

## **Five Rivers Deanery President Report Spring 2020**

**Five Rivers Deanery CCW** is small which includes the following active affiliates: Good Shepherd, Newport; Holy Trinity, Jefferson City; Notre Dame, Greeneville; and St Patrick, Morristown. All of the affiliates are very active in Council work.

Currently, **the Deanery is planning the KDCCW 2020 convention** which was supposed to be April 23-25, 2020 but because of Corona-virus Pandemic the convention has been rescheduled for Oct 22-24, 2020. The convention venue is still Morristown Best Western Conference Center Hotel. The convention committee is still meeting monthly VIRTUALLY so that the convention will still be a spiritual, educational and fun filled for all who come.

**After the convention**, I plan on having our Deanery By-laws reviewed since that has not occurred in numerous years and also plan on trying to get at least 1-2 new affiliates to join National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW). Due to virus, our Spring General Meeting was canceled so our Deanery has only meet during our Convention committee meetings since October 2019 and I know we all miss seeing each other very much. Even though the Deanery has not meet, our affiliates have been very active this year.

**Good Shepherd CCW** reported that they sponsored a parish picnic to aid the Sevier County Children's Home. At their Christmas party, they sold poinsettias as a charity fundraiser, gave ongoing promotions to Isaiah 117 House, and presented Msgr Bob Hofstetter with a Dogwood tree in honor of his 65 priest anniversary.

**Holy Trinity CCW** reported that they watched DVD 'The Rosary, Spiritual Sword of Our Lady' by Father Donald H. Calloway which was enjoyed by all. They donated money and items to Joining Hands Health Center. They heard a presentation from Stacy Dunn (Director of Knox County Chapter of Tennessee Right to Life (TRL) and VP of state wide TRL) about abortion issues. Get Well, sympathy, and 85+ birthday, and Christmas cards to shut-ins were sent. The oldest parishioner, Myrtle Reidell (age 104) died on 4-22-20. New members of Holy Trinity are told about their CCW. An ongoing fundraiser, Flags on the Hill which remembers loved ones and military groups is continuing to be active. Because of the virus, other receptions for the parish is being rescheduled.

**Notre Dame CCW** reported that they heard from Marisa Morella, Foster Care Trainer at Holston Home for Children in Greeneville about the need for foster care parents and helping those who foster care for children; the CCW also adopted a family with foster care children for Christmas. Also presented at monthly meetings were: Boxes of Joy project; a new fundraiser getting a new Notre Dame Church playground; and Thanksgiving with Friends where turkey meals are given to needy families in Greene County – CCW provided turkeys donated to this event. Fran Gregory, Greene County Gifts for Kids, spoke at 1 monthly meeting about the program for kids which donates Christmas presents to kids; the CCW donated 620 pairs of pajamas in 2019. Sharon Hodgens, Greeneville Hope Center which is a local Pregnancy Crisis Center, spoke at a monthly meeting; CCW annually donates baby supplies to Hope Center. Kim Gass, Isaiah 117 House, also spoke at another meeting because Isaiah 117 House will be the Service Project at KDCCW 2020 Convention. CCW sponsored one Lenten soup supper on a Wednesday evening and lead one Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening. Again due to virus, other planned activities were canceled.

**St Patrick CCW** reported that they had a jewelry sale for Serenity House and jewelry that was not sold was donated to local charity. They had their annual November bazaar; had an angel tree for families at Christmas; and had a March baby shower. Mary Wilson, a long time CCW member and past KDCCW President, died in March 2020. CCW will be having new officers for 2021. Again due to virus, other planned activities were canceled.

**As you can see, Five Rivers Deanery is active in Spirituality, Leadership, and especially Service to the communities where our affiliates are located.**

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