

Five Rivers Deanery President Report 2021

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.

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 Covid virus, our 2021 Deanery meetings were Zoomed and I know we all miss personally seeing each other very much. Our Deanery has decided to keep the same officers for 2021-2023 as we had from 2019-2021. Even though the Deanery has not met, our affiliates have been very active via Zoom but have had some ongoing activities listed below occurred 2019-mid 2020. I did try to include some activities that occurred more recently.

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. Some parish receptions were rescheduled due to Covid virus.

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 cooked turkey for 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. 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. In 2020-2021: they had a virtual Christmas party and Valentine Day party. They had a plant

sale as a fundraiser which was very successful and they lead rosary on every first Saturday after morning Mass.

St Patrick CCW reported that in 2019-early 2020 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. In 2020-2021: in January and February, some ladies supplied meals for a family going through chemotherapy and hard times. The Council also joined with the KC to raise attention to Pro Life and Right to Life issues. They donated baby formula, clothing, toiletries, money, and clothing for mothers. After Ash Wednesday, Council delivered donations to Life Outreach of Jefferson City which is an ongoing service project the Council supports. Many ladies participate in Divine Mercy week and lead prayers before Masses. They are also planning an outdoor Fall Festival (the date has not been decided).

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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