



Combined Proposed Resolutions

Adopted at the NCCW 2011 Convention

November 12, 2011

The Promotion of Catholic Social Teaching

Whereas the National Council of Catholic Women has adopted a Campaign for Human Dignity, and

Whereas the National Council of Catholic Women promotes programs that reflect the principles of Catholic Social Teaching,

Be it resolved that the National Council of Catholic Women will educate Catholic women about Catholic Social Teaching through articles in Catholic Woman and NCCW Connect,

Be it resolved the NCCW Commission Chairs will offer information to assist affiliated organizations in developing materials to further educate and create programs within the affiliated organizations about Catholic Social Teaching; and

Be it resolved that the National Council of Catholic Women will continue to encourage participation in the Campaign for Human Dignity specifically regarding its relationship to Catholic Social Teaching.

Education and Support for the Implementation of the Revised Roman Missal

Whereas during the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II announced a revised version of the Missale Romanum, which contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of the Mass, and

Whereas the English translation of the Roman Missal will also include updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people,

Be it resolved that members of the National Council of Catholic Women will help raise the level of understanding of the revised translation of the Missale Romanum by educating its members

and other Catholics that the entire Church in the United States has been blessed with this opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, and to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives; and

Be it resolved that members of the National Council of Catholic Women will support parishes in the planning for and implementation of the Revised Roman Missal.

A Call To End The Use of The Death Penalty – Building a Campaign for Human Dignity

Whereas Pope John Paul II called us to build a “culture of life” that cannot be achieved if we condone a “culture of violence” by sanctioned killing, and because the imposition of the death penalty deprives human beings of their God-given dignity and denies the sacredness of life; and

Whereas the death penalty has not been an effective crime deterrent, has been applied in a discriminatory manner, creates a risk of executing the innocent; and

Whereas punishment for crime, in addition to protecting public safety, should allow capital offenders the opportunity for reform and repentance for their actions;

Be it resolved that the NCCW educate the faithful about Church teaching on the death penalty and using the resources promulgated by the USCCB Campaign and the Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Use of the Death Penalty;

Be it resolved that NCCW affiliates work in their states to end use of the death penalty and advocate for a sentence of a life in prison without possibility of parole as punishment for capital offenders; and

Be it resolved that the NCCW encourage support for programs that assist families of victims and families of the convicted in finding spiritual, physical and emotional healing and forgiveness for the offender.