

## WHO HEARS YOUR VOICE?

The **National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)** was founded in 1920 under the auspices of the United States Catholic Bishops who recognized the influence on church and society already exerted by American Catholic women. The goals were to give Catholic women a common voice and a way to act in unity.

### Members of the National Council of Catholic Women are:

- Members of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO)
- Recognized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
- Active participants in partnership with other Catholic groups

### Our Aim is:

- To be a voice for American Catholic women today
- To transform the world through prayer and action
- To unite more than 3000 affiliated Catholic women's groups as well as individual members
- To support social action through Gospel values
- To train Catholic women to become leaders in both Church and society
- To provide a forum for Catholic women to speak and act on matters of mutual interest
- To represent U.S. Catholic women in the national and international arenas

We partner with Catholic Relief Services, the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Cross Catholic Outreach. We support the fight against human trafficking both in the U.S. and abroad, upholding the sanctity of life from birth to natural death, the protection and sheltering of women in Sub-Saharan Africa and the prevention of mother and child mortality due to substandard housing and unsafe water supplies in third world countries.

### Catholic women and their parishes benefit from affiliating with the National Council of Catholic Women through:

- An enriched prayer and spiritual life
- Having a united voice in policy advocacy through NCCW position papers and issue briefs on matters of interest to them
- Keeping up to date on Catholic women's concerns through a quarterly magazine and a monthly newsletter
- Program ideas to use in your own community
- Opportunities to be of service
- Formation of a real sisterhood of Catholic women

The support of parish affiliates enables **NCCW** to act as the voice of Catholic women through its association with **WUCWO**, the **USCCB** and other **Catholic Women's Groups**.

*Add your voice to the voices of other Catholic women*

For more information about joining NCCW or to affiliate your group go to: <http://www.nccw.org/>