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OFFICE OF THE APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Father,

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women has impressed me as a “gem” in this Archdiocese that should not be taken for granted. Dedicated to acting through its affiliated organizations “to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service,” the ACCW engages in an effective outreach to the family, the parish and the community.

Local ACCW programs 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. ACCW also offers leadership opportunities for women not only in the parish, 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.

I know that the women of the ACCW are particularly grateful to those of you who lead parishes that are involved in Council. It is their hope, however, that all parishes would be affiliated, and that all women would be aware of ACCW and its benefits. Your generous cooperation is one of the keys to the achievement of those goals.

With that in mind, I am asking you to encourage the women in your parish by promoting their women’s organization, by designating a CCW Sunday and by being as present to them as your schedule allows, thereby offering affirmation and visible support for their efforts. I hope you realize how grateful they are when you are able to offer a few words at a parish meeting, when you concelebrate an ACCW Mass or offer a prayer of blessing at a deanery gathering. With your support, I am confident that the ACCW can continue to be an effective organization assisting you in fulfilling the mission and ministry of the Church.

The women of the ACCW would be very delighted if you would join them for the annual ACCW Convention on April 29-30, 2016, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Brooklyn Park and especially for the Mass that will be celebrated on the 29th at 1:00 p.m. Bishop Andrew Cozzens, the celebrant, and Father David Kohner, the Archdiocesan ACCW Spiritual Advisor, would both welcome your presence as concelebrants. Attached is a brochure with details of this event. Call the ACCW office at 651-291-4545 or [www.accwarchspm.org](http://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  
Apostolic Administrator

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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Attachment