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**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AWARD**

**BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY, 2016**

I will be presenting the Guidelines for Our Lady of Good Counsel Award at this Board Meeting. The rules for the award will also be presented. Packets with these rules and guidelines will be given to all Diocesan Presidents and anyone else who wishes to receive them.

The Florida Council of Catholic Women's – **Our Lady of Good Counsel Award** – was established by Ellen Bachman in 1999. Through the years we have recognized and honored women who have served in various positions of Council. Now is the time once again to recognize women who are still involved in Council or women who have gone to be with the Lord. FCCW recognizes women who promote Christian values and respect for all.

Please make sure that all Deaneries and Affiliations receive copies of these forms. At the FCCW Conference in the Fall two dedicated women will be honored. The prestigious Our Lady of Good Counsel Award will be given to an Active member and the Posthumous award will be given to the family of a deceased member.

Start thinking of that special member that should be nominated. **Deadlines are: April 1, 2016 – Nomination forms to A/DCCW Presidents. June 1, 2016 – Nominations due to FCCW Chair of Our Lady of Good Counsel Committee.** The Committee will meet and decide the names at the June Board Meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation and may God bless your decisions!

Respectfully,

Anna Mae Frenzik, SSND. Chair

Our Lady of Good Counsel Award

**FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
RULES FOR  
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AWARD**

1. Each A/DCCW may submit more than one nominee, which may include an award to be given for the categories of Active Member and Posthumous Awards.
2. Each A/DCCW will go through their own selection process for these nominees.
3. Information regarding the nominee process will be sent to each A/DCCW President, who will forward to each affiliation. All nominations will be returned to the A/DCCW, who will forward to FCCW for the final selections of the nominees.
4. **Nominations from A/DCCW are to be sent to the FCCW Chairman of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award committee by June 1.** A cover letter must accompany each A/DCCW nominee.
5. The nominating forms should not have the name of nominee, parish or diocese. That information must be included in the cover letter of each nominee. Upon receiving the cover letter and the nominations, by the FCCW Chair, a number will be assigned to each nominee. This will allow the selection process to be as anonymous as possible. **You may submit more than one nominee per A/DCCW, however, there will only be one nominee selected to receive the Our Lady of Good Counsel Active Member Award and one nominee to receive the Posthumous Award.**
6. Should a member of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award Committee be nominated, that individual will withdraw from the committee during the judging process. The FCCW President/Province Director will appoint a replacement
7. These awards will be presented bi-annually during the Florida Council of Catholic Women's Conference.

Nominee qualifications for the Our Lady of Good Counsel Award:

A woman of faith and vision that is/was actively involved in Council,

A woman who serves/served Council faithfully,

A woman who is giving, or has given, of her time and her God-given gifts.

Nominees' Councils should list their involvement, (offices held, etc.), in 100 words or less, and include why does A/DCCW nominate these women.

April 1 is the deadline for nomination information to be in the hands of A/DCCW Presidents.

*The Active Member Award* - An Icon of Our Lady of Good Counsel inscribed with a small plate at the bottom of the icon with the name of the award, name of the recipient and the year the award is presented.

*The Posthumous Award* - \$100 will be donated to the National Council of Catholic Women in memory of the recipient. An award certificate will be presented to the family.