

Cumberland Mountain Deanery CCW President's Report – KDCCW Convention April, 2022

This has definitely been a year of transition – back to in-person meetings and the ability to enjoy fellowship face-to-face! In spite of the inability to work together in person, the CMDCCW was still able to support our deanery project, Adult Community Training. Our parishes contributed over \$2000 in 2021 to support their efforts to training disabled adults and find work for them!

At our fall general meeting we voted on our projects for the next 2 years – Crossroads Center of Hope and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Crossroads Center of Hope provides single mother families with long-term transitional housing. Sleep in Heavenly Peace builds bedding for children without beds. We are so blessed to be able to help out these programs essential to the health and well-being of children in our area. We were so pleased to be able to support the KDCCW Food Packing Project with our money and our time!

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 parishes, to continue to survive. As we emerged from this challenge, we have been looking how to support each other through an “Adopt a Parish” program.

What does “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 had the opportunity to select an inactive/small parish to “adopt.” This relationship is total voluntary and depends on the needs of the smaller parish. Here's some of the things we've done:

- Reached out to find out what support looks like for them.
- Invited them to join meetings/programs/events.
- Visited the parish for a Mass or meeting

So far we have had some join us for our general meetings and we have supported some in CMDCCW and NCCW membership. We are all Catholic women!!

Blessings to our sisters in Christ!!

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