



### **Welcome and Prayer**

Welcomes are expressed in many ways....in conversations, sharing of friendships, through invitations for inclusiveness, in respect for one another...and more. Reach out to welcome all.

Prayer can be integrated in spiritual expressions throughout council gatherings ...in group prayer, passing prayer baskets, group Mass attendance, sign up / voluntary prayer leading, prayer chains, prayer ministries, inspiring readings/videos, circle prayer, meal prayer...each reflecting gifts of faith.

### **Broader Vision**

In creating and sharing a vision for your councils, consider a big picture of what might be, what could be, what can be, and what you will develop. Brainstorm, dream, plan, organize and build.

### **Change**

Change is on-going in life and can be an important part of a renewal process. Women are challenged constantly to be flexible and adaptive to needs for change in daily living...and we know we can be successful.

Each woman possesses God's unique and special gifts. Together, bringing these gifts, we add to an impressive past as we move forward in council history. We, like council sisters of the past, will be remembered for the kinds of programs and services we choose to support in the modern Catholic Church and our constantly changing society/ world.

### **Image**

Image development is an on-going effort for all. It identifies us in character and action, both personally and as women of council. Ask or survey others. Share reflections. Discuss ways to enhance council image to attract, keep, and inspire members towards on-going council development.

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## **Mentoring**

Gloria Vanderbilt quote, “We are not put on this earth to see through one another; we are put on this earth to see one another through.” This gives new perspective to our mentoring efforts. Through mentoring we are able to offer others support, with the encouragement to develop confidence, skills and desires to grow.

## **Meetings**

Keep evaluating meetings for planning, timing, programs, information, interest, inspiration, efficiency, protocol, enjoyment and relationship development. Include a segment on parliamentary rule and meeting management at each meeting to develop member knowledge of operational procedures and to help build able and willing future leadership.

## **Leadership**

Gary Wills, an American author, offers this thought: “The leader is one who mobilizes others toward a goal shared by leaders and followers...*leaders, followers* and *goals* make up the three **equally necessary supports for leadership**.” Leaders set an atmosphere of attitude, welcome, acceptance and participation. Leaders also set the tone of difference between service as a ministry vs a job.

## **Fun**

Find ways to celebrate together at each council gathering. Planning for FUN is as important to council development as is deciding an agenda and program. Social time was the second top NCCW survey reason women participate in council. Women have always sought time and interaction with other women. Make and take the time!

## **Vision**

A blind person once asked St. Anthony; “Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?” St. Anthony replied; Yes, losing your vision.” WE are the women to build and share a vision for councils and their future.

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