelines.

NEW PROGRAMS FOR AFFILIATES AND YOUNG MEMBERS (Deadline March 1, 2024)

Enclosed is information on both the Affiliate of the Year and Golden Rose Award (for young women (14-22) who are involved in church activities and ministries) Please read the material for application submission,

CONVENTION PROGRAM/ ADVERTISING- see additional forms.

Carol Harley, lorac_411@yahoo.com, Convention Co-Chair, has prepared the information and handouts for advertising in our convention program. Additional copies are available on the website www.dccwutah.org This is especially important to solicit advertisers, as it defrays the printing costs of the program, convention materials, and administrative costs. Each year printing costs have gone up, just as everything else. The DCCW board challenges every Deanery and affiliate to out due the Eastern Deanery. Each year they have had ½ of the ads obtained. Please reach out to family, friends, businesses you support and ask them to buy an ad. The prices are very reasonable and can reach over 150,000 Catholics in this state. Don't be afraid to ask. Remember to place an ad to congratulate your WOY, your priest's ordination anniversary, birthday's, memorials, Prayers, the options are numerous. Even your dentist, hairdresser, nail artist, chiropractor, mechanic, plumber, or favorite restaurant may support us. Our personal contacts are the best resources. I hope you meet the challenge. Good luck!

CONVENTION "THROW-DOWN" CHALLENGE (See enclosed flyer)

Always worth trying to win a free convention package for the 2025 Convention.

CENTERPIECES, RAFFLE, AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS (see flyer)

Tradition asks that each affiliate provide **one centerpiece, one raffle item, and one silent auction item.** Individual donations are also graciously accepted. Proceeds from the raffle and silent auction are our only fundraiser source of income for the year. We appreciate your generosity and support. To assist in planning; Please let **Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Ways and Means Chair, know what you are donating and an approximate value by April 6, 2024. Reach Tisha: Call/text 801-783-8915 or email t.ramos801@gmail.com**

Please keep in mind that the ladies need to be able to see over the centerpieces when seated. The centerpiece drawing will be during Saturday's lunch hour, so keep them low enough to see over during the morning session.

UGLY PURSE Auction:

Deaneries and affiliates are invited to participate in the popular Ugly Purse Auction. Find the ugliest purse you can, to be filled with new, unused items valued at a minimum of \$25. The purses will be part of the silent auction, so make them fun! All purses should be tagged with the donor and the value. What is inside stays a surprise....no peeking!

POSTER SESSION

Let us see what you have been up to... "Tell your story." Display all the remarkable things your affiliate has done over the past year. We like innovative ideas and seeing how you flourish. The one time of year we all get a pat-on-the-back for our accomplishments..... well deserved too.

DCCW SERVICE PROJECT: WHAT TO BRING April 2024 (see enclosed flyer)

As always: Rosaries, eyeglasses, hearing aids, cancelled stamps (not forever stamps) and pull tabs from cans.

Baby layettes items for St. Martha's Baby Project. AND.....

DCCW 2024 Service project: Volunteers of America, Utah's Youth Resource Center

collect backpacks (or money to be used to purchase backpacks) for the VOA's Youth Resource Center.

new Men's/Women's underwear, socks, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, refillable water bottle

CONVENTION DATES TO REMEMBER

Time seems to fly by and before you know it deadlines pass. Don't be caught off guard. Included in the packet is a compact list of deadlines. PRINT it out, POST it in a place it grabs your attention. **March 1st** will be here before you know it, followed quickly by **March 20th**. These are the 2 dates to remember for sure. The dates were purposely set before Holy week, so no excuses for delays. Act quickly...see you on April 27 at Little America.

There is a lot of information in this packet. Hopefully, it answers everything for 2024 DCCW Convention. The Convention committee is working hard to provide a joy-filled, spiritual, fun weekend for you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please reach out to me at 801-964-6512 or email barb0235@msn.com. We look forward to seeing you at the convention April 27-28, 2024.

Humbly yours in Christ,

Barb Kerouac, DCCW President