

April Council Connect

Put me in Coach, I'm ready to play, Today

Baseball time! I love watching a game and enjoy the camaraderie of the team. If you are reading this article, you are on a team. It's been a tough month and I need to put everything into perspective through baseball.

I have to take a step back and thank the wonderful women of the LDCCW who have said yes to taking their turn at bat. In my travels, I have visited several deanery board meetings and continue to attend my PCCW meeting. Everyone is a part of a team. In baseball, everyone must step up to the plate when you are in the lineup. You have to take your turn at swinging the bat, it doesn't mean you will hit a home run, strike out or make a base hit, it usually means you are going to advance your team little by little at each base. What is important is you are playing on a team.

Those involved in a Council of Catholic Women in the diocese are all a part of the team. Our roles might be in the commission chairs of Spirituality, Service and Leadership. Each one of these commissions are set up to provide defense for the team. Spirituality, defense against Satan. Service strengthens the team by providing programs that keep the women and families strong. Leadership provides training to make sure we know the fundamentals of the game.

As with all teams, there are coaches. I could not do this job without the support of the President—Elect and Vice Presidents. The secretary, treasurer and financial secretary keep the details of our team exact. Finally, the parliamentarian makes sure the rules of the game are being played correctly. They keep me advised as to which direction I need to move the team forward and without their advice I would be lost! They might also say I have their phone number on a speed dial.

Onto a sad note, we recently lost our Financial Secretary, Diane Synek. The speed to which this disease took her was staggering. Her funeral brought together 17 women throughout the diocese, whose lives were touched by Diane. It was an event that made me proud to be a part of this group of women. Thank you to the PCCW of Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Deweese, who went above and beyond to make us feel welcomed. Now to continue this part of the analogy on baseball. There has to be someone who keeps details straight, Diane Synek was our Financial Secretary but also was the treasurer for the LDCCW for two years in 2020 - 2022, she was our statistician.

As you review if you can play a part in your Council, it isn't about the time you have but the gifts you can give to the other women. Ask yourself, "Can I step up and play one inning?" We are not asking you to play a full season, just one inning. May the Holy Spirit will guide you along the way.