

**EAST CENTRAL DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**  
DCCW Board Meeting  
President's Report  
August 13, 2016

East Central Deanery purchased 50 blue scarves from NCCW; that was the most our budget allowed. The ladies from our affiliations bought them up quickly, so we ordered 50 more to cover all the affiliations. We are selling them at cost to encourage members to wear our scarves whenever we sell something after Mass, sign people up for something, host receptions or bake sales, attend corporate communions – any opportunity we can make our presence known in the parish.

Since we have so many new affiliations and members who have no experience in the Council of Catholic Women, we have planned a Leadership Training Session on August 27 from 9:30-2:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary. Our distinguished Parliamentarian Pat Treadway has agreed to share her wisdom and make sure we are all following the rules (of Robert and Pat).

When we sold tickets for the Diamond Necklace & Bracelet Raffle at St John after weekend Masses a few weeks ago, we took in \$400. People were anxious to buy the tickets and stood in line waiting to get to our table. A few of our affiliations are also planning to sell the raffle tickets after Masses at their parishes. We will also sell them at our affiliation meetings, at Coffee & Donuts and Men's Club Breakfast, at our Leaders with P E P! Training Session, and any other likely gathering where we can jump in. This is a great fund-raiser for our deanery!

Several women from our affiliation at St John are planning to attend the FCCW Conference in Jacksonville at the end of October. I have sent email reminders to the Board Members and we are hoping that some ladies from the other affiliations will join us.

East Central Deanery has a Board Meeting scheduled for September 24 and our General Meeting will be held on November 5 (week after the FCCW Conference) at St Joseph the Worker in Chipley.

East Central will host a day of reflection on March 4, the first Saturday in Lent. Fr Abraham Matthew has been invited to lead the retreat. Everyone who would like to attend is invited, members and non-members, men and women, Catholics and non-Catholics.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Walker

*Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!*