

2018 PTDCCW PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1: United to Pray for Our Country

Purpose: To promote praying daily for the safety of and respect for people in the United States and an end to violence.

Whereas, Our prayers are our most powerful weapon and there is a need to join together in prayer, united in the cause to protect all people and God's creation;

Whereas, Jesus gave us the two great commandments – to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves;

Resolved, That the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) promote praying every day the *Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel*, the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* for the intentions of the safety of the United States, protection from violence and respect for all people.

Resolution No. 2: Mentoring

Purpose: To encourage the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) to promote the practice of mentoring at all levels of council.

Whereas, Mentoring is a trusting relationship bringing a mentor together with a mentee offering guidance, support, and encouragement to develop the skills of the mentee;

Whereas, Mentors are needed to challenge us to grow, thrive in our lives and mature in our faith;

Whereas, All rings of council can benefit from mentoring relationships, helping our organization to grow strong as a support for women and the Church;

Resolved, That DCCW will encourage the utilization of the NCCW mentoring program at all levels of the organization which encourages the mentee to act outside her comfort zone while trying new tasks and learning new skills.

Resolution No. 3: RESPITE

Purpose: To increase awareness and use of the revised National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) RESPITE Program to refresh caregivers in mind and spirit within our parishes.

Whereas, The RESPITE Program was designed to support, assist and renew the family caregiver by providing trained volunteers to serve as companions for a short period of time;

Whereas, A parish coordinator identifies the needs, coordinates the connection between caregivers and those in need of respite and recruits volunteers for a RESPITE Program; and

Whereas, Volunteer training programs and personal liability insurance can be obtained through NCCW using the updated manual of NCCW's RESPITE Program;

Resolved, That each parish affiliate promote and establish the RESPITE Program within their parish to offer relief and renewal to the family caregiver.

Resolution No.4: Legislative Advocacy

Purpose: To provide information to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) members on the role Legislative Advocacy plays to fulfill our obligation as Catholics to take an active part in the political process.

Whereas, The Catholic Church advocates for the compassion of Christ in caring for all people including healthcare institutions, schools, charitable works and social service agencies;

Resolved, That DCCW members become aware of Florida pertinent legislative efforts by signing up for the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops' Florida Catholic Advocacy Network (FLCAN) and if feasible, sign up to attend the FCCB Annual Catholic Days at the Capitol; and

Resolved, That DCCW members work with their local, state, and federal legislators through visits, letters, phone calls and emails to advocate for legislative processes and lawmaking that will positively impact individuals in our society and protect human dignity.