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A Newsletter of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women

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DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Casey Pond — St. Olaf, Bountiful

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“All is grace.”

So said Father Rene when asked his opinion of grace, the focus for this year's DCCW annual convention. The various concepts of grace were later discussed with several past presidents, who helped narrow them into this year's convention theme: **“Through the Grace of God”**. The commissions we are featuring this year are Spirituality and Service.

As Catholics, we are familiar with sanctifying grace (the grace, the newness of life we receive in the sacrament of Baptism; it makes the soul holy; it is supernatural life) and actual grace (the intervention of God in our lives which help us sustain our relationship with Christ; supernatural encouragement to do the right thing).

And we know that grace is a gift of God. But if all is grace, how does it present itself? How do we know when we have it, and if we don't, how do we get it? If we have it, what should we do with it? Can we share it? Can we strengthen it within ourselves or help others get it? Grace appears to be another spiritual mystery necessary for salvation that is somewhat difficult to understand.

Our wonderful convention presenters will help us understand! Marge Fenelon, a blogger, speaker, columnist, and award-winning author, will share her understanding and insights as our keynote speaker. Representatives from local charitable organizations will inform us of their missions and help us understand how grace helps us serve. Jennifer Carroll will share her experiences of realizing the grace received by those with whom she has worked. And, of course, our prayer services will open our hearts to the grace of God.

But even more important is your presence at convention. Coming together as Catholic women for a weekend of education, fellowship and friendship, prayer, and a lot of fun is time not spent, but invested. We are all works in progress, so let's meet at convention and grow in grace together!

God bless you!

Casey

The 91st
Annual
DCCW
Convention

Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel—150 West 500 South

April 27 – 28, 2019

Through the
Grace of God

The Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women Invites You To

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Keynote Speaker Margaret Steinhage Fenelon

We are excited to announce that Marge Fenelon has graciously accepted our invitation to be our keynote speaker. Marge, a cradle Catholic from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is happily married with children. She is an award-winning author and journalist, a speaker, blogger, and popular radio personality. 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 presentations are entitled, "When's God Gonna Show Up?: Spotting the Divine in Daily Life" and "Spirituality of Womanhood: Living our Faith with Mary as a Model".

The Service Commission, chaired by Sylvia Orosco, will present a panel discussion featuring representatives from Catholic Community Services, The Road Home, and the YWCA. Their presentation will not only inform us as to how these organizations operate and the missions they embrace, but how we, as grace-filled Catholic women, can follow Christ's directive to serve our brothers and sisters in need and the difference that service makes in the lives of others.

Susan Espinoza and Suzie Brown, our Spirituality Co-chairs, 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 tell her stories and will 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.

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women board is honored to have you and your friends join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, education, and prayer. You are the stars of the show! To register, please contact your parish women's organization. You may also visit www.dccwutah.org for complete details, registration forms and sponsorship information.

Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel | 150 West 500 South
www.dccwutah.org

AFFILIATE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS: PLEASE WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR YOUR COMPLETE CALL TO CONVENTION PACKET AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR INFO. PACKETS ARE MAILED TO PASTORS OF NON-AFFILIATE PARISHES AND MISSIONS. BE SURE TO CHECK ALL DEADLINES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT DCCW PRESIDENT, CASEY POND: CASEY.POND@COMCAST.NET

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Join the Women of the SLC Catholic Diocese as we gather for the
DCCW 91st Annual Convention on April 27-28, 2019

Sponsorship Application Deadline March 15, 2019

Application Forms & Guidelines are available on the
DCCW Website @ www.dccwutah.org

Convention Sponsorship Committee – Ernie Folks, Chair & Nancy Reading, Co-Chair

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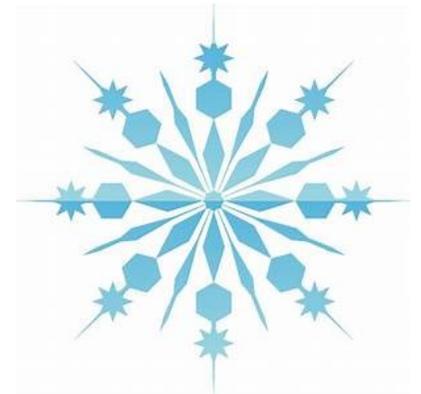


REMINDER:

ALL CHANGES FOR THE
DCCW ROSTER,
ESPECIALLY NEW
AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS,
NEED TO BE EMAILED
TO DCCW
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Margaret will forward
updates to NCCW

Individual NCCW members
need to make changes to your
profile online or contact NCCW
directly.



DID YOU KNOW...

THE DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT

To unite Catholic women's organizations and individual Catholic women in the state of Utah, Diocese of Salt Lake City, in purpose, through **support**, **empowerment**, and **education** in the areas of **spirituality**, **leadership** and **service** and respond with Christian values to current issues in the church and society.



DCCW SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Father Reynado "Rene" Rodillas — St. Olaf, Bountiful

Our Service to God Is for All Seasons And All Occasions!

A parishioner died while I was preparing to leave for my annual retreat at the Clergy Prayer House in Los Angeles. When the family came to arrange for the funeral service, they informed me that they would cremate the deceased after the funeral mass and that they were planning to have the burial rite on Monday the following week. We agreed that the burial rite would be the next Monday at 9:00 in the morning. I came home late that Sunday night from my retreat, as my flight from Los Angeles was delayed. After getting home late, I awakened early Monday morning because I was thinking about and preparing for the burial rite at the Catholic Cemetery in Salt Lake City. I needed to be there at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time.

When I arrived at the cemetery, the daughter of the deceased was there by herself. She informed me that they had hired a cantor for the rite. This was not an issue for me for a cantor to join us in the rite. The problem was that the cantor had been told to be there at 11:00 that morning. I felt upset, but I tried to compose myself, since I no longer had any choice but to wait. After an hour of waiting, and since several of the relatives were already present, I asked the daughter of the deceased if we could proceed with the rite, and then when the cantor arrived, he/she would sing at that time. The daughter, together with her daughter and a friend, agreed to my suggestion. While I was about to start the rite, I suddenly heard someone strumming a guitar and then singing, "Silent Night!". I almost choked upon hearing the song, asking myself, "What's this...a Christmas song for a burial rite?" It was an untimely song in every way, especially because it was during the month of August.

This story came to my consciousness very early one morning while I was discerning about what to write for this Aware Issue. While reflecting on the message of my article, and with the Christmas season almost concluded, I realized there was a good lesson from the recent burial rite experience. In my heart, it seemed out of line to sing Silent Night at a burial rite, especially in the month of August. My realization was that, during the season of Christmas, we Christians become more generous in our hearts through giving, we become more understanding and patient, more caring, loving and forgiving. Most people become promoters of peace. But why all of this beautiful sentiment only in the Christmas season...why not throughout the year? God's goodness is never seasonal! God is good all of the time, whether we are good or not. He is not like Santa Claus. He does not make a list of who's naughty or nice to reward or punish. It's just like what Saint Paul in his Second Letter to Timothy said, "to preach the word, be urgent in season, or out of season" (2 Tim.4:2). Our service to others and the good that we do, should be seasonless in loving God and our neighbor every day!

As Christians, it's always good and beneficial to be generous in our giving and more patient in our dealings with others. We should strive for this every day, not just in the Christmas season. We must strive to become God's manifestation to others. We carry the name of Christ, so we ought to always strive to live a Christ-like life.

Another story is told about a young boy who was diagnosed with terminal cancer. An elderly priest would regularly come and spend time with him and bring him small gifts. One day, the priest asked the boy if he was afraid of death. The boy asked him what will happen to him when he dies. The priest explained to him that when he dies, he will see God. The young boy told the priest, "If God is as kind as you, then I am not afraid to die!" What a beautiful example of quietly and humbly spreading Christ's love from a sincere heart!



God is good all
the time!



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

Becky Colombo — St. Anthony, Helper
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At our CCW meeting in January, we were fortunate to have a team of health education women from our local health department in attendance. These women graciously presented two videos about suicide prevention for those in attendance. Invitations to the meeting were extended to our local fire department and local police department. Everyone in the parish were invited, including men. We were fortunate to have 18 people in attendance, two of which were men.

The women did an excellent job with the presentation, which was also a training for "QPR", which is "Question, Persuade, Refer". The video was very profound and made quite an impact on all the attendees. It was very helpful in explaining the proper ways to approach someone who may be contemplating suicide. Sometimes it only takes one person who cares enough to ask if they need help or if they are considering ending their life, to prevent someone from completing an attempt.



I would strongly suggest checking with your own local health department in your city or county and inquire about having a presentation on QPR training. The women at our meeting have been very well trained and were kind and basically upbeat in their presentation. It is not a happy or pleasant presentation to tackle, but it was very good. It is VERY helpful information, especially for today's society and our young people's stressful lives. It can affect people of all ages....the very young; teens, young adults; newly married couples; middle age; or older adults. We need to reach out and let these people know someone cares enough to ask the question "Are you considering ending your life?" It just may be the most important question you can ask in your life, and in theirs.



“TOO OFTEN WE UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A TOUCH, A SMILE, A KIND WORD, A LISTENING EAR, AN HONEST COMPLIMENT, OR THE SMALLEST ACT OF CARING, ALL OF WHICH HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO TURN A LIFE AROUND.”
— LEO BUSCAGLIA

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

MaryAnne Mulvihill — St. Therese, Midvale
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I'm ramping up for Convention now: seeking a special raffle item, printing solicitation letters to our faithful donors, working on my own raffle item and planning for managing the raffle and silent auction. I'm looking forward to seeing the donations and setting up the raffle and silent auction.

I have some volunteers to help me, for which I'm SO grateful. I will need more volunteers, though, especially for the distribution of the raffle items, and assisting the winners of the silent auction items. The number of volunteers will depend on the size of the raffle/silent auction; however, the more volunteers I have, the more smoothly the whole thing will go, and the less time each volunteer will have to work.

Love & Peace of Christ
MaryAnne

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN PAST SAN FRANCISCO PROVINCE DIRECTOR
PAT VOORHES — St. Vincents, Murray**

I wanted to express my gratitude for the very generous gift Casey presented to me at the November meeting after finishing my term as the San Francisco Province Director. I have enjoyed every time I have served on the National Board, so much so, I submitted my name to run for President Elect, and recently found out I was accepted! So, I need everyone's vote. I wanted to ask you to please consider purchasing an *Individual NCCW Membership*. For \$50.00 you receive a **vote in this election (if you register before February 1, 2019)**, as well as receive the **Connect Newsletter** and the **Catholic Woman** magazine. Plus, you will be entered in the

2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP CONTEST — Here are the rules:

- For every new member you refer, your name and the new member's name will be entered to win 2019 convention registration and 5 nights (Tuesday-Saturday) at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel in Atlanta. (Meals, Tours, and Fundraiser not included).
- There will be two (2) second chance drawings of \$100.00 each towards NCCW store merchandise. (Membership renewals excluded).
- Entry Specifications: Your name must be clearly written on the new membership registration form.
- Entries must be received in the national office located at 200 No. Glebe Road, Suite 725, Arlington VA 22203 on or before May 15, 2019.
- So watch your email for the NCCW Connect for the announcement in February of the slate of officers and the voting link in March. Votes are cast April 1 through April 30.

Patricia 'Pat' Voorhes

Your Candidate for NCCW President-Elect

I am proud to say I am a member of NCCW and passionate about the work we do. We are women of faith reflecting God's joy in our service and desire for justice.

For 38 years I have been an active member of council serving on all levels. My history with council enables me to understand our past; identify the realities of our present; enhances my ability to increase our growth and guide NCCW into the future so we may celebrate 100 years and beyond.

As President-elect I will continue my servant leader philosophy to enrich the lives of our members, build on what our leadership has worked so hard to attain, and with God's help pursue opportunities for us to create a more just and caring world. If elected, I will use my strong faith, sense of community, education, and God-given leadership skills to help NCCW prosper in the next century.



Our DCCW — and the Church in Utah — have been the lucky recipients of Pat's dedicated service, positive influence, and inspired leadership. I heartily endorse Patricia Voorhes as a nominee for the office of NCCW President Elect and assure you that she has the full support of the Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Casey Pond, Salt Lake City DCCW President 2018-2020

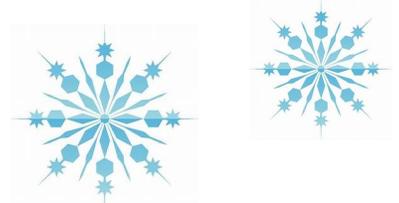
Patricia is a good organizer and excels at inviting others to participate. She sets a great example by her own involvement and commitment of time and energy. She arrives early and stays late. I believe that she has shown these same qualities at former parishes and in her positions of leadership at both diocesan and regional levels. I think that Patricia Voorhes is certainly the type of candidate you are looking for as a leader in the National Council of Catholic Women.

The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, D.D. Bishop of Salt Lake City



**READ PAT'S
COMPLETE
BIOGRAPHY ON
THE DCCW
WEBSITE:
www.dccwutah.org

YOU'LL BE
AMAZED!**





**AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS AND INDIVIDUAL NCCW MEMBERS
BE SURE TO CAST YOUR VOTE IN THE APRIL NCCW ELECTION**

WE HOPE YOU'LL VOTE FOR OUR UTAH COUNCIL SISTER, PAT
VOORHES, WHO IS RUNNING FOR NCCW PRESIDENT-ELECT.

REMEMBER, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR NCCW BALLOT IN MARCH IF.....

- **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS : DUES ARE CURRENT AS OF FEBRUARY 1ST**
- **AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS: PARISH/DEANERY 2019 DUES ARE PAID BY FEBRUARY 1ST**

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT, OR WONDER IF DUES ARE CURRENT, CALL THE
THE NCCW OFFICE: 1/800/506-9407 or 703/224-0990



SALT LAKE DEANERY

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The Salt Lake Deanery is busy preparing to be Host Deanery for this year's DCCW Convention on

April 27-28, 2019
Salt Lake City Sheraton

Before that, we would like to invite you to our annual Spring Luncheon fundraiser.



For Ticket Information
Call or Text:
Jeanne Audiss
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**Salt Lake Deanery
Spring Luncheon**

MARCH 30, 2019
Saint Olaf's Catholic Church, 276 E 1700 S,
Bountiful

Spring

11 AM Social—12 PM Lunch
Cost: \$15/person (\$20 Day of Event)

**Raffle Prizes, 50/50
Drawing, Cookie
Walk**

**Sponsored by
Salt Lake Deanery CCW
Contact: Cynthia Acosta**

DIRECTOR OF MEETINGS/ WOMAN OF THE YEAR CHAIR

Bobbie Hunt — St. Rose of Lima, Layton

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Like last year, this winter Aware article is being written in January, and once again, it is cold and snowy. I think even more so than last year. There is a lot of snow at my house, which means a ton of snowflakes. I have always been fascinated by snowflakes. Each one is unique and beautiful just like each one of us. Before we know it, the cold and snowy January will be a thing of the past, and April will be upon us.

In April, we will again be attending our annual Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women Convention. This one weekend a year hundreds of unique and delightful Catholic women from throughout the State of Utah will gather to renew friendships, pray together, listen to great speakers, celebrate our faith, and enjoy a lovely weekend.

Our beautiful theme this year is “**Through the Grace of God.**” How many times have we heard such phrases throughout our life? My Mother used to say, “But for the Grace of God go I”. Every time it made me think of the wonderful Grace of God.

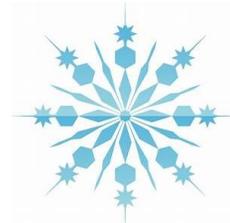
We are looking forward to a grace-filled convention. The dates are April 27 and 28. We will again be at the Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City. Our DCCW President, Casey Pond, is preparing the Call to Convention packets with complete information, and they will be distributed to affiliates, non-affiliates, and missions. The cost of the rooms is \$110.00 for a single or a double. A triple and quad is extra. The hotel registrations need to be sent in by **March 29**. Please get your hotel registration in on time.

As many of you know our registration chair for many years, Kathy Jones, passed away last June. God bless Pat Voorhes, who volunteered to take over the position, as it is a very time consuming task. Registration is again \$125.00, and is also due **March 29th**. The convention registration also needs to be in on time.

The Woman of the Year banquet is always a highlight of the convention. The information for Woman of the Year will be in the Call to Call to Convention packet. Since medals have to be ordered and engraved, and the names of each Woman of the Year included in the convention program and banquet program, please send your parish Woman of the Year name and biography information by **March 29th** at which time you will be sending her (*and her guest's*) convention and hotel room registrations.

Peace and Joy.

Blessings,
Bobbie



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Salt Lake Deanery Luncheon: March 30, St. Olaf
- DCCW Convention Hotel & Reg Due: March 29
- NCCW San Francisco Province Meeting:
March 29-31, 2019, San Francisco
- *APRIL—Vote for Pat Voorhes—NCCW Pres.-Elect*
- CWL Tea: April 14, St Vincents
- DCCW Convention Board Meeting: Apr. 26, 2019
- **DCCW Convention Apr. 27-28, 2019**
Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel
- DCCW Board Meeting: June 2, 2019
Northern Deanery
- NCCW Convention: Aug. 21-24, 2019
Atlanta, Georgia—details nccw.org

MEMBERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE TEAM

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Women on a Mission

While the formats of our council gatherings vary by the type of event we are hosting - business meeting, social event, service project – three things should remain constant at the start of any event. We should begin all council events by honoring God, country, and organization. These first two elements are easy enough to satisfy since all of our gatherings should involve an opening prayer and agendas for our business meetings usually involve reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The trickier element can be remembering to honor the organization that unites us as individual Catholic women and as Catholic women's organizations: the Council of Catholic Women. To do this, I suggest that at each gathering the women recite the mission statement of their group.

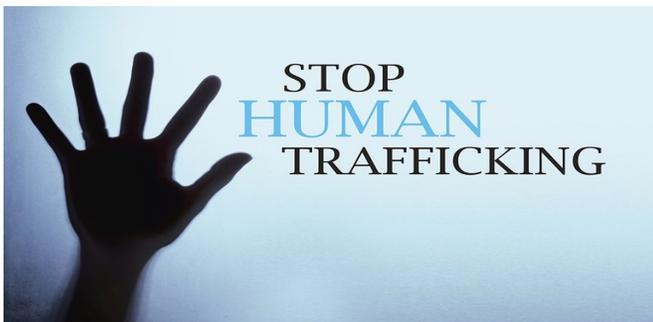
Mission statements are a great way to emphasize to our women of the purpose and goals of our organization. Our mission statements serve to remind us all that we are women of faith and women of action who are united in prayer and purpose through the Council of Catholic Women. With your mission at the front of their minds, members will be inspired to live this mission, and their renewed enthusiasm will help grow your organization and attract new members.

If your group does not have a mission statement, use the National Council of Catholic Women's mission statement (below) as your template. Whether you continue to use NCCW's mission statement or craft one specifically for your women's group, a mission statement is just words on paper, if it is forgotten about soon after it is created. Remember to use and live your mission statement and be women on a mission!

If your organization would like help in creating or revising its mission statement, reach out to the MDR Committee for help.

Mission Statement of the National Council of Catholic Women

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



WHAT: Presentation on Human Trafficking with
Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes

WHEN: Monday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m.

WHERE: St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church,
1375 E. Spring Lane, Salt Lake City

Sponsored by St. Vincent's Council of Catholic Women

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

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**This is a repeat from last January, but I thought it was worth repeating.
A New Year's Resolution that could benefit us all. Susan**

PUTTING PAUSE INTO PRACTICE "Whatever you feed the most wins"

Pausing in the New Year

Go to your garage. Find something that you have moved at least three times. Give it away – to a friend, St. Vincent de Paul or the charity of your choice.

Pausing in the New Year

Write a letter to someone you love – with real paper, pen, envelope and stamp.

Pausing in the New Year

Grab a box of crayons. If you feel overwhelmed at any point today, sit down for 10-minute coloring break.

Pausing in the New Year

Buy a bouquet of fresh flowers for your desk or home, and take time to arrange them yourself.

Pausing in the New Year

Put a Hershey's kiss on every coworker's desk or on each family member's pillow close to bedtime.

Pausing in the New Year

Try the Jewish practice of praying after a meal, instead of before.

Pausing in the New Year

Set your cell phone alarm to go off every hour or so. When it does, stop what you are doing and think of something for which you are grateful.

Pausing in the New Year

Eat your evening meal by candlelight.

Pausing in the New Year

Take a new route as you commute to work or run errands. Notice what is new or different.

Pausing in the New Year

There are over 10,000 named saints. Pick an obscure one and learn one fact that makes you smile or gives you hope.

Pausing in the New Year

Reread one of your favorite children's books.

Pausing in the New Year

Give a flower to someone who had a tough week.

Pausing in the New Year

Make a 3"x5" card that says "Thanks for being you" and give it to someone you encounter during the day.

Pausing in the New Year

Pick a favorite psalm. Begin your day by reading the psalm aloud.

Pausing in the New Year

Use your cell phone to take a photo of an ordinary event, person, plant or part of nature that made you smile. Use it as your screen saver for the next day.

Pausing in the New Year

Memorize a new prayer and start your day with it.

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LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

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It is by the Grace of God, that I have been able to complete the task of revising the bylaws, standing rules, and convention guidelines. With the help of five other amazing women, thank you Bonnie, Jeanne, Carol, Becky and Trish, they are done. Without their help, guidance and expertise, and of course God's hand, I'd still be typing, HAHHA... It has been quite a humbling project. I know now how primitive my computer skills really are. But by the Grace of God, it is done. His Grace has always amazed me, because I have always felt it around me and have been the recipient of His grace over and over.

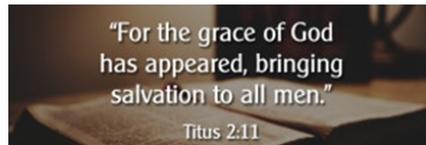
GRACE by Western Christian theology is: the love and mercy given to us by God because God desires us to have it, not necessarily because of anything we have done to earn it. Grace is favour, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life. It is a spontaneous gift from God to people "generous, free and totally unexpected and undeserved" that takes the form of divine favor, love, clemency, and a share in the divine life of God.

Laudate Catholic Glossary says:

Grace: A free gift of God to human beings, grace is a created sharing in the life of God. It is given through the merits of Christ and is communicated by the Holy Spirit. It is necessary for salvation.

So look around and feel the Grace of God fill your lives with His presence. Open your hearts, your awareness, your souls to His amazing gift of Grace. In all my weakest moments, God has given me the Grace to persevere, to carry on and most of all to give all my doubts, fears, weaknesses...everything over to Him. I trust Him to do His will in my life. He has carried me through many trials and tribulations and I know with His Grace it is all well. One of my favorite hymns is "It is Well, It is Well, with my soul". I TRUST God implicitly.

God's Grace astounds me every time He allows it to heal me, strengthen me, carry me, fill me, calm me, surround me... I could go on and on. I am blessed to know God's grace in my life. I am eternally grateful God has granted me this knowledge and His Grace. May God's Grace be with you all the days of your life and those in your families.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR ADS FOR THE CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET...
PARISH, DEANERY, BUSINESS & INDIVIDUAL ADS

AD MESSAGES CAN BE ONES OF WELCOME, CONGRATULATIONS, SUPPORT, APPRECIATION, MEMORIALS TO HONOR A LOVED ONE AND, OF COURSE, BUSINESS ADVERTISING.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO SUBMIT WILL BE ON THE DCCW WEBSITE,
WWW.DCCWUTAH.ORG, OR CONTACT BECKY COLOMBO:
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IT'S ALWAYS A SPECIAL FEELING TO OPEN THE PROGRAM AND SEE YOUR AD!



LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

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Praying for Our Government Leaders



www.OfTheHEARTH.com

The adventures of the 2019 Legislative General Session will start on Monday, January 28, 2019 and end on March 14. Many of us have seen the public speaking out as demonstrated last November, when there were so many citizens' initiatives on the ballot when people voted. It is the sense that people are becoming more politically involved by speaking out, since they have voiced concern about feelings of the legislature not listening to public comment. Citizens are using the grass roots of democracy by obtaining signatures needed in the majority of Utah counties, as in 26 of the 29 counties and 10% of the last presidential registered voter signatures needed for a citizen's initiative to be placed on the ballot.

The overall focus of the 2019 Legislative Session, in reference to the Diocese will be on Pro-Life Issues, as the Catholic Church promotes legislation to protect the unborn and repeal the death penalty. As stated in Jean Hill's *Intermountain Catholic* article, "As Catholics, we have known for generations that people fare better when they have just wages, access to health care, stable housing and education. Our Catechism has long recognized all of these elements as necessary to preserve the dignity and sanctity of life. By addressing the needs of the whole person, not just at the time of pregnancy, we not only protect life, we promote the authentic truth of our faith, which asks us to care for the poor and the vulnerable and preserve the dignity of life for all, born and unborn, innocent or guilty." Rep. Cheryl Acton is sponsoring a bill to ban abortions after 15 weeks of gestation, which would be one of the most restrictive in the nation, but would carve out exceptions with rape or incest, or if the mother's life is at stake or if the fetus has a lethal defect. It is expected to have lawsuits filed in opposition. Pro-Life Utah and the Eagle Forum has requested her to run the bill. To keep track of current bills and our Catholic viewpoints please visit www.le.utah.gov and www.dioslc.org to stay in tune and updated throughout the session.

On the federal level, Democrats are now in control of the U.S. House of Representatives with an amazing number of women with diverse backgrounds. The Senate still has the Republican majority. Hopefully with Congress being split, as the two major political parties needing to negotiate, there could be more bipartisan bills passed in the best interest of good public policy. However, we are in a crisis mode with this shutdown over the southern border wall.

The latest government shutdown began Dec. 22 due to the White House administration requesting \$5.7 billion to build a wall. Both parties publicly agree on improved border security, but they have different ideas on how best to accomplish this task. In the meantime, this government shutdown, which includes 800,000 federal workers not being paid, who had to endure undue financial as well as emotional difficulties during the holiday season, has extended into January. This shutdown is impacting people's lives on a daily basis when they are not able to pay their monthly mortgage, utility bills or for food. TSA workers at the airports still have to work even though they are not getting paid currently. National Parks services have also been deeply affected by the government shut down as they are operating on a skeleton crew to manage sewage problems and trash clean up. There have been to date three deaths associated with lack of national park workers accessible to help with these emergencies. National Parks, EPA and FDA are agencies involved in the shutdown designed to safeguard our air, water, land and food. We as a country and community need to figure out a way to get along and negotiate with this government in order to end this shut down, since it is causing more harm and damage to our citizens and is not making America great again.

Immigration reform continues to be a nightmare since last spring, when children were removed from their parents and detained with improper logistics and paperwork to reunite them. There are still children who have not been reunited with their parents. Faith in governmental politics has plummeted.

Incoming Utah elected U.S. Senator Mitt Romney has done a recent Washington Post op-ed piece saying. "To reassure our leadership in world politics, we must repair failings in our politics at home." According to a SL Tribune Jan. 6 article, in taking on the leader of his own party, Romney appears to be positioning himself as heir to John McCain as the Congressional conscience of U.S. diplomacy. U.S. internationalism has persisted for so long because it has been supported by both major political parties.

It is so important as a divisive America to keep these political leaders in our daily prayers, since our lives, as well as so many other Americans, are dependent on a successful government system. If all politicians could stop the name calling and become mutually respectful, have civility and trust, be open minded with negotiations as to compromise on a solution, which would be in the best interest of the American people, then perhaps the government could end the shutdown. We need the government to be successful, so we can succeed as a nation, with politicians working in the best interests of the American people. They all truly need our prayers.

DCCW PARLIAMENTARIAN

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Hopefully, all of you have chosen *at least one* of the Resolutions approved at last year's DCCW Convention ("Be Full of Joy") to put in practice with your CCW or personally. Here they are again just as a reminder. You still have some time to work on them, before we adopt new Resolutions at the 2019 Convention in April.

Summarized action items from 2018 Resolutions:

From Keynote Address: Sheri Wohlfert, "Joyfully His, the Art of Living in the Joy of the Lord"

- write down five things each day that we are grateful for
- pray each day the seven-word prayer, "Thank you God, Your Will Be Done!"

From the Legislative workshop: Sheriff Rosie Rivera, "The Rise of a Female Sheriff"

- Work to promote education about the travesty of opioid overdose and its prevention
- Encourage law enforcement agencies to work with communities, health care providers and pharmaceutical companies to provide education on the cost, as well as the crime rates and problems associated with addiction in the community.
- Work with elected officials to support legislation and funding to build treatment facilities in all rural counties with addiction problems.

From the Leadership workshop: Deacon Scott Dodge, "Women of Faith: Six Portraits of Greatness"

- Study and follow the example of these strong Sisters in Faith: Saints Miriam, Deborah, Ruth, Priscilla, Teresa of Avila, and Gianna Molla
- Stand firm in our Catholic values in times of social unrest
- With a heart full of joy, lead lives in accordance with these values



EASTERN DEANERY

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Hello from the Eastern Deanery CCW

St. Anthony has been busy since our last report. In November the ladies met at an art studio. After their business meeting, they painted a flower picture and shown how to press & make a picture. They were each very unique, and they are going to hang them in the church. In December they had their annual Christmas party at the Carbon Country Club. They brought and donated food for their local food pantry. At their January meeting they had a great presentation on Suicide Prevention by the Hope Squad. They are getting ready to advertise and vote for woman of the year along with planning a card party in the spring.

St. Helens had their annual Christmas Bazaar along with three other churches. They proudly sold out of Sheila's famous taco soup. Very good outcome from the community. In December they had their Christmas Party where the CCD kids performed the Nativity Play. They had four families for the Sub for Santa. They are currently working

on their Community Project, which is helping the Women's Crisis Center in Vernal. (Roosevelt does not have one.)

St. James had a fundraiser with breakfast burritos, and it was well attended. They planned for 80 burritos and ran out. The next one is February 3rd, and we will plan for 125! The women donated a basket prize for the Parishes Bingo Bash fundraiser in November. They also had a paint night and pizza fun night, which was open to anyone in the parish. It was very well attended. December 8th-9th was their Craft/Bake sale. They hosted a Christmas Party/Pot luck for the parish children and families. They also helped a woman and two little boys at the Women's Shelter to have a nice Christmas. The CCW, Youth Group, and the Knights of Columbus all donated along with a few just donating other items. They arrived at the shelter just a week before Christmas. In January we had our Christmas Party and a small meeting. Also planned is a card making night to be announced later.

SOUTHWEST DEANERY

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The Southwest Deanery Councils have been very active over the Fall and Christmas seasons. They are truly a presence in their communities, reflecting the love of Christ to everyone.

Christ the King Women's Council, Cedar City.

It seems the ladies of Christ the King are always busy, busy! In December our regular meeting was closed with a "Sock Exchange". Each lady brought a pair of socks and in the socks were gifts. The exchange was much fun as we passed the socks back and forth to a right/left poem until the final 'right or left'. The socks were filled with very imaginative items from jewelry, to lotions to Christmas ornaments.

We have also been busy doing other things besides having fun! We hosted a Christmas party for the religious education children after they had their Christmas program. The ladies of the church provided cookies, brownies and other goodies for the kids and their families. We also provided all the Confirmation students with 22 new Bibles. The Bibles were given to the first and second year students with the hope this is something they will carry with them the rest of their lives. We have asked the Knights of Columbus to help us with this endeavor next year as the Bibles are very costly (\$30 each!). Our January meeting will be a very short business meeting as we are going to watch the movie "A Man for all Seasons", which is about Sr. Thomas More who was England's Roman Catholic Chancellor under King Henry VIII and was canonized due to his courage.

As with most of the Councils, February will find us beginning our (Sr. Yvonne Hatt) Woman of the Year process and getting ready for Convention. This year we will also be installing a new President and other officers. Cherri Delgado-president

St. George Women's Council.

This summer we welcomed Fr. Sebastian Sassa and bid farewell to Fr. Daas. What wonderful priests we have had!

September found us welcoming everyone back and getting ready for our annual Diaper Drive. Once again our parish members came through with huge hearts and flying colors. Our next project was our 2nd annual International Christmas Bake Sale, another huge success. Our Women's Group was asked to take over the "Christmas Giving Tree" due to the resignation of our parish secretary, who took on this task in all previous years. We had 169 tags that our parish provided gifts for the kids. Again, our parish helped out. It is just wonderful to see the looks on the kids faces when they saw us bringing the gifts out to them. Also, the mothers and fathers were so appreciative. Our parish also provided Christmas food baskets for just over 100 families. All in all, it was a very busy end to a very busy year. Our January meeting we install new officers. Mary Skomal-president

Sadly, two of our councils, St. Christopher's in Kanab and St. Paul's in Hurricane, have decided, for the time being, to become inactive. The women still actively support their respective churches, just not as official councils. Parish gatherings and celebrations are still held. They still sponsor a tree in the Festival of Trees, support Shop with a Cop and collect coats, mittens, scarves and stuffed animals for the Beryl Mission, just not as Official councils. They still serve Thanksgiving dinner to the residents at the DOVE (Domestic Violence) Center and they still hold a diaper drive for the homeless shelter and other community entities that serve women and children. And as always, Ham dinners and all the fixings are provided for many families at Christmas time. I pray that they will be able to reorganize into Official Councils because we need each other.

WASATCH DEANERY

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Happy New Year from the Wasatch Deanery! While many may be setting Facebook aside as a New Year's resolution, we would like you to know that there is still something worthwhile out there, and it's our Wasatch Deanery Council of Catholic Women Facebook Page! Our Historian, Catherine-Ford Barbiero, posts uplifting and inspirational prayers daily, as well as updates from NCCW and photos and announcements from happenings around the diocese.

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WDCCW/>)

Blessed Sacrament (Kim Matus): We held our 31st annual Holiday Blessings Boutique on Saturday, November 17th. We had 60 crafter booths and great traffic attend the event. We hosted the Parish Advent Party and had our traditional CCW Christmas potluck and party for our December meeting. Throughout the year we have a secret sis program and we revealed our secret sis at this party. Additionally, we implemented a donation for the Carmelite Nuns and were able to contribute a nice amount to go toward their needs. In January, with funds that we raised from our June Garage Sale and November Boutique, we donated \$10,000 to various local and international charities and to our parish. We invited representatives from the charities to speak at our Awards dinner and held the installation of our newly elected officers for 2019.

San Andres (Monica Villar): In November, the San Andres CCW worked side by side with our parish youth group and the Knights of Columbus to provide Thanksgiving dinners to over 100 local families. As always, we also had the support of LDS wards in Payson. The turkeys were donated by Realtors Association in Park City. Twelve of our ladies got together for dinner and went to see The Messiah in December. It was an inspirational evening.

St Peter (Lydia Farnell): In December, we gathered to put gifts together for our seniors and the home-bound. We now have a Chair for visiting those who are home-bound and hope to make visits to them on a regular basis. An Epiphany party was held at one of our lady's homes. Great food and fun abounded. At our January meeting, we finalized preparations for our annual Bingo/Taco Sunday on January 27th and chose a service project for Lent. Our women decided to work on the one gallon "Blessing Bags" to benefit the homeless and also plan to do a Women's Shelter Project in the summer.

St Thomas More (Roxann Vredenburg): We held our annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon and Boutique on December 8th. The theme was "Light of the World." About 350 ladies were in attendance. We had great food from Isabella's Catering, gave away three gift baskets per table, and held a live auction with many great items. We will be meeting early in March to decide on the distribution of the funds earned from the luncheon to various charities and our parish. Later this month, we will be making Valentine cards for Wentworth Senior Living in Sandy and for our seminarians. In February, we are planning a Ladies Night Out for dinner and a play, as well as helping to promote and provide some light refreshments for our Respect for Life committee's Human Trafficking Speaker on the 28th. In a effort to increase awareness that "all women who are members of our parish are members of the Ladies of St. Thomas More," we have been hosting some "Meet and Mingle" events for those who may be unable to attend our meetings at the regularly scheduled times. We've had a couple of morning coffee get-togethers, one in October and one on the first Friday in January. We also had a "Wine and Cheese" event one evening in November.

St Vincent de Paul (Sophe Derrick): We are happy to be back in our newly renovated church as of December 2nd. We had been out of our church since July 2018, holding Mass in our school gym. On January 4th, our church was blessed. Pictures of the celebration and rite of blessing were featured in the Intermountain Catholic. For our December meeting, we had our Christmas party. Everyone brought their favorite childhood treat along with a copy of the recipe. As the treats were enjoyed, we revealed who our secret sisters were. **On January 28th, Attorney General Sean Reyes is coming to talk to us about Human Trafficking. We are welcoming anyone from other parishes who would like to hear him speak.** The *Intermountain Catholic* is planning to cover this event. For our service project, we had The INN Between Hospice for the Homeless speak to us in November, and we donated supplies and \$200 to help them out.

St Joseph the Worker (Lydia Moore): We had our annual Christmas party with food, Christmas carols, and a fun gift exchange game. We then played musical pipes, beautifully led by our parishioner, Sherry Florin. We took January off and will resume our meetings in February to plan our year. We will have a Lenten retreat for the women of our parish in March.

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WASATCH DEANERY—CONTINUED

St John the Baptist (Nancy Reading): This past November the Ladies of Saint John the Baptist hosted our annual Ladies Charity Luncheon with a Western Them. Our guests enjoyed BBQ from Goodwood's, line dancing, a western serenade, live and silent auctions, and in the end, we all chipped in to bail Msgr. Moore out of jail in a case of mistaken identity. We raised \$8500 and donated \$3000 to the parish to replace desperately needed light fixtures in the church. We also donated \$1000 to our social justice ministry to replenish the food pantry's post-holiday depletion. In December, we had a very successful Advent service project and Christmas Party. We provided Christmas for the 20 children in the care of the Sisters of the "Give Me a Change Program." We collected educational toys for the children and delivered them to a very delighted group of children and the sisters in Ogden on December 17th. We had \$150 left and donated that to the Sisters for their program. In January, we made a concerted effort to increase our attendance and handed out flyers/invitations after every Mass. We saw a huge increase in attendance at the January meeting which was cooking class focused on "A New Year, A New You." The attendees played the "Calorie Game," and were treated to a host of healthy snacks and cooking demonstrations.

St. Francis of Assisi (Gina Bowen): With the help of a donation of ten turkeys from the women of San Andres, we were able to provide Thanksgiving dinners for ten families in our parish in November. We had a guest speaker from our parish speak about his jail ministry and charismatic prayer group. In December, we had an ornament exchange at our Christmas party. We brought a variety of soups, salads, and desserts to enjoy. Our boutique was successful, as we had many donations of both new and used items for our raffle table. Our guest speaker that month talked to us about the meaning of Advent. We will start off January with a Mad Hatter Tea Party in the Escalante Room. We have asked each woman to bring a friend, her favorite tea cup, and to wear a fanciful hat. In February, we will have a guest speaker come in to share stories about St. Valentine and we will be planning our packets for our service project. We will be hosting the next Wasatch Deanery CCW board meeting on February 23rd.

PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES!



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*Blessed Sacrament CCW
2019 Officer Installation*



*Southwest Deanery
CCW Board Meeting*



*DCCW ladies at the Catholic Women's League
Fashion Show at Little America*



*DCCW Presidents, Past & Present, at their annual
Christmas lunch with Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Rene.*

NORTHERN DEANERY

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Northern Deanery Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Presidents continue to lead creative meetings, and successful activities/events. Some activities brought a sense of community within their CCW and parish.



Holy Family:

In October over 175 parishioners attended the annual fundraising Spaghetti Dinner--serving delicious meatballs, salad, breadsticks, and Spumoni dessert. Ruffled themed baskets, and sang along to Italian music by an accordionist. During the November meeting, an icebreaker of sharing grateful and spiritual life-changing experiences brought about many interesting stories and discussions. A very bonding effect.

In December CCW held a Christmas Party. We enjoyed a pot luck dinner, gifts were exchanged and games were played. Also we collected winter clothing/hygiene items for the DCCW Service Project. Speakers were invited to the January CCW meeting to discuss Medicare, Social Security, and Identity theft and fraud. Parishioners were invited to attend. Important information was shared.

Upcoming meetings will include our annual Lenten Devotion to Our Blessed Mother--"Mary's Way of the Cross" held in the Sanctuary, followed by a tea and social.

St. Mary:

On November 11th the CCW partnered with the Men's Club holding a breakfast burrito sale after each Mass. A fundraiser for the Stained Glass

Window Project for the church, parishioners enjoyed and supported this successful joint venture. The 60th Annual Fall Bazaar was held November 17th and 18th. There was a great turnout and feedback was very positive. This is a primary fundraiser for the CCW and was very successful.

On December 4th held their Annual Advent Dinner and Ornament Exchange, inviting all women in the Parish to attend. It was held at the Timberline Restaurant, 27 ladies enjoyed a great evening. We will hold our Annual Baby Shower for Jesus on January 15th. All gifts will be donated to the St. Martha's Baby Project.

Toward the end of January CCW will hold its first-ever Lumpia sale. Preorders are taken after all Masses, with delivery on February 3rd--just in time for the Super Bowl. Lumpia is a Filipino spring roll similar to fried spring rolls in Southeast Asia.

St. Rose of Lima:

St. Rose CCW held a fundraising bake sale on December 15th and 16th. The sale was very successful and they were pleased with the results. On January 8th the CCW held their Baby Jesus Shower, donating items to the Ogden Catholic Community Services. The February meeting will be a mini-retreat--The theme of the retreat is 'The Woman at the Well'. Also, the annual Mexican Dinner and Bingo fundraising event is this month. Normally very successful, there is a 200 ticket sales limit. This event is open to other parishes.



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