

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.

What interesting and challenging times we are living in! These past several months have seen so many changes in almost every aspect of our lives.

It broke my heart when we made the decision to cancel the 2020 convention that Susan Collins and Kathy DeAngelis, along with their committee worked so hard to put together. However, we had to do the right thing so that we didn't put anyone's health at further risk. But, boy oh boy, did I ever miss seeing all my old friends and making new ones. And so we push on doing the work of the Holy Spirit and continue planning for the 2021 convention.

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. It's a challenge to do this given the social distancing and isolation we have to contend with. I encourage each one of you to find innovative ways to give back to your community, your parish, and your neighbors during this time of great need.

Yours in Christ,

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