**ORLANDO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

**ESTEEMED LIFE MEMBER AWARD**

**GUIDELINES**

1. Information forms for selections are sent to each affiliation.
2. Each affiliation may have one nominee, chosen through its own selection process.
3. A cover letter must be provided with the submission and shall be the ONLY place the **nominee’s name, affiliation, and parish are mentioned.**
4. Nominee's Council should describe in 100 words or less - "Why does this affiliation nominate this woman?"
5. Nominations from the affiliations must be forwarded, with a **cover letter** and the **nominee’s involvement**, tothe Esteemed Life Member Committee Chair by **March 23, 2024.**
6. Upon receiving the cover letter and the nomination form, the committee shall assign a number for each nominee, allowing the selection process to be as anonymous as possible.
7. The committee will make the selection and/or selections. No more than two (2) honorees will be selected each year.
8. A certificate will be presented to the chosen recipient during the Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention.

**Nominee qualifications for the Esteemed Life Member Award:**

When choosing your nominee for submission consider the following:

* Nominee should be a woman of prayer, vision, and faith - who is or was actively involved in Council;
* Nominee should be a woman who has faithfully served Church and Council;
* Nominee should be a woman who has given of her gifts and time;
* Nominee’s involvement has promoted the NCCW Mission Statement;
* Nominee’s Council should also list her involvement (offices held, etc.) on the affiliation, deanery, diocesan, Florida Council of Catholic Women and National Council of Catholic Women; and
* Nominee’s other involvement may also include her activities in ministries for her parish such as reader, Minister to the Sick, Eucharistic Minister, usher, RCIA, bereavement ministry, etc.
* Nominee’s involvement may also include activities in her local community.