

DCCW BOARD MEETING — JUNE 2025

OPENING PRAYER — A PRAYER OF UNITY AND PURPOSE

LEADER — In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Almighty God, we gather here today in fellowship and unity, seeking Your guidance and blessings for our meeting. We thank You for bringing us together and for the opportunity to share our thoughts, experiences, and aspirations.

ALL — Grant us the strength to face any challenges ahead and the wisdom to make decisions that align with Your will. May our discussions be fruitful, our hearts be open, and our spirits be uplifted.

LEADER — Our loving God, help us to build bonds of friendship and support among each other. May we listen with compassion, speak with kindness, and act with love. Let us be a source of encouragement and inspiration to one another.

LEFT SIDE — We offer prayers and respect to all present at this meeting and to all who will be affected by it.

RIGHT SIDE — We brush off the chairs on which we sit to make a clear space for a meeting of minds.

LEFT SIDE — We brush off from our clothing any debris picked up on the way, to clear our minds of irrelevant matters.

RIGHT SIDE — We wipe the blood from our hands, to acknowledge and apologize for any hurt we have inflicted.

LEFT SIDE — We wipe the tears from our eyes, to acknowledge and forgive any hurt we have received.

RIGHT SIDE — We take the lump out of our throats, to let go of any sadness or disappointment.

LEFT SIDE — We take the tightness out of our chests, to let go of any fear or resentment.

ALL — God, we ask that You reveal Your purpose for each of us and guide us in fulfilling it.

All — May we use our talents and gifts to serve others and contribute to the growth and well-being of our community.

God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come.

O Mother of Good Counsel, patroness of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous, and loving leaders of the Church. Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation, and compassion for all God's children. May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come. Amen

CLOSING PRAYER — SENDING FORTH

All — Loving and merciful God, as we depart, keep your mission alive in our hearts and your presence ever before us. Grant us the grace to recognize your call in our lives and to follow your Spirit's lead in all our choices and relationships.

May we nurture and uplift the unique gifts you've placed within each of us, using them to build up your kingdom.

We give thanks for the Women of St. James the Greater Parish and their gracious hospitality.

May our shared purpose continue to inspire us to serve with joy, for your greater glory. Amen.

