

West Central Deanery Report-April 2016

The West Central Deanery includes Okaloosa, Walton and Holmes Counties and has four active Councils at St. Margaret of Scotland in DeFuniak Springs, Holy Name of Jesus and Christ Our Redeemer both in Niceville and St. Mary in Fort Walton Beach.

West Central Deanery Officers are Mary Sauvageau-President, Dottie Kime-Vice President, Julie Hitson-Treasurer and Carol Giguere-Secretary. We are blessed to have a new Deanery Spiritual Advisor-Fr. Bob Johnson of Christ Our Redeemer Parish! Our Deanery Commission Chairs are Virginia Green-Spirituality, Vivian Green-Service and Carol Giguere-Leadership and our DCCW Board Member is Joan Morgan.

As you know our deanery is hosting the DCCW Convention this year. A team of 15 women plus Fr. Dawson have been hard at work making all the necessary arrangements for a successful convention. Fingers crossed all goes well!

Each year our deanery hosts four events; Advent and Lenten Days of Renewal and Fall and Spring General Meetings. This year we added a deanery Bunco fundraising event which was also well attended not to mention a lot of fun! We have another special dedicated collection this year where we ask for one dollar from each person attending our four main deanery events. This year the money collected will go to Waterfront Rescue Mission's New Hope Home for Women in Gulf Breeze. Something new in regard to Spirituality is a *Secret Sister* prayer program in which members pray for their Secret Sister and her special intention. Members were assigned their Secret Sister at our Fall General Meeting and they will be revealed at our Spring General Meeting! Then, this year it was decided that Hugs money will go to Matrix Community Outreach Center in Crestview which believes in "giving a hand up instead of a hand out."

Interesting speakers and programs at the deanery and affiliation levels have ranged from Molly McCormick's witness to her calling and her experiences while on mission in Uganda to Deacon Gary McBride's *Living Lent with Scripture* to Georgia Ambarian who was on *Dancing with the Stars* and now promotes *Dancing for Parkinson's* and teaches *Ballroom Dancing for Mobility* to Judy Brady's cooking demonstration and sampling featuring recipes from her many travels. Another year finds our affiliate councils actively working to serve their respective councils and parishes and working in service to others. Some highlights of the many and varied affiliation activities include St. Margaret CCW having their 400th prayer quilt blessed and hosting a Priest Appreciation Day covered dish dinner. Lucky Fr. Rick! St. Mary CCW hosted a family movie matinee featuring *Heaven is for Real* with pie and popcorn and provided lunch for the 2016 Catholic Renewal Conference. Holy Name of Jesus CCW donated coats and caps to 32 children in Head Start at Holy Name and donated funds to a member who received a kidney transplant. Christ Our Redeemer CCW started making pillowcase dresses for Little Girls in Africa and their evening group of young mothers aka Priscilla Group hosted a family dance complete with a jazz band. Good stuff!

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to bless each of us including you as we strive to be joyful disciples fully alive in the Spirit!

Mary Sauvageau-President