

# Leadership Commission Report

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In the February NCCW *Connect*, Jane Carter, Leadership Commission chair states: "Our Holy Father calls us to witness the Gospels and evangelize .. Be messengers and witnesses to the infinite goodness ..and mercy of the Father."

CCW helps us to witness the Gospel by living out the mission of helping others. By being involved, we help ourselves as well as our sisters in Christ on our Spiritual Journey of growing closer to God. We also help others by being there for them or by donating to programs to help others. Being enthusiastic helps you evangelize.

Vicariate meetings, MDCCW conventions, and NCCW conventions are a great way to educate and energize yourself and others. If you aren't enthusiastic, how do you expect to get others interested and excited about CCW? If your vicariate is not meeting, then plan to attend a neighboring one. These gatherings have a spiritual content and help us grow in our faith life. They are also educational as we learn more about our organization and its programs. We develop lasting friendships with our sisters in faith, network with them and share great ideas.

## Elections

Many parish CCWs and vicariates will be having elections this spring. Share those talents God gave you and say "YES!" to serve. All you need is a willingness to serve and God will do the rest.

## Ideas to Spark Interest in Meetings

- Have varied programs. Examples include "A Prayer, A Story and A Glass of Wine," international night (Day), mini-retreats. Reach out to different age groups.
- Try different meeting times: morning, afternoon, weekday, weekend days
- Combine meetings with neighboring parishes.

Several of our vicariates continue to struggle since the reorganization of the diocese. If you know of parishes near you that are inactive, invite them to your parish and/or vicariate meetings. Reach out to them.

So, go to **vicariate meetings** and **conventions** and get out and **evangelize** in our parishes, neighborhoods, community, state, and beyond. Can people tell you are a Christian by the way you live? Live your faith. We can do more than pray — we can put our Faith into Action.

Andrew Carnegie said, "The older I get the less I listen to what people say and the more I observe what they do." Use your life to Evangelize and let CCW help you.