

KDCCW Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2019, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Shea Room, Sacred Heart Knoxville, TN

KDCCW President, Karen Vacaliuc, called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m. (after a period of refreshments and socialization) with the Salute to the Cross, Prayer to Our Lady of Good Council, Pledge of Allegiance, and recitation of the NCCW Mission Statement.

Fr. Dan Whitman, KDCCW Spiritual Advisor, began the meeting with reflection and prayer.

In attendance:

Julie Bomar, Jan Byers, Lynn Christ, Judy Collins, Mary Cooper, Donna Curry, Marieta Davenport, Cathy Hundley, Patty Johnson, Karen Meiring, Kathy Morin, Michelle Peckham, Aimee Place, Michelle Ronsse, Joan Rowe, Pat Ryan, Amelia Sweeney, Susan Tribble, Karen Vacaliuc, Arlene Webb, Anne Wharton, Fr. Dan Whitman, Mary Wilson, and welcoming Eileen Widmer (Smoky Mountain Deanery; past KDCCW president).

Absent:

Gisela Chaparro (excused/illness), Gigi Chasey (excused/commitment), Debbie Donahoo (excused), Nikki Kapolka (excused/death in family), Sr. John Catherine Kennedy OP (excused/Seek Vocations Retreat), Lacey Metz (excused/family issues), Diann Nance, Province Director (excused/illness).

Anne Wharton, Parliamentarian, will address need for resolutions to be voted on at convention when making her committee report.

Karen Vacaliuc directed everyone's focus to the Power Point presentation of the Fall KDCCW Board Meeting Minutes on the screen (dragging KDCCW into the 21st century).

A motion was made by Pat Ryan & seconded by Cathy Hundley to approve minutes of KDCCW Fall meeting which had been emailed to all members. It was voted unanimously to approve the minutes, as revised.

Amelia Sweeney, KDCCW Treasurer, directed attention to the balance sheet as at 1/4/19, which reflected a sufficiently healthy balance to cover the budget, and to the Income/Expense report reflecting transactions for the period of 9/21/18-1/4/19. Pat Ryan questioned whether the \$1,339.75 liabilities & equity reduction in net income item reflected a pattern of overspending & asked what it specifically represented. Amelia Sweeney indicated that it was a composite of income in and out not further broken down with KDCCW filters in place. She suggested that it might be something that should be investigated to determine if items need to be re-coded. Anne Wharton questioned whether the almost \$2,000 expenses (-\$1,921.89 net income) was excessive. Amelia explained that it represented a lot of what was spent on the KDCCW 2018 convention.

In the Province Director's absence, Karen Vacaliuc noted that Diann Nance's report information can be found on the KDCCW website, including information on monthly member discussion calls & Rosary calls and on the 2019 National NCCW Convention which will be held in Atlanta, GA from Aug. 21st-24th at the new Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel and Convention Center, with early registration March 1 – June 1. NCCW is now offering the opportunity for individual affiliates to highlight or showcase their accomplishments on the NCCW website with a 100-word blurb and one picture. In addition, view the KDCCW website for links, information and updates.

KDCCW President Karen Vacaliuc referred everyone to the KDCCW website to read her 2-page report. She was pleased to report that she'd had the opportunity to attend every fall general deanery meeting, two of which were led by nuns, one by a spiritual commission chair, and one by a priest. Sr. Anna Marie McGaun led the largest of these meetings at St. Therese of Lisieux's (Chattanooga Deanery) Day of Reflection in which she spoke about Elizabeth's greeting to Mary and Mary's response to that greeting, The Magnificat. All the meetings were uplifting and powerful. Karen encourages everyone to take the opportunity to attend these very inspirational deanery meetings this Spring. Karen acknowledged with pleasure once again that St. Stephen, Chattanooga Deanery, is the newest affiliate of KDCCW and welcomed Marieta Davenport as the new Smoky Mountain Deanery Board representative. She reiterated her encouragement for everyone to view and direct others to view the KDCCW and NCCW websites for the tremendous resources they offer and for access to submitted reports.

Chattanooga Deanery President, Julie Bomar, briefly shared that the Day of Reflection at St. Therese in Cleveland enjoyed a very good turnout and that Sr. Anna Marie McGaun's two presentations on the Annunciation and the Visitation were inspiring and meaningful. When the Archangel Gabriel brings the news to Mary that she's been chosen by God to be the mother of His Son, she is humbly almost silent. When Elizabeth greets Mary, Mary's response is her great Magnificat. Julie called upon Arlene Webb to report on new affiliate St. Stephen's growth in CCW. Arlene enthusiastically shared that they have been meeting quarterly and, in order to include a wide base of participants, have offered a Tuesday night meeting, repeated on Wednesday morning. At their last meeting, they had 20 attend the Tuesday night meeting and 13 attend the Wednesday morning meeting.

Cumberland Mountain Deanery President, Nikki Kapolka, could not attend today's meeting. Joan Rowe reported for Nikki that they have been working diligently on the 2019 upcoming KDCCW convention which will be held at St. Mary's in Oak Ridge. Posters are ready and on-line registration is available and hardcopy forms are in today's KDCCW folder. CMDCCW's two-year service project has been in support of St. Mary's Legacy Clinic. At the Fall deanery meeting, hosted by Blessed Sacrament in Harriman, Jimmy Dee spoke about The Handmaids of the Precious Blood. The Spring CMDCCW meeting will be held at St. Joseph's in Norris on Feb. 21, 2019 at which the deanery will vote on new officers.

Five Rivers Deanery President, Michelle Ronsse, reported that their October board meeting was attended by about 50 women and focused on meditations on the Rosary and on basic lessons on

the ladder/structure of CCW. Sr. John Catherine Kennedy spoke about Mary, Undoer of Knots and our journey toward mercy. Their goals include identifying and nominating an all-new deanery-level board. They held a mock meeting and administered a personality test that associated character traits with animals to help them ascertain which member personalities would be best suited for their new board.

[Note: Karen Vacaliuc asked that 5 RiversDCCW share this activity with other deaneries and that we pray for the success of the formation of their new board at their March 2019 meeting.]

Smoky Mountain Deanery President, Mary Wilson, again introduced and welcomed their new board representative, Marieta Davenport. Their Fall meeting was hosted by Holy Cross in Pigeon Forge. Fr. Adam Kane spoke about St. Francis de Sales “An Introduction to Devout Life.” They all enjoyed the handmade decorations and the wisdom of Father’s presentation. The service project in the deanery was *Boxes of Joy* which were assembled and delivered to Pat Ryan at Immaculate Conception for shipping. They realized at Holy Ghost that information about Boxes of Joy needed to be translated into Spanish and should’ve been made available at the Latin Mass to encourage greater participation but were pleased that the involvement of families with young children was very hands-on and positive. Their parishes are doing well and growing with projects and activities (e.g., Immaculate Conception is offering a yoga class and Holy Ghost is developing a parish cookbook that should be ready for their Pentecost anniversary, not as a fundraiser but as a community-builder).

Cathy Hundley, Chair/Leadership Commission, recommended that we deeply consider the words of the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Council and adopt them in all that we do. Cathy attended some of the deanery meetings and was encouraged and uplifted by what she experienced. At Holy Cross, for example, she found that they were organized, energetic, and actively bringing in new members. She has determined that some deaneries don’t have (current) by-laws and is eager to help update them before each spring meeting. Information must be turned in for the Directory at the parish level. Cathy recommends that we subscribe to the NCCW website recommendations for effective listening in order to encourage greater participation in CCW; the rules include making eye contact and giving speakers time to complete their thoughts. She suggests that each affiliate parish try to get their names out by submitting a blurb and picture to the new NCCW accomplishments page. Cathy plans to contact each deanery president prior to their Spring meetings. She also recommends delegating and asking for help in order to be more productive and less stressed.

Patty Johnson, Chair/Legislative Commission, shared the good news of some legislative accomplishments:

- First Step Act, geared toward helping prisoners integrate into society after serving their sentences was signed into law in late December 2018, will improve access to faith-based and non-profit organizations to prisons, provide education/training to prisoners, allow earlier access to families, and ensure skills necessary to be contributing members of communities. The USCCB/Domestic Justice and Catholic Charities made an official statement praising Congress for passage of this act.

- Catholic Mobilizing Network's efforts to end capital punishment were strengthened by Pope Francis revision to the Catechism in August 2018, stating that the death penalty is inadmissible. An on-line toolkit offers a path to becoming agents of restoration and justice.
- 5-Year Farm Bill protects SNAP (Supplemental Assistance Nutrition Assistance Program) and is expected to be signed into law by President Trump. It advocates reduced work and eligibility requirements for immigrants, thus allowing greater access to food benefits, school lunches, etc.
- Patients' Rights Council will provide educational seminars to help deter and oppose assisted suicide in your area, and to help individuals understand their rights in health-care settings. Contact 800-958-5678 or 740-282-3810. We need to identify assisted suicide as a crime and prevent activists from transforming assisted suicide into a medical treatment in Tennessee.
- USCCB Action Center Sign up for action alerts in order to contact elected representatives about upcoming legislation. For alerts regarding migration and refugee issues, sign up at USCCB Justice for Immigrants Campaign.
- Respect Life Join USCCB's "9 Days for Life" from 1/14-1/22/19 at usccb.org/9days to subscribe for daily reflections and information leading up to anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Join pro-life activities of prayer, fasting and action in your area. National Day of Prayer priorities: Love; build American values; ask our Lord to be with our government leaders.
- CCUSA Catholic Charities reported Pope Francis message in their Washington Weekly newsletter that politics must be used as a means of fighting violence and injustice by protecting a nation's citizens and pursuing the common good, rather than private interests; and included Pope Francis' mention of Vietnamese Cardinal Van Thuan's "Beatitudes of the Politician" (Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role, who personally exemplifies credibility, who works for the common good and not his or her own interest, who remains consistent, who works for unity, who works to accomplish radical change, who is capable of listening, who is without fear). Committed to working with leaders to exude virtues of faith and common good, CCUSA also shared Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace.
- Tennessee Bishops' Revitalization- Paul Simoneau of the Knoxville Diocesan Office contacted Patty Johnson to invite her participation in a joint effort (CPPC) of the three bishops in Tennessee who will meet quarterly via teleconference and periodically in Nashville to discuss pertinent and current issues.

Jan Byers, Chair/Service Commission, reported that KDCCW continues to support St. Mary's Legacy Medical Clinic, a very worthy organization that provides a medical healing presence and capacity. Also a service project of CMDCCW. In working with Joanne Mason, CMD's service chair, Jan has become more familiar with how expensive Legacy's operating budget is. They rely on grants, Legacy Foundation, Knox Medical Alliance and contributions. Jan plans to utilize the mini-mobile display created by St. Joseph's as a visual to encourage both monetary contributions and contributions of specific needed medical supplies at the KDCCW 2019 Convention. She suggests increased efforts to publicize service projects to gain more exposure for KDCCW and the recipients as well. We should be aware of and support the projects adopted by NCCW, such as human trafficking, domestic abuse, and Walk for Life.

- Pat Ryan provided some Legacy Medical Clinic background. There were two sets of Sisters of Mercy at Mercy Health Partners. Three left and are in administration at OLPH. There will be a reception at Immaculate Conception on Jan. 20th for two returning to the Motherhouse in Nashville. Some of the proceeds from the sale of the hospital went toward the Legacy Foundation.
- Karen Vacaliuc shared a thank you received from Mother Marietta, Handmaids of the Precious Blood, for the full-page ad KDCCW purchased in the NCCW 2018 Convention program that focused on

the Handmaid's mission of praying for priests, whom they consider the heart of the church. The program has been saved in their historical archives.

Sr. John Catherine Kennedy OP, Spirituality Chair, was prevented from attending this meeting since she was accompanying seven young women on a SEEK retreat in Indianapolis. Her report can be found on the KDCCW website. Karen Vacaliuc asked for prayers for Sister, both on this SEEK retreat and as she prepares for her dissertation, due on 4/4/19 – the same date that the KDCCW convention will begin. Sister still plans to have a table at the convention. (It's likely that she might be reassigned after her dissertation.)

Karen Vacaliuc reported for Lacey Metz, corresponding secretary, who has continued to send cards to priests, seminarians, and as needed.

Mary Cooper provided a directory update. She has updated multiple times based upon the data she's received. It's available on the KDCCW website. She will make changes and corrections as received and send it out again. Everyone is encouraged to get the information into her.

Aimee Place, e-secretary, continues to send emails regularly but is limited in the number of emails she can send. Urgent requests go out immediately. Aimee asks that email addresses for new members be sent to her for inclusion on her list.

Kathy Morin, historian, reported that the Chancery requested that KDCCW files in storage be removed from the building. With one-half day to examine the records, they consolidated seven boxes into four boxes that are currently being stored in Kathy's home. While some years are well covered, there are voids that Kathy would like to fill.

- Karen Vacaliuc made an appeal for someone who'd be willing to create a scrapbook with lots of photos for the convention. Alison Darken, from St. Mary's has agreed to take on this task!
- Susan Tribble questioned whether we could use technology to convert hardcopies of archival records to digital records.
- Eileen Widmer shared that these files were being kept in an area where tables and chairs were stored and where they could easily have been compromised or lost.

Lynn Christ, membership, shared that the NCCW membership report obtained by Diann Nance and provided on 12/13/18 reflects a disturbing pattern. While deaneries and affiliate parishes were current through 12/13 and it can be assumed that affiliates paid through 12/31/18 have since fulfilled their dues obligation, the same isn't true of individual memberships. When broken down into deaneries, 32 members are in Cumberland Mountain, 16 in Smoky Mountain, 5 in Five Rivers, and 12 in Chattanooga, a total of 65 individual or supporting members across the diocese. As the core group of KDCCW, board members were urged to renew their memberships since failure to do so has, undoubtedly, been an oversight; and to encourage deanery boards to do the same. Until we have active participation at these levels, it's unrealistic to expect that we can convince membership at the affiliate level. A breakdown of membership as at 12/13/18 was shared with members present and copies provided to deanery level presidents.

Anne Wharton, parliamentarian, urged that a committee be formed to determine specific resolutions on which members can vote at the KDCCW 2019 Convention. NCCW passed resolutions at the 2018 national convention, providing a plan of action and focus or direction for commission chairs. When the KDCCW passed an anti-pornography resolution, it inflamed one woman to picket a video store until they succumbed and removed the offensive materials. Our diocesan level membership needs to know what we stand for. It will be necessary to each deanery president to certify eligibility to vote before voting cards are distributed.

- Arlene Webb, Gigi Chasey and Karen Vacaliuc volunteered to serve on the resolutions committee. Karen will send out email reminders.
- Pat Ryan suggested that members present ideas to the committee.
- Patty Johnson offered that the NCCW website provides guidelines for developing resolutions.

In Gisela Chaparro's absence, Karen Vacaliuc reported for public relations. Posters for the KDCCW 2019 Convention are being distributed, with much more to come.

Debbie Donahoo and Susan Tribble, training. Susan introduced the new NCCW Resource Manual with new guidelines, updates, and leadership. She reminded us that we're beyond the e-mail generation. She finds it much more effective to text her younger members. We need to be open to using new technology, apps and programs, to reach younger tech-savvy women. Parishes are building databases and utilizing parish Apps which provide a platform where you can disseminate information about parish activities. (Judy Collins commented that for many, bulletins and email are obsolete; for others, they must continue to be utilized. Karen mentioned snapshot and Instagram as being more effective with younger women.) Despite technological advances, the most effective tool to involving someone is to make a personal, one-on-one appeal. Susan also urged everyone to create a notebook to turn over to new trainee at commission training session which should include history, prayers, membership forms, reports/relevant information over the last two years, and a directory. This will serve as a tool for new board members serving under new officers.

Judy Collins, webmistress, reminded everyone not to send .doc or .docx files since it creates additional work for her to convert them to PDF files. She continues to work on updating/upgrading the KDCCW website but wanted to reassure everyone that archives are still available. Convention registration and information pages are already available on the website and will be updated as information becomes available.

Donna Curry, reporting on KDCCW Convention information, shared:

On-line registration is available using computer, cell phone, etc., with capability to syncing with personal calendar, adding map of campus, etc. The \$75 early bird ticket registration cost or \$50 per day registration cost is transferrable but not refundable. (Arlene Webb questioned whether non-refundable policy might be a turn-off for someone with a legitimate excuse for not being able to attend since a crisis might find them at a very vulnerable point. Since tickets are transferrable, it was felt that this shouldn't be a problem, but that discretion should be exercised.) New information will be added as becomes available, e.g., the member names on the leadership development team from

NCCW. The task in establishing the topic for the talks was to effectively combine three separate talks: The joy of the Gospel, women in the new evangelization, and living your faith in a courageous and contagious way. The resultant topic of the convention will be, "Why the church needs women in the new evangelization." A Friday-only childcare option is available on the registration form at \$10 per day per child. The number, names and ages of children requiring childcare must be specified at registration in order to arrange for necessary caregivers. The on-line service provider will automatically transfer funds into KDCCW's checking account every Wednesday after deducting their 3% fee for every registration. Confessions will be offered from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. on Friday and will require a significant number of priests in attendance. It's suggested that each parish pay the registration costs for priests attending. (At Eileen Widmer's suggestion, Karen Vacaliuc will share that with individual parishes. At St. Mary's in Oak Ridge, Karen sent out a request to individuals asking if they'd sponsor attendance for a priest or religious and got a favorable response.)

- Patty Johnson indicated that committee chairs will have access to display tables as early as 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 4th. No outside vendors will be on site.
- The convention service projects, the St. Mary's Legacy Clinic and the Handmaids of the Precious Blood, will receive a share of the Mass collections on Thursday and Friday. Kathy Morin made a motion for the Thursday collection to be earmarked for the Handmaids and the Friday collection for the Legacy Clinic. Pat Ryan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- Over the past several years, the proceeds from the silent auction have been divided equally between NCCW and the hosting deanery. A discussion ensued about whether the deanery should make money on a convention. Pat Ryan shared that Smoky Mountain broke even with that buffer, with 10% going to the diocese. Amelia Sweeney pointed out that hosting a convention zaps the financial and personal resources of the host since they are calling in favors, etc. She expressed that it's a token of appreciation. Eileen Widmer expressed that it's a cushion to relieve stress. Arlene Webb asked whether a portion of that goes back to the hosting parish. Donna Curry indicated that the convention budget provides for payment to the parish. Karen Vacaliuc impressed on everyone the value of having a last-minute emergency fund for considerable expenses like printing and copying costs. (At last year's convention, an individual donated the entire cost of printing/copying.) Amelia expressed that it is sensible to provide this buffer. Donna Curry made a motion for 50% of the proceeds from the silent auction be designated for NCCW and the remaining 50% to be designated for the CMDCCW convention fund. Jan Byers seconded, and it was unanimously approved.
- Anne Wharton pointed out that the space for silent auction items will comprise half of Columbus Hall, and per Karen V. should be very convenient since it's on the way to some of the restrooms. Silent auction gift baskets and religious items are most popular and are needed. Encourage affiliates to provide their contributions.
- Fr. Dan Whitman reminded everyone that traffic in and out of Oak Ridge can be very problematic during rush hours on Friday. Karen will provide a list of things to do following the close of convention on Friday, such as area Lenten dinners, restaurants, etc.
- The full-page ads in the program will cost \$100. Half-page ads will be \$60. Patrons' memorial or in honor of will cost \$10 per name. March 3rd, same date as early-bird registration deadline, will serve as deadline for ads as well and they should be submitted as word document in black/white only, not PDF or any other format.
- Karen Schutte is the convention treasurer.

- Karen Vacaliuc will communicate with deaneries and parishes about submitting their ads and patron acknowledgements.
- Karen Vacaliuc doesn't have the names of the three presenters yet. She's been in contact with Linda Clark and the information should be forthcoming. Two will be experienced trainers and one will be an intern in training.

The nominating committee for the slate of new officers was comprised of Joan Rowe, Linda Lambert, and chaired by Judy Collins who presented Julie Bomar, Chattanooga Deanery, for president, Michelle Ronsse, Five Rivers Deanery, for Vice President, Kathy Morin, Cumberland Mountain Deanery, for Treasurer, and Amelia Sweeney, Smoky Mountain Deanery, for Secretary. No other nominations were presented from the floor at the meeting. No nominations or motions are needed since this slate was presented at committee. These new officers will be installed at the end of our April Convention.

There is a need to create a by-laws revision committee since the last revision was in 2011. It was suggested that Anne Wharton, as parliamentarian, participate and she agreed. Aimee Place volunteered, as did Michelle Peckham (who expressed a desire to participate but concern that she might not be a Board Representative in 2019-2021). It was agreed she could still serve on the committee in the interim.

A budget committee was established with Amelia Sweeney, current treasurer, volunteer Marieta Davenport, and Kathy Morin, upcoming treasurer.

Patty Johnson shared information about a Danube River Cruise featuring Fr. Leo, the "cooking priest", that Lisa Morris is organizing (Nov. 3-13, 2019) and shared a flyer about that. She also shared some other materials she had pertaining to the Legislative Commission.

Mary Wilson, Holy Ghost, wanted to make everyone aware of a very credible scam targeting church volunteers and staff in which a bogus email is seemingly generated by the priest, requesting an immediate need for gift cards that have had identifying numbers exposed by scratching off the back of the card, photographed, and emailed back. Several parishes have been targeted, including Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's, and others. Mary warned that these appear very realistic and to not trust them.

Cathy Hundley, leadership chair, recommended that KDCCW nominate both Jane Carter and Patty Johnson for NCCW's Our Lady of Good Council Award. Both are from CMDCCW. Anne Wharton indicated that both being from the same deanery is not an issue since that information would be redacted from their bios at the national level anyway. Once bios are received and read through, it was Anne's experience that narrowing down the candidates was a quick process. Both are truly deserving candidates. (Eileen Widmer has been a finalist from the Knoxville diocese, and Sally Jackson has been the recipient of the award.) Patty Johnson, present during these discussions, said that she would humbly accept the nomination for the award. At that time, Arlene Webb recommended that Patty excuse herself from further discussion since it was awkward for her to be present. At that time, Anne Wharton expressed that she felt it was unfair to nominate both

since it guaranteed that one would be a loser and suggested nominating Jane in 2019 so that Ann could be nominated for the 100th Anniversary of NCCW. Eileen Widmer shared that Patty had been on the NCCW Board for 12 tumultuous years. Kathy continued by sharing that Patty had fought through blood, sweat and tears at every meeting to organize NCCW through a period of major opposition. Patty worked tirelessly to bring NCCW through some very tough times – and that, in addition to all the work she’s done and continues to accomplish at every level. The consensus was that Patty would be nominated this year, and Jane will be nominated next year.

Karen Vacaliuc encouraged everyone to view and avail themselves of available brochures, etc., before leaving. On a personal note, she shared that her daughter Marian will be starring in the Oak Ridge High School Masquers’ production of **Annie** on March 1-3. Tickets are \$10 with open seating.

Fr. Dan Whitman, KDCCW Spiritual Advisor, missed the Fall KDCCW meeting because he was enjoying a hiking trip with close friends in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Bay of Fundy/New Brunswick and more. It was exciting, educational, magnificently picturesque, and fully rewarding. He finds the same satisfaction in every level of CCW, from the parish to the deanery to the diocese to the national level as he’s joined with the women of CCW in attending meetings and exploring adventures. He related that the 2018 NCCW Convention in Pittsburgh, PA was a wonderful experience and urged everyone to attend the 2019 NCCW Convention in Atlanta, GA, followed by the 2020 100th Anniversary NCCW Convention in Arlington, VA. They are learning experiences; they are enlightening! Fr. Dan experienced an epiphany when reading Isaiah 60:1-6, beginning with “Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.” The light is in each of us; we shine for one another as we share this journey together. We’re reminded of gift giving at Christmas, of the gifts of the Magi. When listening to Patty’s report, Fr. Dan was impressed by how important the work with prisoners is to change their lives. Once released from prison, they must pay stiff fines every month to pay back for their incarceration. Halfway Houses are expensive. He’s been rewarded by helping three ex-prisoners turn their lives around through access to a mercy fund. We radiate the glory of God through works of mercy. In darkness, we can offer the light of Christ ... and we do in simple things such as providing Boxes of Joy throughout the world at Christmas. In contemplating what brings joy, Fr. Dan recognized that for him it’s hiking with friends, experiencing the bounty and boundlessness of God’s creation, going from 30 degrees at the top of the Grand Canyon to 100 degrees at the bottom in just one day. When we contemplate how to bring joy to others, we look to Pope Francis’ writings in his new book and we recognize that it is in helping and bringing joy to others that we experience joy ourselves. Fr. Dan expressed appreciation for everyone’s hard work and efforts, as well as optimism for the future of KDCCW with the good incoming board in 2019, following on the heels of the great exiting board of 2018.

Cathy Hundley expressed her deepest gratitude and thanks for all the love and support she received at the time of her son’s death and funeral.

Karen Vacaliuc requested in closing that everyone leave their folders and prayer sheets for reuse.

Arlene Webb suggested that everyone send Sr. John Catherine Kennedy notes of encouragement as she prepares for her dissertation.

Karen Vacaliuc thanked Julie Bomar and others for providing refreshments and lunch today and reminded anyone who hadn't yet paid for lunch to give Julie the \$12 cost.

Fr. Dan ended in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Christ
Acting secretary (for this meeting only)