

Smoky Mountain Deanery CCW
President's Report: KDCCW Fall Board Meeting
January 6, 2018

Fall General Meeting SMDCCW was held at **St. Joseph the Worker in Madisonville on October 17.**

- Fr. Orr gave a presentation entitled “Rest and Refreshment in the Lord for the weary and burdened...” which was overflowing with an abundance of Holy Scripture reminding us of God’s goodness and generosity in providing for the needs of all whom He loves and His desire for us to rest and be refreshed in addition to the good works that we do in His Name.
- Lunch and breakfast refreshments were provided by St. Joseph the Worker Parish, led by Barbara Callan. We enjoyed seeing the grotto area which was replanted in the spring of 2017 as a parish CCW project.
- Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Orr and Fr. Brando. Fr. Brando shared his remarks with us at the Mass as he had a double commitment that day and had to leave early for Knoxville for a meeting with the Bishop. The focus of his remarks was on Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.
- We had several distinguished guests at our meeting from the KDCCW Board, whose presence and support was much appreciated!

Upcoming Board Meeting for Smoky Mountain Deanery will be January 18 at Holy Ghost Church, with refreshments to be provided by Immaculate Conception CCW.

St. Mary’s of Gatlinburg has agreed to host our Spring General Meeting on March 6 thanks to Eileen Widmer. Our hearts and prayers are with Eileen in the recent death of her husband, Ed. Speaker at the meeting: Deacon Dave Pecote, General Topic “Developing a Personal Relationship with Our Lord”.

Just a few of the planned events by affiliates through November and December:

- St. Joseph the Worker CCW hosts an Advent by Candlelight tea annually, scheduled for Nov. 30. They also host an Italian Dining Out event for parish fellowship in the fall and a Christmas party for members. An ecumenical potluck dinner is planned with area churches in January.
- Holy Ghost CCW hosted an Advent by Candlelight dinner and prayer service as well—Theme: The 12 Tribes of Israel Awaiting the Messiah. Each table represented a Tribe of CCW. Several religious sisters join the various “tribes”, allowing opportunity to meet and interact with them.
- St. Mary’s Gatlinburg-Still recovering from the devastating fires, but still serving! Salute to Veterans Pot Luck Dinner, Winter warmth bags for distribution to needy, Giving tree collection for needy children, holiday cookie swap
- Holy Cross-Fundraising bake sales, pecan sales, Christmas bow sales for youth, tribute to veterans, Christmas luncheon with gifts for needy.
- More info will be available AFTER our updates at the meeting on Jan. 18, 2018!

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