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NCCW :Founded in 1920 by the U.S. Catholic bishops to provide all Catholic women a common voice and an instrument of unified action. Resources available at Member Only Resources NCCW website nccw.org

- Executive Directors report / Treasurers Report on website. (Moved office to save on rent)
- United Nations Report- 7 year plan. Met with Pope Francis. Housing now for representative at Vatican.
- **Monthly Member Call**
- **Monthly Rosary Call-** Our own Michele Peckman on committee. The Rosary Call occurs on the 13th of each month Free Conference Call Number - (515) 606-5163 Access Code: 703993
Obtain past Rosary Mediations / Collection of Prayers for Priests
- Access to free resources via **Members Only Resources link.**
- **Service Project Suggestions:** Our own Pat Ryan showed off her Actress abilities in a skit.
Walking with Moms in Need, Friends with Pens (Prison Pen Pal Ministry), Human Trafficking Awareness, Environment Care.
- LTD's 10 Amazingly Simple Membership Recruitment/ Retention Ideas handout
- Summary of Convention published on Christian Newswire:

National Council of Catholic Women Celebrated 101 Years of Ministry and Service at Their 2020ne Convention

NEWS PROVIDED BY [National Council of Catholic Women](http://www.nccw.org) (NCCW)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8, 2021 /[Christian Newswire](http://www.christiannewswire.com)/ — The National Council of Catholic Women, founded on March 4, 1920, celebrated their 100th birthday this year, delayed by one year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Over 500 Catholic Women from across the United States of America, gathered in Arlington, Virginia to commemorate this special milestone.

Speakers for the 2020ne National Convention included Ana Lisa Piñon, Gloria Purvis, Most Reverend William Wack, CSC, and Elizabeth Tomlin. Presentations on spirituality, leadership and service provided information and resources for women to take to their home parishes and dioceses. Liturgical celebrants were: His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, The Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, The Most Reverend Oscar Solis, The Most Reverend William Wack, and The Very Reverend Miguel Gonzalez. Along with over 35 ordained Spiritual Advisors in attendance, the liturgy was additionally enhanced with music provided by Elias Charles Benn, cantor and Mark Jason Abel, accompanist.

Following the call of the 2018 pastoral letter of the United States Catholic Bishops, Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love – A Pastoral Letter Against Racism, NCCW members approved a resolution to heal our country and communities from the negative effects of racism, prejudices, and all types of discrimination.

The National Council of Catholic Women was presented with a proclamation from the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, recognizing the continued partnership and shared mission to empower Catholic Women in serving God, to firmly support social justice and inclusivity, to prevent human trafficking, and to support victims of domestic violence.

NCCW's mission is to act through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. Its programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. For further information please contact Andrea Cecilli at acecilli@nccw.org or refer to www.nccw.org.

This was a WOW experience for me. Great to travel with Father Dan, Gigi and Pat Ryan again. So many different age groups coming together to make a difference. I feel like I am in a family of strong women. The speakers talked about how the mothers and grandmothers were a big influence in their lives and decisions they made. Makes me think of my grandmother from Italy. Came as a very young lady for an arranged marriage. She was a dress maker, and my grandfather was a shoe maker. Had 5 children and we all lived in the apartment complex they owned. Our past forms us and we have God's blessings we need to use to make a difference and be like Jesus. WOW how the ladies in the past and now are making a difference.



NCCW has come along way. To think that way over 100 years ago women had no voice. Crazy how it still is in other countries. Now NCCW has a voice at the United Nations and has a residence set up at the Vatican. The Holy Spirit puts us in the places we need to be and needs us to recognize the opportunity to serve him by serving our Sisters in Christ.

Story: Day one of convention we sat up front in second row of tables since first row was reserved. A well-dressed woman asks me to help her with her NCCW pin. I made conversation and ask her name. Says Maryanne. Convention continues and there is a presentation to prior Presidents. They announce Maryanne as being 100 years old and presented her with a plaque with the cover of the NCCW that she is on. This amazing woman was by herself at the convention since her son took her. Maryanne would be walking around, and I would see her and redirect her. The Holy Spirit was watching over her. This would happen a few times during our 5 days. God puts you where you should be. Just need to recognize what he wants us to do.

These are a few notations I made during this adventure with my Sisters In Christ and especially Father Dan.

“Sisters In Faith” Example in us / Perseverance, Patience and Love / Moms are key to our souls/ Where do we go from here. WE KNOW so live now well / Show the world you are in Gods grace/ Love thy neighbor / Evangelize, we are invited to be disciples / ASK Can I pray for you?/ Share who you are! / Jesus has beaten the devil already /

Speaker Elizabeth told story about her being a military wife with 3 young children when her husband got deployed. Didn't know many people. Thought she can handle anything by herself. Gets a call that son is at hospital he broke his arm. She goes to him with the other younger siblings. Day goes by and kids running around. She asks for Gods help. Then she remembers a card in her wallet. A woman named Mary, from the church, stopped by a few times and said if you need anything call. Call is placed. Children are picked up and stayed with Mary and her husband. Elizabeth tends to her son and when she goes to pick up her children at Mary's she finds them sleeping on couch with her husband. Marys husband became a father figure to her children. Walking with Mom's in need.

Various Vendors and booths- two I enjoyed talking with:

- National Shrine of our Lady of Good Help. www.championshrine.org Visit them in Champion, WI.
- Catholic Grandparents Association- website www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org