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### New Jersey State Council Columbiettes

Worthy President and Sister Columbiettes:

Each auxiliary is asked to make a special effort to join in and be a part of our State's Awards program entitled, "*Women of God*".

#### *Activities Award:*

In order to receive the NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL COLUMBIETTE AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES AWARD you must participate in each of the following major service programs:

1. Church
2. Community/Charity
3. Family
4. Youth
5. Membership
6. Right to Life

**All reports must be submitted to the Immediate Past President, Elena McFarland, no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Attached is an outline of activities from which you may choose. Also enclosed is a Activities Award Application which is to be completed and returned by the above date. This award will be presented at the annual State Convention.

#### *Founders Award:*

A New Jersey State Council "FOUNDERS AWARD" will also be given to auxiliaries achieving a 5% increase in new members. Additions must be over deductions. No transfers are to be included. This Award will be presented at our State Convention.

#### *Recruitment:*

Bring in 3 or more new members and you will be eligible for a drawing held at the State Convention. Please send to Sandra Bohinski by June 1st

#### *Retention Award:*

Invite all members who have not been to a meeting in some time, to your November meeting. After the meeting, complete the Retention Award report and send to Sandra Bohinski. A drawing will be held at the State Convention

We sincerely hope that you will take an active part in these State Programs.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Nadine Lecorchick*

*New Jersey State President*

## Women of God



Throughout the bible, there are many stories where God relied and depended on women. There were *Many* woman who said “yes” to God.

Our Patronesses are three major examples.



It all started with the most important yes of all...Mary’s yes. When the angel came to Mary and told her she was carrying God’s son, she said “yes” to His plan.

St. Joan of Arc “I am not afraid...I was born to do this” St. Joan said yes to our Lord and her last words were “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”



St. Therese the Little Flower “Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even the difficulty, as at the love which we do them”

As Columbiettes, we are all “Women of God”. Saying yes to His call as we help the needy, feed the hungry, take care of His children, support our church, with every Hail Mary we say, every kind act we do as Columbiettes, we are saying “Yes” to our Lord.

For we are all “*Women of God*”.

# **Columbiette Auxiliary Activities Award**

**RULES: Each auxiliary MUST complete as many activities as defined in each of the categories listed below:**

## **CHURCH ACTIVITIES (3) ACTIVITIES**

1. Plan an Evening of Recollection or Devotion.
2. Recite a rosary at each meeting for the entire year.
3. Participation in State Retreat.
4. Purchase religious Stamps for your November/December/January mailing.
5. Have a Corporate Communion Breakfast/Supper.
6. Conduct an Advent service at your meeting.
7. Conduct a special Lenten program.

## **COMMUNITY/CHAIRTY (2) ACTIVITES**

1. Promote letter writing to the Legislatures.
2. Provide and assist in transporting the elderly to Mass, Shopping, doctor's appointments, meeting, etc.
3. Support nursing homes, convalescent homes, homes for the aged, handicapped or special needs with manpower, finances and/or activities.
4. Provide food baskets for the needy.
5. Participate in a Community Project.

## **FAMILY (1) ACIVITY**

1. Sponsor a "Family Sunday" family style dinner.
2. Be a Big Sister.
3. Plan a family trip to the museum, park, zoo, family camping trip, etc.
4. Other.

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## **YOUTH (1) ACTIVITY**

1. Sponsor a Girl Scout Troop in your area.
2. Promote a program against drug and alcohol usage among the youth in local Communities.
3. Establish a Scholarship Fund.
4. Sponsor an essay contest.
5. Assists in your local school programs/activities.
6. Conduct an Altar Server or children's choir appreciation luncheon, pizza party, etc. for your local churches.

## **MEMBERSHIP (2) ACTIVITIES**

1. Sponsor a Membership Drive at your Church or Council Home.
2. Sponsor an Information Night Program, Membership Tea or Open House.
3. Advertise in the Diocesan Newspaper.
4. Send Recruitment flyers to churches as advertisement for membership.
5. Send invitation to all wives of Brother Knights who are not Columbiettes.

## **RIGHT TO LIFE (1) ACTIVITIES**

1. Write letters to you legislators regarding the unborn and respect life legislation.
2. Contact a Right to Life committee, or any other Pro-Life Organization, to volunteer support, such as manpower and finances.
3. Conduct a "Rose Sale" or "Baby Shower" for Birthright or other Pro-Life organization in your area.
4. Sponsor a Catholic Lecture by your Chaplain, Priest, Deacon or Nun.
5. Do a special Church related activity.
6. Participate in the "March for Life" in Washington, DC in January.

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**ACTIVITIES AWARD APPLICATION**

<b>Auxiliary:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Participation:</b>	
<b>Church Activities – (3) – (Describe each Activity)</b>	
1.	
2.	
3.	
<b>Community/Charity – (2) – (Describe Activity)</b>	
1.	
2.	
<b>Family Activity – (1) – (Describe Activity)</b>	
1.	

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<b>Youth Activity – (1) – (Describe Activity)</b>
1.
<b>Membership Activities – (2) – (Describe Activity)</b>
1.
2.
<b>Right to Life Activity – (1) – (Describe Activity)</b>
1.

<b>Auxiliary President:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Please mail one copy to:</b>	<b>Elena McFarland Immediate Past State President 3 Montfort Drive Hillsborough, NJ 08844 Email: elena.columbiettes@gmail.com</b>



# New Jersey State Council Columbiettes Founders Award Application

*(5% increase of existing membership)*

<b>Founders Award</b>	
Auxiliary Name	
President	Date

1.	Total Members as of July 1, 2022	
2	New Admissions	+
3	Transfers	
4.	Deaths	
5.	Re-Admissions	+
6.	Suspensions/Withdrawals	-
7.	Total Members as of May 31, 2023 (1+2+5-6)	

**\*Founders Award will be based only on NEW ADMISSIONS less any Suspensions/Withdrawals.**

Attested by: President	
Financial Secretary	

**DEADLINE DATE: JUNE 1**

One (1) Copy to be retained by Auxiliary

Please mail or email to: **Elena McFarland, NJ Past State President**  
**3 Montfort Drive**  
**Hillsborough, NJ 08844**  
**Phone: 908-428-7203**  
**Email: elena.columbiettes@comcast.net**





## **New Jersey State Council Columbiettes**

### **RECRUITMENT PROGRAM WIN \$100**

Sister Columbiettes to be eligible to enter this drawing all you need to do is sign up three (3) or more new members, provided they take their Initiation Ceremony prior to the State Convention. Deadline date is June 1st.

All Columbiettes are eligible to enter this RECRUITMENT PROGRAM. Every form your auxiliary returns to the Chairperson will be put into a drawing of **\$100**.

Please publicize this notice at all your auxiliary meetings. This will be a reminder for all your members to take advantage of this opportunity to enter, and it will also be a great incentive for the members to help your auxiliary grow and prosper.

Mail in the \$100 Entry Verification Form and be sure that all information is complete to make your entry eligible.

**GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY RECRUITING!**

**Mail or Email to:** Sandra Bohinski  
2 Lake Avenue  
P.O. box 546  
Helmetta, NJ 08828  
732-521-3012  
Email : [bosgeneral@aol.com](mailto:bosgeneral@aol.com)

**\*Attached is a sample ad to put in your church bulletin and/or if permission is granted, a sample speech to be read at the masses.**



## New Jersey State Council Columbiettes Recruitment Program \$100 Entry Form

Auxiliary
President

NAME OF MEMBER SPONSORING	NAME OF NEW MEMBERS (3)

VERIFICATION:  
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail or email to:** Sandra Bohinski  
 2 Lake Avenue  
 P.O. Box 546  
 Helmetta, NJ 08828

Phone: 732-521-3012  
 Email: bosgeneral@aol.com



## New Jersey State Council Columbiettes

Retention Award	
Auxiliary	
President's Name	
Telephone #	
Email:	
Address	
Membership Chairperson	
Number of members who regularly attend monthly meetings	
Number of inactive members called who attended the <b>November</b> meeting	
Auxiliary President (Signature)	

Please mail or email to:

Sandra Bohinski  
 P.O. Box 546  
 Helmetta, NJ 08828-0546  
 (732) 521-3012  
 Email: Bosgeneral@aol.com

For Church bulletin:

(name of Auxiliary) Columbiettes are sponsoring a membership drive. Any Catholic female age 18 and older may join. We will be having a meeting at (place of meeting) on (date of meeting) at (time of meeting). To find out more about us, please join us or you may call (Members name and phone number)

A talk you can give at Mass-

Good Morning. I would like to thank Father \_\_\_\_\_ for giving us the opportunity to speak to you this morning about our group – the Columbiettes. This organization is the Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus and is similar to their structure. Each Columbiette Auxiliary is affiliated with a Knights of Columbus Council.

The Columbiettes are practical Catholic women 18 years of age and over. They are wives, mothers, daughters and friends organized to work side by side with their Knights of Columbus Council promoting Catholicism, Unity and Columbianism. Not only do they support the Knights of Columbus in their endeavors; they also embrace many projects and charities on their own. They help to make a difference in their Church and community. Columbiettes are involved in many charities. On the State level they collect school items that are placed in backpacks for the less fortunate children, last year over 800 backpacks were distributed amongst the five dioceses' in the State; toiletry items for the homeless; tab tops for the Ronald McDonald which have amounted to over a million tabs. They collect Pennies from Heaven, sell angel pins and have a Memorial Fund where cards are sent for any occasion and the moneys derived from all these activities are given to Seminarians and Postulants.

Our Church Activities involve many Columbiettes as CCD Teachers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and their many activities include May Crownings, Weekend Retreats, Corporate Communion Breakfasts, and Days of Recollection.

There is still time for fun as well with our many social functions which include dinners, fashion shows, tricky trays, bus trips, spaghetti dinners, pot luck suppers, et cetera.

Involvement with the Knights of Columbus is very important to the Columbiettes. We assist them in their annual drives for the mentally challenged, their Communion Breakfasts, parades, Catholic Action, fish fries, and whenever called upon to lend our hands.

Papal Authority has designated the Knights of Columbus as the "Right arm of the Church". With added pride, we can state wherever Columbiette participation has been invited; Columbiettes have fast become the "right arm of the Knights of Columbus".

To sum up Columbiettes, we are –

C – Catholic women who work with the Knights of Columbus

O – open with hands and heart

L – loving and caring of others

U – united

M – make a difference in today's world

B – befriending to everyone

I – interested in helping others

E – energetic when needed to help Family, Church, Community

T – thankful to God for all He has given us

T – takes the time to give to others

E – enjoys fun in fraternity

S – serves God and country

With your time, special skills or talent we offer you the opportunity to give back something to your Parish as well as your community.

Join the Columbiettes. Help us make a difference by touching hearts and changing lives.

We have members of \_\_\_\_\_ Columbiettes who have some brochures and applications if you are interested. Thank you and God bless you!