

We are in the time of Advent. We have put away our Thanksgiving trimmings and now patiently begin to wait for the celebration of our Lord's birth. I have spoken many times about our Martha tendency and the need to put on a perfect celebration. I definitely found myself working and preparing above and beyond what I normally do. I did not choose Mary's choice to sit at Jesus' feet but instead fretted and worried about what dish I was taking or the second meal I made. Family time is beautiful, but if you are worried about many things, you bypass the relationships and beauty of the day.

I have been receiving questions about bylaws from some PCCW's. You need to maintain a positive and spiritual relationship with your Catholic sisters and Spiritual Advisor in order to have a productive meeting, you need to use Robert's Rules. I had read that Henry Robert, a military man, was asked to preside over a meeting. The meeting went, as I would say, south, and he created these rules by researching parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules was born. In my sense of humor, I wonder how family gatherings would be if they were run according to Robert's Rules. Would we have spirited conversations that led to a positive outcome? Would the committees create a better list for those bringing dishes or would we have a committee in charge of family pictures? I will admit all these thoughts made me chuckle and contemplate that maybe these aren't bad ideas!

This next month, think about St. Martha. Yes, she was a doer but she also loved and Lord and followed him. Give yourself time and share with your Sisters in Christ. Join us on January 10 – 11 at the Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. This year's theme is "You are Chosen to Bear Fruit." We will focus on our discipleship with Christ. More Details to follow shortly.

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