

# Fresh Starts

Waking up on the morning of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God with the sun shining on the new fallen snow, I just thought about fresh starts.

On a personal level, many of us vowed to get more exercise and eat healthier at the beginning of this new year.

How about a fresh start for our councils?

## Begin with the End in Mind

A great council is built in stages, one step at a time. Like the pyramids of Egypt were built in layers, but had a blueprint in mind.

Now is an excellent time to evaluate where we want to be and what we want to accomplish. This is our mission!

We also want to take a hard look at where we are now.



THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC  
WOMEN ACTS THROUGH ITS MEMBERS TO  
SUPPORT, EMPOWER, AND EDUCATE ALL  
CATHOLIC WOMEN IN SPIRITUALITY,  
LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE. NCCW  
PROGRAMS RESPOND WITH GOSPEL VALUES  
TO THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY  
IN THE MODERN WORLD.

[www.NCCW.org](http://www.NCCW.org)



What steps can we define to take steps to get from where we are and where we want to be? Identify a few measurable goals to get to the end goal.

Then, at each meeting, accomplish one or two action items to help reach the next attainable goal, and in the long run, we can achieve our end goals!

Ultimately, our end goal is not to raise funds, or increase membership, but to bring others to Christ! Eternal salvation of all mankind through the love of Christ.