A Resolution Concerning Hunger

2026 Purpose: To reinforce a commitment to educate ourselves and others regarding the reality of hunger in America and around the world and to focus on donating resources to this vital cause.

Whereas, According to the USDA, 47.9 million people, including 14.1 million children, experienced food insecurity in 2024; and

Whereas, Pope Leo XIV has taken several opportunities to voice his commitment to ending hunger, stating his belief that ending hunger is the path to world peace.

Whereas, The USCCB published a statement on hunger justice in America and around the world urging people of all faiths to learn about hunger in their communities and to commit themselves to educating others about this topic, volunteer and donate to organizations addressing it www.usccb.org; and

***Resolved*,** That NCCW membership recognize the need to educate themselves about the scourge of hunger in their communities, state, country and world; and

***Resolved*,** That NCCW affiliates commit themselves to educating others about this vital topic; and

***Resolved*,** That NCCW members commit themselves to work with leaders of all faiths to eradicate hunger everywhere, including donations to organizations who address it.

Submitted by Kathy Wilmes, St. Paul Minneapolis Province

Taking a Stand: Violence in Schools

2026 Purpose: To reduce violence in schools by promoting an attitude that cherishes peace among students and the general public.

Whereas, In 2025, there were 75 school shootings in the United States in which 31 people were killed and more than 100 people injured; and

Whereas, We remember with sorrow and prayer all those, both young and old, who have been killed or have had their lives changed by these acts of violence; and

Whereas, As Catholics, we believe that such shootings are an assault against the Culture of Life that we hold dear.

***Resolved*,** That the National Council of Catholic Women holds in prayer these deplorable acts of violence; and

***Resolved*,** That NCCW members commit both prayer and action toward the cessation of such violence, both by gunfire as well as any other means and NCCW members take a firm stand against such acts of violence by increased prayers, personal reflection, and letters to our Legislators.

Submitted by Kathy Wilmes, St. Paul Minneapolis Province

Servant Leadership

2026 Purpose: To strengthen the National Council of Catholic Women's (NCCW) identity as a Catholic Organization whose leadership reflects Gospel values and offers a visible, credible witness to the church and society.

Whereas, Our world urgently needs leaders who prioritize human dignity, solidarity, moral integrity and the common good; and

Whereas, A commitment to servant leadership deepens the faith of its members, strengthens the unity of the organization, and increases its capacity to evangelize and serve.

***Resolved*,** That NCCW formally adopts Servant Leadership, as outlined in the NCCW Guidance and Resources Manual (pgs. 100-121), available on the NCCW website (www.nccw.org) as a foundational leadership model guiding all national, diocesan and parish councils; and

***Resolved*,** That NCCW reaffirms its dedication to the glory of God and the mission of His Church by uniting Catholic women in prayer, service and leadership in support of the church at all levels.

Submitted by the 2025-2027 Leadership Commission

Walk with One Initiative

2026 Purpose: To promote the National Eucharistic Revival's Walk with One initiative and encourage The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) members to answer this call to action.

Whereas, Jesus invited people one by one to follow Him; and

Whereas, We are called to bring the "Good News" one-on-one to others, a key component in the final year of the National Eucharistic Revival was the Walk with One Initiative, within their affiliates and parishes (www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one).

Resolved, That NCCW members educate other Council sisters and parishioners in the Four Steps of the Walk with One Initiative, and NCCW members personally answer the call to initiate their own Walk with One experience.

Submitted by NCCW 2025-2027 Spirituality Commission

Promoting the Domestic Church through Service Projects

2026 Purpose: To invite the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) to select service projects which promote the family as the "Domestic Church" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 1651-1666).

Whereas, The mission of NCCW is to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. "The best and surest way to learn the love of Jesus is through the family." St. Teresa of Calcutta; and

Whereas, "The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family home is rightly called the 'domestic church'…" (CCC 1666); and

Whereas, "We must also remember the great number of single persons…" (CCC 1658) as well as single parent families…" so that they do not consider themselves separated from the Church (CCC 1651).

Resolved, That NCCW Councils promote Church teaching on the Domestic Church with special attention to the Domestic Church (CCC 1655-1666) and The Family in God's Plan (CCC 2201-2233); Familiaris Consortio (The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World) by Saint John Paul II and Letter to Families by Saint John Paul II; and

Resolved, That Councils use and promote the 2025-2027 Service Commission's resource: Catholic Books and Resources for Children and Families; and

Resolved, That Councils create Faith Enrichment boxes as gifts to groups such as First Communicants, Confirmandi, OCIA Candidates and others. These boxes can be filled as suggested by the Service Commissions Resource, to be used as a tool to nurture faith. Councils are encouraged to be creative and expansive.

Submitted by 2025-2027 NCCW Service Commission

Resolution - End the Worldwide Persecution of Christians

Purpose: To promote daily recitation of the *Memorare Prayer* for the intention of bringing an end to the persecution of Christians around the world by invoking the powerful intercession of Holy Mother Mary to protect her children.

Whereas, Christians worldwide experience the murder of Sisters and priests and the murder, kidnapping, and rape of men, women, and children who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ, and for practicing their religion; and

Whereas, Pope Leo XIV in his "State of the World" Speech, January 2026, stated that "the persecution of Christians remains one of the most widespread human rights crises today, …approximately one in seven Christians globally and it worsened in 2025 due to on-going conflicts, authoritarian regimes and religious extremism," and the Holy See has noted that persecution has not been limited to physical violence but also occurs through restrictive administrative practices and legal norms that nullify religious rights with severe violations against religious freedom occurring in 27 countries around the world (Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, September 22, 2025); and

Whereas, Though Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that, "everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion," "almost 400 million Christians worldwide face persecution or violence making them the most persecuted religious community in the world with nearly 5,000 Christians killed for their faith in 2025" (Vatican News, March 5, 2026).

Resolved, That the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) educate all members to instill an awareness of this crisis and request that members pray the *Memorare* daily to our Holy Mother Mary for her powerful intercession to bring an end to the plight of persecuted Christians throughout the world; and,

Resolved, That NCCW make available the *Memorare Prayer* through its website, social media and all avenues of communication to Councils, parishes, schools and families to enable them to incorporate the *Memorare* in daily prayers for the end of the persecution of Christians worldwide.

Submitted by the Province of Milwaukee, Diane Oakland, Director 2025-2027