

Leadership Commission Report

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We are Called to Witness

“We need more doers, fewer talkers; more to say it can be done, fewer who give up trying; more to inspire others with confidence, fewer who throw cold water on anyone taking a positive initiative.” — James Keller, founder of The Christophers

In response to the Pope’s plea for New Evangelization and a request from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), NCCW developed a wonderful new program to bring the New Evangelization to the women in the pew. The “We Are Called to Witness” program was developed by a committee convened by NCCW President Rebecca Woodhull.

Evangelization is not something we simply talk about; it is something we need to live. Evangelization is not something that just happened in the past; it is happening right now as we are constantly growing in our faith. Our challenge is to not keep this knowledge simply for ourselves but rather to share this with others in our words and actions.

You can find “We Are Called to Witness” on our website at www.mdccw.com/commissions.html#leadershipResources. The program calls on us to first deepen our own faith and grow spiritually. Hopefully we made progress on our Lenten journey, but we can’t stop; we need to continue. The next step is reaching out to others. Use this program for yourself and in your councils.

God wants to use us where we are, as we are — imperfections and all. Jesus didn’t choose learned, perfect men for his disciples; instead he chose quite a motley crew, and look what he did with them! A big way to share Jesus and His love is by your actions. Listen to others, smile, give a kind word or compliment, do a small act of caring.

Matthew Kelly says God want us to “Become the Best Version of Ourselves.” Through evangelization we help others discover the love and wisdom of God and help them become the “Best Version of Themselves.” He also states, “Evangelization is the ultimate form of love of neighbor.”

Use this resource in your council with its many prayers, ideas, and suggestions. We always need to keep praying but remember we Catholic women are not only “Women of Faith,” we are also “Women of Action.” We like to do things.

I invite and encourage all of you to come to our MDCCW convention June 16-17 at St. Bernard church in Middleton. Every year we hold this event for you. We want you to come, grow spiritually, increase your knowledge, network and bond with sisters of faith, laugh and have fun, and most of all be excited about being Catholic and Catholic women!