



THE “LINK”

September 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The CCW-ADW is here to connect Catholic women. Visit our 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 fall events.

**Council of Catholic Women–
Archdiocese of Washington**
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Mrs. Phyllis C. Toliver’s Mass of Christian burial was July 29. We greatly miss this bright light in our community. Our tribute to her is on page 2.

Upcoming events include a Sisters in the Spirit event that a limited number of people can attend live! Sign up on page 3 for live or virtual attendance. **Registration closes on Monday Sept 7!**

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October 17 gives us a presentation by our friends at Encounter Grace. Mary Lenaburg, author of *Be Brave in the Scared*, will help us unpack all the changes we’ve been through lately and “Dream Forward”! Details on page 4.

Join the U.S. Catholic Bishops in voicing your objection to federal executions by signing the petition — link on page 4.

CCW ARCHIVIST NEEDED. We have historical papers and need help choosing what to save! Email me at archdioceseCCW@gmail.com.

Praying for health and safety for you and yours.

In Christ,
Carol-Ann Parker
President





Phyllis C. Toliver

On Monday, July 13, 2020, Phyllis C. Toliver peacefully left this world. The Catholic Community mourns the passing of our dear sister. Mrs. Toliver served as President of ADW's Council of Catholic Women as well as Province Director (2004–2006) on the Board of the National Council of Catholic Women. Mrs. Toliver was active in many groups, most especially the Sodality. Over the years, she had been an active member of both the St. Bernadette and St. Anthony's sodalities. She regularly attended the monthly Sodality Union meetings.

Carol-Ann Parker, current President of CCW-ADW, arranged for a Perpetual Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a favorite spot for Mrs. Toliver. The following tribute was provided for the program book for Mrs. Toliver's Celebration of Life:

“Our dear sister, Mrs. Phyllis Toliver served honorably as Province Director on the National Council of Catholic Women's Board of Directors from 2004-2006. The Council has done many important things including underwriting the installation of the beautiful and well-visited Mary's Garden in the North Garden at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Mrs. Toliver's faith and leadership were important gifts she shared with the Board.”

Mrs. Toliver was dear to so many of us. Past ACCW President and Province Director Sharon A. O'Brien said, “In addition to meetings, I oftentimes would see Phyllis after early morning Mass. We would have a brief conversation. She was such a gentle soul, I always felt like I was talking with a saint! I miss her warm smile, the delight in her eyes, and her steadfast belief in Christ Jesus.”

She was the beloved wife of James M. Toliver for 65 years; the dear mother of Donna Toliver Grimes, Mark Benjamin Toliver (Barbara), Dwayne Matthew Toliver (Gina) and Ausetsarakes (Victoria Whaley); six grandchildren, one great-grandchild; nieces, nephews, and many friends. Mass of Christian on July 29 was at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 1029 Monroe Street, NE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations to Oblate Sisters of Providence or the Kidney Foundation.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

www.etsy.com/listing/535009544/immaculate-heart-of-mary-print

SEPTEMBER EVENT

Saturday, September 12

Sisters in the Spirit - Archdiocese of Washington



TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

**UNPRECEDENTED TIMES,
UNPRECEDENTED FAITH.**

Saturday, September 12, 2020

10:00am – 12:00pm

Deadline to register – September 7, 2020



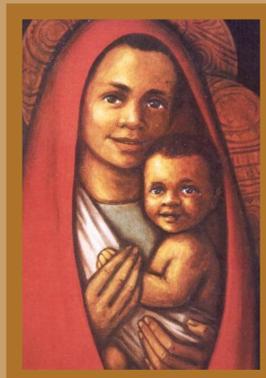
Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ,
Pastor - St. Luke Catholic Church /
Moderator, SIS -ADW

To register: <https://forms.gle/iyeYvN4CJCbcihwf8>

This is a virtual event (a link will be sent to you upon registration confirmation)

A limited number of people may also attend in-person at St. Luke Catholic Church, 4925 East Capitol Street, SE, WDC
Prior registration and facemasks are required.

For more information contact: Cynthia Morris – sistersnthespirit@gmail.com or 202-271-7253



OCTOBER EVENT

Saturday, October 17

ENCOUNTER GRACE



Mary Lenaburg, author of
Be Brave in the Scared.

We know that 2020 has been a year of change – and in many cases drastic change. But what if God needed the world to stop, so to speak, so that truths could be unveiled, revealed, and acknowledged?

Join us for the opportunity to unpack all this change, encounter God’s grace, and begin to Dream Forward during our online women’s morning retreat, Saturday, October 17, 2020 with author, speaker, and our dear friend, Mary Lenaburg.

Here’s what you need to know to get your seat:

Early-bird tickets are on sale August 18 through September 15.

Registration closes October 12th.

Spots are limited for this retreat – so invite a family member or friend and reserve your spots together ASAP at

<https://www.encountergrace.co/events-1>

PETITION AGAINST FEDERAL EXECUTIONS

“Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

“Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

“Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.”

– *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2267, as revised by Pope Francis in 2018.

The federal government has resumed federal executions for the first time in 17 years. The U.S. Catholic bishops have expressed their opposition to the death penalty for decades and have raised objections several times since the new federal executions were announced.

Please consider raising your voice against these executions.

Click this link to take action now!

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/75878/Respond>

PREPARING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

National Council of Catholic Women Phone Call September 16

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To help prepare, join us at 7:45 pm on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, to hear Kathy Bonner, co-author of the National Council of Catholic Women's "Women Healing the Wounds," discuss Domestic Violence.

(515)-606-5163 Pin 703993# • If you join the call after the start time, please do not announce yourself despite the instruction to do so. • When you join the call, please mute your phone by pressing *6. You can take the phone off mute if you wish to speak by pressing *6.

Confidential help is just a phone call away at the National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 for TTY.

DID YOU KNOW?



According to Catholic teaching, dignity of the human person is central to our beliefs. If you or someone you know experiences domestic abuse, hope, help, and healing are possible.

Catholics for Family Peace (CatholicsForFamilyPeace.org), which is headed up by our own Dr. Sharon A. O'Brien, is a good resource for information.

From the Vatican at http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/_P45.HTM:

Can. 1153 §1. If either of the spouses causes grave mental or physical danger to the other spouse or to the offspring or otherwise renders common life too difficult, that spouse gives the other a legitimate cause for leaving, either by decree of the local ordinary or even on his or her own authority if there is danger in delay.



In 2018, we recorded the stirring homily of Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Washington, who presided at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Mass at the Basilica. Click here to view his homily: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=304520383479349> Please take the time to listen to his message, and let us share in the joyful hope we have as advocates for all people's safety and dignity.

SAVE THE DATES

open wide our hearts

the enduring call to love
a pastoral letter against racism

Council of Catholic Women – Archdiocese of Washington

invites you to save the dates and join us for a
Reading and Reflection of the

USCCB's Pastoral Letter Against Racism: Open Wide our Hearts

Join us for a deep-dive exploration of the Letter.
Testimonials will be shared after sections of the Letter are read aloud by Women Ministry Leaders.
Music and poetry will complement the experience.

Thursday evenings of

October 8 and 22, and November 5, 2020

at the beginning of

National Black Catholic History Month

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eastern

Zoom doors open at 6:30.

Look for registration info in October LINK.

Questions? Contact us at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com



CCW-ADW WEBSITE

CouncilOfCatholicWomen-ADW.com

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



Archdiocese of Washington's
Council of Catholic
Women

Our 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"

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

CCW NIGHTLY ROSARY FOR HEALING OF THE CHURCH



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.

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

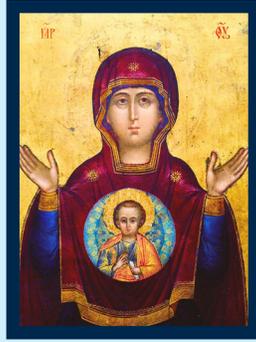
With the intercession of our Blessed Mother and by the power of the Holy Trinity, praying the Rosary can help restore the Church to a place of safety and moral guidance during this time of great need. "Prayer will help us move forward," says Sharon O'Brien, CCW's Immediate Past President. In our effort 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 joining our Rosary Call.

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



Embrace 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, 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.

To see more reflections by Carol Monaco, visit JourneyToOurLady.com



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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
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Members receive a discount on ACCW sponsored programs.

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