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Dear Monsignor Powell,

As Archbishop of Philadelphia, I am pleased to witness many spiritual blessings bestowed by God upon the Church in general and on the Archdiocese in particular. Among those blessings are the many programs and ministries which bring our people to a deeper relationship with God. One such opportunity of spiritual growth for women, which has taken root in Central Bucks County, is *Women of Grace*.

I was happy to be informed that it was in response to Pope John Paul II's call to make "speedy progress in achieving full respect for women and their identity" that *Women of Grace* was founded. The program laudably affirms women in their dignity and vocation as daughters of God and in their gift of authentic femininity by exploring the divine plan for women.

The primary objective of the *Women of Grace Foundational Study Series* is to explore with women the authentic understanding of the gift of their femininity, and equip them to bring the grace they receive to bear upon their interior being, their relationship with God, their interpersonal relationships, and the culture of the day. The feminine person is studied in conjunction with Church teaching and Sacred Scripture. Mary, our Mother, is held as the role model and example for all women.

Women of Grace seeks to supplement the good work already being accomplished by other existing apostolates throughout our Church. This program provides material and resources to aid women in our Church to grow closer to God and benefit from the teaching of our Church.

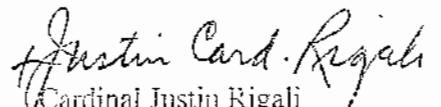
I endorse the *Women of Grace Foundational Studies Series* as an opportunity for women to grow in their faith. I also endorse the *Women of Grace* retreat experience with conferences.

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Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration as a spiritual experience which offers great blessings to those who attend.

I express gratitude to all those who work to promote this program at the service of women and their calling in Christ's Church, and thank you personally for the priestly support that you offer them

Sincerely in Christ,


Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia