

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC WOMEN
MEMBER'S HANDBOOK



WOMEN IN FAITHFUL SERVICE

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CCCW OFFICERS

President: The President conducts all meetings, coordinates committees, appoints a nominating committee in August, places announcements in Church bulletin, and coordinates all programs and activities.

Vice President: The Vice President assumes the duties of the President in her absence and oversees the Parish Outreach Program.

Treasurer: The Treasurer collects and disperses all funds, reports monthly finances to the membership, and creates and presents the proposed annual budget in January.

Secretary: The Secretary keeps records of meetings and has minutes available to the membership.

The Fiscal Year: January 1 through December 31

Officer's Term: An officer shall not serve more than two terms consecutively in the same position.

**OUR MISSION IS “WOMEN IN FAITHFUL SERVICE” WITH
3 PRIMARY GOALS:**

1. To unite the women at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in strengthening their faith and supporting them in faithful service to our parish and community.
2. To support the parish leaders, members, and parish activities through stewardship and service.
3. To actively support the CCCW and the parish in Deanery functions and projects at all levels to spiritually tie our group to all Catholic women. These levels are the Columbia Deanery, the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women, and the National Council of Catholic Women.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

DATES: Second Monday of each month from August - May

TIME:

6:00PM – 6:30PM: Social – members can bring an appetizer to share.

6:30PM-7:30PM – Meeting

LOCATIONS: Church Hall

FORMAT: An agenda will be distributed to all members prior to the meetings.

- WELCOME
- DEVOTION: Members sign up to say a devotion at the meetings. The President will have a devotional book available upon request.
- BIRTHDAYS: Member's Birthday for the month are announced.
- PRAYER REQUEST: At the beginning of each meeting the Secretary will ask members for their prayer requests and will announce the request during the meeting.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Current funds in and out of the CCCW account will be announced and discussed.
- OUTREACH REPORT: Our Outreach Program is to express the CCCW's concerns and sympathy to members of our parish who are going through hardship and/or struggling with health issues, either personally or with family members. CCCW members sign up each month to contact parishioners in need of this service via a phone call, greeting card, etc. A box with cards and detailed instructions is given to the volunteer. At each meeting the volunteer for the previous month reports on activity for the month.

- **OLD BUSINESS:** Review fund raisers or other activities that have taken place.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Review upcoming events and activities.
- **CLOSING:** Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel – handed out at the meeting
- **SPEAKERS:** There will be some speakers at the meeting that will be announced on the agendas.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: In lieu of our December meeting, a dinner will be planned for members to socialize. There will be a gift exchange for those who want to participate.

MAY DINNER: In lieu of our May meeting, a dinner will be planned for members to get together to socialize.

ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEETS: Members sign up to chair and/or work events.

ACTIVITY NOTEBOOK: There will be an Activity Notebook with a detailed description and guidance for each event.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE BASIC ACTIVITIES CCCW COORDINATES EACH YEAR:

- **Bake Sales:** Bake sales are held on designated weekends after each mass. CCCW provides baked goods. There is a jar provided on the table with baked goods for parishioners to donate funds.
- **Oktoberfest Cake Walk:** Our ladies provide delicious homemade cakes for this fun Oktoberfest event where everyone can compete for a yummy dessert.
- **Christmas Giving Tree:** The CCCW selects charities and organizations that this project will support. Parishioners select a tag off the Christmas tree, that will be in the church vestibule, and drop off the requested item at the church by the requested date.
- **Italian Dinner:** This event is held to get parishioners together in a social atmosphere. It is held in the parish hall. There are 80 tickets available. Tickets are sold after masses for three weeks prior to the event or until they are sold out. The dinner includes appetizers, salad, bread, three main dishes, dessert, drinks, wine, and beer.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** The Easter Egg Hunt is held after the 11:00am mass on Easter Sunday. Ages Infants to 12. Parishioners provide candy after masses 2 to 3 weeks prior to the event. CCCW stuffs the eggs at a designated meeting.

- **Tea and Fashion Show:** This event is held in the Spring in the parish hall. Most of the tickets are sold to women of the parish. We start with tea and socialization, followed by lunch and the fashion show. The models are ladies of the parish. We use two local shops for the fashions. The event ends with dessert and door prizes.
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Reception:** The CCCW committee will coordinate a light meal for recipients along with a small gift.
- **Communion Gifts:** CCCW will purchase rosaries for recipients.
- **Confirmation Gifts:** CCCW will purchase gifts for recipients.
- **Birthright:** CCCW supports Birthright of Columbia every year by sponsoring a "baby shower" for the organization. The entire congregation supports this activity also by providing baby items needed to support Birthright activities.
- **New Member Wine and Cheese:** Invitations are handed out after masses prior to the August CCCW meeting. Wine and cheese are provided by the CCCW.

FUND RAISERS: A percent from each fund raiser will be given to a charity or organization voted on by CCCW members.

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) and the Columbia Deanery

The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women is an organization of Catholic women within the Diocese of Charleston whose mission is to assist and encourage all members to grow in spirituality, leadership, and service. SCCCW is an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women and the Province of Atlanta and has representation at both levels. Founded in 1930, it is composed of individual members, affiliates, and deaneries. It works with the Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston to support the Catholic Church, the diocese, and its programs and teachings.

The Diocese of Charleston is divided into geographic divisions called deaneries. Using the same deanery structure as does the Diocese of Charleston, the SCCCW deaneries are Myrtle Beach, Columbia, Charleston, Beaufort, Greenville, Rock Hill, and Aiken. As an affiliate of the Columbia Deanery, CCCW participates in and hosts Deanery meetings and activities.

As an affiliate of the SCCCW and Columbia Deanery, the CCCW engages in and supports activities and projects at all levels. More information is available at <https://www.scccw.org/>.

BYLAWS

Bylaws will be emailed to all CCCW members. A committee is formed annually to review and propose updates.

MEMBERSHIP

All Catholic and non-Catholic women over the age of 18 are eligible for membership. The optional, yearly membership dues are \$5. A list of members will be emailed to all members.

MENTORS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Mentors will be available to new members to provide additional guidance on the CCCW.



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.

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