



**Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention, April 4-5, 2019**  
St. Mary's Parish, 327 Vermont Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

*President's Report*

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (KDCCW). My term is ending, and I am grateful for working with a talented, caring, and productive group of ladies.

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. 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. I am happy to report the start of a new affiliate at St. Stephen Parish in Chattanooga. I appreciate your support and prayer as these goals continue to be met in the next couple years.

I attended the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) convention last fall in Pittsburgh, PA, as well as the one in TX in 2017, 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 LTD member; and Suzanne Erpenbach, LTD member.

We were sad to say our final good-bye to our Past Province Director, Helen Davis, as she passed away this year. We remember her in many ways, her humor, her unmistakable NY accent, and her love for CCW.

We are supported by the leadership of Bishop Richard Stika. Last year, we had a lovely Mass for CCW ladies throughout the Diocese at the new Cathedral on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. We are blessed with Father Dan Whitman as our 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