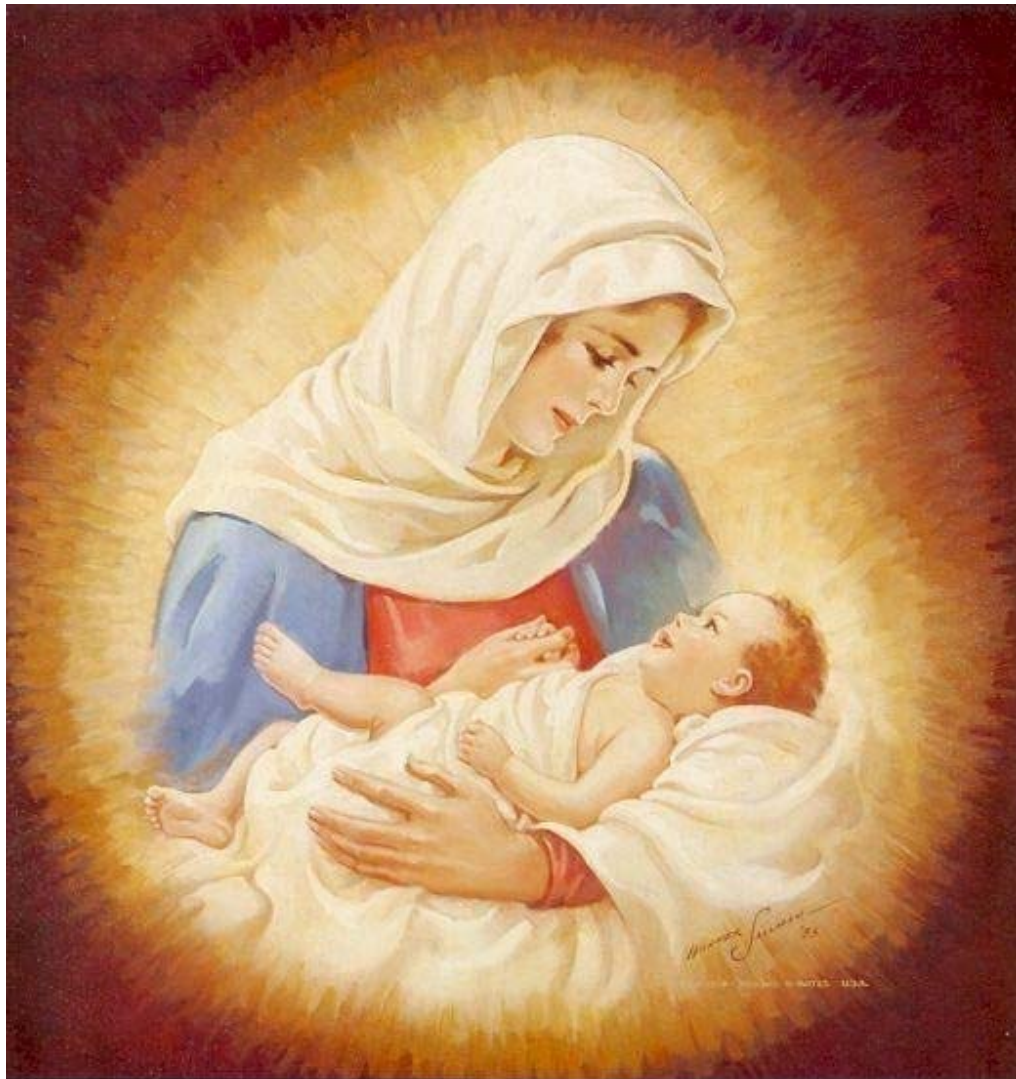


# PARISH AWARDS RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2008-2009



*The Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women*

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May 6, 2009

Dear Ladies:

The Parish Awards program gives parish women the opportunity to share their accomplishments with other parishes. Each parish is unique. Some parishes have women's social groups or Altar Rosary Societies, but some parishes do not have these groups. All groups are welcome to participate. (If you have more than one group desiring to participate, phone the DCCW office for another copy of this Awards Booklet or download a copy from our website at [www.dccw.colsdioc.org](http://www.dccw.colsdioc.org).) Women are always visible in the parishes helping the pastor on many different projects from Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, PSR teachers, choir, cantors, bereavement dinners, wake services, blood mobile helpers, nursing home visits and many more projects.

The leadership and creative ideas within our parishes generate growth and strength and are deserving of recognition. Each parish is asked to fill out this Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's *Parish Awards Booklet* for the period of September 2008 through August 2009. Your booklet is to be mailed to the DCCW office, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus OH 43215 by August 31, 2009.

On October 31st during the DCCW Convention being held this year at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Zanesville, your group will be awarded a *Certificate of Distinction* from Bishop Campbell and DCCW President Nancy Montgomery.

Please be sure your parish has a representative or group at the DCCW Convention to accept your award. Also, be sure to consider inviting your pastor. He is welcome to take part in our special Mass with the Bishop.

May God bless you in Our Lady of Good Council...

In Christ,

*Vera White*

DCCW Parish Awards Coordinator

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# 2008 - 2009 PARISH AWARDS

## *Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women*

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We are please to send you the *2008-2009 Parish Awards Program Booklet*. Please take time to thoroughly review its contents.

This year the Columbus Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be celebrating the twenty-sixth year of the Parish Awards program at the DCCW Annual Convention on October 31st at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Zanesville, and we look forward to your participation!

The awards booklets are being distributed in May and your completed copy is due in our DCCW office by August 31, 2009.

Parish Awards Booklets are distributed in two ways. If your women's club is a dues paying member to NCCW and DCCW and your deanery has an organized Deanery Council of Catholic Women, you will receive the booklet from your deanery president. If your parish is not officially affiliated with the Columbus DCCW, it will be sent to your parish office to the attention of your parish pastor.

All completed 2009 Awards Booklets should be sent to our Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's office at 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus OH 43215.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the program, contact Awards Coordinator Vera White at 614-258-5923 or contact our DCCW office at 614-228-8601 or by email at: [dccwmailbox@colsdio.org](mailto:dccwmailbox@colsdio.org).

The awards booklets are to be submitted by AUGUST 31, 2009.



Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

MAIL TO: AWARDS COMMITTEE  
DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
197 EAST GAY STREET  
COLUMBUS OH 43215

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR PARISH TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE:

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PERSON TO RECEIVE AWARD: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF SUBMITTED APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH RECOGNITION PROGRAM**  
*THE COLUMBUS DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN*

This booklet has been carefully prepared to assist all women's groups in meeting the standards adopted by the Awards Committee. Meeting these standards assures recognition by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell at the annual fall DCCW convention. Qualifying standards of recognition are based upon volunteer service to God, Family, Church, and Community. New ideas, activities or programs reflect growth in your organization and are encouraged.

**RECORD AND REPORT**

1. We have a written CONSTITUTION, Bylaws or other rules of procedure.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. How do you contact and welcome new members?

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If by way of a letter, please enclose an example.

If yes, is it effective? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Committee Chairpersons keep records and pass them on to their successors.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Your organization's Treasurer sends your annual dues to the DCCW Treasurer at the scheduled time.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does your organization hold meetings regularly?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Time of month? \_\_\_\_\_ ( example: 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday)

6. Your organization notifies the DCCW office with names, addresses and phone number of officers to ensure that mailings are to current officers (or committee chairpersons).

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did your organization or its officers meet to determine definite projects and programs for regular meetings during the year.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

8. Your organization has a printed brochure. (Please enclose a sample)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

9. Your president invites the DCCW president or her appointed representative to attend one meeting during the year.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

10. The president of each affiliated women's group is a recognized member of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the Deanery Board. Her input at board meetings is valued and the sharing of information at these meetings is beneficial to her group. Did your president or her representative attend a Deanery Board meeting?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

11. According to DCCW Bylaws, each affiliated women's group is entitled to two (2) voting delegates. Did your organization send a minimum of two (2) representatives to the Annual Diocesan Convention?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Number who attended? \_\_\_\_\_

Let Your work appear to Your servants  
And Your majesty to their children.  
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us;  
And confirm for us the work of our hands;  
Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

Psalm 90:16-17



# CHURCH COMMISSION

The aim of the Church is to create a Community of God's people that is educated and dynamic. A community is formed by people who share something in common. Thus, when people share the same religious beliefs and worship from a community known as a church, it leads to actual experience of community and of Christ's own life.

Please list and give a short explanation of programs or projects that you have included in your yearly schedule.

Examples: Evangelization, Renewal Programs, Altar Care, Parish Retreat and/or participating in the DCCW Retreat, Prayer Groups, Days of Recollection, Scripture Study, Vocation Awareness Week, Liturgy Planning, RCIA, and Ecumenical outreach such as celebrating Week of Prayer For Christian Unity, National Day of Prayer, World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship Day, National Bible Week and other Inter-Faith projects.

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Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.  
Before the mountains were born  
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

## COMMUNITY CONCERNS COMMISSION

The aim of the Community Concerns Commission is to involve the members in working to answer the needs of their individual communities. Its program is focused on action and involves any and all areas that affect the life and well being of the people living in the United States.

Please list programs or projects that you have included in your yearly schedule.

Examples: Environmental Issues, Stewardship of our natural resources, Celebration of "Earth Day", Hunger and Homeless Projects, Bloodmobile, Life Issues, Bereavement Programs, Respite, Aids Outreach, Housing, Migrant Workers, Anti-pornography Campaign, Ministry to the Aging, Rural Life, participating in the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, Prison Ministry, providing volunteers for church, school, scouts, community soup kitchens, meals-on-wheels, the Red Cross, Heart and Cancer societies, birthright, pregnancy distress centers, nursing homes and hospitals.

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If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

James 2:15-17

## FAMILY CONCERNS COMMISSION

The aim of the Family Concerns Commission is to assist families in achieving a truly Christian Life and to preserve Christian principles in those areas that pertain to the welfare of all families. The Commission cannot do the work of the family, but it can help the family carry out its own unique role in society and can work to preserve the family in a world where family unity is facing a crisis.

Please list programs or projects that you have included in your yearly schedule.

Examples: "Putting Children and Families First" in the Campaign For Children and Families: Family Life Bureau Programs that benefit the family, the single mother, widows and widower, Pre-Cana, Anniversary Celebrations, Youth Activities, Protecting God's Children, Family Bingo, Parish Picnics, Drug and Alcohol Awareness efforts, Marriage Encounter, celebrating World Marriage Day, and monetary or volunteer support of Birthright or other Pregnancy Distress Centers.

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Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me;  
and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

Mark 9:37

## INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

The ultimate goal of this Commission is peace, and peace will exist when people have learned to live together as a family. Programs are concerned with “works of peace”, but peace is also an individual area of concern and programs of study and actions on it are developed by this Commission. Please list programs or projects that you have included in your yearly schedule.

Examples: Catholic Relief Services Projects: Adopt-A-Child, Water for Life, Madonna Plan, support of Foreign Missions, Refugee Programs, Lenten “Rice Bowl” Project, Adopt a Parish, Hosting Foreign Students, UNICEF, International Book Project, collection of Campbell soup labels, canceled stamps, used eyeglasses for “Eyes For The Needy” and “Bread For The World.”

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Women helping women.

Women making a difference.



# LEGISLATION COMMISSION

Aims of the Legislation Commission: To help persons (1) be more politically effective (2) understand the legislative process, and share in it, both pro and con; (3) understand the issues on which they are voting – local, state, national; know the names and addresses of their legislative officials – city, county, state, and national – and how to contact and influence them. To make certain that all eligible citizens required to register, actually are registered and then help them to get to the polls to cast their vote.

Please list programs or projects that you have included in your yearly schedule.

Examples: Voter Registration, Letter Writing campaigns, Poll Workers, Phone Tree for Legislative information to members, Letter Writing Campaigns, sponsoring a Candidates Night, Education on Social Issues (such as Health, Americans With Disabilities Act, Rights of Minorities, Pro-Life legislation, etc.), League of Women Voters seminar promotion.

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“The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore for the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9: 38

## ORGANIZATION COMMISSION

The Organization Commission is centered on individual and council growth and the development of our parish women's groups and affiliates by providing programming techniques, materials and publicity. (e.g.), Membership (dues, recruitment, directions) Constitution and Bylaws, interpretation of the relationship within the entire Council of Catholic Women structure.)

Please list and give a short explanation of programs or projects that you have included in your yearly schedule.

Examples: Hospitality, Welcome for New Members, Telephone Committee, Membership Drive, Fund Raising Activities, Leadership Training, Motivational Projects, Promoting the DCCW Catholic Woman/Young Woman of the Year project, and Publicity.

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"Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest." Jesus

Matthew 11:28







# PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



*O Lord of Heavenly wisdom, who has given us your Mother Mary to be our guide and counselor in this our life, grant that in all things we may have the grace to seek her maternal instruction and to profit by it in humility and love.*

*O Mother of Good Counsel, Patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, help us to understand and fulfill the mind and will of your Divine Son, Jesus Christ. Under the blessing of the Father, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we be responsible and intelligent daughters of the Church. May we labor in the spirit of renewal to realize more perfectly the Kingdom of God here below as the only true preparation for our share in the Kingdom of Heaven. And may we, in all we think or do or say, be filled with the same love of God and neighbor that overflows from your own Immaculate Heart. Amen.*



## NCCW & DCCW MISSION STATEMENT

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.