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# Thank You for Saying “Yes”

## We are in this TOGETHER!

Thank you for all you do in your parishes, deaneries, communities, and our diocese! It takes a giving heart to do what you do. Please be assured you are not alone in your endeavors. We, the Catholic Women in the Diocese of La Crosse, are committed to working together! If you need any resources, check out our [website](#)! We have tons of resources and links there to help you. If you need someone to talk to about a topic or concern, please feel free to reach out to any of our officers or commission chairs! If you feel like your council is floundering, we have a Renaissance Team available to help.

As we have all heard throughout this whacky year, “We are in this together,” in all kinds of situations, we are striving to not just have this as a slogan or platitude, but a living reality. Jesus told us He will never leave you or forsake you. Let’s join and live the mission of Christ – together!

# Renaissance

## Election Novena 2020

From the USCCB: “Bearing in mind our nation’s challenges and the need for wise, moral, civic leadership, the USCCB is offering an electronic Election Novena to help Catholics [form their consciences](#) as they prepare for the upcoming election.”

Our bishops are also asking for everyone to join them in an Election Novena! For nine consecutive days, Monday, October 26 through Tuesday, November 3, participants will be encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the day’s intention. A closing prayer for elected leaders will be offered on day 10, Wednesday, November 4. For email reminders and prayers, sign up at <https://www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena>

Lorraine Riedl  
Immediate Past President

### Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

This version is credited to Mother Teresa and is on the wall in her home for children in Calcutta

