

5 Rivers Deanery President's report

January 5, 2019

The Five Rivers Fall General Meeting was held at Notre Dame Parish, Greeneville on October 27, 2018.

At our meeting Judy Collins informed us of a book, "The Rosary as a Tool for Mediation." By Elizabeth Kelly. The rosary is an excellent tool for mediation. The Rosary moves you into a deeper form of mediation. We are also collecting Rosaries for Haiti as our service project. Holy Trinity has a group going soon.

This year we are pushing for all members to be a part of the NCCW. We have passed out membership forms to encourage affiliate members to join.

Our affiliates are busy in their own parishes doing things that help with their communities.

On November 17 our deanery had our "Day of Reflection." It was a success with about 60 women in attendance. We had presentations on each step in the CCW ladder. We talked about the different levels from the parish all the way up to the National level. We explained what each office is responsible for and their job descriptions. Sister John Catherine spoke about Our Lady of Knots novena. It was an informative and very inspiring to see how Our Lady has a role in our lives. The ladies did a personality assessment on themselves. This was fun and eye opening for sure. The board did a mock meeting, that was humorous in nature, showing all the different personalities that make up a great board.

All the affiliates had a busy holiday season with helping our communities. Notre Dame parish collected boxes for the Cross Catholic Box of Joy. Hoping more parishes will participate next year. St. Patrick parishioners buy gifts for foster Children.

We formed a nominating committee to look for replacements for members of our board. WE asked for women to pray about being involved in our deanery. It has been a pleasure and sometimes a challenge for me as President, but it was an experience I am so glad that I accepted.

Our next meeting will be in March before the convention. I am hoping for a good year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Ronsse
5 Rivers Deanery President