



Cathedral Council of Catholic Women

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Our Mission

The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women promotes spiritual growth, enthusiasm for our faith, and willingness to share our faith with others through prayer and actions of servant leadership. CCCW provides leadership, support and education to all Catholic women through programs, meetings, committees and social gatherings. The CCCW encourages support of our parish, school, community and international needs through prayer and servant leadership.



History of Catholic Women

The National Council of Catholic Women was founded in 1920 under the auspices of the United States Catholic Bishops, who recognized the influence on church and society already exerted by American Catholic women. In response, the Cathedral Altar and Rosary Society was established around 1924. At the time, ladies prepared meals and washed vestments for the priests and bishop. They hosted card parties and style shows and paid for the altar breads and wine for Cathedral masses. They also hosted luncheons for the altar boys and provided flowers for the altar.

Times have changed

The role of women in the Church has changed. Today, women of the parish have more visible roles in parish and community life, and the CCCW has taken a very active role in our parish.

Service and Social Opportunities

Service to our parish:

- Prepare funeral lunches; Established Cathedral Cares & support needs of parish nurse
- Make Baptismal Bibs for newly baptized babies in the parish
- Organized Lenten soup suppers and monthly What's for Dinner?; Established monthly parish book club
- Contribute \$500 toward Vacation Bible School; Support Annual Auction
- Organize annual skate event for altar servers and children's choir

Service to our School:

- Provide \$6,000 in scholarship funds each year to Cathedral students with proceeds from the Annual Ice Cream Social & garage sale; Classroom Magic Match sponsor
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Join CCCW Today!

All women of the parish are members of the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women in spirit. Membership dues (\$10 but not required) support the organization and its activities around our parish, school and community as well as its affiliation with the Deanery, Diocesan and National Councils of Catholic Women.

We invite you to participate in CCCW activities and programs that support and promote: Spirituality, Service and Socialization.

(see reverse side to complete form to Join CCCW)

Service to our diocese:

- Send birthday cards to seminarians
- Donate a majority of the Christmas Bake Sale proceeds to the Bishop’s Seminary Fund for the education of our future priests
- Participate in the Deanery, Diocesan, and National Councils of Catholic Women

Service to our community:

- Provide 17 home-cooked meals each year to the homeless at the Helping Hands Homeless Shelter
- Coordinate Breadline Sunday at Cathedral; Make Blessing Bags for Helping Hands clients
- Represent Cathedral parish at Church Women United; Collect calendars for women in prison
- Christmas donations: Catholic Charities, St. Martin de Porres Center, Mini O’Beirne Crisis Nursery, Pregnancy Care Center
- Past activities include collecting supplies for Hurricane Katrina victims, gathering linens for Contact Ministries Women & Children’s Homeless Center, collecting towels for the Holy Family Crisis Office, gathering infant & toddler clothing during the annual Christ Child Shower, and many more



Service to our world:

- Contribute to Deanery Water for Life and Help a Child funds at our monthly meetings

Spiritual Growth

- Reinforce our faith through prayer and service works of the Church
- Encourage members to grow their faith through parish, diocesan ministries, and Dynamic Catholic programs
- Provide education about Saints and Catholic social teaching

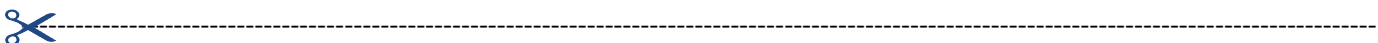
Social opportunities:

- Conduct monthly meetings (September-May)
- Offer bus trips; Celebrate with dinner/show social nights; Have fun at ladies’ craft nights

Build Leaders:

- Cathedral parishioners Rita Greenwald and Dr. Rebecca Woodhull have served as President of the NCCW.
- Numerous Cathedral women have served in leadership roles for the Springfield Deanery, Springfield Diocese and the Chicago Province Councils of Catholic Women.

Meetings are held monthly in the school hall on Tuesday evenings. Watch the bulletin or email for meeting dates.



Join CCCW Today! Please take a few minutes to tell us about yourself:

1. How long have you been a member of Cathedral? _____ Number in your family _____
2. Do you have or have you had children attend Cathedral grade school? Yes No
3. What level of membership participation would you prefer?
 - Support only. I’ve enclosed a contribution. Semi-active. I will participate in selected CCCW projects
 - Active membership. I plan to attend most meetings. I have questions about CCCW. Please call me.

Name _____ Email address _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

Special talents you can share: _____