

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**  
**Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

**ARTICLE VI: GOVERNMENT**

1. **Strike Section 1.C.** Addressed in Article VIII, Section 8, item "C".  
Rationale: Deanery Representative duties are spelled out in Article VIII, Section 8.  
**Article VI Section 1.D. is now Article VI Section 1.C.**

**ARTICLE VII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

2. **Section 2.C.** Insert the word **Committee** between the words Nominating and Chair.  
Rationale: Consistency in the By-laws and more specific.
3. **Section 3.B.** After the terms **Deanery President**, insert: **(preferred) or have served in a leadership position on the DCCW Board.**  
Rationale: This working change will broaden the pool of eligible candidates for President and Vice President.
4. **Strike Section 5** and **insert a new Section 5.** The format of this section was changed to clarify the process of electing an officer to the FCCW Board of Directors.  
**Article VII, Section 5 will now read:**  
**SECTION 5.** Florida Council of Catholic Women
  - A. FCCW sets the rotation for officers from the various dioceses. FCCW elections do not coincide with diocesan elections, but will follow the nominating process described in Section 2, a and b above.
  - B. Candidates for President/Province Director-Elect shall be serving or must have served a term of two (2) years as President of the DCCW. After serving a two-year term as President/Province Director-Elect, she shall then choose her Vice President from the list of qualified candidates prior to her installation at the NCCW Convention.
  - C. Nominees for Secretary and Treasurer shall be serving or must have served on the DCCW Board and have appropriate experience for their particular office as advertised by the Nominating Committee.
  - D. The Nominating Committee shall notify the DCCW Board of Directors of the FCCW office to be filled at the DCCW Board of Directors' fall meeting. The Nominating Committee Chair shall be responsible for coordinating the collection of candidate's photos and bios.
  - E. Candidates shall submit their letters of intention, along with approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese and the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, to the DCCW President 30 days prior to the Board of Directors' winter meeting.

- F. The qualified candidates must be presented to the Board of Directors for a vote at the DCCW Board of Directors' winter meeting. There will be no nominations from the floor.

## **ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

5. **Section 8.A.** After the word **Deaneries**, insert new sentence: **With her vote she represents the interests of her deanery.**

Rationale: To emphasize the importance of the Deanery Representative's participation on the Board and vote.

6. **Section 8.B.** Insert the word, **A** at the beginning of the sentence. After the words **may serve**, strike the terms **Commission Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen** and insert **on Committees or as a Commission Chairman or Vice-Chairman.**

Rationale: Changing plural to singular for consistency in the By-laws.

7. **Section 8.** insert **Section C.** Incorporating the intention of Article VI, Section 1.C. insert: **If a Deanery Representative is unable to fulfill her obligation (e.g., has had two consecutive unexcused absences), the DCCW President, with the recommendation of the Deanery President, shall be authorized to appoint her successor from the same Deanery as said inactive member.**

Rationale: To ensure proper notification of any absences and avoid a situation that could affect a quorum at the meeting.