Announcing the

Kansas City- St. Joseph Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s

Golden Rose Award

The Golden Rose Award seeks to recognize the basic tenets of the Council of Catholic Women – spirituality, leadership and service. With this award, the Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) recognizes one young Catholic woman from each parish who has made a significant contribution to her parish and community in service and leadership.

The criteria for the nominee for the DCCW Golden Rose Award are:

* A young woman aged 14-18 yrs.
* A high school student who participates in school activities (sports, student government, clubs, class officer).
* A young woman who is spiritual and reflects the Gospel values in her everyday life.
* A young woman who is an active member of her parish, involved in activities (youth group, ministries, volunteer), and attends Sunday Mass regularly.
* A young woman who shows leadership and goes above and beyond in a church or community service project when compared to her peers.
* The nominee, or her parish, is NOT required to be a member of DCCW. The nominee is NOT required to be a student at a Catholic High School; public and private school attendees are encouraged to apply also.

Mail nomination packets to Beverly South @marydccw@gmail.com or Beverly South, 2820 S. Woodbury Dr., Independence, MO 64155

The complete nomination packet is to be submitted together and must include:

* application form (below),
* applicant profile (see criteria below),
* a letter of recommendation from her pastor,
* a letter of recommendation from someone, unrelated to the nominee, in her local parish or school.
* A signature indicating the parish pastor’s approval (found at the bottom of the form below)

**Note: Packets will be rejected if they do not include all documents listed above or are received after the midnight, July 1st. deadline. Please have someone double-check your packet before submitting it. All documents must be legible.**

**We prefer that you submit the documents electronically to: Beverly South at marydccw@gmail.com**

**If you can not submit electronically, please mail to: Beverly South, 2820 S. Woodbury Dr., Independence, MO 64155**

**Be sure to mail in plenty of time for us to receive them by the deadline.**

2025 DCCW Golden Rose Award Application Form

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parish/City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated by:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parish/City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor’s Approval Name, Signature and Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Profile:** Please provide, attached to the nomination form:

• A description (three pages or less, double-spaced) of your nominee that addresses the above-mentioned criteria. Concisely **describe**, in letter format, the applicant’s parish activities, school activities, how she gives witness to living a spiritual life, how she demonstrates leadership in school and parish activities, and any service projects she participated in (parish or community).

**Nominations open on April 1st and must be received by midnight, July 1st.**

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Family and friends are invited to attend the reception following the Mass; please let us know if you are planning to attend the reception along with your award recipient. Call Beverly South 816-304-1568 and leave a message or email her at marydccw@gmail.com: include your name and # of attendees accompanying the award recipient and a call back number.

**Process**

* This award is presented to one 14 to 18 year old Catholic young woman from each parish on (TBA ) at (TBA)
* The Bishop or Spiritual Director presents the awards at a special liturgy followed by a reception. Family and friends are invited to attend with advance registration.
* Each Golden Rose Award recipient is presented with a certificate and golden rose pin. They will also receive a membership into the KCSJ Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, National Council of Catholic Women and a congratulatory packet all courtesy of the DCCW. Four nominees will also be awarded a monetary award.

“We recognize those girls who exhibit outstanding qualities in spirituality, leadership ability, while also completing a meaningful service project,”

A framed picture of a madonna holding a baby

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