Leadership Commission Report

Rosa Ropers, Leadership Commission Chair November 2016

NCCW Offers Leadership Resources

As your MDCCW Leadership Commission Chair, I want to thank you for allowing me to represent you at the NCCW Convention held in September in Indianapolis. We were reminded of the quote from Therese of Avila that "Christ has no body but yours here on earth."

Did you know that NCCW selects three charities through CROSS International each year to encourage their members to support with donations and prayers? Two of them are for projects in Haiti where 80 percent of the people live in poverty. The third charity is St. Joseph Nutrition in Guatemala where life-needed resources of nutrition and hope for orphaned children are provided.

I encourage you to recruit new members. As you do so, go to the website <u>NCCW.org</u> for many ideas and information on all levels of council. Each of the levels of — parish, vicariate, diocesan, province and national — relies on each other to be the voice of Catholic women wherever they may live.

The NCCW has an excellent brochure, described below, that can be ordered from NCCW.

An Introduction to NCCW. The National Council of Catholic Women was created to provide you with a resource to use in recruiting new parish affiliates and reaching out to groups of Catholic women. Designed to be printed and placed in a folder; the cover sheet can be affixed to the front. It is suggested that several NCCW Membership Brochures (order from the national office) be placed in the front pocket of the folder. This concise look at our organization includes NCCW's mission, structure, history, current programs and an invitation to visit our website and become a part of the Voice of Catholic Women and more. We hope that this resource proves to be an effective part of your outreach and affiliate recruitment initiatives. An Introduction to NCCW — The National Council of Catholic <u>Women</u>

Please continue to grow your affiliate with new ideas, projects, different ways to conduct a meeting, getting new officers, and how to increase your active member base, and so much more.

Resources to help you do this can all be found on the websites: MCCW.org and MDCCW.com. Please also email me at mailto:rosa.m.ropers@gmail.com for further information.

You indeed are challenged to be the voice of Catholic women wherever you may be.

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