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Miami Archdiocese President's Report

Welcome to Pandemic South! Greetings to our Florida Council sisters, and our great Spiritual Advisors. I'm happy to bring you all up to speed with an update from Miami ADCCW.

Our Celebrity Chef dinner raffle was another success, exceeding our target by 10%. The dinner was held February 1st. This is always a great fund-raiser for us, essentially a raffle, that is easy for our membership to support.

Our Scholarship Gala was (luckily) held on February 22nd. Once again, we raised enough to be able to fund three \$5000 scholarships for deserving 8th grade girls in the Archdiocese of Miami who wish to continue their Catholic education. We hosted one of last year's winners, who brought us up to date on her Catholic high school experiences. Our timing was providential, as this turned out to be the last scheduled event that we were able to complete.

Our convention this year, sadly, was cancelled due to the coronavirus and the cancellation of all meetings. Our usual Haitian Mass, where we shower a few expectant Haitian moms with full layettes, was one of the casualties of the virus this year. If the ban on meetings is lifted by the first week in July, we'll have an annual meeting on July 18th, so that we can have a formal installation of our new officers, as well as our MOY and OLGC awards; otherwise, we'll need to hold that privately, with Fr. Greer, for our elected officers, and will install the full board as soon as we can all gather together.

We are planning to send members to attend Palm Beach's convention, as well as the FCCW conference in October.

I will miss the opportunity to meet with our fellow Presidents, learning what is working in their dioceses, and putting their ideas to work in Miami. I very much enjoyed my time on this Board—I learned a tremendous amount from the truly exceptional ladies of the FCCW—my deepest thanks! I am confident you will all be delighted to make your acquaintance with our new President, Marliese Ljuba. She is brimming with great ideas, and will do wonderful things for our Archdiocese and Province. As always, thank you for your advice and counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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