

## **CUSTOMS OF SAINT MARY WOMEN'S CLUB**

### **Article I: Patron**

The Patron of Saint Mary Women's Club is Our Lady of Good Council.

### **Article II: Privileges**

Section 1. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or a Prayer Service is offered before each General Meeting for the intentions of all members, living and dead.

Section 2. Death of a Member

1. Each member shall wear Saint Mary Women's Club pin placed on the left side, over the heart. along with the Women's Club Stole.
2. The designate of the President shall coordinate the Honor Guard.
3. Members shall attend the funeral Mass as a group. They shall meet in front of Church.
4. Members shall act as an Honor Guard and will receive instructions from the Bereavement Minister.

### **Article III: Traditions**

Section 1. The organization has periodic money making projects. The Executive Board decides the type and time for these events.

Section 2. Traditional events are:

1. Day of Reflection
2. Christmas Party
3. Provide a remembrance for First Communicants
4. Anniversary Mass
5. Woman of the Year

### **Article IV: The Guild System**

Section 1. It has been customary immediately following the election of Officers to form new guilds for the coming year. These guilds are formed to:

1. Divide the work and give all members a goal to achieve.
2. Give scope for initiative and develop a sense of responsibility.
3. Develop a spirit of sociability and friendliness among members.
4. Allow other activities of the Parish to be coordinated, as special committees under the unifying standard of the Saint Mary Women's Club.

Section 2. Responsibilities of Guilds:

1. Each guild shall work toward completion of the project given to them.
2. As soon as the guilds are formed, it is the responsibility of the Guild Leader to notify

each member of meetings and projects.

3. Each Guild is responsible for getting volunteers to act as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and any other minister for Mass at one General Meeting Mass.
4. Each guild is responsible for refreshments at one General Meeting or working at one annual organizational event.
5. The respective Guild Leader calls upon members of her guild to provide refreshments at their assigned meeting and they serve as hostesses at this meeting.

#### **Article V: Standing Committees**

Section 1      The Standing Committees of the organization shall fall under the jurisdiction of the commissions:

1. Organizational Services
  - A. Communication/Publicity/Newsletter
  - B. Membership/Hospitality
  - C. Sunshine
  - D. ACCW Representative
2. Church Communities
  - A. Liturgical
  - B. Lenten Meal
3. Family Affairs
  - A. Parish Picnic
  - B. Anniversary Mass
4. Community Affairs
  - A. Blood Drives
  - B. Meals on Wheels
  - C. Giving Tree
  - D. PADS/USO
  - E. Coat Drive
  - F. Gardening
  - G. Special Projects

Section 2.      These Standing Committees may be changed from year to year , but the Commissions remain the same.

#### **Article VI: Amendments**

These Customs may be amended by a majority vote at any General Membership Meeting. It is advised that these Customs be reviewed as necessary.

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