



# KDCCW President Report

Winter 2017

## Direction and will

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*The heavens were  
opened and the  
voice of the  
Father  
thundered:  
This is my  
beloved Son.  
Listen to him.  
Mark 9:6*

Could our Gospel writer, St. Mark, be more obvious as he recites our Heavenly Father? "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Sometimes, in our spiritual walk, the direction seems so clear. "That's what I should do!" "That's where I should go!" But, sometimes, it's not so clear. We are walking aimlessly, without direction. Maybe that's what some of the disciples felt prior to Jesus' calling them. Could it be that easy, as St. Mark says? "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us all ponder on that in the New Year. As we seek direction and following God's will in the large and small things of our life, let us simply listen to Him and see where it takes us.

## Annual Convention

Our planning committee has been actively working on all the aspects of the upcoming annual convention. We have been looking at meeting space, menu selections, music, liturgy, contracts, and everything in between. Of course, all our work cannot be brought to fruition if we don't have ladies to attend. That's where we need your help. We need you to promote the convention. Make it a New Year's Resolution to invite one friend to come to the convention. Then, give them a registration form and offer to carpool to the convention with them. Also, remind your clergy and religious that their registration is being paid for by an anonymous donation. But, they still must register. So give them a registration form too. Finally, we need ads for our convention booklet. Please consider placing an ad from your affiliate. And if you know any business, especially located in the Chattanooga area, please approach them about placing an ad. To date, we have no ads at all!

I do believe that this convention will be spirit-filled and rejuvenating for all. I hope you can make it to some or all of it, and looking forward to seeing the Spirit work in and among us.

### Upcoming Dates

#### **KDCCW Annual Convention**

- April 12-14  
Board Meeting on  
April 12<sup>th</sup> before  
opening Mass  
(*St. Stephen Parish,  
Chattanooga*)

#### **Special Mass at New Cathedral for all ladies of KDCCW**

- Thursday, April 26,  
6pm

## Who's Who on the KDCCW Board

### Officers

President—Karen Vacaliuc  
 Vice President—Julie Bomar  
 Secretary—Gigi Chasey  
 Treasurer—Amelia Sweeney  
 Immediate Past President—Pat Ryan

### Commissions

Leadership—Cathy Hundley  
 Service—Jan Byers  
 Spirituality—Sister John Catherine Kennedy, OP

### Committees

Corresponding Secretary—Lacey Metz  
 Directory updates—Mary Cooper  
 E-secretary—Aimee Place  
 Historian—Kathy Morin & Rosamaria Perez  
 Membership—Lynn Christ  
 Parliamentarian—Anne Wharton  
 Public Relations—Gisela Chaparro  
 Training—Debbie Donahoo & Susan Tribble  
 Web Mistress—Judy Collins

**2018 Convention Chair**—Arlene Webb

### Deanery Presidents

Chattanooga—Julie Bomar  
 Cumberland Mountain—Nikki Kapolka  
 Five Rivers—Michelle Ronsse  
 Smoky Mountain—Mary Wilson

Please welcome them and offer them any support you can!

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*Have you remembered to send updates to Aimee Place and Mary Cooper? They need all the updates for Deanery and affiliate board changes. Please contact them ASAP!!*

*Aimee Place*

*[abplace@comcast.net](mailto:abplace@comcast.net)*

*(email changes and additions)*

*Mary Cooper*

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*(directory changes)*

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## How are we doing on our goals?

In the fall, I talked about my goals for the 2 year presidency: to increase NCCW membership, to increase participation at the KDCCW Convention, and to plant the seeds for a new affiliate within KDCCW. I wanted to let you know how things are going with these goals. I have been visiting with many parishes within the Chattanooga Deanery to both promote our Convention and to promote KDCCW. I have visited both affiliated and unaffiliated parishes and gotten a warm welcome at all of them. The priests are excited about our upcoming Convention and are wholeheartedly supporting it. Those that are unaffiliated are open to having discussion in the future about starting or restarting an affiliate. Good news all around! As for the NCCW membership, I have met with our Leadership Commission chair and Membership chair and together we came up with some ideas. We sent out an email to those individuals who are lapsed in their NCCW membership. We have received positive feedback from that email and many have indicated that they are renewing in 2018. And lastly, I have attended 2 of the Fall Deanery General Meetings and promoted all my goals there as well. As always, if you have any questions, or suggestions, please contact me.

*"O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward, but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. Amen."*

*— St. Ignatius of Loyola*