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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

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Dear Father,

The Mission Statement of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women directs the Council “to act through its affiliated organizations to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service;” its programs are to “respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.” We are blessed that the ACCW continues to be faithful to that mission!

Present ACCW efforts include vocation programs, pro-life activities, community outreach, mission outreach, both foreign and domestic, as well as many varied programs chosen by parish affiliates to fit their needs. Recognizing our need for committed Catholics prepared to assume leadership roles, I am particularly grateful that ACCW offers leadership opportunities and promotes skill development not only on the parish level but also at the level of the deaneries, the ACCW Board, the Province Board (encompassing Minnesota and the Dakotas) and the National CCW Board of Directors.

With your encouragement and support (and that of pastors throughout the Archdiocese), I am confident that the ACCW can continue to work with us in fulfilling the mission and ministry of the Church. With that in mind, I am asking that you once again offer encouragement to the women in your parish by promoting their organization at the parish level, by being as present to them as your schedule allows, and by designating a CCW Sunday. I trust that you recognize the gratitude of the women of your parish when you make time to offer a few words at one of their parish meetings, when you concelebrate an ACCW Mass or even offer a prayer of blessing at a deanery gathering. It is the hope of the ACCW members that all parishes would be affiliated, and that all women of the Archdiocese will at least become familiar with the ACCW and its many benefits. Your generous cooperation is imperative in communicating the benefits of participation for the women in your parish.

This year’s annual ACCW Convention will be held on April 20-21, 2018 at St. Michael in Stillwater. I know that they would be grateful if you could join them for any part of the Convention, and most especially concelebrate the Mass with the Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens and Rev. David Kohner, the Archdiocesan Spiritual Advisor, on the 20th at 5:30 pm. Attached is a flyer with details of this event. Call the ACCW office at 651-291-4545 or contact them at www.accwarchspm.org for further information and reservations.

With every personal best wish and prayer, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Attachment