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SLC Diocesan Council of Catholic Women First Vice-President/President Elect  
Report

It's not the New Year, but September always seems a little like that for me. Most of our CCWs have taken the summer off but are now full speed ahead into a new season of service, prayer, and social activities. As I am slowly finding my way in this new position, several things come to mind.

If you were not able to attend the Utah Catholic Conference on September 21, you missed a treat. My only complaint was there so many great topics and speakers, it was hard to choose. There were lots of great exhibitors, including the DCCW. Barb Kerouac, Bonnie Siegrist, Susan Porter, and I "manned" the booth. It was amazing. We had a lot of interest and names were taken.

By the time you read this report, hopefully, your CCW will have plans in place to celebrate Council Sunday with prayers, teas, and other events. This is a great time to bring your affiliate Council together and educate those in your parish as to what Council Sunday Means.

Looking ahead, it's not too early to mark your calendars. Requests for ads for the 2025 Convention Program will be going out in December. Start making a list of your local businesses for solicitation of ads.

Also, Advent will be here before you know it. If you haven't considered a service project for the Season, I urge you to do so and "Put Your Faith into Action". This is a perfect time to collect for those in need as there are so many needy families, refugees and homeless in our community. If you are not already, consider visiting, calling or dropping a card to those in your parish who are alone, in assisted living or nursing homes. Just a little effort brings such joy.

If you are not an individual member of the National Council of Catholic Women, I encourage you to join. The magazine, *Catholic Woman*, and the NCCW website provide invaluable tools for spiritual growth, service, and so much more.

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