

**WHO, WHEN, WHAT, WHERE, WHY and HOW**  
**we do**  
**LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY**

**WHO? “By name I have called you...” --God**

The Council of Catholic Women—individually, in your parish group, throughout our diocese and across the United States.

**WHEN? “Pray always...” St Paul**

Prayer is a conversation with God—and this is where all our efforts begin. Use your prayer partners and parish e-chains to bring issues to God in prayer first.

**WHAT ISSUES? “As Catholics we have a moral obligation to speak out...” --US Bishops**

Anything that impacts the least among us, the voiceless, our neighbors and friends, our families and the next generation—in truth, there is a moral dimension to almost every issue.

**WHERE? “Go. Bring the Gospel message to all the ends of the earth...” Scripture**

Women are the original influencers—they brought the message from the tomb. Now we continue to influence others in our families, our circles, our prayer groups, our neighborhoods, our school boards and town councils, at our workplace and the grocery store, in our attire and attitudes, in our speech and with our actions.

**WHY? “The second step of social justice—to make the systemic changes the that hold people in poverty, ignorance, oppression...”**

The first step is direct aid—the corporal works of mercy that are so important and bring immediate relief to those in need.

The second step is systemic change—laws and regulations, government aid allocations and funding, education and healthcare needs, housing and nutrition, informed voting and public service—all measured by Gospel values and for the common good.

**HOW?**

“It doesn’t take specialized skills to do Legislative Advocacy, it does take compassion and commitment...” --Network: A Catholic Social Justice Lobby

**We need to take BOTH STEPS...and I am counting on every member of KDCCW**  
**to step up, speak out and move forward!**

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