



Naomi-Ruth Prayer Partnership Program at St. Patrick, Shieldsville (Connecting Women in Prayer)

Background: The story of Naomi and Ruth can be found in the Bible, in the Book of Ruth. Naomi, her husband and two sons left Judah for Moab, a pagan land, because of a famine. In Moab, the two sons married Ruth and Orpah. Eventually, Naomi's husband and sons died, leaving her with her two daughter-in-laws. She urged them to return to their people as she was going back to Judah. After many tears, Orpah did leave, but Ruth refused to leave Naomi saying, "Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you! For wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people and your God my God...." Ruth went with Naomi to Judah and became the great-grandmother of King David.

This wonderful relationship between an older woman and a younger woman, a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law, is the inspiration for a new prayer program sponsored by the St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. In this Year of Faith, as we Re-Discover Catholicism, let us Re-Discover the Council of Catholic Women and connect women in our parish. Prayer and friendship are cornerstones for the Council. Because of this, we would like women to partner and pray for each other beginning in November 2013 and ending at a special event in May 2014.

The only requirement is that you pray for your partner from November 2013 to May 2014. Any further connection is up to you. For example, you may want to send a note, card, or email to your partner or set up a time to visit them. For more information or if you have questions, contact Denise Haaland at 507.334.2781 (rdhaaland@q.com) or fill out the form below and return it to the office. The program is sponsored by our St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women.

A kick-off event was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at St. Patrick. This is for all females, ages 14 – 100+, that would like to participate. IF you were unable to make the kick-off but would like to participate please send or drop off the bottom portion of this letter. You will be paired with a prayer partner and information will be sent to you soon after.

We all see the power of prayer and what a comfort it will be to us to know that someone is praying for us while we in turn pray for another. Please consider this new venture and do what we as women, mothers, sisters, and daughters do so well.

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