

# **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

## **92nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women**

### **LIVING IN THE LIGHT**

Purpose: We are encouraged to become witnesses in the world and share Christ's love and light in everything we do, but with decreasing membership we need to reevaluate ourselves and our councils and step out of the box to do it.

**Whereas**, In a time of uncertainty and distractions, as Catholic women we need to reevaluate and align our will to God's as we are called to make a difference in this world;

**Whereas**, As Catholic women, who are servant leaders, we are asked to let our light shine by wisely using our God-given gifts to share our Catholic faith as we address the needs of our church and communities both locally and globally; and

**Whereas**, Since councils are struggling from decreased membership and women willing to take on leadership roles yet recognizing we must remain committed to do whatever we can do to further God's Kingdom; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That as Catholic women of faith, we shall open ourselves to God's call and allow His grace to work within us as we joyfully share the love language of Christ to include performing Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy during the ongoing pandemic;

**Resolved**, That we will move beyond ourselves for the sake of others by stepping out of our comfort zone in our journey to achieve our council mission and act on the needs of God's people; and

**Resolved**, That we, as Sisters in Christ, shall actively and enthusiastically encourage, support, and mentor other council members in an effort to let our lights shine and build our membership as well as support and promote council programs and activities.

### **HEALING RACISM**

**Resolution approved at NCCW 2021 Convention for affiliate council participation.**

*(Slight word changes for our diocesan councils)*

Purpose:

At the 2022 NCCW annual convention, each NCCW Province will be able to name at least one action the diocesan, deanery, and parish affiliate councils in their province have taken to begin reducing racism in their personal lives, in their councils and/or in their communities.

**Whereas**, Racism is a sinful, learned, negative behavior of prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism against others of a particular race or ethnicity (<https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/racism>);

**Whereas**, Racism disrespects human life and dignity and brings injustice and illness to our national and individual souls; and

**Whereas**, Racism can cause great emotional, mental, and spiritual harm to both the person expressing this belief and those experiencing the effects of this belief; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That all DCCW (NCCW) members will pray and promote the NCCW Prayer to Love: Healing Racism ([www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) →Explore NCCW Prayer) to assist in eradicating racism and empowering council members, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, to become missionary disciples;

**Resolved**, That DCCW (NCCW) members educate ourselves and others by studying Open Wide Our Hearts, The Enduring Call to Love, a Pastoral Letter found on the NCCW website ([www.nccw.org](http://www.nccw.org) →NCCW News). The Letter, an accompanying study guide and other resources from the US Council of Catholic Bishops can also be found at: [https://www.usccb.org/resources/study-guideopen-hearts-2019-09\\_0.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/study-guideopen-hearts-2019-09_0.pdf); and

**Resolved**, That we encourage all members to invite women of all races and ethnicities to join, become involved in our councils and to share equally in the benefits and responsibilities for the direction and development of our councils and our communities.

#### **APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR OUR BISHOP AND SPIRITUAL ADVISORS**

Purpose: To show support for Bishop Solis and all of our council's spiritual advisors and pray a new spiritual advisor will soon be assigned to our Northern Deanery CCW.

**Whereas**, Bishop Oscar Solis continues to support the mission of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women as well as the National Council of Catholic Women;

**Whereas**, Father Ariel Durian has recently accepted the position of Spiritual Advisor for the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women; and

**Whereas**, Due to clergy reassignment, the Northern Deanery Council of Catholic Women is in need of a new spiritual advisor; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the ladies of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women pledge their continued support, prayers and service to Bishop Oscar Solis;

**Resolved**, That the ladies of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women shall offer their prayers for Father Durian and all assigned deanery spiritual advisors as they provide a spiritual presence and guidance to the councils of Catholic women; and

**Resolved**, That the ladies of the Diocese of Salt Lake City Council of Catholic Women will continue to pray for a spiritual advisor assignment for the Northern Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

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Bonnie Siegrist

DCCW Parliamentarian

## **NCCW PRAYER TO LOVE: HEALING RACISM**

*“Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness.” Genesis 1: 26*

Our Father, thank You for giving us life created in Your image and likeness. We are family - each and all of us Your children – brothers and sisters in You.

Please forgive us for the times we have failed to respect or mistreated others because they did not look, think, talk or act like ourselves – thereby condemning ourselves to be less than the persons You created us to be.

Dissolve the feelings of fear that bind us and forgive us for the times we remained silent or failed to act when we witnessed injustice and hatred imposed on others.

Dear Lord, grant us conviction and conversion of heart that we may acknowledge our sinfulness, experience true regret, repentance and work not only for justice, but also for right relationship – love for one another that You expect us to share.

Give us the grace to eradicate racism from our own hearts, communities and country by welcoming, including, integrating and lifting up everyone as Your children especially our most vulnerable and those suffering in any way.

Make us missionary disciples who rebuild relationships, heal communities, reshape policies, institutions and laws to end poverty, unemployment, inadequate healthcare and educational opportunities which diminish others and their quality of life.

Holy Spirit, help us to transform this world to Your image and likeness as it will be in Your world to come – all of us are one. Amen.

*“After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb...” Revelations 7: 9*

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## **NCCW PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL ADVISORS**

Almighty God, Eternal Father, We give you thanks for all the blessings you bestow upon us in this life. As members of the National Council of Catholic Women, one of the gifts we are most thankful for is the presence and support of our Spiritual Advisors. We are grateful for the gifts they bring to our Council and for the prayers and advice they give to us as we continue to fulfill our mission as the National Council of Catholic Women. Please give them the graces they need to be able to continue their work with us. Through their efforts, may they know our appreciation for all that they do and continue to help us bring your Gospel message to the world. Our Lady of Good Counsel, watch over them and guide them always! This we ask in the name of Jesus your Son, Amen