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From its inception MCCW has forged a model of Catholic women's ministry widely recognized today as Catholic Women of the Chapel. This model, which is built on the same pillars of spirituality, leadership, and service as MCCW, has worked in military communities around the world for years.

This model is both structured and flexible – making it simultaneously recognizable to military women who have seen CWOC before; and flexible enough to be scalable to a specific chapel's needs and available resources.

The CWOC structure includes:

- A leadership team including the chaplain as moderator and women representing the chapel community sharing the responsibilities for the ministry
- A commitment to spiritual growth – through both participation in the sacraments and devotions and faith formation activities
- A commitment to leadership – both by developing current leaders and investing in future leaders
- A commitment to service – just as each of us is called to give the gift of self, so too a CWOC should serve its chapel, military, and surrounding civilian communities
- An emphasis on biblical hospitality, putting on Christ for others, especially as a CWOC reaches out to new members of its community and to the diverse groups in its community

CWOC flexes to fit the needs of your community:

- Timing of gatherings – CWOCs can meet weekly, monthly, quarterly; as often or infrequently as suits your community
- Content of gatherings – CWOCs gatherings may be occasional special programs, a book study group, a First Friday mass group followed by fellowship, or a combination of those and much more
- Leadership structure – some CWOCs have formal boards with committees of volunteers handling a wide assortment of tasks, others are led by a small team who shares the basic duties
- Membership – some CWOCs will be a mix of active duty, dependant, and retired women; others may have a membership that leans heavily toward one of those groups

...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also...2 Timothy 2:2

