

## What does Council do for me?

- It offers spiritual strength and renewal.
- It presents opportunities to live out your faith in service to others.
- It affords ways to positively impact others as a Catholic woman leader.
- It provides a place to make friends and have fun.

**Does your deanery do these things? Does your affiliate do these things?** If not, ladies will not recognize Council's worth, stop attending meetings, and drop their membership (affiliate and/or individual).

Deaneries are often the only connection/impression of NCCW that some of the ladies have. In what context is Council discussed at the deanery and affiliate level? **Is NCCW *only* brought up when we "want" something? That makes it seem like we only take and do not give!** Perception is EVERYTHING!

*Make sure that what your deanery/ affiliate and NCCW offers is discussed at each meeting—affiliate and deanery!* (At the end of this document is a listing of the materials available.)

And this is not just a Deanery President's job; EVERY ONE of you should be talking up the benefits of your deanery , affiliate and NCCW!

## WHAT DO WE DO?

- We are the hands and feet of the Gospel.
- We are the voice of the voiceless.
- We mold Catholic women leaders.
- We provide spiritual nourishment.
- We are friends in faith.
- We are a sisterhood like no other!

## WHAT DO YOU GAIN BY BEING A MEMBER?

- The joy of fellowship
- Growth as a Catholic woman
- An increase and deepening of personal spirituality
- Satisfaction of knowing that, as part of a national organization, we are making a difference locally, nationally, and globally.

## List of materials available for affiliates/deaneries from both NCCW

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| * Domestic violence materials   | * Membership materials                             |
| * Human trafficking materials   | * Leadership materials                             |
| * Respite program materials   | * Family concerns resources                        |
| * "Joy of the Gospel" materials   | * Parliamentarian and points of protocol resources |
| * Collection of prayers and prayer services   | * Anti-pornography and social media materials      |
| * Guidance and resource manuals   | * International partner resources and programs     |
| * "We Are Called to Witness" (evangelization) materials                                       |  |
| * Retreat and rosary materials (e.g., dignity of women, gifts of the visitation, mercy, etc.) |  |
| * Social justice, public policy, and legislative resources                                    |  |
| * NCCW e-newsletter <i>Connect</i> and NCCW <i>Catholic Woman</i> magazine                    |  |
| * NCCW monthly member calls and NCCW monthly rosary calls                                     |  |

† *In addition, support from every level of Council, national, state, province and deanery!* †