

DCCW First Vice-President Report June 7, 2025

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In the past, the 1st Vice-President collected the membership surveys and convention evaluations and presented a summary at the June meeting following the convention. This task has been moved to the Immediate Past-President's job description. Barb has tallied all the results and comments for her report, which I will be presenting since she is unable to attend this meeting. She sent an advanced copy to the officers and convention chairs for review. The responses are mostly very positive, so I, too, would like to thank everyone who helped make this weekend a success. The surveys regarding input for future conventions were collected by Jamie Beert, our DOM. We still have more survey cards and would like to see them go out to all the parishes, especially to those who have concerns about attending because of the cost, location, or structure of the convention. This will be an ongoing process over the next year as we form a committee to study moving forward.

Thank you letters have been sent to all the businesses and organizations that placed full or half page ads in the program booklet. Handwritten thank you notes have been sent to the businesses who took out quarter-page ads. Again, most were mailed to the Helper/Price zip codes. These folks do a phenomenal job every year of supporting the DCCW, and I encourage you, if possible, to stop by and thank them and all the other advertisers by patronizing their businesses. The thank you banner listing all who supported us this year is on our website. As always, we appreciate the congratulatory, thank you, and in memoriam ads placed by the Deaneries, CCW's, and other individual members.

We are so grateful to have had EWTN as an Emerald level sponsor this year. I have spoken with Elena since the convention. She was very pleased with the location of her exhibit table and looking forward to coming back next year! Before Carlo Acutis' canonization was postponed, she had sent a code to embed on our website to watch it live at the hotel since EWTN was not included on the hotel's channel lineup. This code is still available, and we can use it for as long as we wish to go live with EWTN. If this is something many of us are interested in, I can coordinate this with Angela. It is a free service from EWTN.

Finally, for all of you who are individual members of the NCCW, I recommend you read the latest issue of the Catholic Woman magazine. There were several items in there worth noting, particularly the article about Council Sunday, and as we celebrate Pentecost, the one from our National Spiritual Advisor. We are called to use our gifts from the Spirit to unite our communities and boldly "carry the Church into the world." When I was in the midst of getting all the printed materials ready for the convention, I placed a copy of our DCCW mission statement on my refrigerator just to remind me what our purpose is. I really enjoyed Alex Guzman's talk at the convention as he reminded us to always consider our intention in everything we do: "It's not just about being busy, not about doing but about being." Also, the recipe for St. Anthony's pasta salad is delicious, and I think the Bingo card inside the back cover is clever and something that could be used at the local level. Happy Pentecost!

