

Daughters of Isabella: The first circle of the Order was founded in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1897, as an auxiliary to the Rev. John Russell Council of the Knights of Columbus for the purpose of uniting all Catholic women in a sisterhood to achieve the following aims:

- To know one another better
- To extend our circle of friends
- To centralize all our resources to better help one another
- To be a greater force to contend with in the pursuit of good in our society

Today, it is one of the largest Catholic women's organizations, with a membership of over 60,000 women from the United States and Canada and has continued to prosper and establish bonds among Catholic women throughout the world. Members encourage each other's total development and foster growth of every aspect of life – spiritual, social and charitable – adding up to a more fulfilling life

Motto is Unity, Friendship and Charity

The Columbiettes, an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Theresa the Little Flower and St. Joan of Arc, are comprised of affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils.

A Columbiette Auxiliary is in existence only with the consent and approval of the Council with which it is affiliated. One of our purposes is to aid our Council spiritually, socially and financially. The Columbiette Auxiliary upon request aids said Council in all its endeavors.

Our purpose is to:

- promote the spiritual, social and charitable welfare of our members
- to instill a steadfast conviction relating to the proper place and function of Catholic women in safeguarding the religious, civil and economic rights of all Catholics
- to rely upon the intercession of Mary, our Mother and Model, for guidance in guarding the common good, and to work through her, on loving and aiding all members of the human family
- and to give assistance to the Knights of Columbus in all their activities upon request.

Through the integrity, strength and scope of the Auxiliary activities, the Columbiettes have become a recognized group of women working with the Knights of Columbus, promoting the ideals of Columbianism.