

LEADERSHIP COMMISSION
MDCCW July 21, 2015 Board Meeting
Carol Brennan, Chair

You have already heard so much about the NCCW Guidance and Resource Manual, "We are Called to Witness" and "Follow Me: Called to Serve, Chosen to Lead" programs but I still want to encourage you to use these valuable resources for programs for your councils.

That being said, we are gearing up for our fall sessions.

VICARIATE PRESIDENTS:

1. It is your responsibility to pass on the information you receive at board meetings, conventions, newsletters, NCCW and MDCCW websites to your parish CCW presidents. If you don't pass this on to them the information gets dropped. Encourage the parishes to share this information with their councils.
2. If you have inactive parishes in your vicariate - continue to invite them to your meetings/gatherings. If a neighboring vicariate is inactive invite them to your meetings. Keep trying. Be persistent. We want all Catholic Women to join us in serving God's people.

EVERYONE - Remember to include:

1. **Prayer** in all your meetings. We lead such busy, stressful lives. Prayer helps us to slow down, put ourselves in the presence of God and offer to Him all we are, all we have and all we do as we are preparing to serve Him.
2. **LAUGHTER!** This is great medicine as it puts us at ease and helps us put things in proper perspective. Msgr. Duane mentioned to us "If you want to see God laugh, tell him your plans." The picture of the Laughing Jesus makes me think this might have been Jesus' reaction when he asked his disciples, "what are you going to do with your lives?" and they probably told him, "We are fishermen."

So ladies, put on your working hats, get together with your officers and plan the year with prayers, programs and projects that share God's love and yourself with others. **GO EVANGELIZE!**

"FIRST DO WHAT IS NECESSARY, THEN DO WHAT IS POSSIBLE, AND BEFORE LONG YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE." St. Francis of Assisi