

KDCCW Training Committee Report
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The NCCW mission states that we “act through its members to support... all Catholic women.” In these troubling times that word, “support,” takes on additional meaning. Some of are fortunate enough to have family around, others aren’t. Some of us are fortunate enough to have the financial resources to survive this lockdown, others aren’t. ALL of us feel the separation from our church. Who would ever have thought that the doors to our sanctuaries would be locked, keeping us away from the Sacred Blood and Body of our Christ, especially on Easter Sunday!

As we reflect on our individual realities, I encourage each of you to reach out to support one another. At St. Thomas Fr. Ray Powell wanted to reach out to all parishioners during Holy Week. Not by text, email or Instagram, but by phone – real voice! He knew he couldn’t do it by himself, so he asked his primary groups to help. Our CCW has around 250 women who have participated in our meetings and events in the past few years. Our president set up a phone “tree,” divided up the list and identified 13 women to make calls to around 20 women each. Yes, we had to do some digging for phone numbers, but we did have an STCCW directory that we had been maintaining for a year or so with the numbers of over 100 women. With some help from the office, we made it happen! It was so rewarding! Of course, we had a “script” developed by Fr. Ray to convey his thoughts, but our conversations rarely kept to the script! And it only took a phone and some time – of which most of us now have!

Many of you may already be doing some innovative ways to reach out to your members. Even if it’s just your own personal project, identify those women you know need our love and support in these times. Reach out to them, and, with God’s help, we’ll be back filling those pews in the near future!