

Leadership Commission Report April 2019 KDCCW Convention

Don't Forget - NCCW - It is voting time again!!

Online voting and paper ballot voting will begin April 1, 2019 and close May 1, 2019. Continue to review your NCCW website for more details. Not only is it voting time for NCCW, our own Diocese will have many changes. New Diocesan Officers, New Parish Officers and Commission Chairs will change as well. Take time over the summer to organize, plan and facilitate for your new term. Here are a few ideas that may be beneficial for everyone.

- a. Meet with your officers', reviewing your records to see what you may need to update or toss.
- b. Plan a training session with your officers; everyone needs to be aware of what is expected of them and how they can help to make your Parish and your KDCCW stronger.
- c. Pole your members on their interests. Develop a simple fill in the blank form that your members can complete very easily. You may review your meeting times, day or evening meeting and frequency of your meetings. Review a list of activities and any goals you may like to see implemented and accomplished. What area of interest do your members want to focus on? Speaker subjects? Ask for suggestions for speakers your members would like to see? Resolutions members would like to work on? Would your members like to set a time aside monthly to meet and pray the rosary together?
- d. Communication is the backbone to your council. Develop a plan to keep informed. Plan a bulletin board or newsletter to highlight activities throughout the year. Plan special ways to thank your ladies for their support, participation and service throughout the year. Edit your contact information, adding and deleting members as the Parish changes as well. Set up a phone call greeting group to invite new members to your meetings then present them with a new member welcome bag. Remember to communicate about NCCW membership to all your members as well. Place brochures, pamphlets etc. out for members.
- e. Read and use the NCCW Resource Manual for guidelines to support growing and vibrant councils. Each chapter has a different theme that you might use for group discussions and planning forward for your council.
- f. Plan a special kick off gathering to invite and welcome all women to Council.
- g. As you travel for the summer scan other churches for bulletins, newsletters etc. regarding their CCW. Observe displays in other Parish's and see if you can implement any new ideas into your own Parish.

NCCW monthly call sessions:

Join other women from all parts of our nation to listen, ask questions and give responses to various topic discussions each month. Watch your email for notification of dates and topic. Also keep an eye out to pray the Rosary with your fellow Council of Catholic Women. Watch for upcoming NCCW announcements on how to register for each session. All participants must register monthly. The sessions have no cost associated with them.

The call-in number for all calls: 515-739-1261. Use access Code 703993#

Times are 5 pm (PT), 6 pm (MT), 7 pm (CT), and 8 pm (ET)

1. If you join the call after the start time, please do not announce yourself despite the instruction to do so.
2. When you join the call, please mute your phone by pressing *6. You can take the phone off mute if you wish to speak by pressing *6 again.

Prayer request displayed on the NCCW website for other members to pray for!

Submit your prayer request to nccw01@nccw.org (request must be no longer than 10 words to be included on the site). Your prayer request will remain online for 30 days.

We are all responsible for the membership of our NCCW. Please support our National Council of Catholic Women so we will always be able to be counted and represented when needed the most!

Be the Voice of Catholic Women - Become an individual or Support Member NOW!

As an individual or supporting member of the NCCW you will:

- a. Be represented at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the United Nations, the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO), Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, and Religious Alliance Against Pornography
- b. Receive the quarterly print magazine Catholic Woman and monthly e-newsletter, Connect, as well as access to all NCCW publications and resources
- c. Be eligible to vote at the Annual Convention and to serve on NCCW Commissions and Committees
- d. Collaborate with Catholic Relief Services, Cross Catholic Outreach, Catholic Charities, Catholic Mobilizing Network, Center of Concern's Education for Justice and many more organizations
- e. Join women across the country in monthly membership calls on current topics, such as new programs to serve the poor and vulnerable, leadership development, parliamentary procedures and so much more
- f. Join with women across the country in leadership, spirituality and service and attend the NCCW Annual Convention, and participate in events such as the March for Life.
- g. Receive a 10 percent discount on all merchandise ordered through our online store.

NCCW reports on the Abortion Voting Laws

It is with profound sadness that the National Council of Catholic Women contemplates the passage of the late term abortion legislation in New York now being promoted in other states of our country. The act of killing a child at any stage of life is unconscionable but killing a baby about to be born into the world that could even be in the birth canal or partially delivered can be considered as nothing more than a barbaric act unworthy of this great nation; a nation that noted the right to life in our Declaration of Independence. We pray that our legislators will understand the sacredness and extraordinary gift of life and that abortion is not a political issue but that there is a moral imperative to preserve and cherish life at all stages. We believe that there is always forgiveness for those who have chosen abortion and we know that God loves them as He does all His children and hope they find the healing they will come to need. There are wonderful options for those who carry a child but do not feel they can parent a child. With

medical advances, there are few cases where the choice must be made of one life over another. The National Council of Catholic Women, deeply shocked and saddened by abortion legislation and, in particular, by late term abortion, wishes to register our opposition to these laws that destroy rather than preserve that most precious gift, life itself.

All Parish Councils should stand up and be counted as Leaders for the protection of our families on this horrendous crime – We will never stop.

NCCW on Human Trafficking

The National Council of Catholic Women, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary are working together, with direction from the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking on Human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for involuntary labor or service. Trafficking victims live among us. They may be growing our food, making our clothes, serving in restaurants or nail salons and building our electronic devices. Human trafficking is a \$150 billion criminal industry. Traffickers use violence, deception, threats and other means to keep people in bondage against their will.

- EDUCATION using resources available from the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking found on their website: www.sistersagainsttrafficking.org and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org/about/anti-traffickingprogram. We also encourage you to have survivors of trafficking or law enforcement officials dealing with human trafficking speak at your meetings.
- MENTORING to keep at risk youth from being trafficked. Information on mentoring training and suggestions on where to find a young person to mentor is found at www.nccw.org.
- PROVISION OF ITEMS NEEDED AT HOMES FOR TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS: If you currently assist any agencies involved with Human Trafficking, please share this information on the HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROJECT TRACKING FORM. The U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking have provided a list of items needed at homes around the country so you can assist in the area nearest to you. The current list is found on the NCCW website: www.nccw.org. If you are not near any of these locations, please check with your local Catholic Charities to find ways to assist with this project in your area.
- ADVOCATE by contacting your legislators and voicing your support for laws that protect our young from being trafficked and that prevent trafficked persons from prosecution.
- PRAY to end Human Trafficking. “Human Trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is crime against humanity.” - Pope Francis As Catholic women we can make such a difference through our united prayer, advocacy, and action. Please join us in this project to end the horror of Human Trafficking.

Always remember your KDCCW Officers and Committee Chairs are always there for you. They want to help and participate in whatever way you may need them to do. Call on them; let them be a part of your Leadership Team!!

*Have a wonderful summer, enjoy and hug your families always!
May our Lord bless you and may you always keep him in your heart!*

Respectfully Submitted:

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