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Dear Priests, Deacons and Parish members of the Diocese of Duluth,

The Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has scheduled their annual Membership and Support month to be in September and October 2021. This annual collection taken up in September or October and is used to finance the works of the Council of Catholic Women on all the Parish, Deanery, Diocesan, Provincial and National levels.

The National Council of Catholic Women was started by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops one hundred and one years ago. The mission statement for the Council of Catholic Women reads as follows:

“The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliated organizations to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. CCW programs responds with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.”

The Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women work hard to provide educational, leadership and spiritual workshops for the women in our Diocese. They contribute to and support the Appalachian Christmas Project, the Appalachian school socks and underwear project, Water for Life, Project Africa, Refugee Women Emergency Fund, Catholic Relief Services, Cross Catholic Outreach and many other local and international projects. They support local organizations such as homeless shelters, food shelves, domestic violence, the seafarers group in Duluth, and many other organizations too numerous to list. They also support through evangelization and encourage women to help in any way they are able to do so in their parish up to and including the national level of NCCW.

Please promote the affiliation of your parish women’s council with the National Council of Catholic Women. The Duluth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women would be happy to work with your parish’s women to help establish a council within your own parish if one is not already present. The current DDCCW president is Alice Parendo. Her address is: 5809 Rose Road, Hermantown MN 55811. Contact her with your questions about the Council of Catholic Women.

Your help is needed to support the membership and encourage the work of the Council; an organization that for one hundred and one years has carried out the apostolic mission of Christ. I ask everyone to be generous when the collection is taken.

Blessings upon you and those you serve,

Most Reverend Daniel Felton  
Bishop of Duluth