

THE KNOXVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

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To the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and to all the women of the Knoxville Diocese, greetings and may the Lord richly bless each of you.

Life has certainly been interesting since last we met in January, hasn't it? Our world has been turned upside on many levels. Not only do we have to contend with the CoronaVirus that has disrupted everything, but the Chattanooga and Nashville areas have been hit by tornadoes that did so much damage. It is just heartbreaking to look at the photos of such massive destruction. But we are a resilient people and so we pick ourselves up and we go on with our lives as best we can. Our prayers have been and will continue to be with all those affected by the tornadoes and most certainly with those all across our nation and around the world who have been impacted by the CoronaVirus.

The CoronaVirus has thrown a pretty big monkey wrench into our convention planning but the convention committee has once again stepped up to the challenge and met it head on. Not only have they put together a stellar program for all of us, they have had to put that program BACK together at a much later date. No easy task, for sure, but they did it. Thank you, Susan and Kathy, for your leadership, you and your committee are amazing.

We still need to focus some of our attention to increasing our membership, both at the parish level and at the national level. Important work is being done within our local parishes, our diocese, the Louisville province, and at National.

There are so many opportunities for service to our parishes and our communities with both of these disastrous circumstances we find ourselves in. I encourage each one of you to find ways to give back to your community, your parish, your neighbors during this time of great need, whether it be caused by a tornado or by the CoronaVirus.

Yours in Christ,

Julie Bomar  
President