

ATTENTION - Catholic Women

The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) was started 99 years ago by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. We act through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

The Dubuque Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women is a volunteer organization for women founded in 1932. We are united for apostolic action at the request of the Archbishop of Dubuque. We are affiliated with NCCW and World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. We are a voice for the women of the Dubuque Archdiocese to speak and act as a unit on matters of mutual interest.

If you haven't heard of it, it may be because Cedar Rapids doesn't have an active group at this time. We will have a convention this Fall in Hiawatha. If you would like to find out more about this group that is doing the Lords work go to www.dbqarch.org/ACCW or email Florine Swanson at fswanson@wmtel.net or call Sue Martinek at 319-270-0054.

Message from Michael O. Jackels, Archbishop of Dubuque

The ACCW are generous supporters of the priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, especially through their good prayers, and gifts of appreciation, such as an ordination gift of a Jerusalem Cross stole to each newly ordained.

The ACCW sponsors the *Beauty in Christ* Conference every January, which is an opportunity for women of the Archdiocese to be nourished in their faith. This year their annual archdiocesan convention will be held on 12 October 2019, in Hiawatha. Additionally, they will be sponsoring *Beauty Alive* evenings throughout the Archdiocese in September and October, as well as a one-day retreat for women, *Fearless, Faithful, Feminine* on 26 October at St. Mary Parish, Waverly. I encourage you to attend these events as a way to grow in your faith.

Please consider becoming a new member or renewing your membership, for personal benefit, for the true development of society in justice, peace and love, and for the glory of God.

**Michael O. Jackels
Archbishop of Dubuque**