



South Carolina Council of Catholic Women

2022 RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1 –Technology Misuse

Purpose: To promote the importance of a safe nurturing atmosphere by preventing technology misuse.

Whereas: Some people do not have the education to use technology correctly and are not sufficiently educated as to its proper use. <https://www.igi-global.com/dictionary/texting-its-uses-misuses-and-effects/47935>

Whereas: Technology misuse leads to intimidation and threatening behaviors and criminal activity by providing a smokescreen from direct confrontation.

Whereas: Overuse of technology may lead to Electronic Screen Syndrome, ESS and or Internet Addictive Disorder IAD (councilonrecovery.org) according to: <https://www.hazeldenbettyford.org/articles/prevention/teen-technology-addiction>

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That South Carolina Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) members promote resources that will educate its members to effectively counteract the negative influences of technology and encourage its positive uses.

Resolved: That the SCCCW promote the current research that documents the negative long-term effects of the misuse of technology and the spiritual implications of its usage.

Resolved: That the SCCCW become aware of prevention and mistreatment resources and aid in disseminating materials as an offensive and defensive means of protecting its patrons.

Resolved: That the SCCCW pray the rosary and have Masses offered to protect the church and its members from exposure to abusive uses of technology.

Suggested Actions:

- Become familiar with apps that monitor social media devices. Consumersadvocate.org lists their top 10 parental control apps for example: bark.us /or <https://www.top10cybersecurity.com/parental-control> and #ICANHELP.

- Stay abreast of the many new devices, software programs and latest apps that may be used by people as well as those who may be used to manipulate and exploit others.
Virtusonline.org Mobile Device Dangers
- Bring Savvy Cyber Kids to your school, community or home for customizable, interactive engagements that speak directly to children, parents and educators or another similar organization. <https://savvycyberkids.org>
- Become familiar with the CyberTipline which receives reports of child sexual exploitation incidents via an online form which is at: <https://report.cybertip.org/>.
NCMEC also maintains a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-843-5678.
- Pray the rosary and have Mass offered to protect and heal individuals who are addicted or injured by technology.
- Empowerment leads to healthy ways to use digital media. Encourage good citizenship, Our young people really need to be “first responders”. #ICANHELP – an online social media support network for kids.
- Code of Laws of South Carolina 59 -63-120. Acknowledges, identifies, educates Stakeholders to stop the threat of Social Terror by Technology.