

DCCW Report

Immediate Past President

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I thought my summer would have passed by quietly, but God had other plans. I lost my dear husband Bob on September 12th, and life has been turned upside down. I am humbled and comforted by all the prayers, love, support, cards, and hugs given of my DCCW family.

One of my responsibilities as IPP is to make sure our executive board is complete. Unfortunately, our newly elected secretary, Jenni Fazio submitted her resignation due to unforeseen circumstances. I have been remiss, but our newly elected secretary is Tish Ramos-Yarber. She will complete Jenni's term. Many thanks to everyone for your prompt response in voting. Many good wishes to Jenni.

I was fortunate enough to attend the NCCW Convention in Grand Rapids, MI, along with several of our DCCW members. What a privilege to spend time with such an inspiring group of women. There were incredible keynote speakers, great presentations by the National Commissions, and of course the daily Masses with up to 2 Bishops and 25 plus priests concelebrating. Next year's convention will be in Milwaukee, WI and it's never too early to start making plans. We were chided that if we saved \$3.30 a day, we would have enough to attend next year.

I will close this with a couple of thoughts. Be aware that we never know the trials and tribulations someone is going through when we lose patience: death of a loved one, illness-theirs or a loved one, financial woes, job loss or insecurities, care-giver burnout, over-extending commitments, the list goes on. Don't weaponize the past, but practice radical forgiveness. God can heal what you give to him, but not what you hold tight.

Take a deep breathe, say a prayer, and put everything into God's hands. "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see". -Mark Twain

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