



SCCCW 2015 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

Citizens of the Digital World

Resolution #1

Purpose: To allow good communication to help us grow closer as a human family.

Whereas, a recent study from the Kaiser Family Foundation shows the average teen spends nearly eleven hours per day consuming media, and

Whereas, Pew Research Center reports that 90% of Americans own cell phones, and

Whereas, over 70% of online adults now report using at least one social network, and

Whereas, Pope Francis challenged all Catholics to “boldly become citizens of the digital world”,

Now therefore, be it resolved, that SCCCW Catholic Women use these communication tools with conscience and moderation for evangelization, in ministry, and to compassionately dialogue with friends, and family members in need of our love and attention, educating them about the Catholic Church both with our word and our actions.

Suggested action items:

- . make a commitment to visit selective Catholic websites such as SCCCW.org, NCCW.org, Catholic- doc.org, USCCB.org and your church’s and affiliate’s website if available
- . bring to meetings for discussion and enrichment that information obtained from these websites
- . invite a speaker to talk on social media

Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Resolution #2

Purpose: To ensure that we defend and protect our Constitutional First Amendment.

Whereas, America’s First Amendment guarantees its citizens freedom of religion and

Whereas, our rights survive or disappear based on how firmly we defend it, and

Whereas, Catholics for Freedom of Religion offers resources to parish members who support Religion Freedom and,

Whereas, Freedom of Religion empowers all religions to practice their faith to the betterment of their community,

Now therefore, be it resolved, that SCCCW educate and advocate for Freedom of Religion.

Suggested Action Items:

- Invite a speaker from Catholics for Freedom of Religion and SC Catholic Conference to speak at your parish.
- Invite and include other faith communities.
- Stay informed of all local and national legislation that may jeopardize our Religious Freedom.
- Re-institute the religious unity month.

Pope Francis

Resolution #3

Purpose: To show our support of *Pope Francis*

Whereas, *Pope Francis* is known for his humility and caring for the poor, and

Whereas, family life is important and should be protected and

Whereas, marriage is an important step for family stability

Now therefore be it further resolved, that SCCCW members embrace the Jubilee Year of Mercy with *Pope Francis*, and help communities to become places where everyone can feel welcomed, loved and forgiven.

Suggested Action Items:

- Lead by the *Holy Father's* example
- Spread the word about the *Holy Father's* trip to Philadelphia to attend the World Meeting of Families.
- Pray for the *Holy Father's* safe travels to the United States
- Engage in ministries that provide opportunities to serve as a family.
- Encourage families in your parish to serve as a family in Liturgical Ministries, such as greeters, ushers, and servers.

- Get involved in local Soup Kitchen or similar ministry, such as Food Bank and Thrift Store.
- Encourage parishes to have a “Snack Collection “during the spring to supply food for student who receive free meals if they were in school during the summer.