

Cumberland Mountain Deanery Board Meeting
9-10-19

I humbly accept the appointment as your Cumberland Mountain Deanery Service Commission Chair. I thank the Lord and Julie for the opportunity. I am excited for the possibility of meeting and talking with our affiliate service commission chairs.

For this report, I have three items to discuss.

1. Next month we will be selecting our next 2 year deanery service project. This service project allows all the Cumberland Mountain Deanery affiliates to join forces and support a worthy cause IN A BIG WAY within the deanery. In the past as a deanery we have supported many great causes and I expect we will do the same again. I encourage all affiliates to discuss, pray and submit a worthy project proposal. There are so many needs—prolife, children, elderly, homeless, drugs, trafficking, healthcare, prayer for our priests and so on.

2. The outgoing NCCW Service Commission Chair, Diane Tugander, in her last report in the Catholic Women magazine discussed NCCW efforts to support, educate and encourage protection for our planet. She writes in her article *Caring for the Planet Begins With Cutting Down Trash*, there are ten simple things each of us can do.

1. Cut down on what you throw away. Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.
2. Volunteer to clean up your community.
3. Educate yourself on the value of natural resources.
4. Conserve water.
5. Choose sustainable foods.
6. Shop wisely-buy fewer plastic products.
7. Use long lasting light bulbs.
8. Plant a tree.
9. Don't put chemicals into our water ways.
10. Bike/walk more.

I encourage all to embrace the basic principle of Reuse, Reduce & Recycle. God gave us such a beautiful place to live.

3. And last, I want to reflect on our 2019 resolution from the KDCCW convention. The KDCCW Service Commission Chair, Jan Byers, proposed and the membership approved the service commission resolution. It reads “The KDCCW members and affiliates will continue their volunteer and financial support of the St. Mary’s Legacy Clinic”. The St. Mary’s legacy Clinic was our 2017-2019 Cumberland Mountain Deanery Service Project. Let’s continue to support them. The need is great.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cumberland Mountain Deanery Service Commission Chair