

NASHVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



Christ the King (NDCCW)

3001 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37212

Saturday, January 25, 2025- 8:00AM

Minutes Meeting Information – Winter Meeting **Christ the King**
By Aries Moore, Recording Secretary 2023-2025

Website - <https://ndccw1.org/>

The Nashville Diocese Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW) is an organization that was founded in 1935 to provide support and resources for Catholic women in the Diocese of Nashville, Tennessee. The NDCCW is a member of the National Council of Catholic Women, an organization that represents the Catholic women's groups across the United States.

The NDCCW's mission is to promote spirituality, leadership, and service among Catholic women in the Nashville diocese. The organization offers a variety of programs and resources to support these goals, including retreats, workshops, and leadership training opportunities.

Christ the King Catholic Church

The **Christ the King Church** is in Nashville, Tennessee, this church offers a variety of ministries and outreach programs, including faith formation, youth groups, and charitable activities. The church is also well-known for its excellent Catholic education through its associated school, Christ the King School, which serves students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025, by President Betty Moshea and **Rev. Mark Sappenfield** celebrated the 9:00 am. Mass.

President Betty Moshea

Betty called the meeting to order with prayer (Gale Wheaton, OP) and we said the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag - Betty expressed her gratitude to the ladies of Christ King who provided refreshments and lunch for the meeting. She gave Christ the King CCW President Evelyn Redwine a copy of the Book of the speaker at the Conference 2023, Joyful Momentum: Growing and Sustaining Vibrant Women's Groups Paperback – February 7, 2020, by Elizabeth A. Tomlin (View Picture Below), she also had each person introduce themselves -name, parish, roles in ladies' groups, and how they found out about NDCCW meeting today. She stated that NDCCW hosts Retreats on even years, and on odd years Conventions / Conferences are hosted. The Conference theme for 2025 is ***Come, Behold, Believe: Encounter the Eucharist.*** After the introductions she proceeded with the meeting agenda.



Province Director Amelia Sweeney

Amelia is a member of St. Mary Parish in Gatlinburg, TN and serves as a canter. She stated the Advent season in the Catholic Church is indeed busy and special time, both spiritually and in terms of preparations for the upcoming Christmas celebration for her. She encouraged all women at the meeting to attend the August 2025 National Council of Catholic Women's 105th Annual Convention **August 19- 24, 2025** in Orlando, Florida. She submitted her Providence Report via email, to President Betty Moshea and she provided her business card with her contact information and is honored to serve as province director this term. Amelia is our Dynamic Speaker for this meeting.

Willa Holmer, Past President (1993-1995)

Willa presented the information about the slate of officers and the following members below was a part of the committee. The slate of new officers for 2025-2027 was unanimously elected.

Kaye Sharp	Diann Nance
Laura Nota	Willa Holmer

Nominating Committee Presenting 2025-2027 Slate of Officers

2023-2025

2025 -2027

President – Betty Moshea	President – Constance Smith- Burwell
Vice President - Constance Smith- Burwell	Vice President– Aries Moore
Recording Secretary- Aries Moore	Recording Secretary- Rita Meeker
Treasurer – Mary Ann Goodrum/ Laura Nota	Treasurer – Theola Copeland



The Most Reverend Bishop Spalding

Bishop stated he was happy to see the NDCCW group of women this morning. Before he came to the meeting this morning, he stopped to talk to several service & ministry groups at the Pastoral Center. The Couples Group 30-40 couples getting married “Communication Workshop” he advised them that they will never make it on their own, they will need guidance from the church and support from family members and friends. And that the wife's duty is to get her husband into heaven, and the husband's duty is to get your wives into heaven as well. He spoke to the Knights of Columbus and Youth Group. He encouraged us to visit the Dominican Sisters and pray the rosary with them. He is also on the *Catholic Minute - He always finished on a positive note - Good, Better, BEST. Never let it Rest. Until your good is Better, and your Better is BEST. Then go Titans!*

The ladies were very excited the Bishop stopped by to provide encouragement and prayer. His birthday is coming up soon, so everyone sang him HAPPY BIRTHDAY and took a group picture below.



Vice President Constance Smith Burwell



Constance is involved with several groups serving as a key partner in spiritual leadership, event planning, administrative tasks, and fostering in our community with faith among members. Below are the dates of the meetings that were completed in her schedule. She is very excited about her transition from Vice President to President. She is **READY** to take her oath and position. Look at her pose for the camera with her nice glasses - ***transition of the gavel***

Constance Busy Schedule

- 1.25.2025 Fall Meeting-Christ the King, 3105 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37212
- 1.22.2025 Bishop Spalding calls for Prayers of Peace, Healing, Strength after Antioch High School shooting/
- 1.22.2025 nccw01@nccw.org "AFFILIATE HAPPENINGS" (703 224-0990 X1)
Submissions include one photo and a paragraph not to exceed 100 words. To show the AWESOME things our women organizations have already done in TN
- 1.14.2025 Attended Senator Charlene Oliver's Brunch* 114th General Assembly & Shaundelle Brooks-Swearing-In ceremony

Ladies of Charity, Scholarship Chair, Board member

- 12.18.2024 Nashville Catholic Business Women League (Food Donation)
- 12.17.2024 Seminarian Breakfast, Catholic Pastoral Center, McGavock Pike
- 12.10.2024 ZOOM Meeting

- 10.31.2024 ZOOM Meeting VOTE on Province Director
- 10.29.2024 Nominating Committee ZOOM Meeting 7:00PM
- 9.21.2024 St. Matthew Catholic Church vs The Cathedral (**TSEA Board Retreat-3 days September 19-21, 2024**)
- 9.9.2024 Diana Miller emailed official 2010 NDCCW bylaws for review/update 7
- .15.2024 Gale Wheaton Mary Queen of Angels, White Bridge RD. festival

Constance Questions & Answers -Via Email

Constance Question: Clarity on a term used in our Constitution/Bylaws for NDCCW. The term "**good standing**". Please provide me with clarity about what the definition of this terminology means, in regard to membership, leadership and guidance in our organization.

Aries Moore Answer: To clarify, the term "**good standing**" within the NDCCW context refers to members who have fulfilled all membership obligations, including payment of dues, participation in meetings and events, and adherence to the organization's principles and guidelines. Members in good standing are eligible to vote, hold office, and benefit from the organization's programs and services.

Secretary Report Aries Moore

Aries summarized her last report at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Aries's mother and sister came to the meeting, they are currently members of Christ the King Church, and she was overjoyed they shared a picture with her and Bishop Spalding (***View Picture Below***). She is very excited to be on board to review and implement new bylaws and resolutions for NDCCW 2024 - 2025 if needed. She is eager to assist with the New NDCCW 2024- 2026 Handbook.

During her term as Secretary, she has been spending time reading Robert's **Rules of Order**, which set rules and procedures for conducting meetings and making decisions in a fair, orderly, and efficient manner. They were created by **Henry Martyn Robert** in 1876 to help manage meetings in a structured way, ensuring that everyone has a chance to speak and that decisions are made fairly. She will continue to bring and market NCCW Scarves at meetings, and work with Diana Miller on the NDCCW website- <https://ndccw1.org/> for updated events.



Treasurer-Laura Nota

Betty Moshea read the Balance Summary from the past Meeting at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. The **Recording Secretary- Aries Moore received** electronically via email of the updated balance below for savings on checking account on **March 20, 2025, the Summary Balance report** from Treasurer Laura Nota.

Saving Account	\$17,354.85
Checking	\$ 4,558.82

Leadership Commission Chair -Diana Miller

As the Conference in April 2025 approaches, Diana has committed to drafting the agenda, registration forms, program booklet, and order forms. She has served on several boards as President and facilitated change, she promotes theological reflection and supports the development of different women groups, with her leadership guidance she will ensure that these elements remain the focus of what is needed for the ongoing development of the process of completing what is needed for the Conference 2025 ***Come, Behold, Believe: Encounter the Eucharist.***

Through her thoughtful leadership, careful reflection, and commitment to growth, this conference will serve as a transformative moment for all who participate. Diana is also using social networking tools like the NDCCW website and Facebook to market the 2025 Conference in Paris Landing. Later, after the Conference she has another commitment to update or edit the bylaws.

Spirituality Commission Chair - Gale Wheaton, OP

Gale stated she focused on the theme - ***Come, Behold, Believe: Encounter the Eucharist- she picked 1171 Eucharist of Miracle-to discuss.*** The story is that in 1171, a priest named Peter of Prague was celebrating Mass in Bolsena, Italy when, during the consecration of the Eucharist, the host began to bleed. The priest, shocked and unsure of what was happening, took the host to the Pope. Pope Urban IV, who was residing in Orvieto at the time. The Pope confirmed the miraculous nature of the event, and it was declared to be a genuine miracle. The blood-stained host was then preserved and placed in the cathedral of Orvieto.

Gale is a certified catechist until 2027 and has taught catechism and scriptures to many people from the ages 20-100. She had one person named Mary who was 108 years old. She made 30 booklets of The Carlo Acutis Eucharist of Miracles, ***Carlo's dedication to his faith and his innovative approach to religious education continues to inspire many, particularly young people, to deepen their own spiritual lives and to utilize modern tools to share their faith.*** The booklets will be displayed on tables at the Conference in April 2025. Gale always does a great job with opening and closing of prayer.

Service Commission Chair- Rita Meeker

Rita stated she got great feedback from the Seminarians Breakfast she hosted. She provided gift bags with Christmas cards signed with Love and Support from our NDCCW organization and included medals that have the Sacred Heart of Jesus on one side and the Sorrowful Heart of Mary on the other side, enclosed in a Rosary pouch. Maggie Sweeney and her husband cooked the majority of the meat. Other members donated their time, money, and service as well. Rita stated she received a hug from one of the Seminarians because he was excited about St. Michael Chaplet inside his gift bag.

Dynamic Speaker: Amelia Sweeney Providence Director

“How a Grieving Mother Keeps Her Faith in the Dark Times of Her Life”

Amelia’s Motto – I live by faith of the Son of God who loves me and has died for me

This is the first time Amelia shared her son’s Carlos life story publicly; he was tragically murdered. Amelia’s faith has been a driving force in her desire to keep her son’s memory alive. One of the ways she does this is by providing a scholarship to students at her son’s Carlos high school. It is a way to keep his spirit present in the lives of young people who have the opportunity to further their education and athletic abilities.

Thank you, Amelia, for sharing your son’s story. Your strength and faith are a testament to the power of God’s love in our lives. You have shown us that even in our darkest times, God is with us and that through our grief, we can still find purpose and hope. You are truly a dynamic speaker and a powerful example of how to live by faith, even during unimaginable sorrow. She also stated her granddaughter is the light God sent her to brighten her every day.

Meeting Start Time 10:00 am. End Time 1:15 p.m.

Members Present

Betty Moshea	Aries Moore	Alma Brady
Theola Copeland	Gail Wheaton	Diana Miller
Amelia Sweeney	Diann Nance	Windy Kimbro
Rita Meeker	Constance Smith- Burwell	Laura Nota

Review More Attendance on Sign-In Sheet

Until we meet again, this is my last report as the Recording Secretary for 2023-2025. It has been an enriching spiritual experience reporting, filming, and photographing. This meeting emphasizes spiritual leadership, the strength of the Eucharist of Miracle and how faith in God resilience you in the face of loss. We had spiritual guidance of the bishop, and the nominating the Slate officers.

Aries Moore, MBA Recording Secretary 2023-2025

February 10, 2025