

Leadership Commission Resolution 2023

Mentoring and Diversity

Purpose: To celebrate the diverse gifts of the many cultures of the world as reflected in the women of the Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW).

Whereas, ODCCW is an organization for all Catholic women and aspires to become more culturally diverse;

Whereas, ODCCW acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in leadership thereby upholding the dignity of all women; and

Whereas, Mentors are needed to challenge us to grow and mature in our lives and in our faith, helping our organization to grow and thrive;

Resolved, that ODCCW members will celebrate the diverse gifts that women of all cultures bring when participating in Council meetings and programs; and

Resolved, that the Deanery and Affiliation's (Leadership Commissions) be encouraged to develop a mentoring program to help members cultivate their own leadership skills as well as an appreciation of the gifts of each Council member by encouraging the mentee to explore diverse cultural practices to help recruit and retain members.

Legislative Advocacy Committee Resolution 2023

HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN THE FLORIDA EDUCATION SYSTEM

Purpose: The members of the Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women continue to educate their members about current political issues and encourage them to voice their opinions on issues that reflect our Catholic values regarding education of their children.

Whereas, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law HB 1, Family Empowerment Scholarship Program on March 27, 2023.

Whereas, HB1 strengthens family involvement in their child's education and removes financial barriers for families who would choose private or parochial education for their child instead of public-school education.

Whereas, The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB) applauds approval of HB 1 by Governor Ron DeSantis which will expand school choice and create Education Savings Accounts and empower all families to choose the educational environment and services that best meet the needs of their children;

Whereas, the NCCW Mission stands to support and educate women and children;

Resolved, That the ODCCW will support family involvement in educational choices for their children.

Resolved, That the ODCCW members will seek out opportunities to mentor and encourage families to exercise their rights, meet their obligations and be actively involved in the education of their children.

Resolved, That the ODCCW members will continue to monitor our Florida legislators and diligently and enthusiastically communicate with them in our pursuit of a robust education system in the state of Florida to particularly include our own Catholic schools.

Submitted by Ann Fivie, Legislative chair; Lauren Morris and Rita Billingsley, Legislative Committee

Service Commission Resolution 2023

Stop Human Trafficking

Purpose: To encourage members of the Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW) to provide education and literature to the raise awareness of Human Trafficking going on in our state.

Whereas, Florida ranks 3rd in the country for Human Trafficking.

Whereas, The National Council of Catholic Women has a Human Trafficking Resource Guide and resources to assist affiliations to “spread the word” regarding the issue.

Whereas, The ODCCW has a representative on the Human Trafficking Task Force Representative in the Central Florida area.

Resolved, That ODCCW members familiarize themselves with the various Human Trafficking Resources provided through the National Council of Catholic Women.

Resolved, That ODCCW affiliates consider implementing an Anti-Trafficking Program to raise more awareness that it exists in our communities.

Resolved, That the ODCCW work together in making our communities aware of the seriousness of Human Trafficking in the State of Florida.

Submitted by Denise Campbell, ODCCW Service Chair

Spirituality Commission Resolution 2023

Sharing your Catholic Faith with Others

Purpose: It is time to evangelize. There are so many that are far away from God today and it's noticeable as we look around us.

Whereas, ODCCW and the woman in this council are great examples of how to share your faith. Pope Francis says "You must live the faith to share it well" He said "to say you are a Christian while not living like one does not show people the real treasure of the faith – which we have the obligation to share"

Whereas, ODCCW council woman know how to share their love of our Lord. Pope Francis stressed "Faith is either missionary or it is not faith". If I say I am a Christian but live like a pagan, it does not work" "If I say that I am a Christian and live as a Christian, this attracts, it is witness"

Resolved, Listen: Care: Smile: when you see someone stressed or upset, give them your time, let them see that you feel and can understand the reality of what they need. Let others know that you care, that you will pray with them and for them. Even a stranger reacts when you just smile, it may be the one thing that makes their day.

Resolved, Evangelize: You need to love the Lord and to live the faith in ways others want to live it too. ODCCW council ladies have the exact tools at their hands to be able to reach out to others, even those not in council and share with them the love of our Lord. Catechesis is not only a weekly, hourlong experience, it is a showing of a "living experience of faith" Pope Francis tells us!