

Smoky Mountain Deanery CCW

President's Report: KDCCW Winter Board Meeting

January 5, 2019

Smoky Mountain Deanery welcomes new KDCCW Board Representative, Marieta Davenport, who will complete the term vacated by Marilyn Hafner in the Fall. Marieta is from Holy Ghost Parish, where she currently serves as Hospitality Chair of Holy Ghost CCW and most recently as treasurer of HGCCW. Also continuing to represent Smoky Mountain is Michelle Peckham.

Holy Cross Parish of Pigeon Forge hosted the SMDCCW Fall General Meeting on November 7 beginning with Mass at 9 a.m.

- Fr. Ron Stone, Pastor of Holy Cross, was scheduled to be the speaker, but due to health issues, was unable to be present. Fr. Adam Kane graciously agreed to substitute as speaker and shared with us from the life and works of St. Francis de Sales, one of his favorite saints.
- We were happy to welcome back our energetic and enthusiastic Deanery Secretary Rosamaria Perez, recently recovering from a heart attack in the summer and the death of her husband in the spring.
- Lunch was provided by the CCW ladies of Holy Cross with a number of door prizes and beautiful handmade fall table decorations.

Fall Deanery Service Project (chosen at the Spring Meeting) was Cross Catholic's Box of Joy (filled Christmas gift boxes for children who will otherwise have no gifts).

- Immaculate Conception served as a drop-off point for completed boxes week of November 7.
- Several parishes participated in varying degrees and found the project to be well-perceived by parishioners and fairly easy to manage.
- Holy Ghost found this to be a project drawing in participation from families with young children, a segment often difficult to attract to meetings, etc. As this was the first year for participation, the initial plan was to start small, but the project drew lots of interest, including from the Hispanic Community, who were not initially approached, but asked to be included, and also the Latin Mass group, many of whom come from far distances to attend Latin Mass.
- Thanks I.C. and Pat Ryan, for spearheading this project!

A few other new activities in Smoky Mountain Deanery Parishes:

Immaculate Conception has started a weekly Yoga group as a result of an interest questionnaire they circulated among the women of the parish. They are also held a catalog sale for Catholic Relief Services. Holy Ghost is compiling a Parish Cookbook this spring. St. Mary's Gatlinburg focused on several charitable projects this fall: Winter Warmth & Bath Bags, Giving Tree, etc.

Above are just a few brief mentions...There are numerous other events and activities going on in our parishes, thanks to the hard work of our CCW's!

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