**MEMBERS OF NCCW- by Jane Carter, Leadership Commission Chair**

**W e0 are the National Council of Catholic Women!**

**I nclusive, because catholic means universal, with a deep and consistent**

**S pirituality rooted in Jesus Christ, the Gospel teachings, and Church Tradition.**

**E ducating and empowering ALL Catholic women to evangelize---to share the Good News!**

**C ouncils across America living out the mission of NCCW,**

**O rganizing acts of service with passion and great love, meeting the**

**U rgent needs of the poor, marginalized and forgotten.**

**R eaching out with hands of service to anyone in need---**

**A ll in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.**

**G ently offering prayerful support, a hand up, and always**

**E ncouraging words and compassionate care---the special gift of women.**

**O ur voices join in protest to the culture of death and the inequitable distribution of wealth---we are**

**U nited to uphold the dignity of every person, equal opportunities, and wise use of natural resources.**

**S isters in faith, we know that together we can change the world, one prayer and action at a time.**

**L et us continue to uphold family values and encourage new generations to embrace**

**O ur Catholic faith with excitement and fervor, echoing the “YES!” of our Blessed Mother, Mary.**

**V ibrant Catholic communities with an emphasis on welcome and hospitality, faith formation---**

**I ncluding opportunities for adult study groups and outreach programs---are**

**N ecessary to bring home the “lost” and attract those who are searching for a deeper relationship with**

**G od. Let our Councils be the yeast that makes it happen in every parish!**

**L et all members of the National Council of Catholic Women be known as both**

**E vangelists and true servant leaders---following Jesus in word and action and leadership style.**

**A dvancing our mission and the message of love, mercy, forgiveness, and truth. Healing**

**D ivisions, building bridges, seeing the value of every person as a child of God---**

**E verywhere---in our families, our Councils, our parishes, our neighborhoods, and our nation.**

**R ealizing that when we are known for sharing the Gospel and following in Jesus’ footsteps as**

**S ervant leaders, we will indeed be the seeds which fall on fertile ground and grow one hundredfold.**