

Cumberland Mountain Deanery CCW President's Report – Fall, 2021

It's wonderful to be back "in person" again! We've had an executive board/ officer transition meeting in May to get our new officers (yours truly included!) up to speed and then we've had our first full board meeting in September. And we had a unanimous decision that, if possible, we would continue to have in person meetings again with perhaps Zoom capabilities for those women unable to attend in person.

In spite of the inability to work together face to face, we were still able to support our deanery project – Adult Community Training. Our parishes contributed over \$2000 the past 12 months to support their efforts to train disabled adults and find work for them!

The Cumberland Mountain Deanery is blessed with several vibrant CCWs. During the pandemic, it was a challenge not only for those strong CCWs, but especially for the smaller ones, to continue to survive. As we emerge from the past year, we can look to support each other and grow stronger. We are planning on a voluntary "Adopt a Parish" program for the women in our Deanery to provide a structure for that growth.

What does the "Adopt a Parish" program look like? We have 15 parishes in our Deanery. Almost half of these parishes either have inactive CCWs or have small numbers that limit their participation. The other parishes can select an inactive/small parish to "adopt." The relationship will, of course, be voluntary and will depend on the needs of the smaller parish and what the adopting parish is able to do. Each relationship will vary, but such things as:

- Reaching out to the smaller parish to find out what support looks like for them
- Inviting each other to join in your meetings/programs/events
- Visiting the smaller parish for a Mass or a meeting

Our Fall General Meeting will be held at St. Therese in Clinton, TN on Saturday, October 23rd, with the rosary at 9:30 am ET and the meeting beginning at 10:00 am ET. Then we will celebrate Mass with Fr. Richard Armstrong, have lunch and enjoy a presentation by Fr. Richard. All are invited! Invitations will be sent soon!

Blessings to all our sisters in Christ!

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