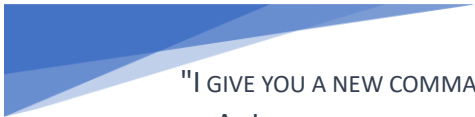


Leadership is not “membership” but WITNESS!

I have heard it said “I don’t want to be Leadership Commission because I don’t want to push membership. As important as membership is, it shouldn’t be the end result. The end result should always be out relationship with God and bringing along others on the journey!

As followers of the Lord Jesus, we are called to serve as “witnesses” to our faith. To be a witness to Christ is to demonstrate by our words, actions and attitude the sacred mystery that we have “seen”, heard and believe in our hearts about the Lord who has forgiven us of our sins and offered us eternal life. In contrast to the world, Christian witness is to be offered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

You and I witness to Christ not by giving testimony to facts but to the truth- truth that is not always visible or “provable” by modern standards. We render testimony to what we have “seen” in our hearts, and not necessarily what we have seen with our physical eyes. We testify to our faith more effectively in our actions than in our words, inviting people not simply to understand what we are saying but to meet the Lord, personally and powerfully, through our faith, hope, and love in Him.



"I GIVE YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER. THIS IS HOW ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER." JN 13:34-35

This “New Commandment” Jesus gives us in John chapter 13 is not so new but a continuation of the Shema in Deuteronomy chapter 6, “*Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength. Take to heart these words which I command you today.*”

CCC 234 **The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery** of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the “hierarchy of the truths of faith”. The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men “and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin”.

When you get God right, everything else will fall into place. God is a relationship of persons. WE are meant for relationship. When we get God right, we naturally form a community with the love of neighbor as a core.

When our Councils of Catholic Women truly live this in our lives and in our faith communities, the building up of “membership numbers” is no longer important because when we witness our faith, it is contagious!

Be a witness to Jesus Christ in the way you conduct your ordinary, everyday business, and it will become a masterpiece for God.