

## **KDCCW 2016 Convention**

April 14-16, 2016

Jefferson City, Tennessee

### **Resolutions**

1. **Whereas**, Bishop Richard Stika serves as the Honorary President of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women; and

**Whereas**, Bishop Stika supports the KDCCW spiritually and financially;

**Be It resolved**: We pledge our constant support, prayers and service to him as our Shepherd in the Diocese of Knoxville.

2. **Whereas**, Fr. Dan Whitman so generously and wholeheartedly supports the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and serves as Spiritual Advisor for both the Diocesan and the Five Rivers Deanery Councils; and

**Whereas**, Monsignor Al Humbrecht, Fr. Joseph Brando and Fr. Michael Woods have so generously offered their time, talent and treasure to support and enable the works of Council in their roles as Deanery Spiritual Advisors;

**Be It resolved**: The ladies of the KDCCW offer their continued prayers of thanksgiving and support for all they do in their priestly lives, especially their guidance as the CCW Spiritual Advisors.

3. **Whereas**, Pat Duda and Judy Collins, as co-chairs of this 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Knoxville DCCW, have over the past year so ably led the convention committee; and

**Whereas**, All the women of the Five Rivers Deanery Council of Catholic Women, under the leadership of President Anne Wharton, have offered outstanding hospitality and welcome;

**Be It resolved**: The members of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women offer their sincere thanks for the time and effort put forth to make this convention successful.

4. **Whereas**, Fr. Patrick Resen, Deacon Jim Prosak and the members of Holy Trinity Parish have so graciously welcomed us to their parish and invited us to use their wonderful facilities;

**Be It resolved**: The ladies of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women offer their sincere thanks for helping to make this a successful convention.

## **Jubilee Year of Mercy**

1. **Purpose:** To encourage the practice of the Corporal and Spiritual
2. Works of Mercy.
  
3. **Whereas,** On March 14, 2015, Pope Francis announced an
4. extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy,
  
5. **Whereas,** The theme of the 2016 KDCCW convention stresses the importance of  
“sharing mercy;” and
  
6. **Whereas,** The Corporal Acts of Mercy (feeding the hungry, sheltering
7. the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the
8. imprisoned, giving to the poor and burying the dead) and Spiritual
9. Works of Mercy (instructing, advising, consoling, comforting,
10. forgiving, and bearing wrongs patiently) are actions Catholics perform
11. to extend God's compassion and mercy to our neighbors with
12. their everyday material, physical, spiritual, and emotional needs;
  
13. **Resolved,** That KDCCW members actively participate in this Jubilee Year
14. of Mercy by identifying a specific work of mercy to support and/or practice;
15. and
  
16. **Resolved,** That each affiliate within the Knoxville Diocesan Council
17. of Catholic Women identify a specific work or works of mercy to
18. support and/or practice.

Submitted by: Pat Ryan  
KDCCW President

## **RESOLUTION TO PRAY THE ANGELUS FOR THE END OF PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS, ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA**

- 1 **Purpose:** To promote daily recitation of the *Angelus Prayer* for the intention  
of
- 2 \* bringing an end to the persecution of Christians, especially in the Middle  
East and Africa
- 3 by invoking the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

- 4 **\*Whereas**, Christians especially in the Middle East and Africa  
5 are being persecuted and put to death  
6 because of their belief in Jesus Christ and their desire to practice their faith;
- 7 **Whereas**: the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is affiliated with  
8 the National Council of Catholic Women,
- 9 **Resolved**, That the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will  
support  
10 this initiative by requesting all KDCCW affiliate members, pastors, local  
11 \*parishes, Catholic schools, CCD classes, adult education classes, families  
and friends to  
12 pray the Angelus Prayer at least once daily for this intention, and
- 13 **Resolved**, That the KDCCW post the Angelus Prayer  
14 on their website for everyone's use.

#### **ANGELUS PRAYER**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

V. Hail Mary... **R. Holy Mary...**

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

**R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.**

V. Hail Mary... **R. Holy Mary...**

V. And the Word was made flesh,

**R. And dwelt among us.**

V. Hail Mary... **R. Holy Mary...**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

V. Let us pray.

**R. Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Submitted by: GerriAnne Mason

CMDCCW President

**NCCW and KDCCW Websites**  
[www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org), [www.kdccw.org](http://www.kdccw.org)

1. **Purpose:** To encourage members of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
2. (KDCCW) to use and promote the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) website and
3. the KDCCW website, important vehicles of communication for KDCCW affiliate members.
  
4. **Whereas,** The KDCCW acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all
5. Catholic women;
  
6. **Whereas,** Vital information, including new programs and commission resources, is now
7. posted on the NCCW website and;
  
8. **Whereas,** NCCW and KDCCW websites content are free and readily available to members;
  
9. **Resolved,** That KDCCW Commission Chairs submit to the KDCCW website links to material
10. on the NCCW website for ease in KDCCW members' use;
  
11. **Resolved,** That all KDCCW affiliate members actively promote frequent use of the NCCW
12. and the KDCCW websites by encouraging their members to print/download programs and
13. resources as they become available;
  
14. **Resolved,** That the leaders of all levels of Council encourage their members to
15. print/download programs and resources as they become available; and
  
16. **Resolved,** That the NCCW website and KDCCW website be utilized as marketing and
17. outreach tools for membership development and leadership training.

Submitted by:

KDCCW Leadership Commission  
Emily Knoch, Chair

## **Knowing God More Deeply and Letting Him Know Me Through the Scriptures**

1. **Purpose:** To enhance one's spiritual growth by developing a deepening personal
2. love relationship with Jesus Christ through consistent and deep involvement
3. with Him in the Holy Scripture.
  
4. **Whereas:** Our Holy Father Pope Francis invites all Christians to a renewed
5. personal encounter with Jesus Christ and to find peace, we need to cultivate in
6. our hearts an ardent love for God; and further instructs us that prayer flows
7. from closeness with the Word of God;
  
8. **Whereas:** St. Jerome states "... if, as Paul says, Christ is the power of God and
9. the wisdom of God, and if the man who does not know Scripture does not know
10. the power and wisdom of God, then ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of
11. Christ."
  
12. **Whereas:** Research has discovered that vast numbers of Catholics do not have
13. a
14. conscious, active relationship with God, and that Catholics in the pew must
15. make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others
16. to
17. him.
  
18. **Resolve:** That we as members of KDCCW choose to unite in the marvelous
19. quest
20. that Saint Augustine knew and ***let our hearts be struck anew with God's word***
21. in Holy Scripture and
  
22. **Resolve:** That we individually expand our personal Bible reading to gain deeper
23. understanding of God and His ways and thereby transform all aspects of our
24. lives.

### **ACTION PLAN**

- \* Individually expand our current personal Bible reading, using the daily Mass scriptures as a springboard into additional exploration of the scriptures to gain deeper understanding and loving experience of God and His ways and how these translate into our own character, prayer, daily lives and all aspects of dealing with people in any arenas.
  
- \* Begin (or continue) to keep a journal, however simple, of insights gleaned from the scriptures and as applied to our current wonderings, etc.
  
- \* Encourage one another in our families, friendships, CCW affiliates and parish groups to expand their personal devotional walk in the scriptures as well, perhaps offering to share in the journey as appropriate.

- \* Encourage and participate in solid Catholic Bible study groups in our parishes. (ask for recommendations from <http://dioknox.org/offices-ministries/christian-formation/> ).
- \* Participate in the growing KDCCW Spirituality Commission Project for 2015 - 2017, *The Secret Place* (downloadable at <http://www.kdccw.org/commissions.html#one> ). Share progress and ideas with others at the parish, deanery and diocesan level, including the KDCCW Spirituality Commission Chair, Lucy Brown ([mellucy1967@yahoo.com](mailto:mellucy1967@yahoo.com))

Submitted by:

Lucy Brown, ([mellucy1967@yahoo.com](mailto:mellucy1967@yahoo.com) )  
KDCCW Spirituality Commission Chair

## **SUPPORT PRO-LIFE INITIATIVES BY TENNESSEE CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS**

1. **Whereas:** the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women continuously promotes
2. pro-life activities and,
3. **Whereas:** the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) continuously
4. requests that the U.S. faithful contact their congressmen/senators to support pro-life
5. legislation and express objections to legislations in opposition to the dignity of human
6. life,
7. **Resolved:** that the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will generously
8. support pro-life initiatives from our TN Congressmen and Senators.

### **ACTION PLAN**

- KDCCW members will add their voice to USCCB positions on pending legislation by phoning, mailing or emailing their Tennessee representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives.
- KDCCW members will publicize these USCCB positions to their CCW, parish, friends and family.

- KDCCW members will directly support the Pro-life initiatives of Tennessee government representatives.
- KDCCW members will support organizations that work to defund abortion, euthanasia and fetal stem cell research and advocate against the death penalty.
- KDCCW members will assist in the education of women in the diocese on the sacredness of life.

Submitted by:

Gerriane Mason

President CMDCCW

### **Praying for Priesthood**

**Whereas** Catholic Priest from across the world are being attacked by forces that wish to destroy our sacramental bonds with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and

**Whereas** the Handmaids of the Precious Blood's mission it is to pray unceasingly through adoration and veneration of the Eucharist for the sanctification of Christ's Priests;

**Be it resolved** that the members of the Knoxville DCCW will strive to aid the Handmaids in their works through prayer, spreading word of their mission and providing material support when it is inspired by the Holy Spirit and also deemed appropriate.