

Smoky Mountain Deanery
Fall 2019 Report

It is an exciting time as the new deanery aboard begins to plan for the next two years. The executive board met briefly at the spring KDCCW convention to schedule meeting dates for the next two years and to anticipate 2021 when we host the KDCCW convention. Our first full board meeting is Saturday, September 28 at Our Lady of Fatima in Alcoa at 9 am Mass at 8. The fall Deanery meeting will be at St. Francis of Assisi in Townsend on Thursday, November 7, Mass at 8:30.

Though we are saddened to lose our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Joe Brando, we are grateful that Fr. Dan Whitman has agreed to support us in the coming years.

The deanery is proud to have our own Pat Ryan representing our province on the NCCW board and we are encouraging our members to follow Pat's example and become active in the events that NCCW will have in their 100 th year.

The affiliates have been busy during the summer with community building potluck dinners, picnics, mother daughter banquets, Christ child baby showers, and spaghetti dinners.

We have welcomed Sr. Anna Marie McGuan to several of our functions to teach and inspire. Participated in the Women's Day on the Hill. Several of the affiliates are replacing altar linens. And St. Francis even had a bear crash their summer picnic.

Most of the affiliates are participating in "Boxes of Joy" and Immaculate Conception is again a drop off point. All boxes need be at ICC by the first week of November.

Other deanery fall activities will include:

ICC craft fair Nov 9 and 10

HGC Advent by Candlelight

SJTW will have a Christmas party

Respectfully submitted,

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