



2023 Our Lady of Good Counsel Award

The National Council of Catholic Women's **Our Lady of Good Counsel Award** recognizes significant and outstanding contributions made by a council woman in the areas of service to the Church, the Council of Catholic Women, her parish, and the community at large.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Nominees **must** be an active paid individual or supporting member involved in council and council work. **Please verify before submitting the application.**
- Nominations should have the support of their local diocesan council.
- Nominees may be re-submitted in subsequent years.
- Members currently serving on the National Board of Directors are ineligible.

AWARD CRITERIA

- A woman who has made a significant contribution to NCCW, A/DCCW, deanery/subdivision, and parish CCW's.
- A woman who has served as an outstanding role model of service to others and supports and encourages others in their council work.
- A woman who has shown exemplary leadership, made significant contributions to the mission, vision, and programs of NCCW and serves as a model of collaboration with others in her diocese, deanery/subdivision or parish.
- A woman whose life reflects the Gospel values of social justice and peace.
- A woman who supports the gift of a multi-cultural church by promoting diversity and inclusivity.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nominations open: **Monday, March 13, 2023**. Deadline for submission: **Monday, April 24, 2023**. There will be no exceptions.
- The nomination package should be sent directly to the NCCW office via email to awards@nccw.org (with OLGC Awards nominee in the subject line) or by mail to 10335-A Democracy Lane, Ste 201, Fairfax, VA 22030 and received by **close of business (4:00pm EST), April 24, 2023**. No submissions will be accepted after this date and time.
- Nominations sent via email will necessitate your scanning of the reference letters.
- Nominations that are incomplete or do not follow the instructions will be disqualified.
- EVERYTHING REQUIRED MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER IN ONE MAILING.
- The nominee's name must only be used on this cover sheet of the application. Throughout the rest of the application, use only pronouns or "our nominee" or "the nominee" etc. This includes reference letters.
- **Please do not use letterhead identifying your Arch/Diocese.** All identifying information will be edited or returned to the sender for non-compliance.

A complete packet includes:

- Nomination Form
- Two Letters of Endorsement
 - ONE (1) from the Arch/Bishop or A/DCCW Spiritual Advisor. No letterhead please.
 - ONE (1) from any of the following: past or current diocesan officer; affiliation spiritual advisor, affiliation officer (any level of council) or leader in NCCW. No identifying information or letterhead.
- A **list** of the nominee's experience in NCCW, DCW, Deanery or subdivision, Parish, and community.
- The completed nomination questions worksheet.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Only those serving on the NCCW OLGC Award Selection Committee will review nominations and will select the award recipient of the 2023 NCCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award.
- A blind review process will be used with each nomination package assigned a number.
- The identity of the nominee will remain anonymous during the selection process, therefore:
 - The nominee's name must only be used on the cover sheet of the application.
 - Throughout the application, please use only pronouns or "our nominee" or "the nominee" etc.
 - Do Not use letter head identifying the Arch/Diocese.
 - All identifying information will be edited.
- The Chair will report directly to the NCCW President.
- The NCCW President notifies the person who submitted the application.

AWARD PRESENTATION

- The award will be presented at the NCCW 2023 Annual Convention.
- The award recipient will be recognized in the Catholic Woman magazine following the presentation at convention.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- On the day that the COMPLETE PACKET is sent to the NCCW OFFICE, please send a BLIND email message to the Award Committee Chair, Amy Kennedy, NCCW Secretary, amy.kennedy@comcast.net indicating that you have sent the packet and the total number of pages.
- Please count sealed envelopes and reference letters each as one (1) page.
- DO NOT include the name of the nominee!!
- Message should read: "A nominee for the NCCW OLGC Award has been sent to the NCCW office. The nomination packet has _____pages."

Nomination Questions:

- Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer these questions.
 - Keep answers precise and to the point and avoid redundancy.
 - For consistency, attachments should be typed in 12pt font, double-spaced with a 1-inch margin on all sides of the pages.
 - Be sure to number your answers and answer all questions.
 - You have chosen to submit a nominee from your area because she is an amazing Council woman. Take the time needed to gather all the facts you need to give the committee a comprehensive packet to consider.
 - Your nominee deserves your best effort in this process
1. Describe concrete actions of the nominee that demonstrates significant contributions to NCCW, A/DCCW, deanery/subdivision, and parish. These contributions should include those that are related to the mission, vision, and programs of NCCW.
 2. Share examples of the ways in which the nominee served as an outstanding role model to the women in NCCW, A/DCCW, deanery/subdivision, and their parish.
 3. Provide examples of actions taken by the nominee that show exemplary leadership to members of NCCW, A/DCCW, deanery/subdivision, and parish.
 4. Share actions the nominee has taken that reflect the Gospel values of social justice and peace.
 5. Describe how the nominee supports the gift of a multi-cultural church and what they have done to promote diversity and inclusivity of women in NCCW, A/DCCW, deanery/subdivision, and parish.
 6. Provide examples of how the nominee supports and encourages others to share their gifts in their council work.
 7. Share ways in which the nominee models collaboration with others in NCCW, A/DCCW, deanery/subdivision, and parish.



2023 NCCW Our Lady of Good Counsel Award Nomination Form

ONLY COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKETS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Return this nomination form and all attachments to: NCCW Attn: Our Lady of Good Counsel Award 2023
10335-A Democracy Lane #201 Fairfax, VA. 22030 Or email: awards@nccw.org with OLGCA Award nominee in the subject line.

Complete packet must arrive at the NCCW office by Monday, April 24, 2023, before 4:00pm EST. No Exceptions.

Please keep answers precise and to the point. For consistency, attachments should be typed in 12pt font, double- spaced with a 1-inch margin on all sides of the pages.

Nominee: _____

Affiliation: _____ Diocese: _____

Province: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Organization (A/DCCW, other Catholic organization) submitting this nomination:

Name, address, telephone & email for Person Submitting this Application (This person will be contacted if their nominee has been selected for the award and will be expected to honor the confidentiality of the information).

Name _____

Address: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

*****OFFICE USE ONLY*****

DATE RECEIVED _____ US Mail _____ Email _____

Email confirmation sent to 2023 Selection Committee Chair: _____

Number of pages (please count sealed envelopes/reference letters as one (1) page.

NUMBER ASSIGNED FOR BLIND REVIEW _____

DATE Mailed to selection committee _____