

KDCCW Leadership Commission Report Board Meeting January 5, 2019

A couple of items to Remember: We are the voice of Catholic Women

Keep our Mission Statement as a focal point of our work as it shows what our organization is about.

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel is the binding force of our organization:

God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary. Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come. O Mother of Good Counsel, patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, Intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the Church. Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus your son. May the Holy Spirit fill us with the reverence for God's creation, and compassion for all God's children. May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come Amen.

After attending some of the Deanery Meetings this past year I have listed some items I would like to see worked on before our April Convention.

From our Parish to our Diocese we will have some new Officers taking over. We need to review our records of what we need to retain and what we can toss.

Some examples:

- ◆ Minutes must be kept permanently in a binder by itself.
- ◆ By-Laws need to be kept in a binder alone and needs to be reviewed every other year.
- ◆ Directories that are current should be kept and past directories should be put in your archives so you will always have information of your council's history.

Being a good listener is a valuable trait in friendships and family relationships---and also in Council. In fact, listening is the #1 skill that a leader needs to cultivate.

- ◆ STOP TALKING - It's not possible to listen and speak at the same time--- make effort to talk less and listen more in every conversation.

- ◆ LOOK AT THE SPEAKER - Look the person speaking to you in the eye. Your own face should be relaxed and open, but keep eye contact.
- ◆ LEAN IN - Body language counts! By simply leaning towards the person who is speaking you will make that person aware of your complete attention and give importance to what is being said.
- ◆ REFLECT BACK WHAT YOU HEAR - Repeat in your own words what you have heard to be certain that you understand. If necessary, ask for clarification.
- ◆ PONDER WHAT IS SAID - Weigh things, understanding that not all information is "equal." Guard feelings and personal information when shared. Do not judge ideas or jump to conclusions. Take decisions to prayer.

NCCW has added a new page (on their NEWS tab at the top of their webpage) called Affiliate Happenings to share all the wonderful things going on in our own CCW. This area allows the affiliates to send in news of events held so that everyone can be inspired, get ideas, simply keep up with what is happening. This is not an area to submit an announcement of an upcoming program but an area for you to show all of us what you have done. It can be an installation, a baby shower for a maternity center, a lunch with retired religious, any of the fabulous things our women do around the country.

Submission for each event can include a maximum of one photograph (not required) and a paragraph not to exceed 100 words. Please send to our NCCW office (nccw01@nccw.org) where our wonderful staff will be sure to post it. All submissions are subject to approval.

I will be contacting the Deanery Presidents over the next couple of weeks to see where I may be of help to you, so please let me know what I can do to help you as Deanery Presidents – it may be helping to get your by-laws set up or reviewed. I have heard some Deanery's don't even have by-laws.

Respectfully submitted:

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