



Resolutions Approved by South Carolina Council of Catholic Women 2019 Convention

Resolution #1: Healing Divisions

Purpose: To work to heal divisions in our world; homes, communities, and with government leaders.

Whereas: Divisive voices fill social media, television and other communication venues; generating society's negativity and lack of respect. A lack of response in a positive manner, not only fuels the lack of respect, but is also demeaning to others.

Whereas: In today's world, divisiveness in all levels of society creates an atmosphere that is hostile and destructive.

Whereas: One prayer, one act of kindness, a show of faith and love can result in big changes in our world today.

Whereas: Now is the time to come together as a Christian community to stand up and take responsibility for teaching our young to act in a civil, moral and respectful manner and also to take a stand against negativity and be present in making a difference to build a better future for us all.

Whereas: The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women serves as a source to promote and support individuals with civility in social, economic, cultural, racial and ethical issues within the family, community and government.

Whereas: Jesus calls us to respect the value and dignity of each individual.

Whereas, be it resolved, that the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women acting with faith in conjunction with all of God's people, can be an example of healing divisions with love and respect.

Suggested Actions:

- Pray before responding to a situation or conversation. Evaluate to make sure you understand the issue by researching, investigating and going back to the original source in a loving manner with humility.
- Improve communication skills to better express exception to ideas without demeaning the individual. Attend workshops or provide workshops on how to speak and communicate with others.
- Contact government leaders to encourage them to work together for the people that they serve with respect and humility. Invite government leaders to speak at meetings or attend meetings where government leaders are present.
- Be an example to those around us!

Resolution #2: The Right to Life

Purpose: To continue and encourage pro-life activities in prayer and in the public square.

Whereas: Our country continues to support Federal law of abortion (Roe vs. Wade). The pro-life movement has made inroads to limit of abortion laws in various states. There continues a call to allow for abortion even up to birth including filicide.

Whereas: Science has proven that life begins at conception and as human beings, all have a right to life.

Whereas, be it resolved, that all Christian women join together to pray for forgiveness and a change of heart for all who support abortion.

Suggested Action:

- Encourage members to join in groups or as individuals to pray the rosary for the end of abortion.
- Pray for our representatives at the local, state and federal levels that they have a change of heart and will change the current laws to end abortion.
- Be willing to speak out in the public square to the truth of the evil of abortion.
- To use the following websites for education, information and updates on the concept that all have a right to life.
 - * United State Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) www.usccb.org
 - * National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) www.nccw.org
 - * South Carolina Council of Catholic Women www.scccw.org
 - * Charleston Diocese www.charlestdiocese.org

Resolution #3: The Environment - Plastics

Purpose: Reduce the use of plastic and increase recycling of plastics

Whereas: Most of the world has become part of what our Holy Father, Pope Francis calls, “a throwaway culture” and in the last 70 years, this throwaway culture has resulted in the replacement of other materials with plastic that is either difficult or impossible to degrade in nature;

Whereas: Despite efforts to get people to recycle plastics, we now face a crisis of plastic waste in our oceans with the addition of nearly 10 million tons per year so as to cause damage to marine life and the creation of “plastic soup” at each of the 5 marine gyres in the world as well as unprecedented addition of plastic refuse to landfills; and

Whereas: Less than 50% of the 1 million plastic bottles containing drink water or sodas bought per minute around the world are recycled: therefore be it,

Resolved that the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women advocate for reduction in the use of single use plastic items to include drink bottles and that the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women themselves eliminate or reduce their use of single use plastic items;

Resolved that the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women advocate for an increase in the reuse/recycling of single use plastics;

Resolved that the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women continue to advocate and work for the provision of safe, clean drinking water that is freely available to all persons in all areas of the world; and

Resolved, That the members of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women unite in prayer so that we may be good stewards for the preservation of the environment of the Earth given us by the Creator.

Suggested Action by the SCCCW Resolution Committee:

- Try to identify the ways in which we can choose reusables, rather than disposables, such as reusable bags, coffee mugs, straws and drinking containers.
- Encourage state government from interfering in counties and municipalities from banning single-use plastic bags.
- Advocate for an increase in recycling of single-use items.
- Provide information awareness workshops to the community.
- Promote and help provide safe, clean drinking water worldwide.