

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
SEPTEMBER 2025 BOARD MEETING
EASTERN DEANERY REPORT

The affiliate women's councils of the Eastern Deanery have been on recess over the summer months but are gearing up for their first meetings in September.

St. Anthony's Council of Catholic Women will hold their first meeting on September 11. Plans for their council year will include the Box of Joy and inviting the local Fire Chief to talk about CPR and life-saving techniques. They will discuss plans for hosting the Eastern Deanery meeting on September 21. President Lenora Callor will propose hosting a retreat themed on Blessed Mother for CCW members and open this to members of the parish as well. The slate of officers remains the same as last year. New officers will be chosen in April of 2026.

St. James the Greater in Vernal does have a new slate of officers, who will be installed on September 16 at their first meeting for the council year. They are fortunate in having Father Ariel Durian assigned to their parish and he will assist in their installation ceremony. The women of St. James hosted the DCCW Board Meeting in June of this year and it was very well attended. The women provided lunches for the youth group for their trip to a retreat in Colorado. At their meeting in September, they will plan their activities for the coming year. They have prepared a spread sheet of all the activities, fundraisers, projects, and areas they serve. They have assigned a contact person to each item and volunteers to help. They will host a breakfast burrito fundraiser in October, an Angel Tree for Christmas, a food pantry drive, and Thanksgiving meal baskets.

I am very sad to report that our Council of Women from St. Helen's in Roosevelt, those very ambitious and spiritual women who won the Affiliate of the Year first place award at convention, have made the decision to unaffiliate at this time. Due to several issues, they are unable to continue their work in council. Please keep them in your prayers that things will turn around and they are able to affiliate once more. They were a very valuable asset to DCCW and the Eastern Deanery. They will each remain individual members of NCCW and continue to aid in the work of the Deanery, such as planning and participating in hosting the DCCW convention in April of 2026.

On the note of conventions, four women from Eastern Deanery were able to attend the NCCW Convention recently in Orlando, Florida. It was a beautiful convention and very spiritual. We were energized and renewed from the tours and mainly the retreat held at Mary, Queen of the Universe Basilica and National Shrine. We were fortunate to see our Uthn, Amy Kennedy, installed as the new NCCW President. It was a great experience, even with the humidity! (But our skin felt great!!)

Blessings,

Becky Colombo, Eastern Deanery President