

# TODAY'S CATHOLIC WOMAN

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**August 19-24,  
2025**

**NCCW Believe  
in the  
Eucharist  
Convention  
Orlando, FL**  
See details at  
[www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)

**Sept. 12, 2025  
RSVP**

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**Sept. 27, 2025**

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## **FROM YOUR NASHVILLE DCCW PRESIDENT**

Welcome, Ladies!

It is an esteem honor and a pleasure to serve you as the 42nd President of the Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (NDCCW).

Grace and peace to you from myself and our Administrative Board of the Real Women of God. I am deeply moved by the readiness and dedication I see among the women of our Diocese, who faithfully answer God's call to serve His Church.

Our mission is to cultivate leadership and to support those who most fully embody the true "Women of God" women growing and flourishing in the sacramental life of service under the guidance of our Bishop and in communion with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. In this mission, we look to the example of Mary, our Mother and Patron, whose virtues unite us more closely to Christ, our Head.

Once again, I warmly welcome you. A meaningful journey lies before us. Let us join together with grace and strength, ready to serve wherever God calls us, and to share not only our good works but also the Eucharistic bond that deepens our relationship with God and with one another in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Working With a Servant's Heart,  
Constance Smith-Burwell





**Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**  
**Fall Meeting**  
**“In Motion and Ready to Serve”**  
**September 27, 2025**

**Cathedral of the Incarnation**  
**Third Floor Fellowship Room**  
**2015 West End Avenue Nashville, TN 37203**

**Schedule:**

8:00 AM	Mass is Available at Cathedral	
9:00 AM	Sign In/Coffee and Snacks	
10:00 AM	Opening Prayer and Pledge	Gale Wheaton
10:10 AM	Meeting Called to Order	Constance Smith-Burwell, President
10:30 AM	Welcome Report and Vice President Report	Constance Smith-Burwell, President and Aries Moore, Vice President
11:00 AM	Acknowledge Province Directors	Amelia Sweeney/Teresa Leon, Province Director
11:20 AM	Secretary and Treasurer Reports	Rita Meeker, Secretary/ Laura Nota, Treasurer
11:45 AM	Commission Chair Reports	Kaye Sharp, Service Commission Gale Wheaton, Spirituality Commission Diana Miller, Leadership Commission
12:00 PM	Lunch and Special Guest	<b>Mr. Jim Ryan, speaker</b> <b>"THE PEACE OF LIVING IN GOD'S PRESENCE."</b>
1:30 PM	Announcements	Constance Smith-Burwell
1:45 PM	Closing Prayer	Gale Wheaton
2:00 PM	Adjournment	Constance Smith-Burwell

**RSVP by September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**615-319-3606**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Your Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and check made to “NDCCW” for **Lunch** \_\_\_\_ (\$15) **dues** \_\_\_\_ (\$10) to:  
Laura Nota, Treasurer 146 Woody Thomas Dr. LaVergne, TN 37086 Or Pay at the door.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN®



Ladies,

Hope you are all doing well, staying out of the heat and hydrating properly. Just wanted to share with you a brief recap of our meeting in Washington DC earlier this month. Please see the following report.

Thanks for all you do! May God continue to bless you!

Amelia Sweeney, NCCW Province Director  
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During the 4-day meeting the following areas were addressed.

1. Our member calls have been about 21-22 people. Please make sure you invite members to mark their calendars for these monthly meetings. This is a very good resource to keep you in the “Know” for all things national.
2. Our National Past Presidents have been keeping busy on their local levels. A few National Past Presidents (Jean Kelly, Joan McGarth, Ellen Backman and Joanne Hillebrand) were asked to be on the Ad Hoc Committee for Resolutions. Patricia Voorhes chaired the committee to decide on the 2025 Our Lady of Good Counsel Award which will be presented at the 2025 convention in Orlando.
3. Our National Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Tom Washburn, shared that he has been communicating with all Spiritual Advisors on the diocesan and local levels. Please make sure you let the NCCW office know the contract information of your Spiritual Advisor so Fr. Tom can communicate with them. Fr. Tom introduced a Wake Service Prayer pamphlet to be used when a member of CCW dies. Many organizations say a prayer at the wake service when a member dies. This pamphlet will be introduced at the 2025 National Council of Catholic Women, 3211 4th Street NE, Suite 338, Washington, D.C. 20017 Convention and made available on the website in August. Fr. Tom and Beth Mahoney shared that NCCW will have a pilgrimage to Ireland in October 2026. This will be announced at the 2025 Convention and information will be posted on the NCCW website.
4. The Spirituality Commission was hard at work preparing a resource on the Women Servants of God within the United States. This resource will be given out at the 2025 convention and will be made available on the NCCW website after the convention. Please remember to remind your members on all levels of council to participate in the Monthly Rosary Call on the 13th of each month. Details can be found on the NCCW web site.
5. The Leadership Commission is once again offering the BINGO card at convention. This card can be found on the NCCW website and in the CW magazine dated June 1, 2025. Please make sure you encourage all members to participate in BINGO.

**6.** The Service Commission shared the importance of Council Sunday. Please make sure your councils identify a Sunday to raise awareness for CCW. This is essential to the growth of our membership at all levels.

**7.** The Education Committee shared a powerful and meaningful video explaining the history and mission of Council. This video will be viewed at the 2025 Convention. It is our hope that local councils will duplicate a similar video for their diocese. This tool is an exceptional means to share about CCW in your local areas.

**8.** The Ad Hoc Committee on Resolution pulled together a 25th anniversary booklet containing all resolutions passed from 2000-2024. We work very hard on creating and submitting resolutions on many essential areas that reflect our mission often times, once passed, they sit on our shelves or in our digital libraries and we forget about them. This tool will assist us in implementing the resolutions on all levels of councils.

**9.** The By-Laws Committee presented seven amendments which were passed by the Board of Directors to be followed for consideration at the 2025 Convention. These By-Laws will be posted on the NCCW website.

**10.** The Convention Charity will be Magnify – a charity from the Diocese of Orlando. Please visit the NCCW website and click Convention to read about this worthy and meaningful charity.

**11.** Our Purse Auction at Convention will be our fundraiser. The theme is Bags, Bids and Beachy Chic. Please remember all Board Members are asked to bring a purse for the Auction. The form can be found on the Board Only section of the NCCW website.

**12.** Golden Rose Award: Please encourage your diocese and local councils to participate in this award. It is a wonderful way to invite your youth to get to know Council and to share in the mission. Please remember the deadline is July 1, 2025.

**13.** NCCW national office moved on March 10, 2025, to the USCCB building in Washington, D.C. Please make note of the new address: 3211 4th Street NE, Suite 338, Washington, D.C. 20017.

**14.** Our Province Director's monthly orientation meetings ended in May. These meetings gave our Province Directors the opportunity to learn what is required of them and to remind them of their responsibilities on the national and local levels of Council.

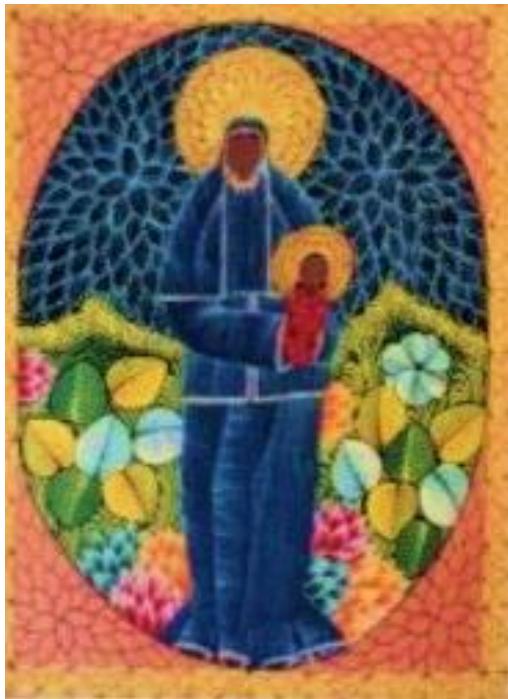
**15.** The theme for the 2025 Convention is Believe in the Eucharist: Blessed, Broken and Shared.

**16.** The final event of the board meeting was the rededication of the Mary Statue and Garden at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Archbishop Broglio joined us to celebrate the Mass and participate in the blessing of the statue and garden. It was a celebration filled with gratitude, joy and thanksgiving for 25 years of NCCW establishing a national project on the grounds of the basilica. Mary's Campaign had a goal of \$80,000 to renovate the garden. We are so grateful to the many who contributed to this campaign, as we surpassed our goal.

*Ecclesiastical Province of Louisville*



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Carol Stream , IL 60197-7976**



**Please Join Us  
Hope and Healing for Haiti Awards Luncheon**

As we gather in gratitude to honor the generous dedication and faithful support of Visitation Hospital Foundation's donors and friends who bring life and healing to the people of Haiti.

This year's program will include the presentation of the inaugural Therese Patterson Fiat Award recognizing extraordinary generosity and commitment to the mission.

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Christ the King Catholic Church – Marion Hall  
3001 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37212**

Enjoy a complimentary lunch and a brief program as we introduce the Magnificat Circle, our new community of steadfast supporters whose ongoing generosity ensures the future of life-saving care in Haiti.

RSVP online at <https://visitationhospital.org/events>

Or contact us at 615-200-8543 or [info@visitationhospital.org](mailto:info@visitationhospital.org)

There is no cost to attend, kindly RSVP by September 12, 2025



**From Kaye Sharp, NDCCW Service Commission Chair:**

I would like to encourage all Parishes to organize an effort to make donations of nonperishable items to a local food pantry. There is a great need for this!

Also, please consider participating in Cross Catholic Outreach's Boxes of Joy. This simple way of spreading Christmas cheer to 3<sup>rd</sup> world country children is fun and rewarding. Join in the blessings at [Box of Joy Online](https://boxofjoyonline.com) | [Cross Catholic Outreach](https://crosscatholicoutreach.org).

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## AFFILIATE NEWS

ART SHOW  
& PIE SALE  
FUNDRAISER

### **Villa Maria Manor 32 White Bridge Rd Nashville, TN 37205**

Join the residents of Villa Maria Manor as they showcase and sell their beautiful artwork to support the Resident Council budget, funding fun and engaging activities for all residents. **The event occurs every Saturday of the Month at 1:00 p.m. – 4:00.** While you browse, enjoy delicious pies for sale (\$15 - \$20) and free coffee. Come support the local talent of residents, take home a unique piece of art, and treat yourself to sweet pie!

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### **St. Luke Women of Faith 10682 Old Nashville Hwy. Smyrna, TN 37167**

Our Women of Faith group continues to grow in membership with just over 60 members. Our primary function is altar care for our sanctuary, but we do so much more! In June, we sponsored our annual Father's Day Breakfast after Masses on Father's Day, which raised funds for our ministry. We also had the installation of our new officers at our August meeting. We will also be setting up information in September for our annual collection of items needed for victims of domestic violence. We are also gearing up for our **International Fall festival on October 4.** Our group sets up a booth for a bake sale for the festival. Many of our women are also involved in preparing for our Silent Auction, in conjunction with our Fall Festival. They volunteer to get donations, prepare, and decorate baskets, and assist with the oversight of bidding and pickup. At our October 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting, we will be hosting our social with a guest speaker from Rutherford County Isaiah 117 House. All are welcome to attend.



Left to right: Deacon Ernie Gartung (who installed our new officers), Ginny Williams, Vice President; Lori Kendall, President; Sue Holland, Recording Secretary; Lois Bergman, Corresponding Secretary; Jennifer Banker, Treasurer.

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## AFFILIATE NEWS cont.



Holy Name Church 521 Woodland St. Nashville, TN 37206

### Holy Name International Festival

October 26, 2025

12 Noon – 4:00 PM

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Saint Ignatius Church 601 Bell Rd Antioch, TN 37013

### Craft Fair

Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

10:00 A.M -- 3:00 P.M.



Yard Sale  
October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Lower Parking Lot



Nashville Catholic Business Women's League  
In Partnership with the Diocese of Nashville  
Ace Dinner for Catholic Education

Thursday, November 6, 2025

6:00 PM Cocktails                    7:00 PM Dinner & Program  
2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

### **NCCW MISSION STATEMENT**

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members 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.



**TO JOIN**

### **THE NASHVILLE DCCW:**

+Dues for Affiliate **Parishes of over 500 families** is \$25 annually.

+Dues for Affiliate **Parishes 500 families or less** is \$20 annually.

+Dues for **Individual Members** are \$10 annually.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and check made to "NDCCW" for dues to:  
Laura Nota, Treasurer 146 Woody Thomas Dr. LaVergne, TN 37086



God of heavenly wisdom, You have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her Motherly help in this life and so enjoy Her blessed presence in the life to come. O Mother of Good Counsel, Patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous, and loving leaders of the Church. Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son. May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation, and compassion for all God's children. May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come. Amen.

Nashville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women



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**The Board Meetings and some other special meetings are often on Zoom. To sign up for Zoom Meetings contact Aries Moore at [aries.mooreinfaith14@gmail.com](mailto:aries.mooreinfaith14@gmail.com)**

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