



Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
29th Annual Diocesan Convention, April 12-14, 2018
St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 7111 Lee Hwy, Chattanooga, TN 37421

President's Report

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President of the great Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (KDCCW). My term has been a very busy and productive one.

We are blessed by the leadership of Bishop Richard Stika and glad to be a part of the building of the new Cathedral. KDCCW donated countless prayers throughout the year for the successful Cathedral campaign, building a new home for Jesus here in Knoxville. We also donated monetarily, giving over \$1000 toward the purchase of items needed for the interior of the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.

As I began my term as president, I laid out some goals. My membership goal was for each active affiliate to add one NCCW member its roster each year. I am grateful for the help of my Leadership Commission Chair Cathy Hundley and Membership Committee Leader Lynn Christ in helping me reach this goal over the next year. My goal for each affiliate was for them to lead/recruit one new person to attend the KDCCW Convention each year. We have had great success in this area, and I think you will see many new faces at Convention. My goal for the deaneries was to approach the parishes that are unaffiliated, that is those that don't have active CCW groups, and begin discussion with them. We have started these conversations and are hoping these seeds might grow future affiliates. I appreciate your support and prayer as we work together to reach these goals in the next couple years.

I attended the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) convention last fall in Dallas, TX, as well as the one in IN in 2016, where I was inspired by the speakers and workshops. I was proud of our own KDCCW leadership who fill national roles: Patty Johnson, Past President; Jane Carter, NCCW Leadership Commission Chair and LTD member; and Suzanne Erpenbach, LTD member and Nominations Committee Member.

We were sad to say our final good-bye to our former Spiritual Advisor, Monsignor Francis Xavier Mankel. We remember him in many ways, with our convention this year dedicated in his memory. We are blessed with Father Dan Whitman as our current Spiritual Advisor, who leads us in spirit-filled and humorous ways throughout the year.

I appreciate the opportunity to have served you. You will always be in my prayers!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Vacaliuc, KDCCW President 2017-19