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FCCW Report for October 8, 2020

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

It was 150 yrs ago on March 11, 1870, that Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of St. Augustine. Today, Catholics still share and practice the faith in very challenging times. As we celebrated a New Year on January 1, 2020, who could have predicted these past 6 months? Our Bishops and Priests have led us through some trying times. For most of us, our churches are now open and we are able to attend Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist. We are also very fortunate to be able to attend virtually if necessary.

It has been a different kind of Council year so far. Conventions were cancelled and installations postponed. Because of the strength of our ladies and their Pastors, we are now actively engaged in our CCW life. Most of our Deaneries and Affiliations here in the Diocese have met by Zoom or are planning in-person meetings this month. I am so proud of our ladies for continuing to be Disciples and finding unique ways to keep our CCWs active and engaged.

Our Banquet and Installation of Officers for the SADCCW was held on July 24, 2020. It was very well attended. Social distancing and safe environment was observed. It was wonderful to see so many of our Council Sisters, Priests and Seminarians.

Our Leadership Commission is currently working on our workshop scheduled for October 3rd via Zoom for new officers but we are inviting anyone to join. Presentations will be made for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurers. Invitations will be sent to the affiliations and handouts sent to anyone who RSVPs. We also hope to host meetings at a later date for each Deanery so that we can engage all of our members in the Affiliations. The theme for these meetings will be “Here I Am Lord” presented by the Leadership Commission.

Plans for monthly rosaries, a Spiritual Day of Reflection and support for all of our Diocesan projects are being discussed. Our ladies in this Diocese are very committed to sharing their time, talent and treasures. We are in the process of planning our convention. This year’s theme is “Here I Am Lord” and is scheduled for May 14-16, 2021 at our beautiful Marywood Retreat Center.

We look forward to this volume of the Good News so that we can hear of your successes around the State. May God and His Blessed Mother keep you safe!

10/8/2020: Updates for St. Augustine DCCW

We are please to tell you we had our first Rosary Call last Thursday for the intention of Respect Life. The rosary was led by our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Boddie and this month the ladies of the South Jax Deanery. Our plans are to continue on the first Thursday of every month. Each month we will pray for a different intention.

Our Zoom Presentation last Saturday for all new officers was very successful. Our Leadership team was amazing. These zoom meetings are uncharted waters for most of us but we are very fortunate to use this tool to connect with the women of the diocese. We are very interested in the virtual presentation by NCCW's Leadership team.

The SADCCW is planning to raffle a quilt as a fundraiser. We are inspired by some of the other Dioceses that are doing online fundraising. The quilt winner will be announced at our convention in May. Prior to the raffle, we will use this patchwork quilt as a Service Commission tool to highlight the many gifts that our members bring to Council.

Our Affiliations are very active in their parishes. They are meeting live on facebook, via conference calls and zoom meetings and some are meeting in person with safe distancing and masking. It certainly has been different beginning but we in this Diocese, feel it has been an opportunity to increase our spiritual life. Rosaries, Prayers and Mass have enabled the churches to reach out to many who were unable to attend in person.

We continue to pray for all of our Council Sisters.

Your Sister in Christ,
Susan Pritchett, DCCW President