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Greetings My Fellow CCW Sisters,

On April 28 I was installed as your 2023-2025 ACCW President. I was raised in New Prague and currently live in Le Center which is in the southern part of the Archdiocese. In October my husband Melvin and I will be married for 38 years. We have two beautiful daughters, Colleen (37) and Joleen aka Jo (35). If you see me at a CCW event, you will probably see my daughters as well.



My younger sister asked me “why” I wanted to be ACCW President. Leave it to your kid sister to put you on the spot. So, the obvious answers, the timing was right, I thought I could be a great leader and I needed to put God first. All were good reasons, but it isn’t necessarily what called me to this position.

My honest answer came from my strong sense for family values. My parents raised a family of eight children. We may not have had everything we wanted, but we had what we needed, love from both parents.

We need to put God and our family first in our lives. That can be very hard to do today. We all have obstacles and distractions that lead us astray, including myself. I have used the “busy at work” card too many times. For families with younger children, they have way more distractions and activities that take their focus or attention away.

Truthfully, I am sad at seeing all the negative and bad things happening in the world, crime, violent protesting, and total disrespect to human life. I realized we need to put the emphasis on protecting our family values. All the wrong in the world could be eliminated if parents taught respect and morals to their children. A strong foundation begins with a mother and father teaching children to know the difference between right and wrong, good versus evil. My parents instilled those values such as working hard, showing respect to everyone and being thankful for all God has provided us.

As strong Catholic women, let us pray and stand together to protect our families. I am honored and excited to serve as the ACCW President for the next two years.

Doreen Hogan  
ACCW President

**Save the Date!**  
**ACCW Morning of Reflection**  
 Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023  
 Our Lady of the Lake Church, Mound  
**Invite a friend, mother, sister or daughter!**