

## **KDCCW Winter 2018 Membership Committee Report**

From our archives:

**2008 KDCCW Membership Resolution** to encourage affiliate membership in the National Council of Catholic Women

WHEREAS, Catholic women espouse values unique to our faith and need to have our voice and values heard in our communities, our nation and across our world, and;

WHEREAS, for our voices to be effectively heard, we must unite, and;

WHEREAS, our voices can be united and speak with a common bond grounded in our articles of faith through membership in the National Council of Catholic Women;

RESOLVED, that all parishes within the Diocese of Knoxville be affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women through the initiatives of the membership committee.

On the tenth anniversary of that resolution, President Karen Vacaliuc has made it a goal of her presidency to educate, encourage and increase membership in NCCW across our diocese.

At the Sept. 16, 2017 KDCCW Fall Board Meeting, we stated that at the Spring meeting Judy Trochelman had reported NCCW current Membership was 67, up from 53 in January, 2017. She also reported that anyone can go online to the NCCW website and find their correct renewal date after logging on & clicking on your name (next to sign-out) at the top of the page. Individual membership cost is only \$50 annually; supporting membership is \$100 annually. As of July 19, 2017, she reported 206 active & inactive members, including affiliates (dues-paying parishes) and individual members. In addition, active affiliate memberships total 32, in addition to each of the deaneries & our diocese.

As a reminder, NCCW has adjusted their policy regarding the release of membership records as a result of what they described as abuses of membership files. Their new policy mandates that records will only be released to Province Directors who can then, in turn, pass information on to CCW members on a need-to-know basis.

Diann Nance, our new Province Director of the Louisville Province, has graciously obtained and provided membership records effective October 2017 and will be asked to provide updates to that information. In collaboration with President Karen Vacaliuc, and utilizing the data that Diann Nance provided, President Karen Vacaliuc, Leadership Chairperson Cathy Hundley and Lynn Christ reviewed and assessed what we will consider to be baseline data to gauge membership growth. President Karen Vacaliuc made a year-end appeal to the inactive and lapsed members on record. She will make a New Year, new beginnings appeal to women across our diocese who've not formerly sought membership in NCCW.

Affiliates' payment of dues to KDCCW will be reported by our KDCCW Treasurer. Reminders will be sent to affiliates whose payment of dues is not current.

Again, we commend and congratulate the women across our diocese who've continued to perpetuate the work and goals of CCW in their parishes. Additionally, we encourage individual membership in NCCW. Now available at \$50 per year, NCCW provides Catholic women with a voice and a presence across our nation and throughout our world.

Recognizing that the membership page at the KDCCW website is sadly outdated, Lynn Christ will endeavor to provide updates to that information to our webmistress.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Christ  
Chair of Membership Committee  
1/6/2018