

April Connect

Dear Members,

Spring is officially here so for me it means lots of cloudy raining days. Although that does not sound good the rain brings out the beautiful flowers that have been dormant all winter. It's such a wonderful time of year to enjoy our blessings.

Some people have expressed confusion on the 501c3 and/or tax exempt status and relationship to the National Council of Catholic Women of a Province. Affiliates get their 501c3 status from their parish if they are a parish affiliate or diocese if they are a diocesan entity. Nobody but NCCW can utilize the NCCW 501c3 status. NCCW is in the Kennedy Directory under USCCB so that is where NCCW derives its status.

It is my understanding that a Province gets its tax exempt status from the diocese of the Province Director. The Bishop of the Diocese provides a letter of recommendation for the Province Director and so provides the tax exempt status for the Province during her term.

I believe that the NCCW web site under Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) explains the relationship for the affiliates.

Question: NCCW is a membership organization so why do we need a corporate status?

Answer: NCCW is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization according to IRS laws. Therefore, we are entitled to be incorporated in the District of Columbia in order to retain our tax free status. Every affiliate likely has the same situation, however, your 501(c)3 status covers your DCCW through your diocese, and parishes affiliates are covered under their parish or diocesan 501(c)3 status so you never have to file all the paperwork that we do at the national level.

In summary affiliates cannot use the NCCW tax id number because they do not get their 501(c)3 status from NCCW.

I hope that the above helps answer the question about 501(c)3 status.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Pray for us.

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