



THE “LINK”

April 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Our next Virtual Tea is Sunday, April 18. This month, you’ll be able to join your Catholic sisters on a pilgrimage to Spain from the comfort of your own home. Lisa Longacre will share the 500-mile walk she made in the footsteps of St. James the Apostle. You’ll see the sights and hear the personal spiritual journey Lisa experienced on this pilgrimage of a lifetime. Please join us! Register on page 2.

Keep up on the latest: <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>

Do you and your fellow parishioners know whom to contact if someone who’s experiencing domestic abuse asks for help? You can help spread the word on ready resources for women who often feel as if they have nowhere to turn for help. See page 2 to discover how.

Many of us find it difficult to be really “still” and truly listen to God. A presentation by Mrs. Therese Wilson Favors, sponsored by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sodality, will help us do just that! See page 3.

Earth Day is April 22. Turn to page 4 to download resources to hold your own Earth Day program.

Have you prayed the Rosary with us yet? See page 6 for invitation and info.

You have my prayers for a most blessed Easter season!

In Christ,
Carol-Ann Parker
President

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14



**Catholic
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**Catholics For
Family Peace**

Education and Research on Domestic Abuse
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE FAMILY

Effective Strategies to Promote Domestic Abuse Awareness in Parishes

Join us for a webinar on Apr 14, 2021 at 3:00 PM EDT.

Register now at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7497509730469204238>

Domestic abuse has risen during the pandemic. However, Catholic Charities agencies and parishes working together can offer hope, help, and healing by implementing practical strategies to address domestic abuse, ranging from increased parishioner awareness to organization of an in-depth ministry.

This webinar, a joint presentation between the Catholics For Family Peace Education and Research Initiative and Catholic Charities USA, will feature speakers who will present methods that have worked in over 50 parishes and will answer questions about developing a local response. A brief overview of Catholic teaching as it relates to domestic abuse will be included.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

CCW-ADW's April Monthly Tea

A Story of Lessons Learned Along the Camino de Santiago



Come join us for this month's online tea

Sunday 18 April 2021, 3 pm EDT

How does anything survive over 1200 years? The Camino de Santiago has continued though civil wars, religious wars, world wars, dictatorships, and the Black Plague, giving back to the pilgrims far more than it takes from them to complete it. Our guest speaker and Saint Andrew Apostle, Silver Spring parishioner Lisa Longacre will share the story of her recent 500-mile pilgrimage and the lessons she learned on this ancient trail.

To register, email archdiocesecw@gmail.com. A zoom link will be emailed to you shortly before the event

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church
Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality**

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Being “Still” and “Truly” Listening to God

Saturday, April 17, 2021

11:15 am Welcome

12 noon Presentation



Guest Speaker

Mrs. Therese Wilson Favors

Mrs. Therese Wilson Favors is the former Director of the African American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Mrs. Wilson Favors is the author of “Rise Up and Re-Build,” a resource for African American Families issued by the National Black Catholic Congress. In 2007 she was awarded the Papal Honor of Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice by Pope Benedict.

RSVP:

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Zoom login will be sent prior to the event

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AUGUST 25-28

The National Council of Catholic Women 2021 Convention is August 25-28 in Arlington, Virginia.

More information at <https://www.nccw.org/nccw-convention/>

A Fun (and Healthy) Fundraiser for the 2021 Convention

Walk or pray 101 miles to the NCCW Convention! It's a great way to honor NCCW's past and celebrate its future. You can walk or do a prayer walk, your choice. Donate or gather pledges for every mile walked to support the National Council of Catholic Women. So far Carol Monaco, NCCW province director of Washington, has walked and prayed for 50 miles! If she keeps up this pace Carol will surpass the 101 mile goal by August! If you would like to sponsor Carol per mile or with a flat donation to NCCW, please contact her at csmonaco@verizon.net. For more information: <https://www.nccw.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Walk-to-Convention-202ONE-Packet-Updated.pdf>

THURSDAY, APRIL 22



Earth Day 2021: Restore Our Common Home

This year's Earth Day program theme is "Restore Our Common Home," a theme that addresses how as people of faith we must urgently act to not only protect but restore God's beautiful gift of creation. The one-hour educational and prayer program is the perfect way for our families, parishes, schools, and religious communities to prepare for the Vatican's launch of the *Laudato Si* Action Platform in May 2021 (during *Laudato Si* Week). The program contains prayers, readings, discussion questions, a short video, and suggested activities.

Download the Earth Day Program here: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/earth-day>

Image: <https://greenliving.lovetoknow.com/environmental-issues/printable-earth-day-cards>

*"The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life."
(Laudato Si 235)*

CCW-ADW PARISH AMBASSADORS



CCW's mission is to connect Catholic women. Our new Parish Ambassador program will help accomplish that. Through the kind help of our Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Robert G. Amey, all 139 Pastors in the Archdiocese (ADW) were asked if they would sponsor one woman to become the Parish Ambassador to CCW for one year.

In order to share more fully in the life of your parishes we need to know what is going on. You, as an Ambassador, would share your Parish activities and accomplishments with CCW so we can then share them throughout the ADW. And you would share CCW's activities with your parish with bulletin announcement and flyers.

If you are reading this, then this call is to you! It will not require any new meetings and only an hour a month. If you are interested in being part of connecting Catholic women, please contact your Pastor and offer to be this year's Ambassador in your parish. If the position has already been filled, contact me to help you discern another opportunity to serve Catholic women. Email me at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com or through our Facebook page @WashACCW. Thank you to all current Ambassadors for saying "yes"! –Carol-Ann Parker, President



Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

7007 Bradley Boulevard
Bethesda, Maryland 20817
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Personal Retreat Days

Need Some Time Away? Sometimes you just need a little personal time away from the world. Or, maybe a week-end retreat just won't fit your schedule.

Well, we have the perfect thing for you!

- Typically scheduled on a weekday, 8:30am-4pm.
- Experienced retreat master will guide you to a place of rest with Christ, but you control your prayer time, allowing you to follow wherever the Holy Spirit leads you.
- Optional meeting with a member of the Retreat Team to receive guidance is available at certain points in the day.
- Optional time for one-on-one spiritual direction.
- Continental breakfast and lunch.
- Private room provided for your personal refuge. Each bedroom is outfitted with a bed, desk, and 1/2 bath.

Click here for available days: <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/personal-retreat-days>

In addition to in-person days of retreat, the Center offers many other opportunities for women, men, couples, and families to grow their spiritual lives (online and in person).



CCW NIGHTLY ROSARY FOR HEALING OF THE CHURCH



Call in at 8:00 p.m. 7 days a week
605-468-8016, code 357090#

Since September 2018, the Council of Catholic Women has been hosting a nightly Rosary call for the healing of the Church. We believe that prayer is the foundation of action. We are blessed to have so many faithful callers, like Jackie, who says this about the power of prayer (her inspiration came from Silent Unity):

“I prefer ‘affirmative prayer.’ Rather than begging and beseeching God, affirmative prayer is the method Jesus taught when he said, ‘I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours’ (Mark 11:24). One of my favorites, especially when things are not going well: I remain steadfast in my faith that everything is working together for my good. Another, especially when I am concerned about my children or someone else: I now release all fear and anxiety and trust my God to bless and protect you.. I have faith that all is in Divine Order in your life.”

“Prayer will help us move forward,” says Sharon O’Brien, CCW’s Immediate Past President. In our effort to connect Catholic Women, we want to thank **Lisa Williams**, Sodality Union President; **Margaret Short** of the Knights of St. John International Supreme Ladies Auxiliary; and **Cynthia Morris** of the Knights of St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary for leading our Rosary Call.

All are welcome to participate.

Join us as we read meditations on the Rosary’s mysteries, and pray together every evening at 8:00 pm. **Questions?** Email me at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com –Carol Monaco, *Spirituality Commission Chair*

CCW-ADW WEBSITE

<https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>

gives you up-to-the-minute news on what’s happening for women in the Archdiocese.



Our website features useful information such as:

- a calendar of events
- a page for parish website links
- easy access to the CCW’s newsletter The “Link”

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



Sweet Robin Fly!

by Carol Monaco / JourneyToOurLady.com

*You build your nest with twigs and straw
and
make your home up high.
You hope you'll do your very best,
despite a dark cloud
that's always nigh.
Who knows what that cloud will bring;
despite the worry
you choose to sing.
Yes, you sing!
You herald the first breath of Spring!
And
though that cloud is always near,
in your heart you try not to fear.
Remember, our Lord God is always here.
True, that cloud may hide God's face,
but you are not alone on this earthly place.
The good Lord has sent many to fill His space.
So take wing and soar the sky;
you need not worry as the cloud rolls by.
You'll make your way
on this sun-kissed day.
So take wing
with the sparrow,
the blue bird,
and the starling.
Take wing
and
fly Sweet Robin fly!
Amen.*

JOIN US TODAY!



Individual Membership

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Address _____

City _____

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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

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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.