



Discern

Facilitator Guide

Part 2—Implementing Discernment in Your CWOC

(60 minutes)

This is an optional add-on to the Discern Module, Part 1

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For example, if we were presenting this at a regional retreat, we may present part 1 to everyone but then ask those who are interested in putting the MCCW discernment process to use in their chapels to stay and participate in a "mock" discernment. This is more of a training for those who will need to lead the process than an exercise for the whole group.

For that part we could also provide the participants with copies of the [MCCW discernment packets](#) so they could see how the personal discernment segment fits into the group discernment process.

Purpose: Discernment can lead to a spirit-led, vibrant and dynamic CWOC! MCCW promotes the use of discernment—a prayerful, Holy Spirit led process—for selecting CWOC leadership. Inspired by St. Ignatius' ten principles for discernment, the CWOC discernment process helps potential leaders to evaluate their lives through the eyes of our Lord and define their ability to be a vibrant servant leader in the positions available. Come learn more about this beautiful process and about the resources MCCW has to help you bring discernment to your chapel.

Together, ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, patroness of MCCW.

Let us pray. Lord of heavenly wisdom, Who has given us your own Mother Mary to be our guide and Counselor in this our lives, Grant that in all things we may have the grace to seek maternal instruction and to profit by it in humility and love. O Mother of Good Counsel, Patroness of the Military Council of Catholic Women, help us to understand and fulfill the



mind and will of your Divine Son, Jesus Christ.

Under the blessing of the Father, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we be responsible and intelligent daughters of the Church. May we labor in the spirit of renewal to realize more perfectly the Kingdom of God here below, as the only true preparation for our share in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Holy Role Model: Saint Teresa of Avila

Ice Breaker:

Lessons:

1. The process (a mock discernment)
 - a. Gentle Mother (music)
 - b. Prayer of Our Lady of Good Counsel
 - c. CWOC Position Descriptions (outer circle)
 - d. Here I am Lord (music)
 - e. Discerners (come to inner circle)
 - f. Chosen verse from Scripture
 - g. Read Ignatius' 10 Guiding Principles
 - h. Read position description/discerners to stand.
 - i. Ministry of Stance -- each woman stands and states her interest in a particular ministry
 - j. Many Gifts at the Table
2. Priestly Remarks (if applicable)
3. Being a dynamic CWOC
 - a. Q & A