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Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

God of Heavenly wisdom,
You have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus,
to be our guide and counselor.
Grant that we may always seek her motherly help
in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence

In the life to come.

O Mother of Good Counsel,
Patroness of the
National Council of Catholic Women,
intercede for us,
that we may be wise, courageous and loving leaders
of the Church.

Help us, Dear Mother, to know
The mind of Jesus, your Son.

May the Holy Spirit
fill us with reverence for God's creation
and compassion for all God's children.

May our labors of love on earth
enhance the reign of God,

"The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world."

NCCW Mission Statement

<http://nccw.org>



Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patroness

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East DuPage Deanery Council of Catholic Women

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So You're a new Parish CCW President!

President's Survival Guide

2008-10



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You've been installed and you have your board. Now what? You can relax until fall?

Good questions!

Yes, BUT!..... first...

1. Get all the information your past president has, find a place where you won't be disturbed, and go through it. Some things you won't need: duplicates, personal notes, etc. Dispose of these. YOU MY WANT TO update the president's files. They can be labeled as active file, (where the past term is kept as reference), and a permanent file (where all other terms are kept, the latest year in front). Future presidents may appreciate giving immediate attention to the active file, and at their leisure go through the permanent file if they choose to.



Goals

2. Meet with your officers and/or board and set some goals for the coming year.

3. Send rosters to the Diocese and Deanery boards, naming your Commission and/or event chairman, so they can be contacted as needed. (if all positions are not filled, send what you have and fill in later). Also, if your positions do not match those on the form, rename the positions to reflect YOUR Council!

Send your Deanery assessment of \$48 to the Deanery treasurer with your roster by 6/15 each year!

4. Attend your Deanery's Spring Institute, and try to have as many of your board members to attend with you. This is your chance to learn, meet Deanery board members, and share with other CCWs your ideas and successes.

5. Start making plans to send two voting delegates to the NCCW (even years) or JD CCW Convention (odd years).

DELEGATE! DELEGATE! DELEGATE!

Calendar

Over the summer as you, your officers, and your board put together your annual calendar of events for the next year, be sure to include these dates:



JD CCW Combined Commissions Day: SA, August 1, 2009

East DuPage Fall Coffee: 10/14/09

Your own Council's events for the year

Diocesan Woman of the Year Mass & Luncheon: 4/24/2009

East DuPage Spring Institute: 5/12/2009

Send in NCCW dues before 12/31 each year!

Check your Standing Rules

These help your council be answering those "What do we usually do for ___?", "At an early Board meeting, review these. Do you give annual or Christmas gifts? To whom? Who gets invitations/complimentary tickets to your functions? Do you give an annual gift to your parish? Do you give financial aid to your delegates and/or attendees at conventions? Diocesan events? How much? Do you give an annual gift to the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Fund? Bylaws, etc.

Resources that you should have or have access to:

Bylaws, etc.

1. Your Parish CCW bylaws (these should be reviewed every couple of years and revised as needed).
2. Your standing rules (these should be reviewed each year or term); see above.
3. JD CCW and NCCW Bylaws and Resolutions (Commission programs are based on these study and action goals.)
4. If your council doesn't have Commission packets for each of your Commission chairs or the NCCW Guidance and Resource Manual, see if you can borrow copies from your Deanery so your Board can review these useful materials.



Deanery Project

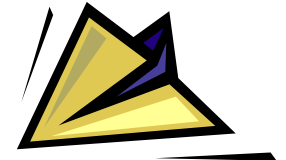
The Deanery project for 2008-10 is the

Water for Life program

A flyer explaining the program and bottles for collecting spare change for this were distributed at the 2009 Spring

Institute. If you didn't get either, please ask Marianne (see board #s & addresses)

Fly forward into your successful new year!



A Word About Reports:

You may dread the idea of Reports, but they are vitally essential for you, your board, your members, and other rings of Council. Instead of dreading them, think of them as your chance to enhance your 'image' and brag. You should plan a report. You don't want to be known as the coffee & cookies ladies, but Christ's Chosen Women!



1. to your council (an insert for your end-of-year meeting or special Luncheon or Dinner?) and your pastor
2. to your Deanery, an article on your council's activities of the year will be requested for inclusion in the final EDD newsletter distributed at the Spring Institute
3. to the Diocese and National. The work you do in your parish has a ripple effect and reaches the Diocesan and National CCWS through this form which you will receive in the Spring.
4. When you receive the above, you should also receive a Volunteer Hours report; your Deanery or Diocesan Organization Chairman can give you quick & easy tips to complete this which should be returned with the Annual Report.