

LEADERSHIP REPORT

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“When the leaves start to turn colors and many are beginning a new school year, we often feel motivated to take a fresh look at our goals and priorities. We can take this time to stop and look over what priorities and commitments are in our lives. Are they what we want? Have they changed with the times and relationships in our lives? How is our relationship with God? These are all questions we should be asking ourselves from time to time. Sometimes we just get in a rut and continue doing the same things without thinking.”

Stop and look at the charity work you do: Does it still satisfy you? Are you doing it with pure intentions for God’s glory and not your own? Make a list of things you would like to help with and find a charity to work with to help you complete these goals.

Are your commitments to NCCW and your local CCW as strong as they were when you joined? If not, why? Work toward finding the answer to this question, along with a solution. Both you and the Councils will be stronger for it.

Our relationship with God can sometimes be taken for granted. Do you just go through the motions at Mass? Does your mind wander or do you really listen to the sermon? Do you remember to pray every day or do you pray just when you need something? Mass and church are not something you turn on and off for an hour each week. It should be a way of life. We rush into Mass still angry about an argument the night before, or the stress of finding a parking spot. Prepare for Mass by closing your eyes when you enter the pew and settling down while you pray.

Take time to say hello to those who attend Mass and invite the women to join your CCW group. Hand out flyers after Mass for your CCW meetings with dates and times and an invite to come and see if it is something they would be interested in doing each month. Mail a post card to the women in the parish and invite them to “try-out” a meeting.

Let’s take some time this fall to reflect on our priorities, commitments and relationship with the Lord, besides those in our parish communities.