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ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CELEBRATE THREE DECADES OF SERVICE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ORANGE, Calif., (January 8, 2007) – The Most Rev. Tod D. Brown, Bishop of Orange, will join the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW) in celebrating their 30th annual conference held January 16, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Garden Grove. The ODCCW’s mission under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron saint of the Diocese of Orange, is to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

“Catholic women have served the church and community diligently in our Diocese over the past 30 years. Their contributions are numerous and undoubtedly essential. I am blessed to join them in celebration of their history and to look forward to a bountiful future,” said Bishop Brown.

Conference attendees will learn about the history of the Diocese, current undertakings and future goals of the ODCCW. The meeting will feature several keynote speakers including the Rev. Mike Heher, Vicar General of Orange, Diane Abati, founding president of ODCCW, Ilegra Evans, past Los Angeles ACCW president and Marie Romanski, president of ODCCW.

About ODCCW:

The ODCCW is a coordinating unit for action involving all women of the Diocese, affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women, and approved by the Bishop. All women in the Diocese are automatically members and parishes have councils, which gather together monthly at different parishes throughout the Diocese. The National Council of Catholic Women consists of more than 5,000 affiliated Catholic women's organizations in parishes and dioceses throughout the U.S., representing hundreds of thousands of Catholic women.

Conference Agenda:

8:00 a.m. - Registration, coffee, view displays

9:30 a.m. - Call to Order

9:45 a.m. - Prayer Service

10:15 a.m. - Speakers:

Reverend Michael Heher, Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia

Diane Abati, First President ODCCW

12:00 p.m. - Greeting and Comments:

Most Reverend Tod D. Brown, D.D., Bishop of Orange

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, view displays

1:30 p.m. - Speakers:

Ilegra Evans, Past President Los Angeles ACCW

Marie Romanski, Current President ODCCW

2:00 p.m. - Announcements and Prizes

2:30 p.m. - Closing Prayer

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