**NCCW Mission Statement** [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org/)       
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.

**WUCWO Mission Statement**  [www.wucwo.org](http://www.wucwo.org/)  
 The World Union of Catholic Women’s Organization’s aim is to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, in order to enable them to fulfill their mission of evangelization and to work for human development.

**Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel**

**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.**Oh 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 gift of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come. Amen

**Salute to the Cross**Unto the King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever. Amen



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**www.LDCCW.org**

***Commissions***

**Spirituality**

The aim of the Spirituality Commission is to create a community that is educated and dynamic. Catholic women called to discipleship and holiness responds with personal witness and service to the Church and to the world. The commission work reinforces faith and assists in meaningful ecumenical dialogue. It offers means to enhance public and private prayer, promotes sound liturgical practice that is sensitive to the cultural diversity of the church, and provides resources for spiritual nourishment and development of the faith community.

**Service**

The Service Commission engages the members of NCCW and all people in working to address the needs and concerns of their individual communities. It is focused on action that affects the life, growth, productivity and well-being of all people, especially women and children and the communities in which they live.

**Leadership**

The Leadership Commission provides organizational development, opportunities for leadership training, public relations resources, and publications to assure the successful organization and management of Council and its programs. It serves to strengthen the leadership team at every ring of council.

**We Are Connected!**

When you belong to the PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women), you are a part of a national organization that is made up of 8000 affiliates. Each parish belongs to a Deanery. Our Deaneries belong to the Diocese of La Crosse. These make up the LDCCW (La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women). In Wisconsin, there are five dioceses which make up the Province of Milwaukee. Provinces are members of the NCCW (National Council of Catholic Women, [www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org)). NCCW is affiliated with WUCWO (World Union

of Catholic Women Organization, [www.wucwo.org](http://www.wucwo.org)). These organizations connect us across the world in living our faith through activities, prayers and education.

We have a twofold purpose. We are dedicated to the spiritual enrichment of women, and we also provide direct service to the Church. We continue our efforts to build a Campaign for Human Dignity.

**How We Support Those In Need**

Our annual collection, with our Bishop’s support, helps fund many areas. We provide funding for scholarships, grants, Catholic schools, youth camps & ministry, House of Formation, Leadership Training, Domestic Violence, Mothers Outreach, Catholic Charities, Girls Religious Awards and many more. Our annual collection is taken on the weekend after Easter.

**Come Join Us!**

Experience the fulfillment of belonging to a group of women with similar goals of helping others through the gospel values. We are all unique and have been given special gifts from God that are meant to be shared. Consider sharing those talents and be united in this community of faith filled women. Our organization provides a forum for Catholic women to speak and act on matters of mutual interest. Through our programs and works of peace and service, we acquire knowledge to help support the needs of our families, parishes, and communities.

If you are interested, contact your local Parish Council of Catholic Women president and check out our website at [www.ldccw.org](http://www.ldccw.org)

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