

SMOKY MOUNTAIN DEANERY CCW REPORT APRIL 2022

The Smoky Mountain Deanery focused on two things this year: Service and Spiritual Growth.

All the affiliates participated in the Diocesan wide Food packing with either fund raising or volunteering or both.

The affiliates also took advantage of a service funding program the Deanery enacted. Each of the four counties in the Deanery were given the opportunity to request an amount of money from the Deanery to pay for or help pay for a service project. For example:

The Knox county affiliates voted to continue the project started at last year's convention, "Bag of Blessings." The bags are filled with personal care items and small snacks that are then distributed to the homeless.

In Monroe county, St. Joseph the Worker is replacing the irrigation system for the garden surrounding the Grotto on the church grounds.

In Blount County, Our Lady of Fatima did a "Blessing Box". This box will be placed on the church campus and will be maintained by members of the CCW. Nonperishable food items will be available for those who are in need of food.

In Sevier County, St. Mary's is doing 3 service projects----diapers for the Sevier Co. Women's Care Center , Healthy treat bags for the children on the food run in Gatlinburg and hygiene bags for the needy clients who come to the St. Mary's Legacy Clinic.

And Holy Cross did a Isaiah 1:17 service project and are supporting the Women's Care Center.

All the affiliates have the opportunity to ask for funding through April 2023.

When it came to Spiritual Growth, the Deanery started praying the rosary on a monthly basis together on the 20th of each month at 7:30. The call in number is 720-740-9774, access code 5985288. We have invited the Diocese to join us.

We finally celebrated the NCCW 100th anniversary in October 2021. We invited Maribeth Stewart Blogoslawski, former NCCW president and current NGO representative to the United Nations, and NCCW representative to WUCWO. Her theme "Responding to Our Call to Holiness" was well received. It is the same speech she gave to the WUCWO North America Region Conference.

We are excited to see what next year may bring.

Respectfully submitted,

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