



A message to the faithful of the archdiocese from Archbishop Michael Jackels

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ACCW Membership Sunday

Dear Catholic Women in the Archdiocese of Dubuque,

Each year the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) holds a Membership Sunday near the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel which was on 26 April. Due to the pandemic they felt best to delay and so for 2020, they have decided that this weekend (June 20/21) will be Membership Sunday. I encourage every Catholic woman over the age of 18 to consider becoming a member, if you haven't already.

I offer my congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the National Council of Catholic Women which was founded by the United States Council of Bishops after World War I. The Dubuque ACCW have been generous supporters of our Archdiocesan priests and seminarians through prayers, contributions and gifts of appreciation, such as the Jerusalem Cross stole, to each newly ordained priest.

The ACCW is the sponsor for the Beauty in Christ Conference in January, which is an opportunity for women across the Archdiocese to be nourished in their faith. They also hold their annual convention and invite all women to attend, the plan is to hold this on 24 October 2020, in Protivin. In addition, they plan to sponsor a one-day retreat on 14 November, titled The Visitation. 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, as the cost is only ten dollars, for personal benefit, for the true development of society in justice, peace and love, and for the glory of God.

Michael Jackels

Archbishop of Dubuque