

From Our Province Director

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Greetings to my sisters in Council! As your representative on the NCCW Board, I want to share with you information about practical ways the recently adopted 2024 NCCW Resolutions can be implemented in your Councils.

Each month, NCCW offers a member call focusing on a different topic. October's call was on those resolutions. (Members can access this call as well as past calls and other resources on the website nccw.org.)

Resolutions are important and, therefore, need to be reviewed, discussed, and acted upon. They reflect topics the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops want addressed and/or topics impacting the dignity and rights of others.

Resolutions empower Councils to bring about change. In this article, I will cover two Resolutions. The 2024 Resolutions in their entirety can be viewed on the NCCW website [2024-Resolutions.pdf](#).

Supporting and Praying for Priest

Resolved, that NCCW members foster a culture of respect for priesthood. • Discuss opportunities to support, encourage, and pray for your priests. Create Spiritual bouquets to remember their birthdays, Christmas, and ordination anniversaries.

- Start a Seven-Sister Apostolate in your parish for your priest and bishop.
- Prepare a meal for them or take them to dinner.
- Be mindful of the challenges priests are going through and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross for Priests, and the Rosary for them.
- Involve your priest in the Good Shepherd Project.

Mental Health Illness and Challenges Awareness

Resolved, that NCCW members and affiliates heed the USCCB's call to pray as outlined in their National Catholic Mental Health Campaign, for the individuals and families of those experiencing mental health illness and challenges; encourage our government leaders to enact effective legislation that will expand mental health resources; and support our public officials as they seek justice for the marginalized individuals and families facing mental health crises.

Check out resources from the [USCCB Resources | USCCB and Catholic Charities Programs – CMMB](#) on topics such as depression, suicide, and other mental health topics.

- Form a prayer group for support.
- Send cards to the people in recovery.
- Provide them with gas cards so they can attend follow up meetings or drive them to appointments.
- Be supportive. Let them know they are not alone in dealing with their illness.