



THE “LINK”

January 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The CCW-ADW is here to connect Catholic women. I hope you’ve had a chance to visit our new website at councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com for the latest fun events and opportunities for leadership, spirituality, and service. Be sure to email me at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com so we can publicize your group’s event.

Speaking of fun events, sign up now for our 2nd Annual Valentine-making party at ValentinesForHomeless.eventbrite.com. Details on page 4.

Our Parish Ambassadors Program is bringing events for women into the parishes and making us aware of what’s happening around the archdiocese. We hope you will be part of this all-important connection as an Ambassador in your parish. It takes only an hour a month. See page 7 for details.

Wishing you and yours a most blessed and happy new year in the service of the Lord.

In Christ,
Carol-Ann Parker
President

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JANUARY HAPPENINGS

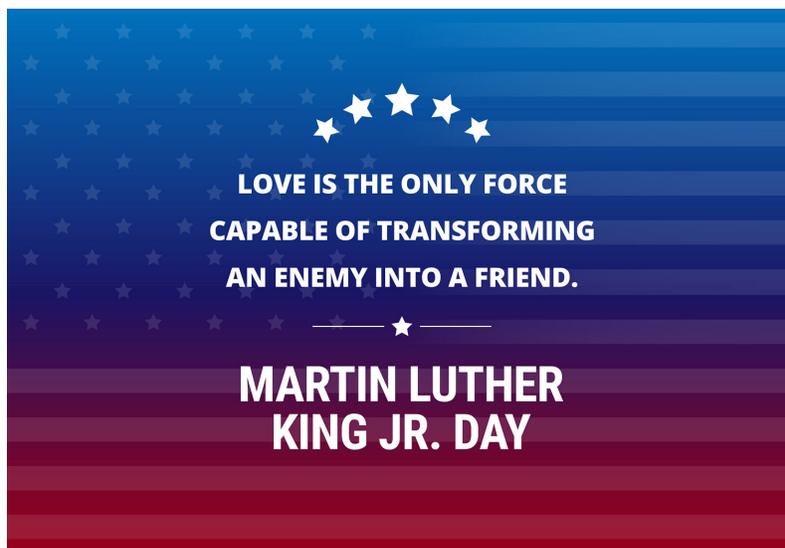
Saturday, January 18



The Archdiocese of Washington Office of Cultural Diversity invites all to attend the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration! This year's Mass will be held at
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
3800 Ely Place, SE
Washington, DC 20019
Saturday, January 18th.

Praise and worship will begin at 3:30 pm featuring the Archdiocese of Washington's Gospel Mass Choir.
Mass celebrated by Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will begin at 4:00 pm.

Want to let other participants know you're going?
Check out the Archdiocese of Washington's Facebook event invitation at
https://www.facebook.com/events/621957971904645/?notif_t=event_calendar_create¬if_id=1576852732784512



Sat January 25–Tues January 28



Bearing Witness: Life and Justice for All

Omni Shoreham Hotel

Register: <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=477914>

\$430 general registration

The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering is an annual major gathering organized by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development in collaboration with 10 other USCCB departments and 16 national Catholic organizations, including NCCW. This central gathering of U.S. Catholic social ministry leaders brings together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to respond to pressing current domestic and global challenges.

“Our defense of the innocent unborn . . . needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred . . . are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection.” - Pope Francis, Rejoice and Be Glad



Opening Keynote
Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archdiocese of Chicago



Fr. Msgr. Ray East
Pastor, St. Teresa of Avila Parish
Anacostia, Washington, D.C.



Christina Lamas
Executive Director
National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM)
Washington, D.C.

This year, we are excited to have coworkers in the vineyard from across the country to convene in our nation's capital and respond to God's call to love, care for, and protect all who are vulnerable in the communities we serve. Through opportunities for prayer, meaningful dialogue, learning, and advocacy, we will work together as a single voice to protect the lives and dignity of all people.

This Gathering is an expression of the Gospel in action as participants engage intellectual, spiritual, and professional formation in the vision of Jesus' invitation to bring Good News to the poor (Luke 4:18). Participants also connect, dialogue, and share ideas in order to identify, build, and sharpen skills for social ministry. These experiences culminate in the opportunity to advocate on Capitol Hill for policies that protect those suffering poverty and injustice. Participants bring home new inspiration and tools to help transform their communities.

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

Sunday, February 2



Claim your spot today for our annual Valentine party by clicking here: [ValentinesForHomeless.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/valentines-for-homeless)
\$5 donation to CCW-ADW.

Sunday, February 2

1:30–3:30 p.m.

St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church
11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902
(St. Andrew's cafeteria -- same location as last year's party)

Join us as we munch cookies and other goodies while creating uplifting Valentines for our homeless sisters at the Harriet Tubman Shelter in DC.

Share God's love for Valentine's Day!

All supplies provided. No artistic talent needed – just bring your heart!



Scenes from last year's Valentine-making party at St. Andrew Apostle: making new friends while having fun with stickers, markers, and colorful paper — reminding our homeless sisters how much God loves them. Sign up now at [ValentinesForHomeless.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/valentines-for-homeless)

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

Saturday, February 8



San Miguel School
Washington, DC

8TH ANNUAL
Scholarship Benefit
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

To RSVP or for more information: <https://sanmigueldc.org/asb/>

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, MD 20852
Complimentary parking in the garage at Executive Blvd and Marinelli Road

PROGRAM

6:30 pm Cocktails: Meet the students, faculty, alumni and visit the Student Art Show.

7:30 pm Dinner

Participants: Reverend William D. Byrne: San Miguel students; Edward J. Quinn, Chair of the Board
Maureen Appel, President

The Annual Scholarship Benefit is San Miguel School's signature event, dedicated to raising funds to provide scholarships for our low-income students. The Benefit raises over one third of our annual operating budget and is the primary source of student scholarships. San Miguel School is not owned or operated by the Archdiocese or any other institution. As such, we are completely reliant on the goodwill of the community through grants, donations, business support, and anti-poverty programs.

**Our Results
Close the
Achievement
Gap**

100%

Of our 8th grade is accepted into high-quality Catholic or independent college-prep high schools.

100%

Of our alumni graduate and complete high school, compared to less than 60% of Latino Males in DC.

100%

Of our students test proficient in reading and math by 8th grade graduation.

90%

Of our students meet federal standards that qualify their families for poverty support programs.

NCCW NATIONAL CONVENTION 2020

The National Council of Catholic Women convention will be in the DC area this summer!

We'll let you know when registration opens. But mark your calendar now.
For opportunities to be a sponsor or exhibitor, click here: <https://www.nccw.org/nccw-convention/>

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



100th Anniversary Convention

August 26-29, 2020

Washington D.C. Area

Crystal Gateway Marriott

1700 Richmond Highway

(formerly Jefferson Davis Highway)

Arlington, VA 22202

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



On December 8, we gathered at Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda to make Christmas cards for the women at Harriet Tubman Shelter in DC.

Far Left: President Carol-Ann Parker chats with other card-making “elves.”

Left: Carol-Ann enjoys a break.

Left: Some of our beautiful creations.



CCW-ADW PARISH AMBASSADORS



Parish Ambassadors are Connecting Catholic Women

At CCW-ADW, we believe it's important to know what events our Catholic sisters are holding around the Archdiocese so that we can support each other in growing as leaders, growing our spiritual lives, and serving as Christ served. In fact, it's what we're all about!

For an hour a month, you can be a CCW ambassador who lets your parish know of events around the Archdiocese and lets CCW know what's being offered in your parish. Win-win!

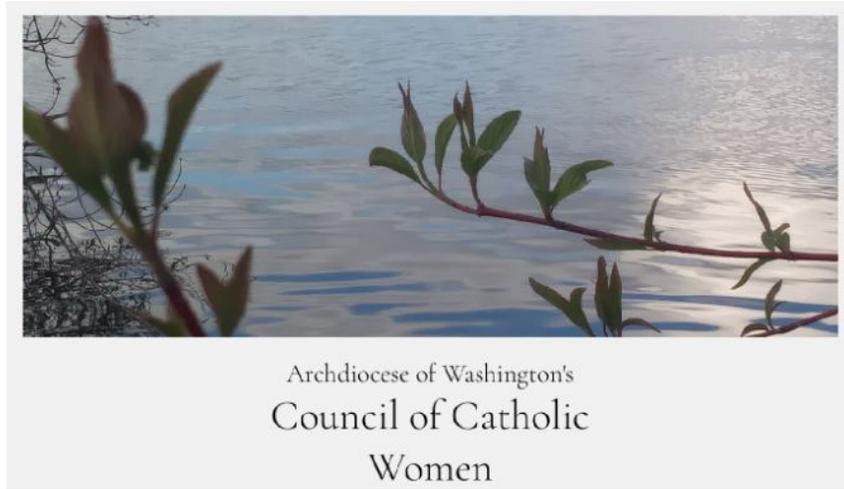
Thanks to our valuable Parish Ambassadors: **Mary Leibolt**—St. Andrew Apostle, Silver Spring, Maryland; **Betty Baklarz**—St. Francis Assisi, Derwood, Maryland; **Lynda Barbieri-Strain**—St. John Vianney, Prince Frederick, Maryland; **Debra Rausch**—St. Nicholas, Laurel, Maryland; and **Denise Durham**—Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Washington, DC.

Email Carol-Ann Parker at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com to learn more!

CCW-ADW WEBSITE

CouncilOfCatholicWomen-ADW.com

gives you up-to-the-minute news on what's happening for women in the Archdiocese. Thanks to CCW-ADW member Mary Leibolt for her beautiful design and set-up of this page.



The website features useful information such as:

- a calendar of events
- a page for parish website links
- a photo gallery of past events
- easy access to the CCW's newsletter The "Link"

Would you like to see what's going on around the Archdiocese in other parishes? Want to let the Archdiocese know about a great event your parish is hosting? How about having a link to your parish's website available or getting to other parish websites easily? Our new website can help you with these goals and more.

The website can be found at councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com.

For more information contact Mary Leibolt by email at mfleib@verizon.net

CCW NIGHTLY ROSARY FOR HEALING OF THE CHURCH



**Call in at 8:00 p.m. any Monday through Saturday
605-468-8016, code 357090#**

Since September 2018, the Council of Catholic Women has been hosting a nightly Rosary call (Mondays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.) for the healing of the Church. We believe prayer is the foundation of action.

With the intercession of our Blessed Mother and by the power of the Holy Trinity, praying the Rosary can help restore the Church to a place of safety and moral guidance. The sex abuse scandal has caused "so much pain," says Sharon A. O'Brien, CCW's Immediate Past President. "Prayer will help us move forward."

All are welcome to participate. Each night, individuals dial 605-468-8016, ID 357090#, read meditations on the Rosary's mysteries, and pray together. –*Carol Monaco, Spirituality Commission Chair*

PONDER WITH MARY



Embracing Jesus

by Carol Monaco

JourneyToOurLady.com

God could have chosen any way to carry out His will on earth; He chose the most non-intimidating way to bring us the hope of salvation. Through Mary, God gave us His Son. “You will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall name Him Jesus,” the Angel Gabriel said to Mary [Luke 1:31]. From that moment and the events that followed, we learn how to embrace Jesus.

With Mary, we see that embracing Jesus means opening our hearts and allowing Him to live within us and through us. At the visitation, Elizabeth could not see Jesus, but she knew her Savior was within Mary, the living tabernacle. “Blessed is the fruit of your womb,” Elizabeth said to Mary [Luke 1:42].

With Joseph, embracing Jesus means bringing Him into our family life and daily living. Jesus is our family and we are His family. With the shepherds, the Magi, and Simeon and Anna, our embrace means beholding Jesus as our Savior and adoring Him as He should be adored. The first coming of Christ could have been in a blaze of glory, but in that blaze, how could we approach Him, be close to Him, and embrace Him?

Instead He came as we all do and what’s more, He came in the most humble way possible—born in a stable with a manger for His bed. The message is clear to us: Be Not Afraid. If we were meant to be afraid, would the shepherds have been sent to behold their Savior—a newborn infant lying in a manger? Would the Magi have traveled miles to pay homage to a baby? Would Simeon have held Jesus in his arms?

God wants all in search of salvation to find and embrace Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. He has given us Mary, our Blessed Mother, to embrace us and help us draw close to her Son so that we may experience the joy of being united with our loving Savior.

“Embracing Jesus” originally appeared at JourneyToOurLady.com



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Email _____

Individual Membership is only \$25.00 per year.

Make check payable to ACCW.
Send to Kathy Foley, Treasurer
3306 Farthing Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Membership Contact:

Carol-Ann Parker, President

904-699-6255

ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com



Join us to respond to the needs
of the Church and society
through a focus on spirituality,
leadership, and service.

Membership Benefits

Putting faith into action by:

- ❖ Learning about issues
- ❖ Visits to sacred sites
- ❖ Service projects
- ❖ E-newsletters
- ❖ Facebook group
- ❖ Access to NCCW program information and resources.

Members receive a discount on ACCW sponsored programs.

Join the **National Council of Catholic Women** directly to receive NCCW's *Catholic Woman* magazine with national and international news and inspiring stories. Dues are \$50.00 per year.

Visit www.NCCW.org.