

Nominees for Secretary



Josephine Gilbert: Plantation, FL, Diocese of Miami, Province of Miami

--My journey began in the year 2000. The first time I walked into my affiliation meeting to check it out, I walked out as the Recording Secretary! I have since served in many leadership positions which have been a benefit to me in all areas of my life. My council work has allowed me to explore talents I never knew I had and gave me the platform to provide service to others. I am currently serving as the President of Friends of NCCW for WUCWO; as WUCWO Liaison and Historian in the Province of Miami; Legislation and Catholic Days at the Capitol Chair for my Archdiocesan council, and Legislation Chair for both my deanery and affiliation councils. I am a Supporting member of NCCW and I believe in the National Council of Catholic Women and its mission.



Yvonne Pygatt, Irmo, South Carolina, Diocese of Charleston, Province of Atlanta

-- With a servants heart and a prayer of concernment, I offer my talents to serve the women of NCCW as your next Secretary. Service has always been a part of my makeup and I gladly and willingly welcome the opportunity to serve! Since joining this wonderful organization, I have seen firsthand how the NCCW continues to do so much for the Church, Community and those in need. While incorporating prayer in everything we do, primarily as our guide. I joined NCCW, prior to having rendered service on the local, state, province, and finally, the national level. My faith in God has led to the path to serve and be of service to others, giving back to those less fortunate. My professional career is that of a Licensed Social Worker, with a B.A. in Social Work, master's in Counselor Education and Masters in Therapeutic Counseling. I retired after 36 Years as a Counselor and School Social Worker. I received the Employee of the Month award on four occasions.



Kay Wessell: Martell, NE, Diocese of Lincoln, Province of Omaha

--I value the programs supported by NCCW, in particular Human Trafficking having scheduled several trafficked survivors to speak at Diocesan/Province meetings. I have organized a Diocesan Pro-Life Diaper Drive for the last fifteen years, involving 130 parishes. This year we collected 218,965 diapers to support the Diocesan Pregnancy Centers, Catholic Social Services, Birthright and The Women's Care Center. I have held leadership positions with several CCW levels as well as 36 years with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. I would be honored to serve as your next Secretary and feel I have the experience needed to fulfill the responsibilities. My husband, Jerry, is very supportive of my NCCW involvement and has attended seven of the last eight Conventions.