



A BRIEF SUMMARY OF NCCW HIGHLIGHTS 2017-2019

THEMES:

2017-2018: NCCW Reflecting the Joy of God: Faithful Missionary Disciples
Leading with fearless hearts, united voice, loving service

2018-2019: NCCW Reflecting the Joy of God: Caring for His Creation
Leading with fearless hearts, united voice, loving service

NEW RESOURCES AND PRAYERS:

1. *Guidance and Resource Manual* (updated completely)-LTD Team
2. *Called to Lead* -Jane Carter about Leadership
3. Guide to our NCCW Website-NCCW Office
4. New membership brochure
5. Facilitator Guide for High School CCW's-Education Committee
6. *What Does Council Do For Me?* -makes link between National and local CCW's
7. *Families Foster Vocations* -Jane Carter
8. *Calling All Catholics: Passing Our Faith to the Next Generation* -Jane Carter
9. Three mini-retreats from our Spirituality Commission: *The Dignity of Women, The Gifts of the Visitation, and A Journey Through a Woman's Life*
10. "Kind" cards -Spirituality Commission
11. Rosary Reflection for Peace and Healing (loss of a child, bullying, suicide) -Spirituality Commission
12. Prayer for Those Addicted, Prayer for Caregivers of the Addicted, Prayer card to end Human Trafficking, Prayer for Care for Creation-Spirituality Commission
13. Monthly Rosary Call In -Spirituality Commission
14. *Evangelii Gaudium* Highlights and Reflections -Education Committee
15. *Laudato Si* in 30 Days -Education Committee
16. *Respite Manual* (updated completely) -Service Commission
17. Checklist for new A/Diocesan Presidents- Board and Staff

RESOURCES TRANSLATED TO SPANISH:

1. Guidance and Resource Manual
2. Membership Brochure
3. Prayer Card to end Human Trafficking

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS:

1. National Program: Anti Human Trafficking (invited Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary and Catholic Daughters of the Americas, two of our affiliated organizations, to participate in this program with us) -Service Commission
2. Holy Land-USA School Children Pen-Pal Project -Service Commission
3. NCCW Promotional Videos
4. 5-Year Strategic Plan for our NCCW
5. Honorary Lifetime Members Award established with Mother Dolores Hart, OSB, first recipient

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS CONTINUED:

Continuation of established programs:

6. Mother's Day NCCW-Basilica Novena of Masses
7. Purse Club with National Fund for Catholic Religions Vocations
8. Catholic Relief Services (Water for Life, Madonna Fund, Help-a-Child, and Refugee Women Emergency Assistance)
9. Cross Catholic Outreach Boxes of Joy Program
10. Thanksgiving Day of Hunger Awareness (Fasting)

NEW PARTNERS:

1. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
2. Catholic Women's Forum of the Ethics and Public Policy Center
3. Education for Justice (Center of Concern and then Ignatian Solidarity Network)
4. National Catholic Educational Association
5. Bread For the World (re-established partnership)

OFFICE AND STAFF:

1. Changed IT company to one that is more responsive and comparable in price to our former company. Working out very well.
2. New less expensive database and website that offer more options and versatility. Terminated contract with Voter Voice as new database company provides the same functionality at no additional cost.
3. Upon the departure of our Office Assistant, it was determined that we needed a part time (not full time) person. Hired a part time Office Assistant. Very competent and the hours proved adequate for our needs at this time.
4. Concluded an employment contract with our Executive Director
5. Issued a complete Policy Manual for our office staff
6. Hired a new accounting firm saving a great deal of money that also provided the same services as our bookkeeper so had to make the decision to eliminate the contract bookkeeper.
7. Changed to cash-based accounting from accrual-based accounting method allowing us to take advantage of a provision that permits us to make our dues and donations to NCCW tax deductible.
8. Hired a CPA firm to perform an annual audit of our books and to prepare our 990.
9. Holiday schedule for the office changed at the staff's request to eliminate some "minor" holidays in exchange for the days between Christmas and New Year off. Also changed the staff office hours by 30 minutes to assist with easing the commute to the office in the traffic.
10. Copier and phone systems were changed to be more effective and save money.
11. Tax exemption was received from the State of VA

NEW SIGNATURE ITEMS TO INCREASE NCCW VISIBILITY:

1. NCCW Rosary Beads
2. NCCW OLGSC Scarf Ties
3. NCCW Tote Bags
4. NCCW T-shirts
5. NCCW Sweaters
6. NCCW Sweatshirts
7. NCCW Christmas ornament
8. NCCW Infant Onesie
9. NCCW Child T-shirt
10. NCCW Umbrella
11. NCCW Water Bottle
12. NCCW Mesh produce bag
13. NCCW Human Trafficking Pencils
14. NCCW Pens
15. NCCW Placemat

16. NCCW Ribbon to hold pins
17. NCCW flag
18. NCCW Miniature NCCW and USA flags with base
19. NCCW Mission Hymn
20. NCCW Prayer card for those addicted
21. NCCW Prayer card for caregivers of those addicted
22. NCCW Prayer card to end Human Trafficking
23. Christmas cards with donation to CRS-NCCW programs
24. Logo sock hats and scarves for those participating with NCCW in the Right to Life March in DC
25. Began process of creating a certificate from the NCCW for display in churches with NCCW affiliation

CONVENTIONS

- 2018 Pittsburgh
2019 Atlanta

BOOKS, LETTERS, REVIEWS, CALLS, MEETINGS, REPORTS, MISCELLANEOUS

1. Outline and design for our 100-year history book approved. Book being researched and written by our Executive Director, Andrea Cecilli.
2. Reviewed a book about Mary Magdalene and NCCW was at presentation about the book
3. Granted permission for an author to use photos from our archive in a book being written about the role of lay women in the Church in modern times and to use NCCW archival photo on the book cover.
4. Reviewed movie ‘Mully’ and NCCW received \$1000 for this
5. Helped to promote movie, ‘Unplanned’
6. Three on-site Board meetings held each year
7. Regular updates and summaries of Board meetings sent to the NCCW Board
8. E-blasts sent to alert members to important pending legislation and for important Council announcements to keep members apprised and request their input
9. Monthly *Connect* produced and quarterly *Catholic Woman* themes and covers selected and produced; cover stories selected to highlight the diversity of our NCCW
10. New website updated continually (i.e., Prayer intentions, reports, affiliate news page, new resources added to Members Only page, etc.)
11. Reports from the UN, WUCWO, USCCB, and other meetings posted on the website
12. Condolences and prayers posted on our website for major national and international tragedies
13. Condolences sent to Bishop Johnston (father), Bishop Parkes (brother), President-Elect Jean Kelly (husband), Anne Boyer -NCCW liturgist (husband), family of past president Toni Bischoff, and past president, Mary ‘Winkie’ LeFils (great grand daughter)
14. Spiritual Bouquet sent to Bishop Parkes
15. Letters sent 2x per year to bishops to apprise them of our work. Christmas card with handwritten note sent to each bishop (not emeritus or auxiliary)
16. Letters sent to newly appointed bishops
17. Letters sent to bishops to thank them for having LTD presentations in their dioceses
18. Letters for CCW convention programs: Beaumont, Boise, Corpus Christi, Detroit, Fall River, Florida Province, Knoxville, La Crosse, Los Angeles, Madison (WI), Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, Oak Ridge, Orange County, St. Cloud, Superior/Duluth, St. Petersburg, South Carolina, Springfield, and Steubenville
19. President- Elect Jean Kelly led monthly Member Calls; Spirituality Commission Chair Mary Rowley led Monthly Rosary Calls
20. Monthly calls with the Executive Committee
21. Monthly planning calls for Catholic Social Ministry Gatherings
22. Policy for Protection of Children, the Young, and Vulnerable Persons adopted by the Board
23. Ads in *Our Sunday Visitor* for Respect Life each year
24. Ad with deal with *Catholic Digest*

25. Provided photo and quote at request of Catholic Mobilizing Network
26. Information, quotes and recorded interview supplied to CRS for their 75th Anniversary
27. Press release and letter to the editor regarding our opposition to Late Term Abortion
28. Continuing Education certificate for those attending Convention
29. Signed the UN statement against the genocide in Sri Lanka
30. Presented a framed print of Our Lady of Good Counsel with a plaque to the Washington Retreat House where we hold our Board meetings
31. Started process of inviting USCCB to be a part of our centennial celebration

SPONSORSHIPS/ EXHIBIT TABLES from NCCW:

1. Catholic Social Ministry Gathering both years
2. Mid-Atlantic Congress both years
3. National Educational Association Congress 2019

PRESIDENT TRAVEL and SELECTED ACTIONS:

1. Monthly visits to NCCW Office
2. Spoke at Essex (CT) CCW, New Bedford (MA) DCCW, CT Catholic Women's Conference (exhibit table), Meriden (CT), New Ulm, St. Petersburg, Portland (ME), Boise, LA, and Pocatello CCW's
3. Attended USCCB Fall and Spring General Assemblies
4. Appointed Committee and Commission members each year
5. Contact with leaders of affiliated women's organizations
6. Attended funerals for past president Toni Bischoff and husband of president-elect, Jean Kelly
7. Trips to Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Washington, DC, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis with President-Elect and Val Jensen of Helms Briscoe who negotiates our hotel contracts at no cost to NCCW to determine suitability of hotels for Convention
8. Day retreat in Washington, DC with our Executive Director
9. Established our accreditation at the UN as the previous accreditation was no longer in place
10. Attended receptions at Apostolic Nuncio's residence in DC
11. Attended Catholic Women's League of Canada's National Convention
12. Meetings at offices of Catholic Climate Covenant, National Catholic Educational Association, USCCB
13. Attended National Catholic Prayer Breakfast
14. Attended the Board meetings of WUCWO in Rome and the WUCWO General Assembly in Senegal

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