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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONTINUES

ITS PRO-LIFE TRADITION OF MARCHING FOR LIFE

Arlington, VA— “We have been at the National March for Life, year after year, and we’ll be there again in 2010,” says Patty Johnson, president of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW). “Our presence in the nation’s capital is witness and reminder that we believe human life has a God-given dignity and a value that must be respected.

Participating in the National Pro-Life Vigil Mass and the March for Life in Washington, DC, is so important to members of NCCW that the Board of Directors schedules its January meeting to coincide with the pro-life activities every year.

“Building a Campaign for Human Dignity is the theme the NCCW Executive Committee has chosen to guide its programs and initiatives in 2010,” says Johnson. “The NCCW Board of Directors will be providing diocesan, district, and parish councils of Catholic women with program ideas for how to focus their activities on our common concern for human dignity.

“Participating in the Washington, DC, March for Life, advocating for a reversal of Roe v. Wade, and encouraging our members all over the country to participate in their local pro-life rallies are ways we express our pro-life position that all civil laws, all programs, all policies should exemplify the most basic principle of society—that we protect human life from conception to natural death.

“Throughout the year, NCCW provides information to council members on current respect life issues and liturgy resources developed by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Continued prayer and action is needed to develop a Culture of Life in our world today.”

Johnson, from Fairfield Glade, Tennessee, Diocese of Knoxville, will be joined by most of the NCCW Board of Directors, representing every Province across the United States, as well as many other Council of Catholic Women members who will travel to Washington, DC, for the January 21 Vigil and January 22 March for Life. “Having the Board participate in these pro-life activities is a fitting kick-off for our 90th anniversary observance,” notes Johnson.

The National Council of Catholic Women was founded in March 1920 at the urging of the bishops of the United States. For 90 years, the organization has been actively engaged in translating Catholic values into projects that promote respect for human life and dignity through the programs of NCCW affiliated diocesan, district, and parish women’s organizations. The National Council of Catholic Women represents a combined membership of 8,000 affiliated Catholic women’s organizations and individual members nationwide.