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Dear Father,

We would like to let you know about an exciting National Catholic Women's Movement called **Sisterhood**.

Sisterhood is a National Catholic Women's Movement that seeks to support women from all walks and stages of life within their parish or local community. The vision of **Sisterhood** is to see women supported in their Catholic faith and walk with the Lord. It also recognises and encourages the valuable gift of female friendships, meaningful connection and community.

Sisterhood seeks to support women through small Connect groups, regional events and retreats, Connect mornings and the National Conference.

The *Sisterhood* Connect groups form a crucial part of the *Sisterhood* movement. Connect groups provide women with a place of connection with other women where they can deepen in their spiritual formation, go deeper in their relationship with Jesus, as well as those key relationships with people they do life with.

Connect groups meet on a regular basis in someone's home and follow the format of: Opening prayer, working through a study or resource, group discussion and closing prayer. Generally groups meet once a fortnight but depending on the geographical and personal needs of the women in the group they may like to meet once a week or every three to four weeks. The aim is to deepen in relationship with one another so meeting on a more regular basis is preferable.

Generally Connect groups have somewhere between three to six women. Keeping the group to this size allows each person the chance to share during the discussion time.

Every second year Sisterhood hosts a National Catholic Women's Conference in Sydney. The conference has been running for 9 years now and draws women from around the country for a

weekend of good food, prayer, Adoration, Mass and Reconciliation, keynote inputs and workshops, and quality sisterhood time. The next conference will be held on the 16-18th March 2018.

The idea behind Sisterhood is that the movement would support women where they are currently planted. It is not designed to take them away from their parish or existing communities but rather strengthen them in their faith, build community with other women and encourage a deeper and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sisterhood seeks to provide women with authentic Catholic teaching on femininity which is in keeping with the teachings of the Church as well as the complementarity of men and woman.

Enclosed with this letter is a Parish starter pack. Within this Parish starter pack is a poster which can be displayed in the church as well as postcard information cards which can be printed for distribution.

There is a space for a key contact person to be listed. This key contact person would then act as the coordinator of establishing the small groups in your parish. We ask that the key contact person make contact via the email with the Sisterhood team and we will then send out a full starter welcome pack and ongoing resources and updates.

If you would like more information you can make contact through a number of channels:

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Thank you for your openness and support.

God bless you

With Kind regards

The Sisterhood Team