

*Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women
An Affiliate of the
National Council of Catholic Women*

January 14, 2012

Dear Members and Friends of the DCCW,

The Annual Convention of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women for the year 2012 will be on Saturday and Sunday, April 21st & 22nd at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City. A very special part of the convention each year is the honoring of each parish's Woman of the Year at the banquet Saturday night. It's time to get started choosing a Woman of the Year from YOUR parish.

Originally the Woman of the Year award was in recognition of the women behind the scenes whose services may not be known to the majority of parishioners. This does not mean you should exclude the contributions from the more visible women, such as president and officers of parish organizations, lectors, ministers of communion, etc. who willingly give so much of their time. However, too often, women are overlooked because the public may not be aware of them and the important contributions they make, such as cleaning the altar or church, care of the altar linens, or visiting the sick and elderly. Also, keep in mind that your candidate could be an older woman who is no longer able to contribute but should be honored for her many years of past service. Only one woman may be selected for this honor. "When you lift up one, you lift up all."

If this is your first year of participating in this program or if you would like to try a new way to make your Woman of the Year selection, the following are "suggested" methods.

- 1. A committee of your ladies group, possibly including past Women of the Year could meet and choose the woman.*
- 2. At the bottom of your parish bulletin you can have parishioners vote for a woman and explain why she should be chosen. Your priest and the president of your organization would count the votes.*
- 3. Your women's organization could choose the lady or submit names for which parishioners can vote. Your parish priest might add to the list, as he would be most aware of what goes on behind the scenes.*
- 4. If the parish is unaffiliated with DCCW or has no woman's group the priest may choose the woman.*

*It is important that you begin your selection process now. **To assure complete and proper recognition of your Woman of the Year, we must receive her name and address by Wednesday March 14.** Medals must be ordered and engraved and the names printed in the convention program. We also need a "brief" resume (100 words or less) on her, i.e. why she was chosen as Woman of the Year from your parish. This will be read at the banquet presentation. Send this information to Bobbie Hunt, 2730 East 3700 North Layton, UT 84040. A reply sheet is enclosed for your convenience in submitting the needed information.*

If possible please arrange for your Woman of the Year to attend the convention, especially the banquet on Saturday night. At that time Bishop Wester, honoring her as your parish Woman of the Year, will present her with an Our Lady of Good Counsel medal. We would like to suggest that your parish or woman's organization help pay for her convention trip as a tribute and special thank you to a most deserving woman.

If you have any questions, please call Bobbie at (801)771-8366 or email at don1bob4@aol.com.

Remember, March 14th

Thank you for your help.

Please give the enclosed information page to your Woman of the Year.

God bless and keep you in His care.

Bobbie Hunt