

LDCCW President's Report Kathy Herfel October 2016

After a fairly quiet LDCCW summer, I'm ready for the Fall Assemblies! I look forward to joining many of you in your respective deaneries. If I can't be there, someone on the Executive Board will come in my place. Sometimes two or more assemblies are scheduled for the same day. It's happening already this fall; we will work something out.

Some of us were in Indianapolis September 7-11 for the 96th National Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention. I have attended a few conventions and found them all similar, yet different. They all provided wonderful masses celebrated by bishops and priests from all over the country, the opportunity to see women I met the year before, and having confessions and Adoration available. The differences were the city, of course, that we were able to explore a bit. You will hear of our varied experiences when you talk to us. Also different this year was having no sessions to choose to attend. Everyone was in a large room hearing the same speaker. This solved the problem of congestion in the hallways as we moved from one room to another. The downside of this is there were about 600 women and it was sometimes impossible to find friends, not to mention ladies we met last year who we wanted to talk to.

I wish you all could attend the conventions! They are inspirational, motivational, learning experiences. If you find it difficult or too costly, we hope Milwaukee gets the bid for the 100th convention in 2020, and you will be able to come.

I'm excited to have my pastor Father Bosco join us at the October 8 Executive Board Meeting. Father Bosco is from India and will speak about St. Teresa of Calcutta. He never had the opportunity to personally meet Mother Teresa, but knew others who did. Father Bosco is in his 3rd year as pastor of the Tri-Parishes of Durand, Lima and Mondovi.

I'm also excited to work with an outstanding group of women – those on the LDCCW Board – as well as Deanery presidents and PCCW officers that I will be meeting at your assemblies. I feel blessed to be given this opportunity.