

# Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Service Hours April 1, 2009---March 31, 2010

SOMETHING NEW! SOMETHING EXCITING!

SOMETHING THAT INVOLVES EVERY WOMAN IN YOUR COUNCIL!

Time is a most valuable resource---let's show our Bishop and our Pastors, in a concrete way, exactly how valuable our time is! This year, at our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual KDCCW Convention, I would like to present a "check" to Bishop Stika, representing all the money that is SAVED by our parishes through the volunteer service we, as CCW, provide.

- Do you provide laundering services for liturgical linens?
- Do you make or personalize stoles for Baptism and/or Confirmation?
- Do you make Altar Cloths, Banners, Clergy Stoles, or other Vestments?
- Do you clean the altar or sanctuary every week?
- Do you arrange and/or care for the flowers? Weekly?
- Do you cook and serve meals after funerals? How many do you serve?
- Do you provide food for parish celebrations? Estimate the number served.
- Do you sell arts and crafts and donate the profits to the parish or parochial school?
- Do you mow the lawn or tend the gardens on the parish grounds?
- Do you care for and clean the parish kitchen? How often?
- Do you clean the parish hall, restrooms, vestibule, or other parish property?
- Do you provide workers for the parish food pantry, thrift store or religious articles store?
- Do you plan and/or decorate the sanctuary for holidays?
- Do you host welcome gatherings for newcomers? Provide gift baskets?
- Do you volunteer in the parish office? Number of hours and days.
- Do you volunteer in religious education or youth ministry?
- Do you provide administrative support to the parish or parochial school?
- Do you teach English as a second language (ESL) classes?
- Do you shop for the parish food pantry or parish receptions?
- Do you babysit for parish functions or adult classes (RCIA)?
- Do you edit the newsletter or help with the mailing?
- Do you count the money from the Sunday collections?
- Do you paint or make curtains for parish facilities?

## **Brainstorm with your board members and add to this list!**

Estimate the number of hours given in each category, and the number of members who participate. Think in terms of ONE MONTH....then multiply by 12!

**Example**---babysit for Adult Ed Class 2 hrs week, X 4 wks= 8 hrs/month X 12 months = 96 hrs. CCW members provide care in teams of "2" so the total for this one service is **192 hours**. Estimated cost of hiring child care workers---\$10/hr per employee---so this one service saves the parish **\$1, 920** per year!

**Please.....send the information to me by April 10<sup>th</sup>.** [jcarter@att.net](mailto:jcarter@att.net) or snail mail by April 6th to:

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