



The ABC's of Dues

A. Parish: Each parish decides what its own dues will be and when they will be collected.

- Dues are collected from each woman of the parish and are often minimal (\$5-10/year).
- These are used to fund parish-level activities. How they are collected is up to the individual parish. Envelopes are often inserted in bulletins in the fall, along with a letter about the Council and its activities. Some Churches have an envelope within the regular Parishioner envelopes.
- Each Parish is given a number by NCCW for tracking purposes. This is done when the Church/Council is first organized. It MAY change with a merger or when moved to another Deanery.
- Note: Parishes can declare themselves inactive and pay no dues. No privileges are taken away if this happens.

B. Deanery: Deanery dues (which stay within the Deanery) are decided upon by individual deaneries. Amounts vary widely and are charged to each parish within the Deanery.

- Some deaneries have no dues at all; some can be around \$15.00; some can be up to a few hundred dollars.
 - Sometimes smaller Churches vs larger Churches can be the division; other times the actual member/family-count is used to determine the amount of dues charged to each parish.
- Each parish sends their Deanery dues to the Deanery Treasurer along with the Diocesan (\$2.50) and National (\$100) dues.
- The Deanery Treasurer must keep records of all the dues for each level. She keeps the Deanery dues (if applicable) and forwards the Diocesan and National dues to the Diocesan Treasurer.

C. Diocese: The Diocesan Treasurer receives a check from the Deanery Treasurer for \$102.50. The \$2.50 Diocesan dues are kept, and the \$100 National dues are sent on to National. (The Diocesan Treasurer forwards the National dues received from each Deanery to National.)

- The Diocesan Treasurer pays the Province/Archdiocese any dues that have arisen. (A letter is received by the Diocesan Treasurer from the Province Treasurer each year. Amount and timing often depends upon need at the Province level.)
- The Diocesan Treasurer, after all dues are received, processes Deanery refunds. Deanery refunds are made as follows:
 - \$100 goes back to the Deanery—if NCCW dues have been paid, plus,
 - \$10 for each Parish within that Deanery that paid both NCCW and Diocesan dues.

Note: Although letters are sent from NCCW to each Parish President, and the request is made to make payment directly to NCCW, the La Crosse DCCW has continued to follow the above-described payment relay, because this allows us to keep better track of what has come in. Many times local parishes do not receive the dues notice letter, since local parishes may not have informed NCCW of the current President of their Council. Thus, it is important that the Officer Rosters be forwarded to Deanery, Diocesan, and National offices.

What Happens with Your Dues

Funds collected are used to help in various ways in our Diocese and communities, including:

- House of Formation—Vocations
- Mater Redemptoris Convent
- Young Adult Ministry
- Books for Kids Catholic Schools
- RCIA & Faith Formation Conferences
- Natural Family Planning
- Persons w/Special Needs
- Catholic Charities
- Relevant Radio
- Televised Mass
- Casa Hogar Orphanage Peru
- Santa Cruz Mission Church, Bolivia
- Project Milk
- Catholic Camp Gray & Adventure Camp
- Catholic Times
- Diocesan Workshops, Conventions, Spirituality Days
- Girls Religious Awards Programs
- Grants and Scholarships
- Holy Cross Seminary House

What Happens with the Dues at the National Level? (For more info www.nccw.org & www.wucw.org)

Dues collected at the national level are used to run the national office, publish the **Catholic Woman** magazine, and to pay off previously incurred debt. Charitable donations from the NCCW include:

- Campaign for Human Development from Conception to Natural Death
- Drug & Alcohol abuse prevention
- Domestic Violence awareness and prevention
- Outreach to Mothers
- Madonna Plan
- Water for Life
- Help-a-Child in Africa, India, Latin America
- Haiti Relief