

NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT



The Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) is pleased to announce their 2022 Mullen Award recipient: Mrs. Marcia (Jerome) Engelhaupt of Spencer, NE. She is also a member of the Rural Northwest Deanery of the Omaha diocese. From nominations, she was selected by a committee comprised of OACCW presidents, past and present, as well as deanery presidents. Marcia was bestowed this honor at the 98th OACCW Convention held in Fremont, NE on September 19, 2022. Joining her and pictured is OACCW Spiritual Advisor Rev. Andrew Sohm, daughter Sara Boardman, husband Jerome and Archbishop Most Reverend George J. Lucas.

Deserving of this honor, Marcia had printed church bulletins for years, had been CCD teacher, EMHC, Lector, Sacristan, sang in church choir, chaperoned CCD group on trip, and served as deanery president. Despite having been diagnosed with MS about 10 years ago, she has been active more than 30 years in OACCW by serving as 2012-14 President, board member and attending archdiocesan events. She was awarded the Lifetime Member in 2010. Marcia and her husband of 46 years have one daughter. She has also been very active in her community and with the school. Family time, singing, attending concerts and motorcycling on her own bike led to her full and well-rounded lifetime of experiences. Congratulations, Marcia!

The Mullen Award has been annually awarded since 1962 with an “Our Lady of Good Counsel” medal to one woman from our Archdiocese in memory of Mrs. Mary (Arthur) Mullen. Mrs. Mullen was the first president of OACCW and was active on the national, diocesan and parish levels of council in addition to civic and social work in her community. The only year a recipient was not chosen was during the COVID pandemic in 2020. This award is presented at the annual OACCW convention to a woman who is outstanding in her work with and interest in the Council of Catholic Women at the Archdiocesan, Deanery and Parish levels and is involved in her community in civic affairs, educational groups and groups of other faiths. Some women may even be involved in the Council of Catholic Women at the national level (NCCW).

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