

Spring 2007



BULLETIN BOARD

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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Celebrate WUCWO Day of Prayer in May

Older Americans Month

3 National Day of Prayer 2007

13 Mother's Day

WUCWO Day of Prayer

13-19 National Women's Health Week

17 Ascension Thursday

18 **A/DCCW Annual Reports due**

27 Pentecost

28 Memorial Day

JUNE

Home Safety Month

**6-9 NCCW Board of Directors Meeting,
Washington, DC**

17 Father's Day

17-19 Annual Assembly of Catholic Health
Association, Chicago

20 World Refugee Day

JULY

4 Independence Day

12-15 National Black Catholic Congress X, Buffalo, NY

15-20 Social Action Summer Institute, Milwaukee

27-29 National Catholic AIDS Network Conference,
Chicago

AUGUST

Immunization Awareness Month

10-12 Pax Christ USA National Conference and 35th
Anniversary, Seattle

15 Feast of the Assumption

September

3 Labor Day

6-9 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National
Advisory Council Meeting, Baltimore

13 Rosh Hashanah
Ramadan begins

16 National Catechetical Sunday

20-23 NCCW National Convention, Columbus, Ohio

22 Yom Kippur

Dear Readers:

What is more welcome than spring? After a winter of unseasonably mild winters for some, Arctic deep freezes for others, and record snowfalls for still others, many people are happy to have put Winter '07 into the books. And why not, when Spring brings such simple pleasures as the scent of the first turned shovelful of dirt and of Easter gardenias? We have come out of our hibernation and turned our faces to the sun.

We also turn toward the true Son—the Son of God. Now in the Easter season, we hear how the Apostles cowered behind closed doors, fearing discovery by the authorities. Even after Jesus appeared to them, walked with them, and ate with them, they could not put their fear behind them until the sound of a great wind announced the presence of the Holy Spirit. Then they could throw open the doors, announce the good news of Christ crucified and risen, and face hardship and violent death with the peace that only the Spirit can give.

It should be good news to us that the first preachers of the Word knew fear and lacked courage. Because in them we see what the Spirit can do for us, too: melt our fears and transform us into preachers and witnesses of the Good News to each other and to those who do not know Christ. At its best, council is a place where the Spirit can touch us through each other, strengthening us for the work of following the Lord.

May the Easter season bring you peace and joy.

The NCCW Commission Chairs

MISSION STATEMENT

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Combined Commission newsletter of the National Council of Catholic Women, 200 N. Glebe Rd., Suite 703, Arlington, VA 22203. Phone: 703-224-0990; fax: 703-224-0991. E-mail: nccw01@nccw.org. Bulletin Board is produced twice a year and posted on the NCCW web site: www.nccw.org.

Eucharistic Adoration.

Are you interested in Eucharistic Adoration but don't know where to begin? Are you trying to teach your children how to adore Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament and want to know exactly what to tell them? Check out these two websites: <http://www.therealpresence.org> has information and links teaching people about Eucharistic Adoration; <http://www.childrenofhope.org> has information about Children's Adoration.



Divine Mercy Sunday. In his revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska, Jesus asked that the first Sunday after Easter be established as Mercy Sunday, the "Feast of Divine Mercy," when his graces will be available in an extraordinary way to all those who ask. On Sunday, April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II formally announced that the Sunday after Easter would henceforth be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." One way of preparing for Divine Mercy Sunday is to pray the Novena to the Divine Mercy. Information on the Divine Mercy and Divine Mercy Sunday can be found at www.marian.org/divine-mercy/.

Matthew Kelly asks, "Are you becoming the best version of yourself?" Check out Matthew's website, http://matthewkelly.org/about_mk.html, to find answers to these and other questions and to get

Calendar of Holy Women



MAY

- 15 Dymphna—patron of the mentally ill (left)
- 20 Bernardine of Siena
- 22 Rita of Cascia
- 31 Mary & Elizabeth—Feast of the Visitation

JUNE

- 18 Elizabeth of Schonau
- 23 Etheldreda—inner beauty

JULY

- 4 Elizabeth of Portugal
- 6 Maria Goretti
- 12 Veronica
- 14 Kateri Tekakwitha
- 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel (right)
- 20 Margaret of Antioch
- 22 Mary Magdalene
- 26 Ann and Joachim, parents of Mary
- 29 Martha of Bethany

AUGUST

- 11 Clare of Assisi
- 15 Assumption of Mary
- 17 Clare of the Cross
- 18 Helena
- 22 Queenship of Mary
- 23 Rose of Lima
- 26 Elizabeth Bichier
- 27 Monica



his free monthly newsletter. The author of several books, Kelly will be our keynote speaker at the NCCW Convention in Columbus.



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Audio recordings of the daily Mass readings from the New American Bible are now available for download as podcasts through links on the U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign website, www.usccb.org/ccc/. A podcast is a recording that is prepared with actual radio broadcast material for individual listening on computers or the iPod personal music storage system (from Catholic News Service 12//7/06).

Catholic Publications

Living Faith: Daily Catholic Devotions provides daily spiritual reflections from such sources as the published works of Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa, as well as such regular contributors as Sr. Joyce Rupp, Amy Welborn, and Mitch Finley. Writers are drawn from the laity, priests, and religious women. Each daily devotion is a personal reflection on a Scripture passage from the day's Mass readings. More information is available at <http://www.livingfaith.com>.

Living Faith For Kids is designed to help young people ages 8-12 pray



each day using Scripture. Each 128-page quarterly issue provides daily devotions based on one of the readings from the Mass, background on the Church year, saints' days and special events, games and puzzles related to Scripture, prayer and the Church, questions from readers and responses from a parish priest. Visit www.livingfaith.com for more information.

MAGNIFICAT is an easy-to-read, pocket-sized worship aid for the daily Mass that can also be read at home for personal or family prayer. This monthly liturgical prayer book provides a way to enter more fully into the Church's liturgical rhythms and spiritual legacy. More information can be found at www.magnificat.net/us/indexus.htm.

Bookshelf

Catechism of the Catholic Church, available through USCCB Publishing at www.usccbpublishing.org

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, available through USCCB Publishing at www.usccbpublishing.org

Christian Prayer: The Liturgy of the Hours, available through Catholic Book Publishing Co., <http://www.catholicbookpublishing.com>.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Sowing Seeds

Growing A Movement

Bread for the World will host "Sowing Seeds: Growing a Movement," a gathering dedicated to the task of ending hunger and poverty. The Gathering will be held June 9-12 in Washington, DC. Attendees will strategize and develop skills for working with their faith communities and others and will visit Capitol Hill to visit their national legislators. Plan now to attend with other members of your council.

Visit www.bread.org/about-us/national-gathering/ for more information.

Health News. Sr. Carol Keehan, DC, president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States, cited the following statistics in a May 24, 2006 address to the Catholic Media Convocation, (Origins pp. 82-85, June 22, 2006):

75 percent of uninsured women and 48 percent of insured women had not had a mammogram within two years (from *Gaps in Health Insurance: An All-American Problem*, The Commonwealth Fund, April 2006).

60 percent of employers offered their workers health insurance coverage in 2005, down from 69 percent in 2000 (from *Workers' Health Insurance: Trends, Issues, and Options to Expand Coverage*, prepared for The Commonwealth Fund/Alliance for Health Reform 2006 bipartisan congressional health policy conference based on the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Employer Health Benefits 2005 Annual Survey).

At least one person is employed in eight of ten uninsured families, and usually that person is working in multiple jobs (from Employee Benefit Research Institute estimates from the March Current Population Survey, 2005 Supplement).

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS, CONTINUED

We all have a unique

gift we can use to serve others. For Pat Benincasa of St. Paul, MN, it is her art. Benincasa struck a medal of St. Joan of Arc and, using her own money as well as donations and sale proceeds, is making and sending them to our troops in the Middle East. She took the image from a painting of St. Joan she was working on but had set aside. Hearing about a shortage of body armor for the troops, she decided to make "a different kind of body armor" for the soldiers—a medal. Friends and relatives started sending donations, which she joined with her own money to ship 500 of the medals to a chaplain in Iraq who requested them. Pat sells the medals on her website for purchasers to send overseas, specifying that they are not to be resold, and uses the proceeds to fabricate and send more medals. According to Pat's website, www.patbenincasaart.com/joan_medal.htm, over three thousand medals have been sent to the troops to date.



October 7-13, 2007 is Mental Illness Awareness Week. To learn what your council can do to participate, visit www.nami.org (click on Inform Yourself, then Upcoming Events).

November is for Caregivers.



Start now to plan your council's activities in support of National Caregivers Month. Information on activities, promotional and educational material, and other assistance

are available at the website of the National Family Caregivers Association, www.thefamilycaregiver.org/index.cfm.



Persons with mental illness may face the decision whether to disclose the illness to their employers. There is no one right answer for everyone. Employees who do disclose can take advantage of the protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act and may get support from their employers that will make it easier to manage their illnesses. Nonetheless, many people are reluctant to open up about their conditions because of the stigma that still attaches to mental illness. For more information about mental illness and work, visit:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission guidelines on enforcement at www.eeoc.gov/policy/docs/psych.html.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics on mental health at www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/mental.htm.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness at www.nami.org.

National Institutes of Health: www.nimh.nih.gov.

— collected in The Washington Post , Feb. 18, 2007

Consolidate and save your personal health record (PHR) for use in case of emergency. Your health information is fragmented—each of your physicians keeps his or her own file about you. None of them is complete. Included in the information a personal health record should contain is:

- Contact information for your physician, dentist, and other specialists;
- Identification, including name, address and Social Security number;
- Emergency contact information;
- Health insurance information;
- Living wills and advance directives;
- Illnesses and surgeries;
- Current medications and dosages;
- Allergies;
- Important test results;
- Permission forms for release of information, operations, and other medical procedures;
- Any other information you want to include about your health.

You can find much more information at www.myphr.com.

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse

(CASA) at Columbia University has brought out a book on substance abuse in women, *Women Under the Influence*. Based on ten years of research, the book analyzes substance abuse in women and girls. The book is available from The Johns Hopkins University Press at www.press.jhu.edu/. Information on substance abuse can also be obtained from the National Catholic Council

on Alcoholism and Related Drug Problems, Inc., www.nccatoday.org/.

Child Labor. According to a U.S. Labor Department study, in 2005 millions of children in 137 countries around the world were pushed into prostitution, drug trafficking, fighting in armed conflicts, and other dangerous activities by earthquakes, a major tsunami, and other natural disasters (The Washington Post, September 6, 2006).

FAMILY CONCERNS

Start planning for the 2007 Pray for the Children Weekend—October 19-21. This is a time for entire communities to pray together for children who are troubled or who feel alone with their problems, to encourage young people to pray for each other,



and to provide a vehicle to educate adults about issues that youth face today. Go to www.prayforthechildren.net to download the brochure and get ideas your parish and diocesan council can use to observe the weekend. Let's pray together that our children will grow up happy and holy.

The National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved

has some excellent materials to assist your council or parish bereavement ministry. Its new brochures, "A Time to Heal Emotionally," "When Your Baby is Stillborn," and "Ritualizing our Good-Byes," are available for a

small charge from NCMB,

Box 16353, St. Louis, MO 63125, by phone at 314-638-2638, or at www.griefwork.org.

Ten Ways to support the caregivers in your parish from www.youraging-parent.com:

1. Read the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Blessings of Age: A Pastoral Message on Growing Older Within the Faith Community," which is available at www.usccb.org/aging.shtml. Purchase copies at www.usccbpublishing.org (click on "Bishops' Statements") to make it available for parishioners.

Prayer time at home. How can busy families integrate family prayer into their lives? Here are some tips gleaned from attendees at the WUCWO General Assembly hosted by NCCW in Arlington, Virginia in May of 2006:

Bless and Caress: As family members depart for the day they are each blessed.

Families decide together what intentions are most critical to the family.

Each member prays for these intentions at the same time every day no matter where they are;

Parents should let children see them praying; children learn by example;

Ask God to resolve family problems according to his will;

Remember to pray your thanks for answered prayer.

Start small, especially with older children who may not be used to the family focus on God. Don't make them feel pushed into participating. Give them time and pray for them in your private prayers.

— Palm Beach DCCW Newsletter, Sept.-Oct. 2006, with excerpts from *Making Prayer Happen at Home*, *Integrating Prayer into Your Family Life* and *The Florida Catholic*.

2. Survey the parish to identify the needs of the caregivers in your community.

3. Collect and distribute information from the local Area Agency on Aging, diocesan programs, the Internet, and other sources.

4. Start a caregiver support group.

5. Ask your priests to talk about caregivers in their homilies and to remember them in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.

6. Regularly provide caregiver information in the parish bulletin and school publications and on the parish website.

7. Have parish pastoral ministers visit the homebound. Also offer assistance and encouragement to their caregivers.

8. Host a "Caregivers' Day" to honor your families' caregivers with an event that recognizes their contributions, offers them information to help them in their tasks, and gives them an

opportunity to meet fellow caregivers. (Include respite care as part of the event for those who need it.)

9. Sponsor educational presentations for pastoral care ministers and parish staff to increase their awareness of a caregiver's roles and needs.

10. Set up a prayer chain so fellow parishioners can remember the needs of caregivers in their prayers.

New Ulm, Minnesota CCW Family Concerns Commission came up with a great idea for increasing our families' knowledge of our faith. Start a Faith Facts corner in your parish bulletin or CCW newsletter to inform readers on practices of our faith such as why we genuflect and why we ring bells during the Eucharistic Prayer. These can form the basis for family discussion during dinner or at other appropriate times. Information can be found in Al Kresta's book *Why Do Catholics Genuflect?*, in *The New Catholic Answer Bible*, and at www.cplats.org. (New Ulm DCCW Newsletter, August 2006)

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FAMILY CONCERNS, CONTINUED

Has your council considered RESPITE? If you live in a parish or town that has many elderly or disabled people living with family members, there may be a great need for such a service. Trained RESPITE volunteers spend time with the dependent person so family caregivers can take a short break. The national office has resources to help you set up and operate a

RESPITE program. Visit www.nccw.org and click the link under *Publications and Resources*. The *RESPITE Manual* (2nd Ed.) and the RESPITE video, "A Gift of Love," are available through the website.

Join the fight against sex and violence in media. The Family Media Guide helps you choose family entertainment carefully and is available

for \$5.00 at www.familymediaguide.com/. You can obtain more information about media from the American Family Association, www.afa.net and from Morality in Media, www.moralityinmedia.org. In addition, you can make your voice heard in the halls of media itself, at: www.abc.com; www.cgs.com; www.nbc.com; www.fox.com; and www.warnerbrothers.com.

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Hunger Report 2007: Healthy Food, Farms & Families.

The Bread for the World Institute publishes an annual report every year on the state of world hunger. Visit www.bread.org/learn/hunger-reports for more information.



QC JOJ IPO, Canada. www.wucwo.org or www.umofc.org.

Pray for peace. Prayer is a powerful resource. "Our times call for a new readiness to assist our neighbors in need" (God is Love *Deus Caritas Est*, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI).

Faces of Poverty around the World. USCCB's website updates us on the millions of people around the world who lack access to enough food to lead healthy and productive lives. Six million children under the age of five die every year as a result of hunger. Visit www.usccb.org for more information.

the interests of seafarers through its organizational ties. For more information on Apostleship of the Sea, visit www.aos-usa.org.

The Wooden Bell

is a magazine for CRS donors, who not only hear the cries of the poor, but answer with compassion. In the December 2006 issue, "Partnerships that Save Lives" explains how our colleagues help us serve the poor overseas. Visit www.crs.org for more information.



Have you ever felt the call to mission work? Maryknoll Lay Missioners serve the poor in over 17 countries. Some sign up

for a short period; others stay for a lifetime. The Maryknoll Friends Across Borders program sponsors a number of Mission Awareness Trips for interested

people every year. Visit www.friend-sacrossborders.org.



Women's Voice is the official newsletter of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO). An annual subscription (minimum of 3 issues) is \$15 US per year. Send checks to: WUCWO Treasurer General, Stella Bellefroid, 1009 Rang Ducharme, Pike River,



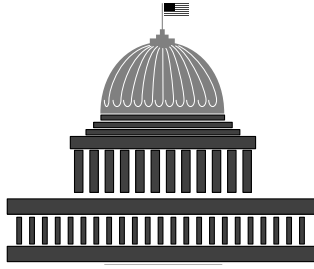
The Apostleship of the Sea, a Catholic priestly ministry to seafarers, was founded in the same year as NCCW, 1920, by three priests in Scotland.

The Pope blessed and encouraged the new ministry, and today Apostleship of the Sea exists in every major country. It maintains port chaplains for those who live aboard ship, places priests on cruise ships, and promotes

We Catholics believe we are all part of one human family. Support Catholic Relief Services' mission to feed families, shelter refugees,

rebuild shattered lives, protect health, develop sustainable communities, and restore hope in 99 countries around the world. For more information, visit www.crs.org.





To become informed and effective advocates on all issues we must read. Download information and share it at your next meeting. Not computer savvy? Ask a college woman to do the computer search for you and invite her to share this information. You may have a new member of Council right in your midst!

Visit www.ncsl.org, the website of the National Conference of State Legislators, to inform yourself on legislation in your own state. The site also lists Internet sites for all state legislatures. For state legislation on which your state Catholic Conference has a particular interest, go to www.nasccd.org, the website of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors, which can link you with your state Catholic Conference website.

Become aware of farm issues and learn about the lives of those who grow our food. The National Catholic Rural Life Conference seeks to influence U.S. farm and food policy to reflect the principles of Catholic social teaching, which include human dignity, the common good, the preferential option for the poor, and the integrity of creation. Its areas of concern include the rights of agricultural workers, the availability of healthy foods, stewardship of the environment, and the quality of rural life. To learn more, visit their website at www.ncrlc.com.

Start the day well, visit the website www.sacredspace.ie/ for the prayer that we all need every day to start our day of living for the Lord. Spend 10 minutes in prayer. Feel the Spirit within yourself.



Death Penalty. The Church continues to speak out in opposition to the death penalty. In a recent statement, the Vatican called it “an affront to human dignity.” State Catholic Conferences around the U. S. are taking an active role in efforts to repeal state capital punishment laws. See www.usccb.org and the newsletter of Catholics Against Capital Punishment, February 26, 2007, www.cacp.org.

Partial-Birth Abortion Act Upheld

On April 18, the United States Supreme Court upheld the federal Partial Birth Abortion Act, which bans the practice in which a late-term fetus is killed after most of its body has been delivered. The Court’s 5-4 majority held that banning the partial birth procedure entirely is constitutional and does not infringe upon the “abortion right” found in previous Court decisions. Cardinal Justin Rigali, Chairman of the USCCB’s Committee for Pro-Life Activities, welcomed “the Court’s explicit recognition of certain key facts: that abortion is the taking of a human life, and that government has a legitimate interest in protecting and preserving this life at every stage; that ‘respect for human life finds an ultimate expression in the bond of love the mother has for her child’; that abortion may also cause grief and sorrow for women. . . and that the ethical integrity of the medical profession, as well as the fabric of our society, is threatened by the acceptance of practices that are difficult to distinguish from infanticide.”

The Cardinal expressed the hope that the decision will usher in a “new dialogue on abortion” which will give consideration to “the genuine interests of unborn children and their mothers, to the need for an ethically sound medical profession, and to society’s desperate need for a foundation of respect for all human life.”

The Act can now be enforced for the first time since it was signed in 2003.



Stem Cell Research.

The media gives a great deal of coverage to celebrities advocating for embryonic stem cell research.

Know the facts—visit the website of Do No Harm: The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics at www.stemcellresearch.org.

For a discussion of life issues

and available materials, see the National Right to Life website, www.nrlc.org. Information can also be obtained at the United States bishops’ website at www.usccb.org/pro-life.

Parish Council To-Do List

1. Develop a job description for every leadership position in your council. It's much easier to find women willing to say yes to a position if they know what is expected of them.
2. Review your council's bylaws and bring them up-to-date.
3. Evaluate—always look back and then forward. Are there some activities no longer pertinent today? What can be offered in their place?
4. Use the *NCCW Guidance and Resource Manual* as a resource manual for the above tasks.

Watch for NCCW's new Spirituality and Leadership Training resources available this fall.

We're going. Are you? Don't miss the benefits of attending an NCCW Convention:

1. The opportunity of participating in a wonderful Eucharistic Liturgy each day.
2. The educational opportunity to listen to a variety of excellent speakers.
3. Meeting and sharing with Catholic women from around the country.
4. An enthusiasm builder—it's an exciting experience and you will go home refreshed and invigorated and ready to work in your council at home.

Remember—to vote, individual or affiliate dues must have been paid in full!

From the newsletter of the Rockford, Illinois DCCW: Put a personal greetings box or column in your newsletter to congratulate members on weddings or the birth of a child, as well as get well wishes and condolences. This keeps members informed of major events in other members' lives and gives the person remembered a feeling of being thought of and cared for.

NCCW National Convention, Columbus, Ohio September 20-23, 2007



Photo courtesy of Rod Berry

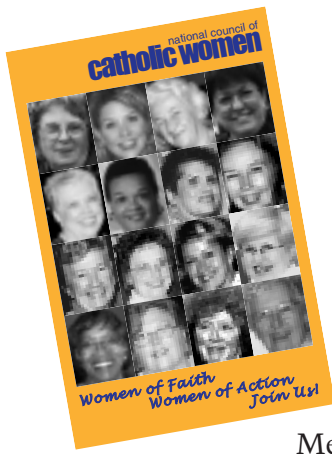
Treat yourself to a few days of hearing wonderful speakers and participating in excellent liturgies—an enriching experience of interacting with your council sisters from around the country! Think what you have to look forward to as you read the following summary written after the General Assembly and printed in the West Virginia Council of Catholic Women's newsletter:

Any national meeting of NCCW is an extraordinary mix of Catholic women from different parts of the country bringing new ideas about programs and membership. Some diocesan councils are bursting at the seams even though women have to drive great distances to participate. Other councils use innovative programs in their efforts to reach women who are geographically dispersed. In some of the large states there are several diocesan councils whereas other states are like West Virginia and have only one.

Countdown to Convention

Mark these dates on your calendar as you prepare to go to Columbus.

April	A/DCCW presidents receive registration information
May 1	Deadline for Convention Program ads
July 6	Postmark deadline for Convention registration discount rate
July 20	NCCW mails Board-approved, proposed Bylaws and Resolutions
August 11	Banquet reservation deadline
August 17	Last date to cancel Banquet reservation
August 19	Postmark deadline for all full-price Convention registrations
August 22	Last date to cancel Convention registration
September 7	Tour pre-registration deadline
September 19	Last date for special NCCW convention hotel rate
September 20-23	Raffle ticket, advanced sales deadline
	Optional tours
	Columbus Convention



Join Us. Be Counted!

NCCW's Individual Membership Recruitment Campaign

Membership in the National Council of Catholic Women is for you.
NCCW responds with Gospel values to the needs of Church and society through
Spirituality • Education • Service • Advocacy • Global Solidarity

NCCW membership is open to all Catholic women and parish women's groups who support these concepts and mission—and membership can help you

- Grow spiritually, enriching your faith
- Understand Catholic social teaching
- Advocate for a culture of life and social justice
- Promote moral solutions to societal ills
- Develop leadership skills
- Form lasting friendships
- Nurture family faith and values

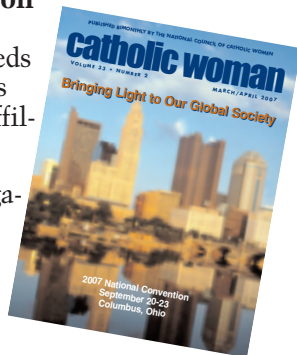
Who is the National Council of Catholic Women?

- ... individual women of faith and action
- ... a national network of diocesan, regional, parish, and national women's groups
- ... women united to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, in leadership, and in service.

Women of faith, women of action

The National Council of Catholic Women proudly represents hundreds of thousands of women in parishes across the country in over 4,000 affiliated groups.

In addition to our bi-monthly magazine *Catholic Woman*, we offer a full range of membership benefits and opportunities for spiritual enrichment.



Spirituality

Join a circle of prayer with Catholic women across the country.

Education

Periodicals, special publications, and workshops offer information, ideas for action, and training specifically designed to enrich the life and support the activities of faithful Catholic women.

Networking

Meet and work with Catholic women who share your values at local, regional, and national meetings of NCCW and its affiliated women's organizations.

Advocacy

Receive updates on legislative initiatives to inform and support your grassroots advocacy of a culture of life and social justice. Among the issues NCCW publications and resources help you address are the sanctity of life, morality in the media, women's health, domestic violence, sexual abuse and exploitation of women and children, environmental justice, and the safety and welfare of children. And NCCW Board members represent you at the White House and on Capitol Hill.

Gatherings

In alternating years, NCCW members convene at a biennial convention or general assembly to share information and learn from nationally recognized Catholic leaders.

- ✓ liturgy and prayer
- ✓ inspiring general sessions
- ✓ informative workshops
- ✓ leadership development

Count me in!

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$20 made payable to NCCW, for my 12-month NCCW individual membership.

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In the City/State _____

And the diocese of _____

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