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Dearest Friends of DCCW!

Our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Mass & Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023** which will be here so very soon! EVERY parish in the diocese is invited to honor one or two of your parish volunteers. This is our biggest event of the year and we are excited that you will hopefully be sending two of your very deserving women volunteers! We are enclosing a tentative schedule to assist your parish in planning for this road trip to Peoria!

Since the event is on April 26th, less than a week before the month of May, we are again **incorporating a beautiful May Crowning this year during our Mass at the Cathedral!** Imagine hundreds of Catholic women honoring our Lady in a Cathedral under her patronage during a celebration honoring the volunteer works of mercy offered throughout the year by dozens of women honorees from across the diocese! Imagine our Lord smiling as we behold His Mother, who is also our Mother! It is going to be BEAUTIFUL, and we want YOUR parish to be there! (We do ask attendees to come with cut flowers, if possible.)

Recently a letter inviting you to affiliate with DCCW was emailed to you. This year is the **103rd Anniversary of the founding of the National Council of Catholic Women!** If you haven't joined yet, we'd love for you to join us! Enclosed again is a form you can complete and send in, which will also help us know who the current contact people at your parish are. Many women's organizations change officers, so having up to date information is very helpful. If your women's organization has questions about joining, feel free to call or email me at any time. My contact info is below, and our council email is [peoriadccw@gmail.com](mailto:peoriadccw@gmail.com). Please contact me personally at any time. I'd LOVE to hear from you!

Sisters in Christ.... this coming year is sure to be filled with very special moments, and I look forward to sharing them with you! May God bless you, your family, and your parish. And may Our Lady of Good Counsel hold us all in her care!

May God Continue to bless you all and all you do to support your parishes...

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