

Southwestern Deanery Fall Report
Mary LeBaron

In the months of August-September **Saint Paul's Women's Council** held a School Supply Collection and delivered to LaVerkin Elementary School. September thru October they conducted a Diaper Drive to benefit the Erin Kimball Memorial Foundation, the (battered women's shelter) Dove Center, and Switchpoint Community Resource Center. Also in October, the reinstated Bingo Night and sponsored a Parish Fall Festival. November plans include Food Collection the preparation of a Thanksgiving meal for the Dove Center. December will bring the Festival of Trees decoration project and Caroling and Game & Puzzle donations for 3 assisted living facilities in Hurricane. The Council will also host a Christmas party and a New Year's Eve celebration. Tentative plans for the New Year include a Sweethearts Casino Night and Dance in February, a St. Patrick's Day luncheon in March, attending the DCCW Women's Convention in April (serving as hosts) and a Women's Tea in May to close the year's activities.

The ladies of **Christ the King Women's Council** resumed their meetings on September 5 and have been quite busy since then. On September 14, the ladies hosted a Line Dancing Class at the Elks Club to raise money to help defray costs of the bags for convention. On September 29, they hosted the DCCW Board for their fall September meeting. The ladies prepared a wonderful breakfast of quiche, muffins and fruit and a tasty lunch of Chicken Salad and homemade Apple Pie. The only issue was housing as it was the weekend of the Utah Shakespeare Festival's high school competition, but all worked out. At their October meeting, they hosted a baby shower for St. Martha's Baby Project. The generosity of the ladies was overwhelming. They provided over 100 items to add to the baskets given to new mothers. Cindy Davidson reported that this was the largest number of items ever received at one time! Attendance at their meetings seems to be steady with approximately 25-30 ladies attending. They are also selling raffle tickets for door prizes every month; 2-3 ladies volunteer each month to bring a gift with a value of \$10 to raffle. The proceeds of the raffle will be put into a special budget item for convention costs. As everyone probably knows, they will be saying 'farewell' to Sr. Yvonne in December. Sr. Yvonne has been a huge part of their organization and will be missed tremendously. More information on her departure will be forthcoming.

Saint George Women's Council held their annual Diaper Drive in September garnishing \$2,423.00 that was presented to Hope Pregnancy Center. They also collected 2337 diapers, 5148 diaper wipes, and \$2,718.00 in cash and gift certificates. Their Sunshine Committee attended one funeral where they presented a Prayer Shawl to the family. They are also continuing their monthly luncheons on the First Tuesday of each month at Harmon's in Santa Clara. Several members attended the DCCW meeting in Cedar City at the end of September. Sandi DeAngelo is chairing the Convention Hostesses. Plans are going well. Other activities included a very interesting and informative talk on genealogy presented by Betty Herzfeld, and a special Mass for Our Lady of Council held on October 15. Several of their members serve coffee and donuts after the 9am Mass. Future plans include a Youth Group dinner in October, A Thrift Store Fashion Show in November and sponsoring a Christmas Angel Tree. They have formed a committee to promote nominations for Women of the Year. They also have a "Mary's basket" that they pass at each meeting to raise funds for projects.

Saint Paul Catholic Center celebrated Council Sunday October 15.

Announcements were made prior to Mass explaining the purpose of the council, including a brief history of the council and its current activities, and introduction of current Saint Paul Women Council officers by Judy Greene (first and past-president of the SW Deanery).

Fr. Martin Picos gave a blessing to all women at the end of Mass and a gift bag was given to each woman present.

It contained: an invitation to volunteer, a brief description of our Touched By Angels program, a copy of the Our Lady of Sorrows rosary meditations, an inspirational handout with supplies and directions to make a wristlet-bracelet "rosary", an engraved Women's Council pencil and a "Golden Ticket" invitation to our next council meeting that is also a chance at winning a door prize. After-Mass refreshments were hosted by several men of the Parish as a way to honor the women.



Picture #1 Mary LeBaron by the Council Sunday welcome signs



Picture #2 Contents of thank you gift bags

