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Diocese of Charleston

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A Message from the President...

Dear Members,

We are off to a good start on our new year and I am excited about all the plans we are working on.

Our June 8, 2019 Board meeting was most successful. We presented our Scholarship winner her award and she was present to accept. Her name is Ashlyn Durel from Bluffton, SC. She will be attending Charleston Southern University and is an amazing young woman. We presented our St. Clare's Home check to Michael Acquilano of the Charleston Diocese in the amount of \$9,946, which was our Convention Project for 2019. Your support of this wonderful Home is most appreciated.

We approved the "Boxes of Joy" project for our Service Commission project this year. Information regarding your participation will be forwarded to you soon by our Service Commission Chair. The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) asked us to participate in this well-known project this year and we are asking our affiliates to consider participating.

Our Spirituality Commission Chair and Church Chair are working on a Retreat Program for all our members to utilize which teaches us about "Holy Moments" and how we can become saints. We hope to have this out to you for your review in the next few months and will have a workshop highlighting this new program at Convention.

I am so excited about being a part of such a dynamic and spiritual group of women and know that with the support of all my Sisters in Christ, we will have a joyful and holy year. Thank you.

Susanne

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Summer Board Meeting

Your new Board of Directors, under the leadership of President Susanne Wolfe from the Greenville Deanery, met for the first time on Saturday, 8 June 2019, in Columbia. During this meeting, Miss Ashlyn Durel was awarded a check in the amount of \$1,500 as the recipient of this year's SCCCW Rev. William Pentis Memorial Scholarship Award. Ashlyn is from the Beaufort Deanery area and attends St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church. She is a graduate of the John Paul II Catholic School and will attend Charleston Southern University this fall. We congratulate Ashlyn on her many accomplishments and know she will be successful in her future endeavors.



Left Photo: SCCCW 2018-19 President, Chris Segars, Miss Ashlyn Durel, and SCCCW Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Fabio Refosco.



Right Photo: President Chris Segars, Mr. Michael Acquilano, and Fr. Fabio Refosco.

Also, a check in the amount of \$9,946 was presented to Mr. Michael Acquilano, Diocese of Charleston, representing monies collected for the 2019 SCCCW Convention Project—The St. Clare's Home. The Home will be "a place where expectant mothers can live and gain life skills while they are pregnant and for some time after giving birth", said Bishop Robert R. Guglielmo. A 4,000 square foot home sitting on 15.6 acres was purchased by the Diocese in 2018 in Greer, SC. The home will contain 9 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, and a pool and is expected to open at the end of this summer.

The new 2019-2020 Board of Directors was introduced and is comprised of talented women from all over the state. We thank them for their time and talents in continuing to oversee our mission to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society and in planning and providing inspiring annual conventions. You can see the complete list of board members on page 15. Make sure to thank the ladies in your deanery for their time and work as the SCCCW board meetings last at least 5 hours with a working lunch, followed by long drives home from Columbia.



From Left: Veronica Yockey, Parliamentarian; Susanne Wolfe, President; and Teresa Walker, Recording Secretary.



President Wolfe leads the meeting as the board members listen and give input at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Administration Building in Columbia.

Did you know:

- We follow the guidelines set forth by the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), headquartered in Washington, D.C., and founded in 1920 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 NCCW to bring these organizations together. This gave U.S. Catholic women a unified voice, a national service program and the ability to reach out to each other through a national organization.
- Most Rev. Emmett M. Walsh, the Sixth Bishop of Charleston, organized the groups throughout the Diocese of Charleston and, on December 19, 1930, the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) was formed.

From the Bishop

To: All Pastors and Administrators

From: Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

Attached you will find my endorsement letter for the SCCCW.

This is an organization that I support and I would encourage you to circulate this letter among the women of your parish. Thank you.

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

April 25, 2019

Dear Sisters in Christ,



As followers of Christ we are called to be servants of our brothers and sisters; and, in so doing, to spread the Faith. As Bishop of Charleston for the past ten years I have had the pleasure of interacting with a fine group of women whose stated goals to "render definite assistance.. .to give service to the Church", and "to assist in the furtherance of the faith and well being of the people of our diocese." This organization is known as the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) and it is present in all seven deaneries and many parishes in the Diocese of Charleston.

SCCCW is a member affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), and membership is open to all Catholic Women in the State. Founded in 1930, the SCCCW continues to grow in strength and numbers. SCCCW Members include parish affiliates (Councils), Deanery councils or individual members if there is no parish or deanery group nearby.

Activities are coordinated on National, State and deanery/parish levels on issues of concern to Catholic Women including church and legislative topics, family concerns, community concerns, international concerns and leadership.

I would urge you to get involved in these critical areas which affect our faith and culture and I encourage you to consider joining the SCCCW. You may do so by contacting any member of the SCCCW or by visiting their website (www.scccw.org).

In the Lord's Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Guglielmone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. A small cross symbol is written to the left of the first letter of the name.

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

Deanery Corner

A look at our mission carried out through **Spirituality, Leadership and Service**

(Colored boxes denote each deanery's color.)



BEAUFORT DEANERY:

Holy Family Ladies Guild, Hilton Head; St. Anthony's Catholic Women's Club, Walterboro; Women of St. Francis By the Sea, Hilton Head; Women of St. Gregory the Great, Bluffton; and Women of St. Peter's Parish, Beaufort

President: Rosemarie Kovarcik (kovarcikfamily@gmail.com)

Highlights of Events from the Affiliates of the Beaufort Deanery

- **Holy Family Ladies Guild** members presented their annual Fashion Show, held at Sea Pines Country Club, which raised over \$13,000. Proceeds were distributed to many beneficiaries, including the Pregnancy Center, Grateful Hearts Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Backpack Buddies, Children's Relief Fund, John Paul II Scholarship Fund, St. Francis Catholic School Scholarship Fund, and St. Ann's Orphanage.
- A member of the **Holy Family Ladies Guild** gave a talk and slideshow on a trip to St. Ann's orphanage in Viet Nam.
- **St. Anthony Catholic Women's Club** members held a Mother's Day Flower sale for parishioners to buy altar flowers in honor of mothers.
- **St. Anthony Catholic Women's Club** members hosted a parish community dinner to celebrate Carlos Marin's ordination to the diaconate.
- **Women of St. Francis** members held New Member Coffees where each was given a packet of information on all the services offered by the women's council.
- **Women of St. Francis** members held a Soup for Scholarship night where 35 soups were prepared. Proceeds were used to present three \$1,000 scholarships to students at St. Francis Catholic School.
- A check for \$3,300 was presented to Msgr. Cellini by the members of **Women of St. Gregory the Great** to purchase a freezer for the kitchen in the Parish Life Center.
- The members of the **Women's Council of St. Peter's Parish** held a prayer service entitled, "Called". Two parishioners who provide spiritual care to the homebound and in facilities were guest speakers. This gave the women insight as to how to serve the aging population.
- A Deanery luncheon was held to honor the Catholic Woman of the Year from each affiliate. Each woman received a corsage. It was at this event that the Catholic Woman of the Year for the Deanery was announced.



CHARLESTON DEANERY:

Blessed Sacrament Women's Guild, Charleston; St. John the Beloved Women's Club, Summerville; and St. Patrick Women's Guild, Charleston.

President: Barbara Birds (barbarabirds6@gmail.com)

Highlights of Events from the Affiliates of the Charleston Deanery

- "To Serve and Love One Another" is the theme of the Charleston Deanery for this year.
- The Deanery's goal is to increase the number of parish affiliate members and individual members.
- The members of the **Blessed Sacrament Women's Guild** planned a reception for the confirmation class on June 4th.
- The members of the **Blessed Sacrament Women's Guild** will partner with the Knights in July to provide a hardy breakfast for the Home Works volunteers and provide meals for the individuals they will be helping in the area.
- The members of the **St. John the Beloved Women's Club** held their annual Spring Baked Goods and Craft Sale and raised over \$1,300. They donated the proceeds to Hope's House, the women's shelter that recently opened in Summerville.
- The member of the **St. John the Beloved Women's Club** also knitted Prayer Shawls for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and for the ill and bereaved parishioners.
- The members of the **St. Patrick Women's Guild** will hold an Annual Tea on June 23rd. The theme is "Children Around the World". Eighteen countries will be showcased by their youth. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the church and for scholarship funds to the high school graduating seniors.
- The members of the **St. Patrick Women's Guild** continue to support the Echo House Seniors by providing weekly appetizing and nutritious meals.



COLUMBIA DEANERY:

Corpus Christi Catholic Women's Group, Lexington; St. Joseph Women's Society, Columbia; and St. Martin de Porres Rosary Altar Society, Columbia

President: Martha Becht (kkmb519@aol.com)

Highlights of Events from the Affiliates of the Columbia Deanery

- The members of the **Corpus Christi Women's Group** held a Spring Tea and Fashion Show to support upcoming parish events.
- An Easter Egg Hunt for children under 10 years of age was held by the members of the **Corpus Christi Women's Group**. They filled over 1,000 eggs with candy and provided gifts and snacks for the children.
- The members of the **St. Joseph Women's Society** assisted with the Parish Picnic on March 31st in honor of their Patron Saint's Feast Day. The members provided the desserts and served over 500 parishioners.
- A Lenten Retreat for all ladies of the parish was hosted by the members of the **St. Joseph Women's Society**. The retreat was led by Sister Mary Cecile who works for the parish as well as serving in Prison Ministry.
- A reception for June Graduates and Retirees was hosted by the members of the **St. Martin de Porres Rosary Altar Society**.
- The members of the **St. Martin de Porres Rosary Altar Society** serve at the Soup Kitchen Ministry.



GREENVILLE DEANERY:

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Women's Council, Greenville and St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, Greenville

President: Jessie Bowens (jbowens@charter.net)



Highlights of Events from the Affiliates of the Greenville Deanery

- The members of the **St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Women's Council** served the neighborhood homeless at their church with a huge cookout. They also painted faces, supervised the bouncy house, and made popcorn.
- The SCCCW 2019 Service Commission Award was given to the members of the **St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Women's Council** for their Kenyan project, "Shoes 4 Water". They will continue this project.
- The members of the **St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women** provided a Star Party which rewards good behavior to the boys at the Generations Group in Simpsonville. Generations Group is the only program of their kind in South Carolina and their program provides help to sexually abused boys and leads the way to end the sexual abuse cycle.
- A fundraiser was held for the new St. Clare's Home in Greer by the members of the **St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women**. Members provided a free Pot Luck Dinner to parishioners. The Honorable Pamela Evette, Lt. Governor of South Carolina, a member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, was the featured speaker. Over \$9,000 was raised.



MYRTLE BEACH DEANERY:

Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies' Guild, N. Myrtle Beach; St. Andrew Women's Club, Myrtle Beach; St. James Ladies Guild, Conway

President: GeorgAnn Feldman (gfeldman@sc.rr.com)

Highlights of Events from the Affiliates of the Myrtle Beach Deanery

- The members of the **Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies' Guild** began a tradition of attending Guild members' funerals and honoring them with candle lights held by each member as the families process out after the Mass and to the Columbarium. It has been a great solace both to the families and to the members.
- The members of the **Our Lady Star of the Sea Ladies' Guild** visit the residence of the Summit Place Assisted Living facility every month for games, crafts, a sing-a-long, and set up an altar for Mass. Once a week Rosary and Communion services are also held.
- A pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Joyful Hope in Kingstree, SC was planned and 53 members of the **St. Andrew Women's Club** attended. The members collected canned goods and toiletries for the poor that the Felician Sisters serve. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Stan Smolenski who also spoke about the life of St. Joseph after Mass.
- The members of the **St. Andrew Women's Club** hosted two events in honor of St. Joseph's Day. A table was set with statues of the Holy Family, flowers, lights and bread in the school cafeteria. The children were given a flyer on St. Joseph and a word search on saints names. The second event was a St. Joseph's Table at 6:00 p.m. for families. Sixty attendees brought food to symbolize their ethnic background and literature and flags were on hand to represent the different countries.

- A reception was held by the members of the **St. James Ladies Guild** for the Rite of Election Catechumens.
- The members of the **St. James Ladies Guild** did the readings for Mary's Way of the Cross during Lent. Stations of the Cross and a Soup Supper were held for the parishioners.



ROCK HILL DEANERY:

All Saints Women's Organization, Lake Wylie; St. Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild, Lancaster; and St. Mary Rosary & Confraternity Society, Rock Hill

President: Jeannette Altenburg (jeannette.altenburg@gmail.com)

Highlights of Events from the Affiliates of the Rock Hill Deanery

- The members of the **All Saints Women's Organization** have been very busy with 2 members serving on the board of Catholic Radio, starting a ministry to pray the Rosary before Mass, forming the St. Joseph's Altar with proceeds going to God's Kitchen, and hosting a baby shower for the St. Clare's Home.
- Retreats were offered for the parishioners by the members of the **St. Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild** entitled, "Women on Whose Shoulders" and "Women through the Centuries".
- A Christmas luncheon was hosted for clients and their families at the Adult Enrichment Center by the members of the **St. Catherine of Sienna Ladies Guild**.
- The members of the **St. Mary Rosary and Confraternity Society** presented gifts to the First Communion Class and served as hostesses for the Seder Meal.

2019 RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions are statements of direction for the SCCCW and its members to use for program planning. A Resolutions Committee submits three resolutions to the SCCCW Board which are then presented to the membership and voted on at the annual SCCCW Convention. The purpose of the resolutions is to create awareness of current issues. Implementation of these resolutions can help guide and create momentum for effective meetings and events throughout the council year.

The resolutions approved by majority vote at the 2019 SCCCW Convention are as follows:

Resolution #1: Healing Divisions

Purpose: To work to heal division in our world; homes, communities, and with government leaders.

Whereas: Divisive voices fill social media, television and other communication venues; generating society's negativity and lack of respect. A lack of response in a positive manner, not only fuels the lack of respect, but is also demeaning to others.

Whereas: In today's world, divisiveness in all levels of society creates an atmosphere that is hostile and destructive.

Whereas: One prayer, one act of kindness, a show of faith and love can result in big changes in our world today.

Whereas: Now is the time to come together as a Christian community to stand up and take responsibility for teaching our young to act in a civil, moral and respectful manner and also to take a stand against negativity and be present in making a difference to build a better future for us all.

Whereas: The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women serves as a source to promote and support individuals with civility in social, economic, cultural, racial and ethical issues within the family, community and government.

Whereas: Jesus calls us to respect the value and dignity of each individual.

Whereas, be it resolved, that the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women acting with faith in conjunction with all of God's people, can be an example of healing divisions with love and respect.

Suggested Actions:

- Pray before responding to a situation or conversation. Evaluate to make sure you understand the issue by researching, Investigating and going back to the original source in a loving manner with humility.
- Improve communication skills to better express exception to ideas without demeaning the individual. Attend workshops or provide workshops on how to speak and communicate with others.
- Contact government leaders to encourage them to work together for the people that they serve with respect and humility. Invite government leaders to speak at meetings or attend meetings where government leaders are present.
- Be an example to those around us!

Resolution #2: The Right to Life

Purpose: To continue and encourage pro-life activities in prayer and in the public square.

Whereas: Our country continues to support Federal law of abortion (Roe vs. Wade). The pro-life movement has made inroads to limit abortion laws in various states. There continues a call to allow for abortion even up to birth including filicide.

Whereas: Science has proven that life begins at conception and as human beings, all have a right to life.

Whereas, be it resolved, that all Christian women join together to pray for forgiveness and a change of heart for all who support abortion.

Suggested Action:

- Encourage members to join in groups or as individuals to pray the rosary for the end of abortion.
- Pray for our representatives at the local, state and federal levels that they have a change of heart and will change the current laws to end abortion.
- Be willing to speak out in the public square to the truth of the evil of abortion.
- To use the following websites for education, information and updates on the concept that all have a right to life.
 - * United State Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) www.usccb.org
 - * National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) www.nccw.org
 - * South Carolina Council of Catholic Women www.scccw.org
 - * Charleston Diocese www.charlestandioocese.org

Resolution #3: The Environment—Plastics

Purpose: Reduce the use of plastic and increase recycling of plastics

Whereas: Most of the world has become part of what our Holy Father, Pope Francis calls, “a throwaway culture” and in the last 70 years, this throwaway culture has resulted in the replacement of other materials with plastic that is either difficult or impossible to degrade in nature;

Whereas: Despite efforts to get people to recycle plastics, we now face a crisis of plastic waste in our oceans with the addition of nearly 10 million tons per year so as to cause damage to marine life and the creation of “plastic soup” at each of the 5 marine gyres in the world as well as unprecedented addition of plastic refuse to landfills; and

Whereas: Less than 50% of the 1 million plastic bottles containing drink water or sodas bought per minute around the world are recycled: therefore be it,

Resolved that the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women advocate for reduction in the use of single use plastic items to include drink bottles and that the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women themselves eliminate or reduce their use of single use plastic items;

Resolved that the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women advocate for an increase in the reuse/recycling of single use plastics;

Resolved that the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women continue to advocate and work for the provision of safe, clean drinking water that is freely available to all persons in all areas of the world; and

Resolved, That the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women unite in prayer so that we may be good stewards for the preservation of the environment of the Earth given us by the Creator.

Suggested Action by the SCCCW Resolution Committee:

- Try to identify the ways in which we can choose reusables, rather than disposables, such as reusable bags, coffee mugs, straws and drinking containers.
- Encourage state government from interfering in counties and municipalities from banning single-use plastic bags.
- Advocate for an increase in recycling of single-use items.
- Provide information awareness workshops to the community.
- Promote and help provide safe, clean drinking water worldwide.

Additional resolutions can be found on the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) website (www.scccw.org) by clicking on the “Resources & Links” tab. The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) website (www.nccw.org) also contains many resolutions to consider such as: Suicide Awareness, Opioid Crisis and Bullying and Harassment. Check them out today for ideas when planning your meetings and events.

Hints & Tips

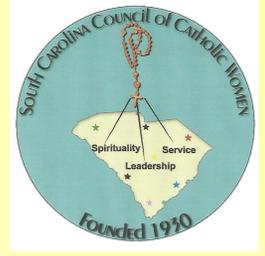
(from the *NCCW Guidance and Resource Manual*)

- **Start each council year with a Planning Meeting.** The main objective is to plan early and to have a written plan so that anyone can execute it. Before beginning your planning process, always begin and end in PRAYER. Remember, a “failure to plan is a plan to fail.”
“Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.” PROVERBS 16:3
- **Choose a theme each council year.** This is a great way to create a cohesive message that can be woven throughout all your programs and activities.
- **Plan a Welcome Back Meeting outlining your goals for the new council year.** Welcome new members and make sure an established member is sitting with them. Use a different colored nametag to identify newcomers so all can welcome them.
- **Spotlight a new member at each meeting.** Ask them to share their story (where they were born, how long have they lived in this area, hobbies and family). This icebreaker will build relationships between members.
- **Recruiting new members and sustaining membership** is not a job for one person. Membership growth and development is every member’s responsibility.
- **Establish an online presence** with a website, a Facebook page or other social media site to communicate council information to attract possible members who are active online and might have limited time to attend meetings.
- **Publicize service projects and their outcomes and results** in the church bulletin, parish newsletter, parish and council websites, or your organization’s newsletters. Success attracts new members!
- **Publicize meetings and events in the church bulletin and your social media site.** Give complete information as to location, time, speaker, and a contact name and e-mail address or telephone number for questions.
- **Plan a special meeting or luncheon to install your new officers.** They will feel more a part of the organization. It’s also important to recognize past accomplishments and those who have given of their time and talents. You may also want to announce your Catholic Woman of the Year during this event.
- **Conventions renew interest!** Encourage your members to attend. Announce the convention details in your parish bulletin and social media site. Invite Catholic women from non-affiliated parishes to attend and learn about the benefits of membership in a Council of Catholic Women. Become a mentor! Remember, educating all Catholic women is part of our mission!

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women



**invites you to join them for their
90th Annual Convention
March 13-15, 2020
Greenville, South Carolina**



**“Here I am Lord...Is it I Lord”
*Samuel 3:1***

Hosted by the members of the Greenville Deanery

Make your room reservations now!

(Convention Registration information will be available in January 2020)



Workshops!

Early Bird Tour!

Vendors!

Fellowship!

Mass w/Bishop!

Speakers!

Morning Rosary!

Catholic Issues!

**Embassy Suites Golf Resort
and
Convention Center
670 Verdae Blvd., Greenville 29607
Call: 1-800-218-8712
and reference: SCCCW Convention
or
Book Online at www.scccw.org**

- ◆ Room rate is \$139.00
 - ◆ Parking is free
- (Special room rate expires midnight, 2/21/20)**



SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN STATE PROJECT

GIFT BOXES FOR POOR CHILDREN



Our project for the state this year is **Boxes of Joy**. We are asking all Deanery Presidents to engage all Affiliate Presidents along with their parishioners in this worthy project.

Cross Catholic Outreach is a ministry that serves the poorest of the poor in developing countries by channeling aid through Catholic missionaries. Just as we collaborate with Catholic ministries around the world, we are looking forward to collaborating with you to serve the poor through the Box of Joy ministry.

Your designated Project Leader will sign up on the Cross Catholic website listed below. Supplies will be shipped to her in late August. Your Project Leader will distribute the gift boxes and you will fill them with toys, small items of clothing, and school supplies. We also ask that you include a short, personal note which will bless these children and leave a lasting impression for years to come. For each Box of Joy, please include \$9 in the envelope provided. This covers \$7 S&H from Drop-off Center to the child's country, and \$2 to support the life-saving ministries of those working with the children. The boxes will be collected and delivered to a deanery drop-off location in your area for further collection and shipping to their final destination.

- Each affiliate is to assign a Group Leader and each deanery a Deanery Project Leader. Please have your leader work with the priest, other parish organizations and parishioners in getting everyone involved.
- Go to www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy to sign up.
- When you sign up, you will receive a welcome kit and all the materials and instructions to get started.
- Make sure to announce the project in your church bulletins and on your social medial sites with complete information, including the contact information of the person in charge for questions.

SCHEDULE:

⇒ Confirm Project Leader, Set Goal and Sign Up	January 1st—October 15th
⇒ Box of Joy Season Kick-Off	September—October
⇒ Hand out Materials to Participants	By October 27th
⇒ Box of Joy Week (Collections)	November 2nd-5th
⇒ Deliver Boxes to Drop-Off Center	By November 10th

For now, one of the drop-off locations is St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Bluffton, SC. We are hoping, with your help, that each deanery could have a certain parish or place as a drop-off center. Please contact either Beverly Buford or Marcella Holmes with your deanery's drop-off location and any questions.

Peace and Blessings!

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DO NOT PACK
Food or Beverages, Medicines or Vitamins,
Liquids or Gels, Chocolate, Military/Police Toys,
Toy Weapons, Glass/Breakables, Knives/Tools

If your parish does not have a Council of Catholic Women and you would like to be a member of the SCCCW, fill out the form below and mail, with your \$10 check for dues, to the address at the bottom of the form. (Contact SCCCW President Susanne Wolfe, susanne.wolfe9@gmail.com or 864-313-5866 for questions.)



South Carolina Council of Catholic Women

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

www.scccw.org



SCCCW Mission Statement

The purpose of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women is to serve as a medium through which the Catholic Women of the Diocese may speak and act as one unit.

Its goals are to stimulate the work of and render definite assistance to the efforts of all affiliate organizations to give service to the Church.

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women will endeavor to create interest in and to assist in the furtherance of the faith and well-being of the people of our Diocese.

Date: _____ Deanery: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Current parish: _____

City/State/Zip _____

New _____ Renewal _____

Official Use Only	
Treas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Input info & send email to Corresponding Secretary
Cor. Sec.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail welcome letter
	<input type="checkbox"/> Input info into <i>SCCCW Directory</i> & <i>SCCCW Gmail</i> database
	<input type="checkbox"/> Email revised <i>SCCCW Directory</i> (copy <i>SCCCW Board of Directors</i>)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Email info to Deanery President
Deanery Pres. & Affiliate Pres.	<input type="checkbox"/> Conduct <i>SCCCW orientation</i> & match with "Membership Buddy"
	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide <i>SCCCW Procedures Manual</i>

Individual Membership Annual Dues—\$10
Please complete this form, include a check made payable to "SCCCW," and mail both to:

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women
c/o Therese Doyle, SCCCW Treasurer
P.O. Box 22222, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925
(843) 816-7677-C jtdhhi@gmail.com

(Form updated July 2019)

Calling all Catholic Women!

(from the NCCW & SCCCW Guidance and Resource Manuals)

- Are you willing to give of your specific talents and time in service where needed?
- Would you like to receive personal satisfaction and fulfillment from exercising your faith through prayer and action?
- Can you set aside time in your busy life to participate actively in your Church and to grow spiritually?

DO YOU WANT:

- to develop your spirituality and share faith experiences with other Catholic women?
- to be with others of similar interests, make new friends, share new experiences, and become an accepted member of the group?
- to utilize your special skills and talents to serve the Church and the larger community?
- to develop leadership qualities that enhance your ability to serve?
- to promote the growth and the public recognition of the organization in the parish and community?

THEN, YOU NEED TO BELONG TO A COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN!

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 way to positively impact others as a Catholic woman leader.
- It brings together Catholic women, as groups and individuals, who are bound together in faith, committed to action, and brings the values of Christ into the world.
- It provides a place to make friends and have fun.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- We are the hands and feet of the Gospel. ~We provide spiritual nourishment.
- We are the voice of the voiceless. ~We are friends in faith.
- We mold Catholic women leaders. ~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
- Opportunities for every woman to participate
- Satisfaction of knowing that, as part of a national organization, we are making a difference locally, nationally, and globally.
- In addition, support from every level of Council, national, state, province and deanery!

THE PURPOSE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (SCCCW):

- The purpose of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women is to serve as a medium through which the Catholic Women of the Diocese of Charleston may speak and act as one unit. Its goals are to stimulate the work of and render definite assistance to the efforts of all affiliate organizations to give service to the Church. The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women will endeavor to create interest in and to assist in the furtherance of the faith and well-being of the people of our Diocese.
- The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women was founded in 1930 and continues to unite all Catholic women in our state who wish to belong to a strong, thriving women's organization. We are an organization of parish affiliates and deaneries that have come together to serve the Church in the geographic boundaries of a diocese. The SCCCW serves not only the Church but also the people of South Carolina with programs that reach out with Christian love.
- Our mission is carried out through the works of 3 Commissions: **Spirituality** (church and legislation), **Leadership** (organization and education), and **Service** (family, community, and international concerns).

If you would like to organize an affiliate (Council of Catholic Women) of the SCCCW in your parish, please fill out the form below and mail to your Deanery Treasurer. Contact your Deanery President (see pages 4-6) for your Deanery Treasurer's information. (Feel free to also contact SCCCW President Susanne Wolfe at susanne.wolfe9@gmail.com or 864-313-5866 for any questions.) Please join us on our mission!



NEW AFFILIATE FORM

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women
and
the _____ Deanery



Name of Affiliate: _____

President: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Vice President: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Treasurer: Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Recording Secretary:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dues:

Number of Members: _____ @ \$2.00 each for the Deanery

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Make check payable to the
_____ Deanery

Affiliate Treasurer: Please mail this form with your dues to your Deanery Treasurer.

Deanery Treasurer: Mail a copy of this form along with your check to the SCCCW Treasurer—
Therese Doyle, P.O. Box 22222, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925

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The Structure of the National Council of Catholic Women

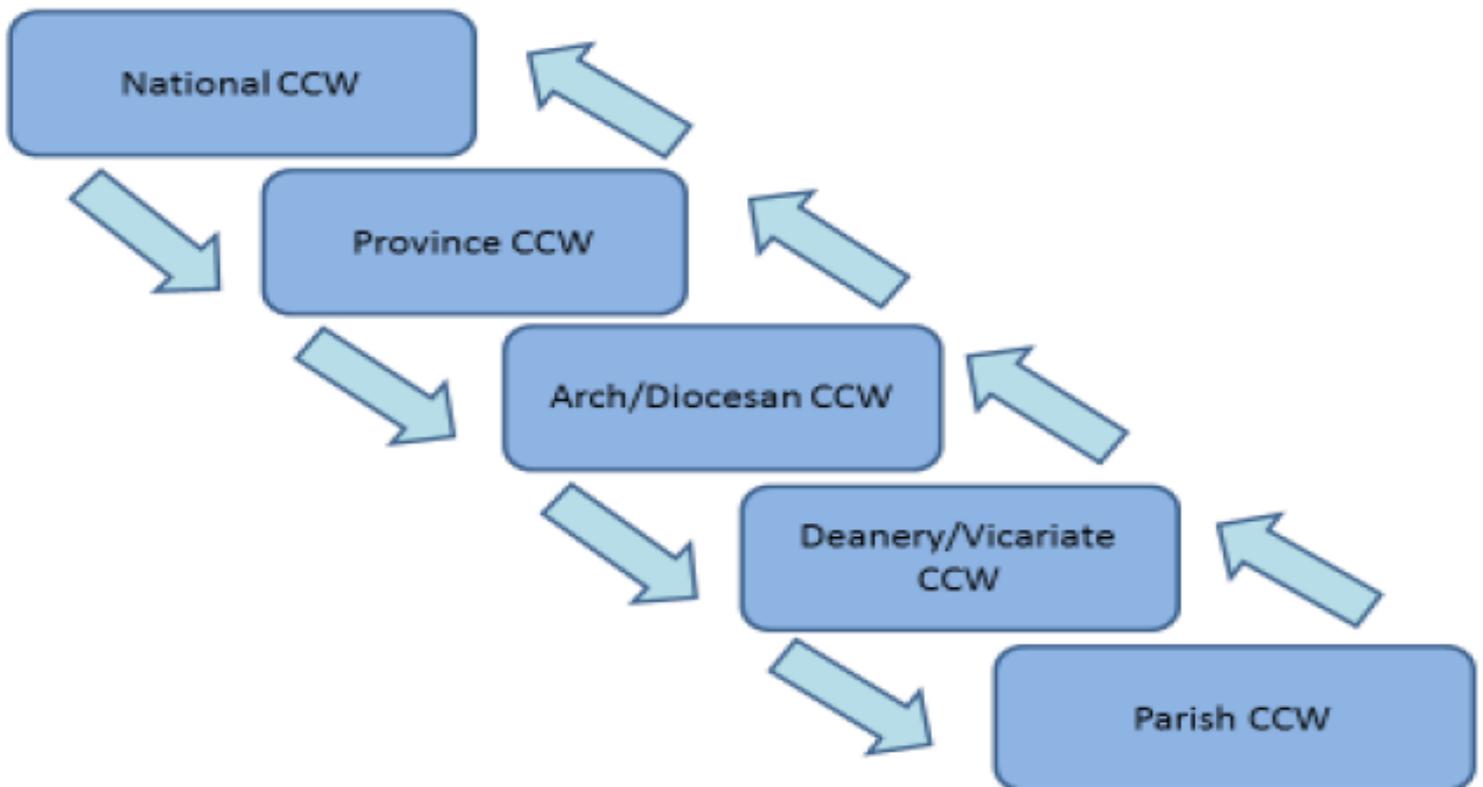
PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Parishes are started by the local Bishop as needed. The Parish CCW is often referred to as the “Affiliate”. The Parish Affiliate is the foundation of the structure.

DEANERY (VICARIATE, DISTRICT) COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: This is the only structure that is called by different names. The Bishop decides how many deaneries are in his diocese. This is a geographic breakdown so priests and CCW can meet on a smaller level due to sizes of dioceses.

ARCH/DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: The Holy Father in Rome decides when and where new dioceses will be established.

PROVINCE: There are 33 Provinces in the United States. Provinces are geographical breakdowns decided by The Holy Father in Rome. This is a civil corporation and operational secretariat through which the Bishops, in cooperation with the other members of the Church, act on a wider-than-ecclesiastical scale for the good of the Church and society in the United States. We elect or appoint Province Directors to be the NCCW Board of Directors.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN is the umbrella organization for ALL Catholic Women’s Organizations. It was started in 1920 by the Bishops of the United States to bring all women’s organizations under one umbrella to be a powerful voice for Catholic Women in society and church.



...Information flows in both directions...

SCCCW 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Diocesan Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Fabio Refosco, C.O.

Elected Officers:

President Susanne Wolfe (G)
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Treasurer Therese Doyle (B)

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(are the Presidents of each Deanery)

Beaufort Deanery Rosemarie Kovarcik
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Columbia Deanery Martha Becht
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Myrtle Beach Deanery GeorgAnn Feldman
Rock Hill Deanery Jeanette Altenburg
Aiken Deanery In Planning Stages

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Service Chair Beverly Buford (CH)
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Parliamentarian Veronica Yockey (G)
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Facilities Coordinator Martha Becht (CO)

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Veronica Yockey (G)

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Jessie Bowens (G)

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Chris Segars	2017-2019	CO
Marlene Grover	2014-2017	MB
Phyllis Atkins	2012-2014	B
Barbara Birds	2010-2012	CH
Lindamarie Richardson	2008-2010	G
Mary Sue Barnum	2006-2008	CO
Joan Mack	2002-2004	CH
Jessie Bowens	2000-2002	G
Carolyn Heider	1994-1996	CH
Peggy Waters	1988-1990	MB
Harriet Condon	1986-1988	CH
Randi Olafson	1982-1984	CO

Note: Letters after each name indicate deanery represented. Beaufort (B), Charleston (CH), Columbia (CO), Greenville (G), Myrtle Beach (MB), and Rock Hill (RH).

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Spirituality, Leadership, Service!

We invite you to join us!

www.scccw.org

Watch for more news in the Fall issue!