

**Pensacola-Tallahassee Council of Catholic Women**  
**LEADERSHIP/ORGANIZATION COMMISSION REPORT**  
**2014-2015**

We are a council of like minded women, sharing our faith, our energy and our love. Opportunities to share and influence those around us in love, gracious hospitality and prayerful reflection abound. Yet, in this ever changing and fast paced world, maintaining meaningful relationships can become a challenge.

Membership has been a challenge this year. We have lost some long standing affiliates and yet through the outreach of our leaders we have re-established old ties and new affiliations. The organization of the DCCW continues to reach out to all the women of the Diocese through opportunities such as this Convention, "Our Family Our Future" to increase our knowledge, to grow our faith, and better respond as loving leaders in our communities.

Leadership is inately within each one of us but needs to be encouraged and nurtured. An informed leader is an effective leader. We plan to bring an OWL (Organizationally Wise Leaders) training session to each deanery. Topics will cover the structure of Councils and the mechanics of effective Boards. What is your style of leadership? Who influences your style of leadership? How to interact with hospitality and purpose.

We are exploring a new resource from the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), "We are Called to Witness." It contains ideas and reflections to help one become a better leader as we spread the "good news" through our actions and our lives.

Our plan of action is to witness the good news of Jesus Christ. Our model and our patroness in our endeavors as leaders is Mary the mother of Jesus.

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