



## Policy Concerning Promotion of Outside Events

### Background

Many participants in Walking with Purpose are devoted to charitable causes and events and wish to share their stories. Coordinators are often asked if participants can present their cause or event or ask for support.

There is a desire to support our Walking with Purpose friends; however the priority is to stay focused on the Walking with Purpose mission and ensure that nothing takes time away from the small group discussion. In addition, a charitable cause, outside group, or event that seems harmless and inspirational to one woman can have an adverse effect on another. We don't know the "backstory" of each woman who attends Walking with Purpose. In order to create a safe environment for women to drop their baggage and authentically encounter Christ, we have developed the following policy:

### Policy Statement

- Walking with Purpose is not a platform for sharing personal causes and events. While these are important to individuals and can represent critical moral issues, WWP is not a vehicle to disseminate information.
- Requests by the pastor to share parish-related news is always acceptable as WWP serves the parish. We ask that the Coordinator schedule accordingly so that there is ample time to cover the weekly lesson.
- Coordinators may set up a community bulletin board and/or have a table to showcase any flyers or pamphlets regarding outside events, activities, and causes that are consistent with values of WWP and the Catholic Church. Information can be made available to women in this way, but should not be promoted during time reserved for the weekly lesson.
- Selling of items and/or collection of money for a charitable cause at Walking with Purpose session is not recommended.
- Walking with Purpose participants may be involved in any outside activity, event, or cause they like as long as they do so representing their own interests and not on behalf of Walking with Purpose.
- Many participants are involved in other parish activities, events and causes. Take care not to expend WWP resources, materials, and time in such areas as the meetings should remain focused on Walking with Purpose training.

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

Colossians 3:12-14