

## **KDCCW Training Committee Report 09/21/19**

As a “newbie” in this position, I am still in the discovery phase – finding out what is expected and how I can contribute in this role to the sustenance of our Council of Catholic Women at all levels – diocese, deanery and affiliate. One of the reasons I accepted this position was to answer the question that has been posed to me – “What does my membership in the Council do for me?”

I plan to provide resources to our KDCCW, CMDCCW and parishes to help us answer that question. It’s a great time to be able to answer that question, since we are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NCCW! In March, 1920, the NCCW was founded under the auspices of the U.S. Catholic bishops. The bishops had witnessed the important work done by Catholic women’s organizations during World War I and had the wisdom to call for the founding of the NCCW to bring these organizations together. This gave the U.S. Catholic women a unified voice, a national service program and the ability to reach out to each other through a national organization. And look where we are today!! Just go to our Member Resources page to find how we have impacted our world in the past 100 years!

But it doesn’t do much good if we don’t share our successes and our initiatives at the affiliate level. How can we do that? At each meeting, talk about our CCW organizations at all levels. There is a great 4 minute video on our NCCW website – “We are NCCW” - Take the time to show this at your next meeting. <https://nccw.z2systems.com/neon/resource/nccw/files/We%20Are%20NCCW.mp4>

October is Council of Catholic Women month – find appropriate ways to celebrate your local affiliate. Attached is a thought-provoking handout – “What does the Council do for me?” Take time to review this and think about your response – What DOES the Council do for me, at all levels. We often focus on issues and charities at our local level and don’t think we can impact issues at a national level – but we can!!