

EAST CENTRAL DEANERY CCW

President's Report

August 29, 2015

East Central Deanery held its first meeting on March 14, 2015 at St John the Evangelist Parish in Panama City, with 16 women in attendance.

Diocesan Council President Cynthia Lacour explained the structure, mission, and goals of the Council of Catholic Women and answered questions.

Five women volunteered to serve as officers until By-Laws are drafted and an official election is held:

President	-	Joan Walker, St John the Evangelist
Vice President	-	Ruth Kress, Our Lady of the Rosary
Recording Secretary	-	Dinah Rhodeback, St Anne
Treasurer	-	Edrie Moran, St John the Evangelist
Diocesan Board Member	-	Connie Peterson, St Bernadette

Twenty-five women from East Central attended the DCCW Convention at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in April.

Following this meeting a new affiliate was formed, thanks to the efforts of Dinah Rhodeback. Parishes of St Anne in Marianna and St Joseph the Worker in Chipley met in April (26 in attendance) and each month since and have already begun service projects at their parishes in the community.

East Central Deanery met on August 15 at St Francis of Assisi in Blountstown, with 27 women present, many from St Francis and Holy Cross parishes.

ECD discussed proposed By-Laws; the Board will meet in the fall to finalize their By-Laws and Standing Rules.

Those in attendance voted that East Central Deanery will collect \$5 per paid membership from its affiliates. Parishes affiliated so far are:

St Bernadette
St John the Evangelist
Our Lady of the Rosary
St Anne/ St Joseph the Worker
St Francis of Assisi/Holy Cross

East Central also voted to host a Lenten Day of Reflection/Forgiveness at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish on February 13 (first after Ash Wednesday), when Dcn Andy & Kate Grosmaire will be guest speakers.

We are hoping that several women from East Central Deanery will attend the Respect Life Conference in October and Catholic Days at the Capitol in February.

Women from St Francis and Holy Cross parishes held a meeting immediately following the deanery meeting. They will hold an organizational meeting on September 12, then meet twice a month, alternately at St Francis and Holy Cross.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us...