

**Smoky Mountain Deanery
Winter report
January, 2022**

The SMDCCW finally was able to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Council of Catholic Women on October 30, 2021. After celebrating Mass together, we were joined, during the Deanery's general meeting, by 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.

The Deanery began, in October, to offer a monthly rosary on the 20th of each month. December's rosary, which was on the Monday before Christmas, used the Gospel of St. Luke to reflect on the joyful mysteries.

The affiliates of the Deanery have been equally as busy. They have been meeting regularly. Many had Advent by Candlelight services to prepare members for the coming of Christ. They are actively doing service projects including: Boxes of Joy, making plastic bag mats for the homeless, feeding the homeless, and fund raising for the Diocesan food project.

Respectfully submitted,

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