



2018 NCCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award

The National Council of Catholic Women's **Our Lady of Good Counsel Award** recognizes significant and outstanding contributions made by a council woman in the areas of service to the Church, the Council of Catholic Women, her parish, and the community at large.

AWARD CRITERIA

Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- A woman who has made a significant contribution on the diocesan, deanery/subdivision, parish, or national level of NCCW;
- A woman who has served as an outstanding role model of service to others;
- A woman who has shown exemplary leadership and made significant contributions to the mission, vision, and programs of NCCW;
- A woman whose life reflects the Gospel values of justice and peace;
- A woman who supports the gift of a multi-cultural church and who enables others to share their gifts in their council work;
- A woman who serves as a model of collaboration with others in her diocese, subdivision or parish; and

Nominations should have the support of the diocesan council. The nominee must be an NCCW individual or Supporting member actively involved in council and council work. Nominees may be re-submitted in subsequent years. **Members currently serving on the National Board of Directors are ineligible.**

NOMINATION DEADLINES AND SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations open: Monday, March 12, 2018. Deadline for submission: Monday, April 23, 2018. There will be no exceptions. The nomination package should be sent directly to the NCCW office via email or regular mail and received by close of business April 25, 2016. No admissions will be accepted after this date. **EVERYTHING REQUIRED MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER IN ONE MAILING.** Note: nominations sent via email will necessitate scanning reference letters.

Selection process: Only those serving on the NCCW OLGC Award Selection Committee will review nominations and will select the award recipient of the **2018 NCCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award**. A blind review process will be used with each nomination package assigned a number. The identity of the nominee will remain anonymous during the selection process; therefore, **the nominee's name must only be used on the cover sheet of the application.** Throughout the application, please use only pronouns or "our nominee" or "the nominee" etc. The NCCW OLGC Award Selection Committee will review and select the award recipient. The Chair will report directly to the NCCW President.

Award presentation: The award will be presented at the **NCCW 2018 Annual Convention**. The award recipient will also be recognized in the monthly e-newsletter NCCW CONNECT, on the NCCW website and in the Catholic Woman magazine following the presentation at convention.

ONLY COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKETS CAN BE CONSIDERED.

2018 NCCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award Nomination Form

Return this nomination form **and all attachments** to:

National Council of Catholic Women Attn: Our Lady of Good Counsel Award
200 North Glebe Road, Suite 725 Arlington, VA 22203

Complete packet must arrive at the NCCW office by Monday, April 23, 2018. **No Exceptions.**

Please keep answers precise and to the point. For consistency, attachments should be typed in 12pt font, double-spaced with a 1 inch margin on all sides of the pages.

Nominee: _____

Affiliation: _____

Diocese: _____ Province: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Organization (A/DCCW, other Catholic organization) submitting this nomination:

Name, address, telephone & email for **Person Completing this Application:**

The nominee's name must only be used on this cover sheet of the application. Throughout the rest of the application, please use only pronouns or "our nominee" or "the nominee" etc. This includes reference letters and resume.

Additional information required:

1. TWO (2) letters of support/endorsement of the nominee: ONE (1) from the Arch/Bishop or A/DCCW Spiritual Advisor and ONE (1) from any of the following: past or current diocesan officer; affiliation spiritual advisor, affiliation officer (any level of council) or leader in NCCW.
2. NOMINEE's resume, including: NCCW, Province, Arch/Diocesan, Affiliation and community activities, education, professional experience, and relevant personal information.

Nominations which are incomplete or do not follow instructions will be disqualified.

*****OFFICE USE ONLY*****

DATE REC'D _____ US Mail _____ or email _____

Email confirmation sent to 2018 Selection Committee Chair (teresa.sarzynski@gmail.com) _____

Number of pages (please count sealed envelopes/reference letters as one (1) page) _____

NUMBER ASSIGNED FOR BLIND REVIEW: _____

DATE MAILED TO SELECTION COMMITTEE _____

Nomination Questions:

Please use separate sheets to answer these questions. Keep answers precise and to the point and avoid redundancy. For consistency, attachments should be typed in 12pt font, double-spaced with a 1 inch margin on all sides of the pages. Be sure to number your answers and answer all questions!

You have chosen to submit a nominee from your area because she is an amazing Council woman-----take the time needed to gather all the facts you need to give the committee a comprehensive packet to consider. Your nominee deserves your best effort in this process!

1. How has the nominee shown exemplary leadership and made significant contributions to the mission and programs of NCCW?
2. How does the nominee's life reflect the Gospel values?
3. How has the nominee supported the spiritual and leadership development of other council leaders and been an outstanding mentor to future leaders in Council?
4. How has the nominee shown collaboration with others in her diocese, deanery/subdivision or parish?
5. The Church in the United States is multicultural. How has the nominee embraced and promoted acceptance and inclusion of all cultures in any level of Council?
6. What would the nominee consider her most outstanding contribution to the National Council of Catholic Women at any level of Council?
7. How would the nominee say that belonging to the National Council of Catholic Women has enriched her life?

On the day that the COMPLETE PACKET is sent to the NCCW OFFICE, please send a BLIND email message to Teresa Sarzynski, Selection Committee Chair, indicating that you have done so and the total number of pages. Please count sealed envelopes and reference letters are one (1) page. **DO NOT include the name of the nominee!!**

"A nominee for the NCCW OLGC Award has been sent to the NCCW office. The nomination packet had ___pages."

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