

**Leading With “Faith, Love & Laughter”**  
(The ABC’s of Leadership)

**A. Effective Leadership should be a combination of the 3 commissions by giving “Spiritual purpose to Service activities.”**

Quotes from scripture, or an appropriate prayer, are a recommended beginning to meetings and communications. As 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 reminds us: *“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but the same God that activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”*

**B. Effective Leadership should consist of consensus planning and decision making.**

We are each called by our Baptism to build the kingdom of God. Therefore, everyone should be an integral part of the process, with “all” voices being heard.

**C. Effective Leadership should set realistic goals that are “attainable & enjoyable.”**

If you find the gifts each woman has to share, it will be a “labor of love,” and not penance for sins they haven’t committed.

At their 2009 Convention, the National Council of Catholic Women’s NCCW BYLAWS-COMMISSION REVISION stated”

*“Commissions:*

*The bylaw revision provides for the creation of three (3) Commissions: Spirituality, Leadership, and Service. These three categories can include any number of interest areas such as Church, Family Concerns, Community Concerns, International Concerns, Legislation and Organization. NCCW affiliated organizations are in no way limited by the Commissions designated by the national organization; they are free to constitute and organize their commissions and/or committees according to their own needs and programs.”*

In the future articles in the Catholic Woman and Commissions Newsletter will be organized as: Church and Legislation under Spirituality; Organization under Leadership; ;and Family, Community, and International Concerns under Service.

The good news is you as an affiliated organization, (PCCW), are free to organize your commissions, committees, and/or interest areas in whatever way best suits your members.

**GOOD LUCK & GOD BLESS!**