



*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.*
1 Cor 12:4-7

January 17, 2016

My Dear Sisters in Christ:

The Peace of the risen Lord be with you! We celebrate the blessing of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Sunday, January 17. On behalf of our clergy, religious women, and God's holy people, I thank you for the beautiful ministry you offer in the Lord's name within our parishes, in the diocese and at the state level.

St. Paul writes to the Corinthians to help them understand the call of unity in Christ through the Holy Spirit. You have captured this unity through your many wondrous deeds. You show us how to recognize the dignity of each person through, with and in God by the manifestation of the Spirit within each one of you. The people of God receive the benefit of your gifts as you bring forth the breath of the Spirit.

We pray in gratitude for the National Council of Catholic Women as it celebrates its 95th birthday. We rejoice heartily in its inspiration of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

May our spiritual gifts yield the treasure of the love of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Noonan'.

Most Reverend John Noonan
Bishop of Orlando