

Where We Are Located

The Columbiettes continue their expansion activities and are currently located in:

Alabama
California
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Indiana
Iowa
Maine
Massachusetts
Michigan
Missouri
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Texas
Virginia
Washington
Wisconsin



For further information contact:

We look forward to hearing from you when your Council is ready to form a Columbiette Auxiliary.



Columbiettes



A unified body of Catholic women working side by side with the Knights of Columbus

How the Columbiettes Started

The Columbiettes were started in 1939 by Monsignor (later Cardinal) J. Francis McIntyre who conceived an idea of a ladies' organization to work with the Knights of Columbus.

He appointed PFN John Leo Coyle, and PGK Charles Maruca, to formulate a plan for this future group of Catholic women.

The Knights enlisted the aid of the Honorable Margaret Mary J. Mangan who was an attorney and the second woman to sit as a judge on the New York State Supreme Court.

The Columbiettes were, and continue to be, a separate Incorporated National Organization with its own set of Officers, its own goals and ideas, and its own charitable organizations.

Who We Are

The Columbiettes are a unified body of Catholic women who work side-by-side with the Knights of Columbus Councils with which they are affiliated.

The Columbiettes are part of a vibrant service organization of Catholic women, age 18 and over, who are dedicated to our Patronesses: Our Blessed Mother Mary, Saint Therese the Little Flower, and Saint Joan of Arc.

The Columbiette organization operates in a similar fashion to the Knights of Columbus and is divided into four levels: Auxiliary, Chapter, State and Supreme.

There is a Columbiette Initiation Ceremony which imparts information on our history and Patron saints.

Assistance to the Knights

It is the aim and goal of the Columbiettes to give assistance to the Knights for their activities when they request our aid and support. Some examples of how Columbiettes assist the Knights are:

- We can assist and support the Knights with their projects when help is needed.
- Assist in Membership Drives to recruit men and women to join the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes.
- Lend our voices and votes in support of legislative programs of the Knights of Columbus.
- Help increase attendance by their participation at social and religious functions sponsored by the Council.

Founders

They ignited the spirit of the Columbiette Order; May we continue to kindle the flame!

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Judge Mangan was elected the first President of the Supreme Council Columbiettes. She was a woman of greatness and humility and was dedicated to the Columbiettes.

The Columbiettes were always dear to her heart and she brought honor and glory to the Columbiettes in all aspects of her career as a Supreme Court Justice and a Catholic woman.

The Columbiettes, following the example of their founders, dedicate themselves to do God's work on earth promoting unity, Christ's love for each of us, and zeal to serve God through Faith, Hope and Charity

**LOOKING FOR A WAY
TO GET INVOLVED IN
PARISH EVENTS?**

**ENJOY SOCIAL
ACTIVITIES?**

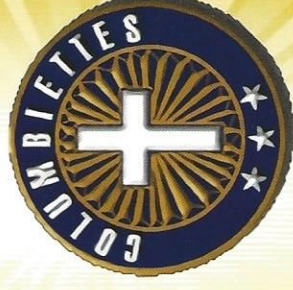
**WANT TO ENRICH
YOUR CATHOLIC
FAITH?**

**JOIN THE
COLUMBIETTES!**



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Contact:**

COLUMBIETTES



**The Blue Circle represents the
World.**

**The White Cross represents
Christ's Love for us – by His
Crucifixion, He redeemed the
World.**

**The Rays represent our zeal to
serve God through the mediums
of Faith, Hope and Charity;
symbolized by the Three White
Stars.**



St. Joan of Arc

Why Join?

The benefits of membership are many including spiritual, moral, charitable, educational and social. We pray for each other and play together building lasting friendships and crucial support systems in our lives.

Membership Requirements

A Columbiette must be at least 18 years of age in full communion with the Catholic Church. You need not be married to, nor related to a Knight to be eligible to join.

Our Patronesses

Blessed Virgin Mary
St. Therese the Little Flower
St. Joan of Arc



St. Therese, the
Little Flower

Get Involved with the Columbiettes!

The Columbiettes are a growing service organization who are willing to make a difference in today's society. We boldly choose to take a strong stand on issues devastating to human life.

Deep religious convictions are evident with the Columbiettes: mass attendance; retreats; blood drives; supporting unwed mothers; helping the needy; and helping the mentally and physically challenged.

Columbiettes are very active in our parishes. We can be found singing in the choir, serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, serving on the Bereavement Committee, working in the nursery and serving as Catechists and aides in the Faith Formation Program. Many members serve on the various committees of their parish.

We are ordinary ladies who are proud of reaching out and helping those less fortunate by meeting the needs of the people in their communities and around the world. We are also committed to the preservation of family life. We are an organization that addresses the religious needs of the church and community where we live, worship, work and play.



Blessed Virgin Mary

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Columbiettes**

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