

## **Naomi-Ruth Prayer Partnership Program** (Connecting Women in Prayer)



Background: The story of Naomi and Ruth can be found in the Bible, in the Book of Ruth. Naomi, her husband and two sons left Judah for Moab, a pagan land, because of a famine. In Moab, the two sons married Ruth and Orpah. Eventually, Naomi's husband and sons died, leaving her with her two daughter-in-laws. She urged them to return to their people as she was going back to Judah. After many tears, Orpah did leave, but Ruth refused to leave Naomi saying, "Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you! For wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people and your God my God..." Ruth went with Naomi to Judah and became the great-grandmother of King David.

This wonderful relationship between an older woman and a younger woman, a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, is the inspiration for a new prayer program sponsored by the St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women to connect women across the Archdiocese. Prayer and friendship are cornerstones for the Council.

This program can also be tailored to parish needs; for example, one parish CCW plans to connect with their Hispanic Community. You can choose to partner with someone older or younger than yourself. You can also have more than one prayer partner if you wish.

Sign up today with your preference. If you choose to participate only at the parish or deanery level, your information will be passed on to your parish or deanery president. If you chose to participate at the Archdiocesan level, please return your sign-up card today or to ACCW, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul, MN 55106.

The only requirement is that you pray for your partner from now until our ACCW convention in May 2020, at which a special reception will be held. Any further connection is up to you. For example, you may want to send a note, card, or email to your partner or set up a time to visit them. For more information or if you have questions, contact the ACCW Office or [accw@archspm.org](mailto:accw@archspm.org) or on our Facebook page, St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.