

Council of Catholic Women Membership
An Invitation for 2007-2008

A Letter From Your President:

I am proud and honored to serve as your president for the last two years and to serve for the next two years. Much has been accomplished, but as always, much remains to be done. With your help and enthusiasm this Council can and will make a difference in the lives of many, and yours too! I ask you to step forward and become a part of a working committee or ministry. We are a great body of women and we can do great things in Christ's name if we all give a little of our time and talents towards this effort. We are called to be full disciples of Christ by exercising our Baptismal rights and responsibilities in committing to share our gifts for the common good, to be and build up the church, the Body of Christ. It is a vision and call we have received from our baptism to be The People of God. The Greek word for encourage is *parakealeo*, which means "to call near, invite." Not coincidentally, the word is very close to the Greek name for the Holy Spirit: *paraklete*, the one who comes alongside." When we exhort one another, when we encourage and invite one another, we are doing the work of the Holy Spirit. In Hebrews 10:24 it says "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

I am asking for a personal commitment from every woman at St. Irene to become an active paid member of Council of Catholic Women. 'Why?' you may ask. Because of the great works being done in the name of Christ! Through efforts from parishes like ours, the National Council of Catholic Women averages about a quarter of a million dollars in support of programs like WATER FOR LIFE each year! YOUR efforts make a difference in the lives of women and children throughout the world! I pray that the Holy Spirit blesses you and that you will be greatly filled with the gift of Volunteerism. That you will be moved to help make the difference in someone who needs you and in doing so may have fullness of Heart. Please connect with us and let us know what your needs are. We are listening and are ready to serve you! We are making it our mission to share information that we receive needed to keep up the work started and to add to the programs that can benefit our church family, our community and foreign neighbors. My sincere thanks to all of you for your dedication and love of Council and all that you do in carrying out the Lord's Mission. Our parish is strong and beautiful because of all the ways you share your gifts, talents, and treasures. In the name of Jesus and the whole People of God, Thank You. You are a gift. I know that many times we feel our work goes unnoticed especially when we get bogged down with all the everyday tasks in our lives but I truly believe God doesn't let anything go unnoticed. Again, if there is anything I can be of assistance in your work or direct you to the right resources or you need a listening ear, please contact me.

That all may be one in Christ, Debi Rossi

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This fall, we will be publishing a CCW Members Directory for the convenience of all Members! It is hoped that this will increase our connectivity and fellowship. For this reason, we're requesting that all membership forms please be returned by Sunday, November 4th in order to include as many Members as possible in the 2007/2008 directory. Of course, new Members are always welcome after the directory print date as well. We do respect your privacy. If you *DO NOT* wish to be listed in the directory, please check here. _____

Please enclose \$5.00 annual dues and drop in the collection basket, a pink envelope has been provided for you in your offering envelopes, or mail to:
CCW Registration; c/o 3S618 Behr's Circle Drive, Warrenville, IL 60555
Checks should be made payable to: St. Irene Council of Catholic Woman