

## Join CCCW Today!

All women of the parish are members of the Cathedral Council of Catholic Women in spirit. Membership dues 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.

Please take a few minutes to tell us about yourself:

1. How long have you been a member of Cathedral? \_\_\_\_\_
  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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_



## 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 Altar and Rosary Society was established at Cathedral before or in 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.



## 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.



## Service and Social Opportunities

### Service to our parish:

- Prepare funeral lunches
- Clean the church each month
- Host the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet
- Make Baptismal Bibs for newly baptized babies in the parish
- Sponsor bake sales to purchase items needed by the parish
- Contribute \$500 toward Vacation Bible School



### 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:

- Assisted 2 Cathedral school families with utility bills
- Provide 24 home-cooked meals each year to the homeless at the Helping Hands Homeless Shelter
- Make Blessing Bags for Helping Hands clients
- Coordinate Breadline Sunday at Cathedral
- Represent Cathedral parish at Church Women United
- Christmas donations: Catholic Charities, St. Martin de Porres Center, Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery, Pregnancy Care Center
- Collect calendars for women in prison
- 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 School:

- Provide \$6,000 in scholarship funds each year to Cathedral students with proceeds from the Annual Ice Cream Social & garage sale
- Prepare lunch for Cathedral Teachers and staff during Catholic Schools Week

### 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 and diocesan ministries.
- 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 in the school hall on Tuesday evenings. Watch the bulletin for meeting dates.

I would like to help with the following activities:

- Bake sales
- Mother -Daughter banquet
- Community services projects
- Teacher appreciation luncheon
- Ice Cream Social
- Garage Sale
- Social events
- Church cleaning
- Funeral lunches

[Comments/Suggestions Here](#)

### How to reach us

Drop this in the Sunday collection basket, mail to the parish office at the address below, or bring with you to a CCCW meeting.

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