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March 2017 Report from National Commander, Arminda C. Crawford

Your Excellency Bishop Higgins, Monsignor Coyle, National Board of Officers, and Veterans,

As we begin this season of Lent, let us reflect on the following passage:

“Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God “with all their hearts” (Joel 2:12).” Pope Francis.

With the election of President Trump, CWV has addressed several issues that have come to the forefront:

- A letter was written supporting his efforts for Pro-Life, as well as the fate of all U.S. veterans;
- CWV’s appreciation for appointing Secretary of Defense James Mattis, who is a practicing Catholic and in charge of our countries defense;
- A letter urging President Trump to consider allowing the interpreters and their families to enter into the United States.
- A letter supporting religious freedoms.

On your behalf, I wrote a congratulatory letter to both His Eminence Blasé Cardinal Cupich and His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, and invited them to join CWV. Cardinal DiNardo responded with a very nice letter and accepted your invitation to join. He is now a member of Post # 6 in the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston.

The store has moved to New York without a glitch. Thanks to Mike Kasinskas and his crew for coordinating this effort. Thanks, also, to Karen for preparing all the merchandise for the move.

As of today, February 28, we have a buyer prospect that would like to tour the building later this week. Since the original contract had expired, and we did not have anyone interested, we did not renew Ezra’s contract in early December. Two weeks later, a broker had a prospective buyer that wanted to tour the building. I contacted the Executive Board, and with a vote of 6 to 2 (two did not reply), was told to extend the contract, which we have done.

The National Convention will soon be upon us. Information will be available soon when the trifold magazine is mailed out.

Let us continue to pray for PNC Fred Schwally and John Dubay, and for all the special intentions in our hearts. Let us work together as a team for God, Country and Home. God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in CWV,  
Arminda C. Crawford  
Commander