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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,  
and may God's gifts of faith and living hope  
prepare us for the fullness of the world to come.

Amen

*"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



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!

or beginning a new year as  
president

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### President's Survival Guide

2010-11

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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 MAY 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 chairman, so they can be contacted as needed. (if all positions are not filled, send what you have and fill in later). If your positions do not match those on the form, re-name the positions to reflect YOUR Council!!

4. Attend your Deanery's Spring Institute, and try

**Send your Deanery assessment (postage fund) of \$25 to the Deanery treasurer with your roster by 6/15 each year!**

to have as many of your board members to attend with you. This is your chance to meet Deanery board members, and share with other CCWs your ideas and successes.

5. Start making plans to send two voting delegates—along with other interested board members—to the NCCW (annually) and/or the JD CCW Convention (odd years).

**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:



East DuPage Fall Coffee: 10/13/10

JD CCW Convention: 10/23-24/10

Your own Council's events for the year

Send in the name of a PCCW woman for Deanery/Diocesan Nominating Committee: 2/2010

Province Legislation Day/ Catholics at the Capitol: 3/2011

Diocesan Woman of the Year Mass & Luncheon: 4/30/2011

East DuPage Spring Institute: 5/11/2011, St. Joseph's Downers Grove

**Send in NCCW dues before 12/31 each year!**

**Check your Standing Rules,**

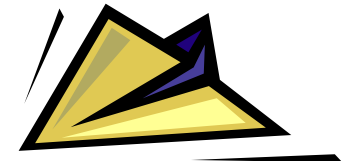
At an early Board meeting, review these. Do you give annual or Christmas gifts? To whom? Who gets invitations/complimentary tickets to your functions? Do you give an annual gift to your parish? Do you give financial aid to your delegates and/or attendees at conventions? Diocesan events? How much? Do you give an annual gift to the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Fund? These are the types of items in a typical PCCW list of Standing Rules.

↑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: TBA**



**Fly forward into your successful new year!**

**A Word About Reports:**

You may dread the idea of Reports, but they are virtually essential for you, your board, your members, and other rings of Council. Instead of dreading them, think of them as your chance to brag. You should plan a report



1. to your council (an insert in your parish bulletin, a distribution at your end-of-year meeting or special Luncheon or Dinner?)
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. You will receive a form from the Diocese in the Spring. Please complete and return it. These are shared by the Diocesan President, who includes summaries from your report in her reports to the National Council of Catholic Women.

When you receive the Annual Report form from the diocese, 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. Consider sending a summary of your volunteer hours report to your pastor (does he REALLY know how many hours your CCW contributes to the parish, diocese, community and wider?) and to the Bishop.

**DELEGATE! DELEGATE! DELEGATE!**