

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR KDCCW CONVENTION

Why do we care? Why do we belong? Why do we inspire?

Because we grow in grace, knowledge, and friendship when we give our time, talents and treasury. Leadership ability develops and this overflows into the parish, community and country.

Membership in National Council of Catholic Women offers us a wide range of opportunities. We receive personal satisfaction and fulfillment from exercising our faith.

A strong national organization means **STRONG LOCAL** organizations. There are many examples that can be given in terms of current resources and programs as well as resources and programs that can be developed in response to the needs and wishes of the local organizations. Effective and productive communication between leaders at every Ring of Council---with a strong NCCW, all aspects of communication would improve.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS ---we know this in fact because of our Knoxville Diocese having more members—we have won several awards at conventions in the past years. Verifiable paid members will provide NCCW with the opportunity to represent its members more effectively. It's a fact that large numbers lead to a raised profile and greater influence. As we know having a National President in our midst means a clear and unified voice in support of our mission! As a model and resource for us at all levels of Church, life and society. We have certainly been blessed. Our membership levels have given needed support.

However, we cannot sit and rest on our past numbers of membership. Members must be recruited and renewed by the leadership on every ring of Council. Every parish CCW president should have a planned membership event on their yearly calendar. You have help just waiting for your request if you do not feel confident in planning this. You must be sold on the value of NCCW membership to sell it. Do not hesitate to ask to discuss your concerns.

STAY INVOLVED!! STAY INFORMED!!

Shirley King, Membership Chair