



***Diocese of Salt Lake City
Council of Catholic Women***
*an affiliate of the
National Council of Catholic Women*

CALL TO CONVENTION

*The official call to the Eighty-fourth Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Salt Lake City, Council of Catholic Women*

April 21-April 22, 2012

“CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DIGNITY - LOVE IN ACTION”

Dear Friends of Council,

The Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women cordially invites you to attend their annual Convention on Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22, 2012, at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The Wasatch Deanery is the proud host of this year’s convention, “CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DIGNITY – LOVE IN ACTION”, and the two commissions being addressed this year are Leadership and Legislative.

We are pleased to announce that The Most Reverend John C Wester, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City will be celebrating Mass and honoring the Women of the Year at the banquet. The Bishop will also speak to us Saturday during our session.

Our Keynote speaker will be Maria Suarez, a victim of human trafficking and advocate for women. Her story is an amazing tale of faith, resilience and courage.

The Leadership Commission presentation will be by the Utah Human Trafficking Task Force.

The Legislative Commission presenter Jean Hill, director of the Salt Lake City Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission, will speak to us about her program and the efforts being done to combat Human Rights issues.

Sunday will include a prayer service, Installation Ceremony for New Officers, and our fantastic raffle and silent auction.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- ❖ *Kathy Jones – NCCW Treasurer*
- ❖ *Prayer Room*
- ❖ *NCCW table – Individual membership applications*

- ❖ *Diocesan Commission for People with Disabilities information table*
- ❖ *Mancuso's Religious Articles*
- ❖ *10,000 Villages table*

TENTATIVE AGENDA is enclosed

CONVENTION FLYER is enclosed for advertising the Convention. Please assist in our advertising effort by placing it in a prominent place within your parish, or as an insert in your Church bulletin.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Sponsorship program is offered to individuals wishing to attend the convention, but unable to do so because of the costs involved. A Sponsorship Application and guidelines are on the website. The DCCW President and Sponsorship Chair keep all applications strictly confidential. For more information or to donate to the Sponsorship program, please contact Jeanne Audiss at (801) 855-6054. **Deadline is March 14, 2012.** We advise all women to check with their parish organizations first for any convention financial assistance they may have available.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Please use the form that can be found on the website. The **registration deadline is Wednesday, March 14, 2012.** All registrations require prepayment. **Make one check, payable to DCCW Convention.** Please fill out the form completely and legibly. Please check the spelling of all names, as this list will be used for name badges. **Please note any dietary restrictions and list them in the space provided on the registration form as well as those attending with special needs.**

Please indicate your first timers with an asterisk.

Use separate checks for Convention Registration and Hotel Reservations

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| Package A | \$99.00 includes registration and all meals both days |
| Package B | \$45.00 includes registration for Saturday, Continental Breakfast, and Lunch |
| Package C | \$40.00 includes Saturday night Banquet only |
| Package D | \$30.00 includes registration for Sunday and Breakfast |

PLEASE NOTE: For each registration postmarked after March 14, 2012, an additional \$10.00 must be added.

***After April 11, 2012 no refunds will be given.**

HOTEL REGISTRATION

Convention room rates are \$99.00 per night (1-4 person(s) per room). **Please note the hotel is smoke free and guest rooms are furnished with double beds.** Also, DCCW does not pay to have extra beds put in hotel rooms this will be the responsibility of the person(s) booking the room. All reservations received on or before **Wednesday, March 14, 2012,** will not be charged a room tax. **Rooms reserved after March 14, 2012,** will not be tax exempt and **are not guaranteed the**

convention rate. All rooms are provided with the usual amenities and hospitality items. Please use the Hotel Reservation Form enclosed. **Make check payable to DCCW Convention** and send to the address listed on the form. Payment in full is required with each reservation. Incidental room charges are the responsibility of each person. Time will be allotted during the Sunday program to facilitate the 12:00 p.m. check out time.

CENTERPIECES, RAFFLE, AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Each affiliate is asked to provide one centerpiece, one raffle item, and one silent auction item. The raffle and silent auction items are our only source of income for the year. Please consider this when making your contributions. **We appreciate your continued support.** We are asking that all raffle and silent auction items be given to your deanery president at your next deanery meeting or given directly to **Becky Colombo, Ways & Means Chair.** **Please let her know what you are donating by March 14, 2012.** You may contact her by phone (435) 472-0332 or email (bcolombo@emerytelcom.net). Although the color of your centerpiece is left up to you, spring colors are suggested. The centerpieces will be used in a drawing at the lunch on Saturday.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Information from Bobbie Hunt, Chair, regarding the selection of Woman of the Year for your parish organization is on the website. **The deadline for submitting the name of your Woman of the Year, along with a brief biography is Wednesday, March 14, 2012.** We cannot guarantee that selections received after the deadline will have their names included in the Convention program. **Please understand that all family members and friends accompanying a Woman of the Year to the Banquet are considered Banquet Registrants, and their names and registration fees must be included on the Convention Registration form. Deadline for registration is March 14, 2012.**

WOMAN OF THE YEAR BANQUET SEATING

Reserved seating will again be used at the Banquet. Seating will be by table number with 10 to a table. We will seat parishes together based on the registration forms unless otherwise instructed. It would be helpful if the Woman of the Year's family and friends are listed under her name so that they could be seated with her and any more than 10 could be seated nearby. **Tables will be assigned on a first registered basis.**

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO "ON SITE" BANQUET REGISTRATION

BANQUET

There will be a cash bar available during the social and Banquet.

Dietary Restrictions will be honored if possible. Please be sure to ask each person attending if they have any dietary needs. Indicate by writing the name of the person and what the restriction(s) are on the Convention Registration Form.

WHAT TO BRING

- ❖ Rosaries, old eyeglasses, hearing aids, old phones and cell phones, cancelled stamps, pull-tabs from pop cans, personal toiletry articles, socks and new cosmetics. There will be a designated box for collection of items, which will be donated to those in need.
- ❖ Baby layette items to be donated to St. Martha's Baby Project

- ❖ *Monetary donations for the Madonna Plan, Water for Life, Women Refugees or any other on going NCCW programs need to be given to Service Commission Chair, Marcie Downs. Please specify the program that the donation is for on your check or envelope*
- ❖ *We are still collecting new children's books at convention to participate in NCCW's program "Helping Children Read for Fun and Future". The books will be donated to places throughout the state where children may otherwise not have access. This allows the Salt Lake City DCCW to demonstrate it's continued support of children, especially those who are less fortunate. Each book will have a sticker indicating it was donated by the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women. Please put these books in a designated box.*

Please plan on joining us for a spiritual, educational and fun-filled weekend. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call me at (435) 472-5191 or email me at oshea@emerytel.com.net.

Peace and Love,

Michael B. O'Shea, President

"With God, All Things are Possible"