

The 91st
Annual
DCCW
Convention

Through the Grace of God

DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

AN AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

2019 CALL TO CONVENTION

The official call to the Ninety-first Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women

Dear Sisters and 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, 2019, at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, located at 150 W. 500 So., Salt Lake City, Utah. The Salt Lake Deanery Council of Catholic Women are graciously hosting this year's convention, where we will learn, pray, and enjoy one another's company "**Through the Grace of God**". Our two featured commissions being addressed this year are Spirituality and Service.

Our keynote speaker is the award-winning author, journalist, blogger, and popular radio personality **Margaret (Marge) Steinhage Fenelon**. She is a Catholic wife and mother from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is especially attached to the Blessed Virgin Mary. You will appreciate her authenticity and warmth as she reaches us where we are in our lives, guiding us to a greater understanding of, and love for, our Lord and His Mother in a joyful, everyday spirituality. Her keynote talk is entitled "Spirituality of Womanhood: Living our Faith with Mary as a Model", and she will give a second presentation entitled "When's God Gonna Show Up?: Spotting the Divine in Daily Life."

The **Service Commission**, chaired by Sylvia Orosco, will present a panel discussion featuring representatives from **Catholic Community Services, The Road Home, the INN Between**, and the **YWCA**. Their presentations will not only inform us as to the missions they embrace and how their organizations operate, but how we, as grace-filled Catholic women, can follow Christ's directive to serve "the least of these" – our brothers and sisters in need.

The **Spirituality Commission** co-chairs, Susan Espinoza and Suzie Brown, are pleased to welcome **Jennifer Carroll**, the Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation of Utah. For over 20 years, Jennifer has worked with non-profit organizations and has witnessed first-hand how God's Grace works in the lives of both donors and beneficiaries. She will share her stories and help us realize how the Grace of God is working in our lives, as well.

The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, will be the main celebrant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine on Saturday. Following Mass, he will speak at our banquet and join us as a presenter in honoring our Women of the Year.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- A prayer room will be available for quiet meditation.
- NCCW table
- Exhibitors
- Sales tables, including Magdalene Religious Goods, best-selling books by our keynote speaker Marge Fenelon, and candies and jams hand crafted by the Carmelite nuns

CONVENTION ADVERTISING flyer is enclosed in your packet. Please assist in our advertising effort by placing the flyer in a prominent place within your parish, or by making copies to insert in your parish bulletin or to pass out at your Council meeting. The flyer can also be downloaded off the DCCW website (www.dccwutah.org) and used as an email attachment for sharing. **We need you to spread the word about convention** throughout your parish community and with your circle of friends.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM application and guidelines are enclosed in your packet. The DCCW Sponsorship Program is offered to individuals who want to attend the convention but are unable to do so because of the costs involved. Feel free to make copies of the application; a copy is also posted on the DCCW website. We advise all women to first check with their parish organization to see if they are offering any convention financial assistance. Be assured the Registration and Sponsorship Chairs keep all applications strictly confidential. **The Sponsorship application deadline is March 15, 2019** so it can be processed prior to the registration deadline.

CONVENTION MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE MADELEINE is a highlight for many ladies and their families, and we are honored that the Cathedral accommodates us at this Mass. Busses will transport convention attendees to the Cathedral. If any of your parish attendees are unable to walk the steps of the bus or the front stairs of the Cathedral, **please** make arrangements to drive them to Mass by car. Cars may be driven onto the Cathedral Plaza (enter from C Street) for passenger drop off immediately outside the handicap-accessible doors on the south side of the plaza where no stairs will be encountered. Keep in mind that due to very limited parking, it is suggested that you arrive no later than 4:45 p.m.

“THROW DOWN” CHALLENGE information is included in your packet. This popular, fun competition allows two winning affiliates to win convention packages for the 2020 DCCW Convention.

POSTER SESSION – “Tell Us Your Story” information flyer is enclosed in your packet. This is an opportunity for affiliates and deaneries to share ideas and information (and to show off a little) through words and pictures on their posters that will be displayed in the hallway/foyer outside the meeting room doors.

TENTATIVE AGENDA is enclosed in your packet to give an idea of each day’s schedule.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION form is enclosed in your packet. Please use this form for registering for the convention; it can also be found on the DCCW website. The **registration deadline is Wednesday, March 27, 2019.** The registration deadline also applies to your Woman of the Year and her guests. All registrations require prepayment. If possible, write one check from your women's group, payable to DCCW, and note "Convention Registration" on the memo line. *Do not combine convention registration and hotel registration in one check.*

2019 Registration Fees

Package A	\$125 includes two-day registration, convention bag, all meals on both days (including the banquet), and Mass transportation.
Package B	\$60 includes registration for Saturday, Saturday's breakfast and lunch, and Mass transportation.
Package C	\$40 includes the Saturday night Woman of the Year banquet only. There is no on-site registration for the banquet.
Package D	\$30 includes Sunday only registration and breakfast.

Please fill out the registration form completely and legibly, double-check the spelling of all names for the name badges, and make sure to list banquet table seating preferences (who should sit together) in groups of 10. It is important to **note any special needs** required by those attending. It is much easier to accommodate these if they are known ahead of time.

So that we can insure a proper welcome, please indicate all first-time attendees on the registration form by checking the appropriate box.

PLEASE NOTE: For every registration postmarked after March 27, 2019, an additional \$10 late fee must be added. There will be no refunds given after April 6, 2019, as final meal counts are given to the hotel by then. Thank you for your consideration of these necessary items.

CONVENTION MEALS – Every effort is made to provide the best meal options while staying within our budget. Once again, we will be offering a healthy choice for a light breakfast on Saturday. All other meals will be plated and chosen based on the feedback received from previous convention evaluations. **Dietary restrictions will be honored, if possible, but must be noted on the registration form.** As standard hotel policy for banquets, the same substitute meal will be available for vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free dietary restrictions.

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET ADVERTISING information is included in your packet. This important form of advertising, congratulating, thanking, or recognizing is extremely helpful as it defrays the cost of printing our convention materials. It also helps cover convention administrative costs which helps keep our registration costs down. (Many of our attendees look at the ads, first!) Please contact businesses, employers, friends, or consider purchasing an affiliate, deanery, or individual ad. Our personal contacts are the best resources. Additional copies of the letter and ad submission form are available on the DCCW website.

HOTEL RESERVATION form is included in your packet. Convention room rates are \$110 per night for single and double occupancy with a \$10 increase for triple occupancy and \$20 for quad occupancy. The hotel is smoke-free. **Guest rooms are furnished with double beds.** Incidental room charges are the responsibility of each guest. The DCCW does not pay to have extra beds put in hotel rooms; if one is requested, the person requesting it will be responsible for payment. All rooms are provided with the usual amenities and hospitality items. Time will be allotted during the Sunday program to facilitate the 12:00 p.m. checkout time.

Please use the enclosed **hotel reservation form** and indicate any special needs. Additional forms can be found on the DCCW website. Make your check payable to DCCW and note "Hotel Reservation" on the memo line. Send the check and the 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 27, 2019.** All reservations received on or before March 27 will not be charged room tax. Rooms reserved after the deadline may not be tax exempt or guaranteed the convention rate.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION form is enclosed in your packet. Please consider submitting a resolution to be discussed during the general business meeting at convention. The approved resolutions guide affiliate, deanery, and diocesan programming and priorities for the year.

ONE CENTERPIECE, ONE RAFFLE ITEM, AND ONE SILENT AUCTION ITEM are requested from each affiliate. Individual donations are gratefully accepted, also. Proceeds from the raffle and silent auction are our major source of income for the year, and we appreciate your continued support. **An information sheet with detailed information is enclosed in your packet.** Please bring your centerpiece into the main meeting room first thing Saturday morning so it can be enjoyed. The centerpiece drawing will be held during lunch on Saturday.

Deaneries and individuals are invited to participate in the **UGLY PURSE AUCTION.** Find the ugliest purse you can and fill it with new *unused* items with a minimum value of \$25. The purses will be part of the silent auction, so make them fun! All purses should be tagged with the donor's name and its value; the contents remain a surprise.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR SELECTION AND PRESENTATION information is included in your packet. 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 which will be read during the banquet program, is due by Wednesday, March 27, 2019.** We cannot guarantee that names received after this deadline will be included in the convention program literature.

Please note that the Woman of the Year and her family members and friends who are not registered with a Package A, and who wish to attend the banquet, must purchase a Package C (banquet only) registration. All attendee names and registration fees must be included on the Convention Registration form, which is also due on March 27, 2019. There will be no banquet ticket sales at the door, so please advise those attending only the banquet to plan ahead.

Reserved seating will again be used at the banquet. Seating will be by table number with 10 to a table. Tables will be assigned on a first-registration-received basis.

WHAT TO BRING TO CONVENTION – Once again, we will be collecting donations to assist those in need. All donations are appreciated and will be delivered to the appropriate agencies.

We will be collecting

- Rosaries
- Eyeglasses
- Hearing aids
- Cancelled stamps (other than the Forever flag stamps)
- Pull tabs from cans
- Socks, all sizes, children and adults
- New underwear, all sizes, children and adults especially adult sizes XL and larger
- Blankets
- Adult clothing
- Baby layette items
- New pajamas for children, all sizes

CONVENTION DATES TO REMEMBER reminder card enclosed.

There is a lot to convention, and I hope you will join us to enjoy it all. Our committees are working overtime to provide a spiritual, educational, fun-filled weekend.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at casey.pond@comcast.net or the contact person listed on the flyers and forms.

We look forward to seeing you at the Sheraton on April 27-28, 2019, for our 91st convention!

Wishing you peace and grace,

Casey Pond
DCCW President