



April 2022 KDCCW President Recap Report for Convention

As you can see by the above logo, I have chosen “Faith like a Child” as the theme for the 2021 – 2023 term of KDCCW. Yes, my family has influenced this decision by the awe and wonder of my granddaughter and my husband’s journey of faith from diagnosis to transplant and beyond. God is good. This theme reflects humility as we simplify what is most important in our efforts... building up the Kingdom of God.

Three areas or goals, have been identified for this administration term:

- **COMMUNICATION:** As the pandemic has taught us, we had to think outside the box to keep our ladies informed and involved. We have a wonderful team involved with emails, website, social media, directory, printed material and the latest edition of our quarterly newsletter, Dogwood Connect. If you have not seen an edition, go to our website at www.kdccw.org and the next edition will be published in May 2022 and may contain highlights from this convention. Anyone can submit pictures and articles from your affiliate. Thank you to each of these ladies and to Emily Booker, who has joined our team as Communication Chair. You may know Emily because of the East Tennessee Catholic Diocesan Newspaper and she is willing to share your affiliate happenings in this publication too.
- **MENTORING:** The NCCW Mentoring Program can be utilized on all levels of council. Ladies in a new position would benefit from a Mentor as they begin a new role and ladies who have served many years in a role, could also benefit from a Mentor or being a Mentor to someone else for a refresher on the focus of council work. All this information is available from our Leadership Commission Chair, Kathy DeAngelis, who is eager to share the benefits of this program, and it is on the NCCW website. My Mentor is totally awesome and I could not do this with out her!
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Our parishes, deaneries and the diocese are affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women, however individual membership has its benefits too. Karen Vacaliuc, our Membership Chair, has worked hard to increase NCCW membership. Membership also includes ladies in our own parishes or ladies in a parish that is not associated with NCCW. Cumberland Mountain Deanery “Adopt a Parish” program has targeted non-affiliated parishes to introduce ladies to our council and include them, as Catholic women. Five Rivers Deanery have been meeting with ladies in two parishes in their deanery to also become affiliated with NCCW.

Our Service Commission Chair, Joan Rowe, has worked overtime with our Food Packing Project Chair, Patty Johnson, and her committee to organize a service project through Cross Catholic Outreach. On March 26, we packed just over 50,000 meals because of the generous donations from across the diocese. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the very humbling project.

All our Commission Chairs, Committee Chairs and Board Members are a great resource and I thank them for their efforts, as the body of Christ. Let us strive to live up to the mission statement we proclaim at our gatherings. May almighty God bless us all for our efforts!

Submitted by, Susan M. Collins, KDCCW President 2021-23