

Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Service Commission Report
January, 2022

Happy New Year!! I hope each of you had a blessed Christmas and are ready to serve. As Yvonne W. Pygatt stated in the Catholic Woman magazine, Service is the key to success in NCCW. That applies all the way down to our local affiliates. Women will show up if you give them the opportunity to serve others.

I'd like to follow up on a couple of items from our last board meeting. KDCCW signed up for October 15 to pray the rosary outside Planned Parenthood during the 40 Days for Life. We did have some participation, and it was very much appreciated. Also, Pat Ryan has reported to me that over 117,000 Boxes of Joy were packed nationwide. That's the best year ever. Locally, 673 boxes were dropped off at Immaculate Conception. 10 affiliates participated. I don't have the numbers for any other drop-off sites in our diocese.

As the Christmas season comes to an end on January 9, we can reflect on how we served during that time. In a little over 6 weeks we will begin the Lenten Season. How will we serve during that time? Lent includes prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Before we serve others, we need to pray. Pray for the grace, wisdom, strength, and love to serve others. If we feel discomfort in our fasting, offer it up for others who are struggling and suffering. Finally, give! If you are able, give financially. If that's not possible, give of yourself. Give a listening ear. Give encouragement. Give a smile. Give LOVE. You can get more ideas at www.intentionalfilling.com and www.bustedhalo.com.

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Educate yourself about this. Go to www.nccw.org/commissionscommittees.

Our Food Packing Event through Cross Catholic is up and running, but we really need to get the word out and get everyone participating financially. We must raise \$13,000, and we are currently at \$7,198.00. Our goal is to have the total in hand one month before the packing which is March 26. Besides a financial need, we need volunteers. We will need 10-12 on Friday, March 25 to help set up and at least 100 on the day of packing. We are planning on two shifts. 25 from each deanery would make the 100 volunteers. For more information go to www.crosscatholic.org/knoxville-catholic-women-food-packing.

This concludes the report.
Joan Rowe

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen

St.

Ignatius Loyola