

Cumberland Mountain Deanery President's Report
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Many attended the KDCCW Convention at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Chattanooga and were inspired by the speakers and the beautiful music. Interestingly, the smaller affiliates had a larger number in attendance than our largest affiliates. This is a challenge to address as we need more women to be involved if we are to have a future.

Cumberland Mountain Deanery affiliates are having struggles with meeting attendance on every level. It seems to be a common issue that members are willing to step up and work on projects, prepare food, or participate in Bible studies, but leadership opportunities are shunned. Begging women to take an office is never the best way to get officers that have passion for the organization and are well suited for the task they are pushed into doing. We appreciate Kathy Morin who was willing to run for NCCW treasurer this spring and I hope more women will consider becoming an officer on affiliate or deanery level.

On a happier note there are many working on parish charities and fundraising to support our deanery project (St. Mary's Legacy Clinic). All Saints held a lingerie party and collected over 400 bras to support *Free the Girls* project. They also provided bras to Ladies of Charity Thrift store. St. Joseph and St. Mary's donated to ADFAC school supplies project this fall. Many CCW women have prepared and served meals for funerals and to sick parishioners.

Several members from our deanery attended the NCCW convention in Pittsburgh.

Donna Curry (St. Thomas) has stepped up to lead the convention committee for the 2019 KDCCW Convention to be held April 4-5th at St. Mary's in Oak Ridge. Plans are well underway for the 2-day event which will include child care this year.