

Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

President's Report

November 8, 2025

Wow!! It's only been two months since our last meeting and so much has happened and still so much to come. After our last meeting we learned that Kathryn Parish-Reese, the San Francisco Province Director was resigning. Jeanne Audiss the past director and one of our own, will be finishing Kathryn's term. We welcome Jeanne and appreciate her willingness to serve.

The Carlo Acutis display at St. Thomas More was a great success. St. Francis Xavier took the display to their parish. Their new CCW president, Virginia Wright has worked with Michael Edwards and Barb Kerouac to get a full set of the panels in Spanish. Great work!

At the Utah Catholic Conference, September 20th, DCCW was well represented. We had a beautiful booth and several of our members welcomed and chatted with the many women who stopped by. Many picked up flyers and other information We had 6 women who showed interest in starting or joining a CCW. Our MDR team has been reaching out and following up.

The DCCW had their annual pastoral meeting with Bishop Solis on October 10th. He continues to be very supportive of the DCCW. He will continue his financial support of \$5000. He does continue to ask that we have a fund raiser in addition to our convention to be more self-supportive. He, also, asked for our support to increase vocations in the Diocese. Susan Porter has reached out and gotten great support for this endeavor.

On October 14th, Susan Porter, Bonnie Siegrist and I attended the St. Peter's CCW meeting in American Fork. Bonnie gave out info packets, and we talked about the Rings of Council. They were very receptive to our presentation and asked a lot of pertinent questions. We are available and excited to come to your CCW meetings.

After this meeting there are three big events in November. On November 15th a Vocations Promoter Training event called Hundredfold will be held at St. Ann Catholic Church. Susan Porter's report will explain our commitment to this event.

On Thursday, November 20th, I am asking you all to participate in "Adoration Across the Nation". We have information posted on our DCCW website. The following evening on Friday, November 21, the DCCW will provide and serve refreshments for the Transitional Diaconate Ordination of two of our seminarians.

I am excited to tell you that we have finalized our contract with Marie Miller, who will be our keynote speaker at the 2026 DCCW Convention, April 18-19th.

These November events are followed by Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent.

What a wonderful time of the year. I love it and I love Thanksgiving. It is one of my favorite holidays. It is a special time to "Give Thanks" and share our blessings. Followed by Advent, a time to "Wait in Hope" and finally Christmas a time to "Rejoice in Our Saviors Birth". I hope you and your families have many blessings of the seasons and can share with those less fortunate from your abundance.

During this last week particularly, I have given much thought to "Waiting" and "Giving". There were two readings in the *Magnificat* that spoke to me. One referenced the immediacy of love. To delay and lose time when love can be exercised right now for a soul in need is to throw away an irrecoverable chance. The test is to realize that nothing more important matters than the person in front of us at that instant. Father Haggerty, Archdiocese of New York. Don't Wait!

The other was from Father Sebastian White and spoke to us Giving our ALL. He references the widow's mite. "Our two coins are ours to give. What I will be accounted for is what I did with the two coins of my own life. Did I truly give my whole livelihood in the ministries and assignments I was entrusted with? Or did I give only out of my surplus while fundamentally serving myself? It might be giving our heart to God and spending time in prayer even when we feel distracted or are convinced, we will have little show for it. I might be showing patience to someone we're rather fed up with or don't feel like talking to. The temptation will always be there to hesitate-to hang onto one just in case. But in whatever form they take on any given day, placing our meager coins in the hands of the Lord will reap dividends.

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