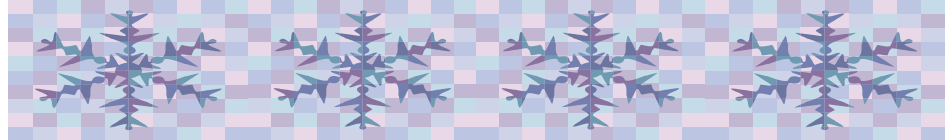




# A W A R E

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An Affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women



## DCCW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Michael O'Shea**  
St. Anthony's, Helper

I am again wondering what to write about for this issue of the AWARE. I think this newsletter is so important to inform and educate our Catholic women about what is going on in the diocese and our parishes. So, although I reported on this at our Board meeting, I was so moved by the event that I will write about it again.

On January 11-13, 2012, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops sponsored a conference on Immigration in Salt Lake. I was not excited to attend. It was taking place at the same time as our annual "Golf Get-Away" in Mesquite, Nevada. All my friends were going, and we have such a great time in the warm weather, away from the everyday stress of living....So, I was not looking forward to spending time with people I didn't know, listening to reports, information, and stories about a subject that I knew little about.

I really found out that I was exactly where I needed to be. The Conference was attended by people from 43 states. The Dept. of Justice, Homeland Security, all kinds of Immigration programs, and people who just plain care about the issue were in attendance. I was moved by the passion and integrity of the speakers. The caring work that is being done to help those who need our help is remarkable.

Bishop Wester gave the welcome and any doubts about whether I should be there were erased. He is so genuine in his passion for this issue that you can't help but be moved by his words. The Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix gave the homily at the opening mass, and I would like to share some of his thoughts. He reminded us that we need to **listen to the Word of God**. He will move us to be prophets today. We must **defend immigrants from discrimination – be the voice for those without a voice – advocate for every human person – Call for government to produce just laws that protect the integrity of all families**.

I ask you to look at your life. Are you listening to the Word of God in your dealings with people every day? Do you defend those who are victims of injustice and discrimination? Are you the voice that needs to be heard? We can all do so much more to make those around us more comfortable. I would urge you to take part in whatever your parishes are doing to promote inclusion in God's family.

Our 84<sup>th</sup> annual DCCW Convention will take place April 21-22, 2012 at the Hilton Hotel in SLC. Our program and speakers are focused around the issue of Human Trafficking, and I think you will all be enriched by the weekend. The theme follows our NCCW annual theme, **CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DIGNITY – LOVE IN ACTION**. All the information and registration forms are on our DCCW [website](#) and your affiliate presidents also have information. Please consider attending. Remember, if finances are an issue, there are sponsorships available. We would love to have as many women as we can attend our convention.

Again, thanks for the opportunities I have had serving as your President.  
Remember, One Mercy at a Time! God Bless, Peace and Love.

Mike



# NCCW & DCCW SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

**Monsignor Robert Servatius**

**Blessed Sacrament, Sandy**



Dear Ladies of DCCW:

I know that we could all single out women of our diocese who have been outstanding in their participation and service to the diocese and particularly to our DCCW. I believe that it would be a fairly lengthy list.

I want to take this opportunity to focus on one of those women: Mary Adams.

As you perhaps know by now, Mary has had to move from Utah due to health reasons, and she will be truly missed by all of us.

The chronicle of Mary's devotion to and service to Catholic women is itself lengthy. She has been active for years in the life of DCCW, including service as DCCW President in the past. She recently served a two-year term as San Francisco Province Director, during which time she also served on the NCCW Board of Directors.

Mary has also served her diocese and parish in many ministries. She has served on the Diocesan Pastoral Council, and sang in the St. Rose of Lima Parish choir, just to mention a couple.

I ask that we all pray for Mary as she settles in her new environment, that her health will improve, and to offer a prayer of thanks to God for her impact on our lives.

Sincerely, with blessings,

Msgr. Bob Servatius



Dear Ladies of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women:

I would like to start by saying thank you to all of you for your love and support over the years. I have truly been blessed to have served on the many rings of Council with such remarkably talented women. You have been such a large part of my life I can't imagine not being part of yours any more.

For health reasons I must leave Utah and relocate to sea level or as close to it as I can. I have a friend in Florida so I will start my adventure there and see where God sends me. I hope to be back in the spring to make the decision about selling my home and/or permanent relocation.

I have so many wonderful memories of you all. Each of you has a special place in my heart. Some of the best times were the travel, conventions and visiting other parishes. The Conventions were wild!!! Sooo much fun. I have made life-long friendships and I am sure they will be a great comfort in the months ahead. Please keep me in your thought and prayers as I will you.

Again, you are a talented, gifted and outstanding group of women. Your friendships are one of my most cherished joys.

God bless and keep you in His care.  
Mary Adams



**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

**Bobbie Hunt  
St. Rose of Lima, Layton**



As a reader of the Salt Lake City DCCW AWARE, have you heard of the NCCW Connect? The NCCW Connect comes out monthly and is sent to NCCW Board Members, Diocesan, Deanery and Parish President's as well as individual members. It has a wealth of information and ideas that help keep us connected to our National Organization.

In the January 2012 edition of NCCW Connect there is a message from our President, Judy Powers, regarding the resolutions that were passed at the 2011 convention in Chicago and ways to implement the resolutions.

Our Executive Director announced the dates and location of the 2012 NCCW Convention. It will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, September 19 – 22. Plan now to attend. Not only is the location wonderful but the convention will be a memorable event. There is a quote from Fr. Tony Wroblewski, later in this article regarding the 2011 Chicago convention.

Many diocese around the United States are multi-cultural. There was a story in the NCCW Connect regarding “a colorful, lively, story-filled multi-cultural gathering” in the Diocese of Orange, CA. The theme was “We Are Together on the Journey.” Seven nationalities were represented and the women, dressed in traditional outfits, spoke of their “family history, journeys to and within the U.S and experiences as women of Catholic faith.” What a great idea for some of our local organizations.

President Obama declared January “Human Trafficking Prevention Month.” President Obama wrote “We stand with all those who are held in compelled service... We recognize the people, organizations, and government entities that are working to combat human trafficking; and we recommit to bringing an end to this inexcusable human rights issue.”

Human Trafficking will be a topic at the Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention, April 21 – 22 in Salt Lake City at the Hilton Hotel.

Fr. Tony Wroblewski, in speaking of the NCCW convention in Chicago said, “So often, people, including many women themselves, see the CCW as only a group of ladies that provide lunches for funerals and have nice teas and lunches for themselves. While those activities are necessary and wonderful, think about these presentations we heard about in Chicago: NCCW projects providing clean water to dry areas of the world, campaigns against human trafficking, advocacy for respecting human life from conception to natural death including ending capital punishment, and attacking the scourge and epidemic of pornography in our society. Of course there were many presentations on helping local CCW's operate more effectively.” Fr. Tony is a “great promoter of opportunities for learning and connecting with others.”

Think about going to the NCCW convention in September. It also will give “opportunities for learning and connecting with others.”

**DCCW MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
TREASURER  
KATHY JONES  
St. Olafs, Bountiful**

**SAVE THE DATE....WE ARE GOING TO MYRTLE  
BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA!**

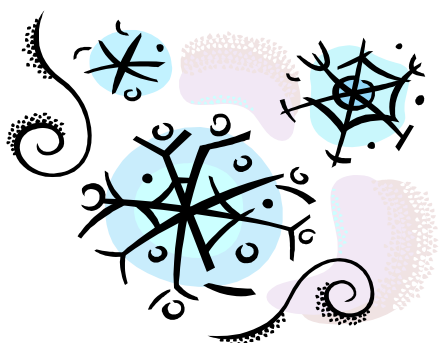
The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) has announced the dates for the 2012 Annual Convention. The activities will start Wednesday, September 19th and conclude on Saturday, September 22nd. It is going to be held at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, and I am told it is only seven blocks from the ocean! So now is the time to mark your calendars and start making your plans to attend. Check the website [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) for more details.



The women who attended the 2011 convention in Chicago will tell you that you come away spiritually renewed, educationally enriched and full of excitement to implement new ideas within your own council. The networking with your fellow sisters in Council is invaluable, and you make new friendships which could last a lifetime.

Bobbie Hunt and I had the privilege of representing NCCW at the USCCB Conference "Immigration: A 50 State Issue" on January 11 - 13, 2012, which was held in Salt Lake City. Cathy Jarboe, Director of Issues & Information Management, a senior staff member from NCCW, was also in attendance. The conference was very educational and discussed Catholic public policy as it relates to the whole immigration problem our nation is facing right now. They also discussed how different states have been dealing with the problem on the local level. It was a real "eye opening" experience for me.

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*As a reminder for parish presidents, your national dues notices have been sent and are due now.* If you have any questions concerning your dues payments please contact me at home (801) 292-4752 or cell (801) 589-3960.



**REMINDER: All changes for the DCCW roster including deanery and affiliate information needs to be emailed to Marie Hartry as soon as possible.  
[emhartry@cox.net](mailto:emhartry@cox.net)**

2012



Mark  
your  
calendars

April 21st  
&  
April 22nd

**84th Annual Convention**  
Hilton Salt Lake City Center

**Keynote Speaker:**

***Maria Suarez***

*A victim of human trafficking and advocate for women. Her story is an amazing tale of faith, resilience and courage.*

Leadership Commission Presentation will be by the Utah Human Trafficking Task Force

Legislative Commission presenter Jean Hill, director of the Salt Lake Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission.

The Most Reverend John C. Wester Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City will also be addressing the convention.



**Join us for a spiritual, informative, and fun-filled weekend!**

**The DCCW Convention is for all women 18 yrs and older.**

Contact your parish CCW or visit the DCCW website:

<http://home.catholicweb.com/slcdccw/>

for ALL Call to Convention information, forms, and *tentative* agenda.

**\*\*\*\*\* TO DO BY MARCH 14TH \*\*\*\*\***

1. Submit Convention Registration Form (avoid late registration fee) — Remember: Banquet seating is based on when your registration form is received, and Woman of Year Banquet attendees must be included.
2. Submit Hotel Registration Form
3. Submit Your Woman of Year Information Form
4. Apply for Sponsorship assistance if needed.
5. Submit Convention Program ads
6. Advise Becky Colombo Silent Auction and Raffle donation

If you have any questions, contact President Michael O'Shea 435/472-5191

## DCCW FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

Amy Kennedy

Cathedral of the Madeleine, SLC

One of my favorite scriptures is Romans 12:3-8, and in particular these lines: “For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them . . . .” I came upon this passage near the end of my first year of law school when about 110 of my classmates and me were each vying to be part of the elite Top Ten Percent of the class. These chosen few (literally, we are talking about a dozen students here) would be the lucky ones to get guaranteed summer jobs and shining futures set in stone. The other 90% would be left to deal with the sad fact of a dismal future, or so thought the many of us who bought into the Top Ten or Bust mentality.

I began to feel worthless when I realized I was not going to be in the Top Ten Percent, but these verses reminded me that we all have “gifts that differ according to the grace given to us” and that the unique gifts each of us have work beautifully together to fulfill God’s plan. My gift was not to toil away at a big, fancy law firm that summer (thanks be to God, I would have gone crazy). Instead, I found my calling on the road not so much less travelled, but on the road I would not have set out on at the beginning of my journey. Years later most all of my classmates seem to have found their niche in life and law, and although it took a job change or two for some of us to get there, we have discovered our unique gifts and are using them.

I am often reminded of this verse when I witness a group with diverse talents, experiences, backgrounds and perspectives coming together to be “one body” and creating something wonderful. Our last DCCW board meeting was one of those occasions. At this meeting, our Leadership Commission Chair, Pat Voorhes, with help from our past president Cheryl Johnson, presented revised convention guidelines. The comments and suggested revisions that came from the floor reflected the experiences and perspectives of the women in attendance and resulted in a dynamic final document. Many suggestions were ones I had not considered even after having served in various convention functions in the past.



In this article I had planned to offer some advice and suggestions for original or eye-catching ads in a pitch to encourage you to support the DCCW’s convention program. After the board meeting, I realized that some of the best ad ideas are likely ones I have not thought of, but rather will come from our DCCW body. My challenge to you is to use your gifts to design an ad as unique as you are. To make this fun, *the person or group presenting the most original ad (as determined by the DCCW Executive Board) will win a prize and be honored at Convention.*



Same as in years past, ad space is available in **full page (7½" h x 4½" w) for \$100, half page (3¾" h x 4½" w) for \$50, and quarter page (3¾" h x 2½" w) for \$25.** Keep in mind that ads will be reproduced in black and white. Your ads and payment are due to me by **March 15, 2012.** You can find sample ads and a submission form on the DCCW website; upon request I am happy to mail hardcopies to those of you without computer access. Like last year, we are also accepting cash donations to offset our program printing costs should your special gift not be creativity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 801-755-1574 or at [amy.kennedy@comcast.net](mailto:amy.kennedy@comcast.net) (just be sure to DCCW in the subject line).

Good luck to the aspiring advertising moguls and God bless and keep you until we see each other at Convention in April.

## DCCW SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

**Becky Colombo**  
**St. Anthony's, Helper**

It seems impossible that we are already gearing up for convention once again! Our theme this year, "Human Dignity, Love in Action" is a very fitting tribute to our Catholic Women and the work we do.

I am in the process of mailing out letters and once again asking for donations for our Ways & Means Silent Auction and Raffle for the annual convention. Our Wasatch Deanery ladies are planning a great and informative event for everyone on April 21st & 22nd. I hope I have a huge response to my solicitations, and I also hope you all are getting excited to submit your items from your women's groups. The creativity and generosity of your donations never cease to amaze and bring a smile to our faces!



We ask that each affiliate try to donate a raffle item and one silent auction item. If you have questions, you may email me at [bcolumbo@emerytelcom.net](mailto:bcolumbo@emerytelcom.net) or call my cell phone, **435-650-6392**. When you have decided what items you will be donating, you may send me an email with a brief description and the value of your donation. When you bring the items to convention, we also need your affiliate name on the items so we may give you the recognition you deserve for your donations. I will need this information by the end of March so I may plan the space to display your items accordingly.

The success of our organization and the great things we do as DCCW is supplemented by the funds raised this way. I am always open to any ideas if you have suggestions!

This year we have a fun new idea suggested by our First Vice, Amy Kennedy. At our National Convention the last couple of years, they have held a purse raffle that has been both fun and exciting. You bid on a purse and are rewarded with extra prizes found inside the handbag! Amy suggested we put a new "twist" on this idea and have an "Old Bag" raffle! Each deanery, affiliate, or individuals who wish to donate may submit an old, ugly, handbag with new, fun, and exciting prizes hidden inside. We will raffle these bags off during an appointed time at convention. This is separate from the silent auction and raffle the ladies love, but should be a fun addition.



About our beautiful convention quilt raffle...every year Flora Lawless from St. Marguerites puts together a new pattern that catches our eye and makes us all wish we will be the lucky winner! Each affiliate parish should take the opportunity to take the quilt into your parish and help sell raffle tickets prior to the Convention. Tickets sell really well during special events, dinners, or socials in your parish. Even after mass, with some ladies selling tickets with the quilt displayed. Once people see the beautiful handiwork of our Flora they are anxious to purchase a chance to win. Contact me to get on the schedule. I will arrange transporting the quilt to each affiliate who would like a chance to display it and sell raffle tickets.

Thanks so much and see you in a few months at Convention, if not sooner!

## CHURCH COMMISSION

**Anne Smith**  
St. Thomas More, Sandy  
Co-Chair

**Marsha Murphy**  
St. Helen's, Roosevelt  
Co-Chair



The Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion, January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church reminds us of the power of Christ's Name and encourages us to pray in His Name. We give honor to the Name of Jesus because the Name of Jesus reminds us of the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer. The Catholic attitude of deep respect toward the Holy Name is exactly as it should be according to Sacred Scripture: Philippians 2: 8-10 He humbled himself becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause God also hath exalted him and hath given him a name which is above all names: that is the Name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

### The Jesus Prayer

**O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## Pope Benedict XVI's Message on Human Dignity

The theme of the pope's message on World Peace Day 2012 focused on educating young people in justice and peace. Youth, he reminds us are our hope for the future. He shared the following teachings:

- ◆ Recognize dignity and beauty in every human life.
- ◆ Strive to make the world a better place.
- ◆ Become an active agent of justice and peace.
- ◆ Respect others and help them to live a life of dignity.
- ◆ Value the gift of life, solidarity, respect for rules, forgiveness, justice, truth, sacrifice.
- ◆ Acknowledge God as creator.
- ◆ Become peacemakers and work together. Be active in your community and aware of national and international issues i.e. redistribution of wealth and conflict resolution.



He asks youth to take their education seriously. To be open to the knowledge and example of their adult mentors. To take a stand against current negative trends.

Of parents and educators, he asks for the priceless gift of time. He directs us to attend to youth's hopes, fears and their search for true values. He stresses our responsibility in helping youth reach their potential and the importance of us being "authentic witnesses", modeling joy in faith and charity. We also can be actively making our governments aware of his priorities: education and creation of jobs.

Source: [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/message/peace/documents/hf\\_benxvi\\_mes\\_20111208\\_xlv-world-day-peace\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/message/peace/documents/hf_benxvi_mes_20111208_xlv-world-day-peace_en.html)

## LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

Pat Voorhes

Blessed Sacrament, Sandy

The Leadership Commission has been busy inviting speakers to our annual convention to be held on April 21 and 22. The Leadership Commission and the Legislative Commission have invited Jean Hill, Director of the Peace and Justice Commission for the Diocese of SLC, and Rob Woodbury, a member of the Utah Task Force on Human Trafficking. Their presentations will focus on Human Trafficking.

In a highly religious community with relatively low crime rates and touted to be family focused, many of us assume Utah is exempt from the insidious effects of underground crime. However, even in Utah, human trafficking, one of the world's top three most profitable industries, reared its' ugly head five years ago.

Estimates of the number of minors trafficked within the U.S. each year range from 100,000 to 300,000. 80 percent of all traffic victims worldwide are women and 50 percent are children and the children are typically between 12 and 14 years old when they are first abducted. 10 percent of all prostitutes in Utah are minors controlled by traffickers. Since 2006, there have been over 100 human trafficking cases in Utah, and an estimated 150 children have been rescued from traffickers. Since 2008, police have rescued over 14 child prostitutes in Utah cities like Bountiful, West Valley, and Sandy.

You might remember the stories of two Salt Lake City men that plead guilty in May of 2009 to conspiracy to commit sex trafficking with children. According to the FBI, these two men recruited minor females through Craigslist ads to give erotic massages that ended in a sex act. The pair rented a hotel room for the minors to use in engaging in commercial sex acts, gave the minors instructions on how much to charge for certain sex acts, handled telephone calls from customers and arranged appointments between the minors

and customers, drove the minors to the hotel, collected money for the sex acts and directed the minors to recruit others for the business.

In August of 2010, the Deseret News ran a story about four Thai men who worked on a Milford pig farm to pay off debts they owed to an international trafficking ring. During their stay in the US which included two years in Utah, their employer controlled their movements, and if they failed to work long and hard, their employer followed through on threats to hurt their families back home. The men lived in housing that lacked enough heat in the freezing winters and air conditioning in the scorching summers. They repeatedly went hungry.



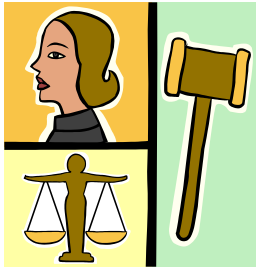
The heightened awareness of these crimes has produced organizations dedicated to the eradication of human trafficking in Utah. Summit Adventure Church and Operation 61 have partnered with the two biggest agencies in Utah that fight slavery—Utah Health and

Human Rights and Child Rescue. Operation 61 helps trafficking victims by smuggling them survival necessities, such as iodine tablets to farm workers who are forced to drink from the same source water source used by animals and in the winter soup, coats, scarves and gloves for victims of slave labor.

Debt bondage, physical coercion, psychological coercion, deprivation of food and clothing, sexual assaults and isolation are just some of the factors that victims living in Utah have faced. Come to convention to learn more about this insidious crime. Once human trafficking is understood, it becomes easier to combat it.

## LEGISLATION COMMISSION

Carol Harley, Co-Chair  
St. Mary's, West Haven



I recently attended the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Conference on immigration held in Salt Lake City. Much of the conference focused on the anti-immigration law passed in Alabama. Alabama's HB56 is the harshest anti-immigration law in the nation and has touched off a humanitarian crisis, a civil rights crisis and an economic crisis. Families are fleeing the state, kids are afraid to go to school, people are scared to leave their homes, and people are being denied basic services such as water, in some communities, unless they have an Alabama driver's license.

Employers are up in arms, crops are rotting in the fields, and law enforcement is upset. One provision of HB56 forced teachers and school administrators to check the immigration status of not only new students but their parents as well. The 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court ruled on October 14 that Alabama had to temporarily stop enforcing this provision; however it was in full effect over two weeks of classes and is still part of the Alabama law. All of these children are constitutionally guaranteed a right to an education and many of them are native-born U.S. citizens whose parents happen to be undocumented.

Many Hispanic families are fleeing the state driving off in the middle of the night. Hispanic neighborhoods are being vacated, tearful goodbyes being said. Those who dare to stay are desperately seeking "power of attorney" agreements, so that if they are arrested, detained and deported their citizen children can be taken care of by loved ones. And the law's champions are delighted. They say everything is going according to plan. When POLITICO asked Republican Congressman Mo Brooks of Alabama about "unintended consequence of HB56, like the mass absences of his state's Hispanic children," Brooks replied; "Those are the intended consequences of Alabama's legislation with respect to illegal aliens. We don't have the money in America to keep paying for the education of everybody else's children from around the world" Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach, one of the architects of Alabama's and Arizona's SB 1070, told a conference that driving Hispanics out of state was just an efficient way to enforce the law.

Meanwhile farmers and business owners are facing disaster. Business owners are watching their Hispanic and immigrant workforce disappear, not only undocumented immigrants, but legal immigrants as well. The Associated General Contractors of Alabama estimate that about one-fourth of the entire construction work force has already left the state. The agriculture industry is faring even worse; one farmer told CBS news that the labor shortage would cost his family around \$150,000 this year.

Shortly after HB56 went into effect, according to the Associated Press, fifty desperate Alabama farmers met with one of the law's sponsors, Rep Scott Benson. When he dismissed their complaints, and told them "the law will be in effect this entire growing season" and that he would advocate for federal guest worker visas for the next season, one farmer replied, "There won't be no next growing season."

Is this acceptable? Is this America? Wouldn't it be better for everyone if we help to transform our cities and towns into welcoming communities? Today's immigrants come from as close as Mexico and as far away as Somalia, Russia and China. Immigrant and refugee integration is a two-way process where newcomers and Utah residents work together to create stronger and diverse neighborhoods.

Carol Harley

## SERVICE COMMISSION

Marcie Downs, Chair

St. Olaf's, Bountiful

There were a couple of statements made in the last issue of *Catholic Woman Magazine* that caught my attention. The first was made by Judy Powers in her president's message. She states, "Many of us do not recognize the gifts that we have to share with one another." The next was in the Cross International Catholic Outreach ad - "What Will Your Greatest Gift Be????"

I sometimes wonder to myself, what special gifts do I have that has or can make a difference in the life of another person? I don't see anything special about myself. I'm not a philanthropist building hospitals for the poor. I'm not building water wells in Sumatra or Ethiopia. I'm not flying all over the world providing humanitarian services to the sick and dying. So what gifts do I have that can make a difference? Then someone said to me, it's the many gifts you have received that you share with someone else that does make a difference whether you know it or not.



It's the gift of life and love of your parents that you have passed on to your children and grandchild. It's the gift of life and love that you gave them that they will share with others that will make a difference in the life of someone you do not even know. It's your faith in God; a gift that allows you to be compassionate and forgiving. It's the many friends who have come into my life and who have stood by me in good times and bad and who have taught me to laugh when I'm down and to not be afraid to cry when I want to.

A friend once told me: Marcie, you have a tender heart and will cry at the drop of a hat, but that's okay. Because a tender heart shows concern and compassion and that's what will make a difference. It's a gift we all need to have and if we did, I promise you, our world would be a much better place to live.

No, you and I do not have to be a philanthropist, building hospitals or building water wells in Sumatra or Ethiopia to make a difference. We can use our gifts of kindness right here at home to make a difference. We just need to try a little harder.

VISIT THE DCCW WEBSITE:

<http://home.catholicweb.com/slcdccw/>

AND THE NCCW WEBSITE:

<http://nccw.org>

GROW DEEPER IN FAITH. LISTEN TO  
IMMACULATE HEART RADIO  
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UTAH'S 1ST CATHOLIC RADIO STATION

**SALT LAKE DEANERY**  
**Margaret Cragin-Masarone, President**  
**Sts. Peter & Paul, West Valley City**

Our DCCW convention theme, "Campaign for Human Dignity - Love in Action", is so appropriate for our Salt Lake Deanery luncheon this year. We are featuring the fashions of Give Me A Chance, a program created by Sr. Maria Nguyen, to teach lower income ladies a marketable skill. Their mission statement is, "inspired by the God given gifts and dignity of each person, the Give Me A Chance program strives to empower low-income women by teaching them marketable skills and providing opportunities that will enable them to become self-sufficient." It sounds like Sr. Maria knows about the CCW and it's mission to support, empower and educate catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. Give Me A Chance certainly responds to the needs of the Church and our community with love just as members of DCCW do! If you haven't been to Give Me A Chance, then you are missing something special.



**Salt Lake Deanery Luncheon and Fashion Show**  
**Saturday, March 10 2012**  
**St. Patrick's Social Hall**  
**12:30 PM.**

Tickets are available through the Salt Lake Deanery  
or call 801/554-3863

*Give Me A Chance is sponsored by the Daughters of Charity Province of the West and the St. Benedict Foundation.*

**UPCOMING DCCW BOARD MEETINGS:**

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| April 20, 2012 | Hilton City Centre |
| June 16, 2012  | Northern Deanery   |

All board members should make every effort to attend all meetings. Please plan accordingly.



**"FIND GOD  
VERTICALLY  
IN PRAYER,  
HORIZONTALLY  
IN YOUR  
NEIGHBOR."**

Dr. Robert Wicks



Please keep Rosa Key in your daily prayers. She is now in Stage 5 of Renal Failure. Rosa has given many, many years of love and service to the DCCW and women of the Diocese. Her devotion shines in the many women she has mentored. Please pray for her peace and comfort.

## SOUTHWESTERN DEANERY

**Kathy Fazio, Deanery Rep**  
**Christ the King, Cedar City**



Greetings from your sisters in the south!

**Christ the King's Catholic Women's Council** has been as busy as ever:

- Will host an after-Mass fellowship in January. If successful, this will become an ongoing event.
- Hosted the parish Christmas party on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Attendees brought new, unwrapped toys which were donated to the Family Support Center.
- Provided grocery gift certificates to four parish families in need.
- Supplied dessert for the parish's Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day celebration.
- Organized the parish's participation in Care & Share's Angel Tree program, which supplied gifts to 75 children in need.
- Continues to provide a hot meal once a month to the Newman Club students.
- Continues its community outreach to the Women's Crisis Shelter, Family Support Center, and Iron County Care & Share.
- Held a raffle to raise money for Jubilee House, which houses families while their loved ones are undergoing treatments/procedures at Valley View Medical Center.
- Heard a presentation at the January meeting by Kathy Mensel entitled, "Let's Get Organized." Kathy gave tips for organizing our daily lives as well as the importance of finding time for prayer and reflection. Is making plans for its Spring women's retreat, to be held in April.

**The women of St. Christopher's CCW (Kanab)** continue on their faith journey:

- Help prepare and serve breakfast after Sunday Mass every weekend
- Bring Communion to a group home for troubled girls.
- Maintains a telephone tree to keep everyone in the parish informed.
- Will be knitting/crocheting prayer shawls to distribute to those who can use some extra prayers.
- Help with monthly pot-luck suppers for parishioners who are celebrating a birthday.
- Helped organize a Christmas pot-luck for the parish in early December.

**St. George Parish (St. George)** recently elected new officers, who will serve under the leadership of Regina Venzke. During their first year, the women determined that their group would focus on "service" and took time to define what that meant and how to achieve their goals. The Women's Group has been involved in these activities:

- Organized a funeral ministry, which has been well received.
- Has helped Youth Ministry and other parish organizations with food support.

**St. Paul's Catholic Center (Hurricane)** has organized a Women's Council. They have taken on these projects, under the leadership of President Barbara Markus:

- Made and delivered Christmas stockings to 40 women and 25 men at local nursing homes. A pot luck dinner was held at the Catholic Center after the stockings were delivered, with about 50 people in attendance.
- Is organizing a CCD program and will take on coordinating the program – a huge task!

All of us in the Southwestern Deanery appreciate your continued prayers and encouragement.

**NORTHERN DEANERY**  
**Faith McCardle, President**  
**Holy Family, Ogden**

As the new year begins, the women of the Northern Deanery begin refreshed and renewed to start 2012. Our ladies continue to be busy in their own parishes as well as a deanery. We still have several women who are volunteering at 'Give me a Chance' as well as other areas in our community.

Holy Family continues their rebuilding. In September they had a parishioner speak about saving money with coupons. In October the women gathered to tie fleece blankets for St. Martha's Baby project as well as host the first Harvest dinner. November hosted the annual CRE 'All Saints' party and a Baby Jesus potluck dinner. They had a quiet December.

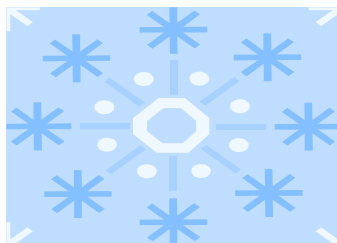
St James parish women's group remains inactive, and we continue to keep the women of the parish in our prayers.

St. Joseph parish remains very active. In October they hosted a reception for Confirmation as well as a dinner for Bishop Wester. They started 'post calling' which is a computer generated phone system to remind about upcoming events. They hosted a fundraiser at a local restaurant which was very well attended. In December they hosted a 'Share the Spirit' advent lunch. This event was very well attended as well, bringing several women from other parishes. This January they are having a quilt raffle with an identical one to be raffled at convention in April.

St. Mary's parish continued their busy year. In September they helped with the first Fall Festival which was very successful and helped prepare them for their craft fair at the end of October. On November they took nominations for the 'Unsung Hero' awards. These awards were presented at their Advent dinner which had 25 women in attendance. In January they kicked off ticket sales for their annual wine tasting event.

St. Rose of Lima started the year with new officers and set up new guidelines for their council. In October they coordinated a multi-language rosary with four languages. It was very well attended, and they are planning another for the spring. In November they hosted the annual Food Fest and Craft Fair. December was a month for helping the parish with the Angel Tree and Sub for Santa. In January they help their Infant Jesus Shower.

All of the parishes in the Northern Deanery look forward to a great new year with many blessings.



**EASTERN DEANERY**  
**Jeanne Thompson, President**  
**Notre Dame de Lourdes, Price**

Oh my gosh! Is it already 2012?? I can't believe it! It seems like we were just in Salt Lake City in April of 2011 seeing snow that we are praying for this year.

The ladies of the Eastern Deanery always amaze me. They are always on the go working for their parishes or communities. I am so proud to be able to claim them as fellow parishioners and sisters.

The ladies did take a "small" break during the holidays, but not much. From bazaars to bake sales the ladies worked hard. In their January meetings, they have been planning what they will be working on for 2012.

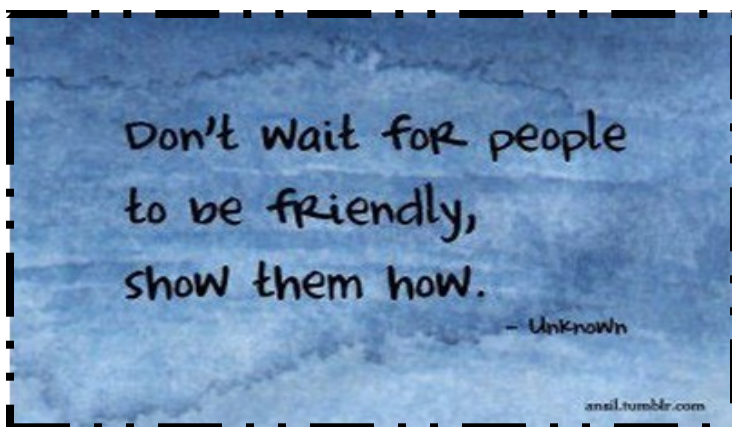
The ladies in Vernal, St. James the Greater, have a new slate of officers. They are working hard to get their numbers up for CCW. They also have been working with the community to help families in need and also have had fundraisers to help the less fortunate within their parish.

In Roosevelt, St. Helen's, the ladies had their annual bazaar in union with the help of other Christian churches in their city. In October, the ladies hosted our first Deanery meeting of the season. As usual, they spoiled us all.

East Carbon ladies of Good Shepherd church held bake sale fund raisers to earn money to help families for Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas as well. They put boxes in the back of their church to collect non perishable items to donate to families in East Carbon.

St. Anthony of Helper ladies were busy decorating the church and also making up goody bags for the elderly and shut-ins. The ladies held a bake sale during the weekend of December 18th. They also worked at the annual Church Carnival in November.

As usual the ladies have made me proud. I appreciate their dedications to their God, their Church and their community.



**WASATCH DEANERY**  
**Angelita Florez, President**  
**St. Francis Xavier, Kearns**

**Blessed Sacrament:** With money raised at our annual garage sale and their Holiday Blessing Boutique, in January we were able to donate over \$9,000 to various parish, community, national and international organizations such as DCCW Sponsorship Program, parish tithing and building funds, Religious Education, Youth Group, NCCW Water for Life, Catholic Community Services, Road Home., Carmelites, Good Samaritan, Neighborhood House, and the Priests Retirement fund. They held bereavement luncheons, did Thanksgiving Baskets for needy families, and supported the Youth Group's Gift of the Drummer program. Additionally they sponsor a child from Guatemala. New officers were installed at the January meeting. 2012 committees and meeting programs are being set. We are excited to be handling registration for the 2012 DCCW convention.

**St. Terese:**

**November 5, 2011,** 6 Hour Retreat: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Advent. 45 people in attendance. Started with Mass, Coffee, Presentation: "Come Back to Me", Focus on preparing for Advent including Inner Healing exercise. Ended with Lunch. Bev Dusserre and Jennifer Neisen presided.

**December** - Ladies Guild prepared and mailed 14 packages to the Seminarians of the Diocese, by Anne Mares and Debby Vigil. Parish Outreach - Visited 15 Parishioners who cannot get out and presented a little Gift. Headed by Genevieve Quintana. Cleaned and prepared Church for Christmas - 15 ladies participated. Bev Dusserre and Jennifer Neisen presided.

**St Francis Xavier:**

**December:** We had a great Christmas meeting. We shared a pot luck dinner. We played a game and did a gift exchange and made Christmas wreaths. We helped the Knights of Columbus this year with our Giving Tree. They were providing coats to the children that need them and we matched up the hats to scarves and gloves to match.

**January:** "Pamper Me Party" paint nails, do a facial or make up, and massages. After the holiday season we can all use some stress relief. We will have munchies and some parishioners who have their own business like Cookie Lee and Avon will come and display some of their products for the women. We are excited about being hostesses at convention this year. We are getting started with our Women of the Year nominations and starting to think about making the center piece and getting the silent auction and raffle items together.

**Saint Peter:** We have been very busy the last few months!

**October:** Our Halloween Spooktacular went extremely well and was a wonderful event for the entire parish community.

**November:** meeting included a prayer service for deceased members of SPCCW. Church Commission Chair, Susan Espinoza gave a short presentation on the Advent season.

Thanksgiving Baskets were assembled and delivered to families in need.

**Christmas:** Outreach was "Undie Sunday." Parishioners responded with great generosity and several large boxes of underwear (for men, women and children) were delivered to the St Vincent de Paul Center.

Our shut-ins received a card and a beautiful poinsettia from SPCCW.

We celebrated our ADVENT party on Sunday, December 11. Good fun, good food, good company!

Our January meeting will be spent planning the Annual Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday, January 29 and getting geared up for DCCW Convention!

**St. John the Baptist:** Thanks to your support and generosity at The Royal Luncheon, our community has presented a check for \$2,400 to the Monsignor Moore Scholarship Fund at Skaggs Catholic Center. Provided homeless teenagers life kits and small, fun gift items for each person.

**February:** Vendor Marketplace—time to enjoy a splendid wine and cheese selection, while browsing, visiting and supporting Catholic-owned businesses, as well as those that support the SJB parish.

**March:** Chocolate and Wine Pairing

**April:** Book Club and Tea: Friendship colors the very air we breathe; it is everywhere around us. It binds the past and present and makes bearable the uncertainty of the future. In The Friendship of Women, Joan Chittister invites us to seek and embrace friendship as it is embodied between women, between God the Creator and all of creation, and between all human beings."

**St. Joseph the Worker:**

**November:** Silent Auction, planning a Baby Jesus birthday party in December.

**December:** Auction profits were \$5988.00, new ideas was to create men's baskets, and more live auction items. Organize the crafts and games for the children, for the Baby Jesus birthday party. Helped with the church clean up before Christmas. The Seniors group also has interest in doing a parish cookbook. They are looking for recipes that have been passed down through generations. Profits will buy a church defibrillator.

**January:** More than 50 kids participated making birthday cards and enjoyed birthday cake.

**March:** Lenten Retreat

**April:** DCCW Convention – Host Parish flowers for the Head Table and in front of the altar at Mass

**May:** Bonnets and Brunch – May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Thomas More**

**December:** Held our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Luncheon and Boutique, "Our Reason for Hope", 400 women attended.

**January:** Valentine Card Making

**February:** Zumba Class

**March:** Gardening Class

**April:** Theatre Night "Father of the Bride" at Hale Theatre

## DCCW SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

**Jeanne Audis, Co-Chair**  
St. Joseph the Worker, West Jordan

**Monica Rich, Co-Chair**  
St. Rose of Lima, Layton

Dear Ladies of the Diocese,

It is once again time for you to make plans to attend our Annual Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Convention! Our Sponsorship Program is set up to financially assist Catholic women who would otherwise not be able to attend the Convention.

The Sponsorship Program is open to all Catholic women at least 18 years of age and older. We would love to see more of the younger women coming to convention. Convention offers spiritual growth where ever you are in your faith journey.

DCCW continues to encourage a Six Month Plan to save for Convention on a Deanery, Affiliate and Individual level. It continues to be a great success, and we hope that you have used the Six Month Plan again this year. It is a great way to help all Catholic women reap the benefits of the Convention. The **deadline for Sponsorship Application is March 14, 2012.**

I would like to remind you that if anyone from your parish has been approved for Sponsorship, our Sponsorship Fund will be responsible for her Convention costs. **Please do not send payment for a sponsored attendee.** Include their name on your registration form but put an S where the Amount Box is. This will make it easier for you, as well as help us in our accounting process.

Convention is truly a wonderful opportunity to share a beautiful and meaningful weekend with other Catholic women around our Diocese. Come and enjoy this exciting experience.

If you need Sponsorship or have any questions, please call. Applications and guidelines will be mailed to your women's organization with the "Call to Convention." If your Parish is not affiliated you can contact us directly for an application form or go to the DCCW website:

<http://home.catholicweb.com/slcdccw/>

We will see you in April!

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## MEMBERSHIP, DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE TEAM

**Kathy Jones, Chair**  
St. Olafs, Bountiful

### WHO AND WHAT IS THE....MDR TEAM?

In our fast paced world of laptop computers, notebooks, cell phones and you name it....there will be another something new tomorrow...we find ourselves emailing, texting and having phone conversations without a phone...just talking through some hands free device. And while we are doing all this, they have come up with a whole new vocabulary to shorten the time for imputing our thoughts.

Well the Salt Lake City DCCW has our own term to add to this new vocabulary.... MDR! This stands for Membership, Development and Resource Team. This is a group of women who have all served in leadership positions on all rings of council from our local affiliate parishes to officers and commission/committee chairs for the National Council of Catholic Women. They each have their own area of expertise, and they are willing to share it with you.

Is your affiliate having difficulty attracting new members? Do you want to set up a Council of Catholic Women group in your parish and don't know how to start? Do you have an idea for a new project but just don't know where to find the resource materials?

Simply tell the team your council needs, and we will match you up with the women who can help you. Programs are tailored to fit your needs!



Are you interested in meeting some of the team? Contact me at 801-292-4752 or my cell 801-589-3960.

### PRAYER FOR A CCW MEETING

#### Prayer for Guidance and Wisdom

Lord look lovingly on this group gathered here. During this meeting as we discuss and deliberate on issues of importance to our Council of Catholic Women help us to be guided by your spirit. May we be wise in our discernment, balanced in our judgment, fair in our decisions, and visionary in our planning. Though we may, at times, have differing views, may we listen to one another and be guided by our common goals. May we always be mindful in our words and actions of what is best for our council. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



**DCCW WEB SITE**  
**Angela Martinez, Web Site Editor**  
**Blessed Sacrament/St. Francis of Assisi**

Hello ladies, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our website. We are always in need of news from around the state. You may have noticed that last month we supported our LDS friends in Roosevelt by advertising the Living Nativity they were holding. I was happy to help their effort to get people from all faiths to attend. I did receive a note that said "The Catholics Came". I think it is nice we can support each other.

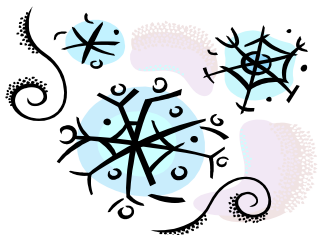
DCCW continues in their attempt to "go green". All of the Call to Convention information and registration forms are now online. If there is one you cannot open or print, just get in touch with me at [omartini25@comcast.net](mailto:omartini25@comcast.net), and I will email them to you.

I am presently working with a friend to put her story on our site. It will be about how drugs have affected her family, what they went through, signs to look for, and ultimately the death of her son. I am hoping this will help someone, since we are all affected in some way. If we can learn what to look for, maybe we can help our families, friends, or friends of friends.

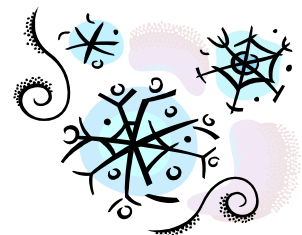
If you have a story you would like to share, please let me know. I would like to get stories of interest to women throughout the diocese. I am trying to get information about pornography on the internet from Bobbie Hunt.

The website is there for you. Please check it often. Bookmark it as a favorite. Use it to advertise your affiliate events. It's free!

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