



# THE “LINK”

May 2022

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with great honor and joy that I announce Carol Monaco has been elected as our Vice President. Thank you, Carol, for your continued willingness to serve the women of our Archdiocese.



*Carol Monaco, Vice President, immediate past Province Director, Spirituality Commission chair, and leader of our nightly Rosary program.*

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2021-2023

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**May is Mary’s month**, which we’ll celebrate at our Virtual Tea on Sunday the 22nd with a presentation on “Mary, Woman of the Eucharist.” See page 3.

**Even though it’s May**, I can’t wait to tell you about our “2022 Meet and Greet” on Saturday, June 25. We’ll connect in person at the Franciscan Monastery in DC—at the height of their flower season! The event, including brunch, is free; registration is required. Reserve your place now! See page 2.

**June, the month of Corpus Christi**, is coming up—a perfect time to journey deeper into the mystery of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Register for a four-week series on the Real Presence, beginning May 25. See page 4.

**Not a CCW-ADW member yet?** Join us during our membership drive. Why become a member? Read all about it on page 5!

**I pray your Easter season** is spirit-filled as we rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord.



*Cheryl Holley*  
President



SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Complimentary brunch seating is limited — reserve your seat now!

## *The Council of Catholic Women- Archdiocese of Washington*

Invites all Catholic women to join us for the  
**CCW-ADW “2022 Meet and Greet”**



**Come and share your interests and how you can  
join us in connecting Catholic women.**

Saturday, June 25, 2022

10:00 a.m. Opening Prayer & Welcoming

11:00 a.m. Complimentary Brunch

1:00 p.m. Closing Mass

Optional Garden Tour after Mass

### *Franciscan Monastery*

1400 Quincy St., N.E., Washington, DC 20017

Reserve your seat at [ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com)

CCW-ADW



VIRTUAL TEAS

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Council of Catholic Women-Archdiocese of Washington  
Virtual Tea & Reflection  
Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 p.m.






*Mary*  
*“Woman of the Eucharist”*

Based on St. John Paul II’s Encyclical, *On The Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church*.  
We will explore our Blessed Mother’s relationship to the Holy Eucharist and how:  
Mary guides us to the Eucharist:  
Our Lord’s presence in the Eucharist can shine through us:  
Mary’s Magnificat can express our spirituality.

Please join us and share your reflections. The event is free.  
To register, please click on: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/325964467497>



APRIL CCW-ADW TEA

*Laudato Sí*

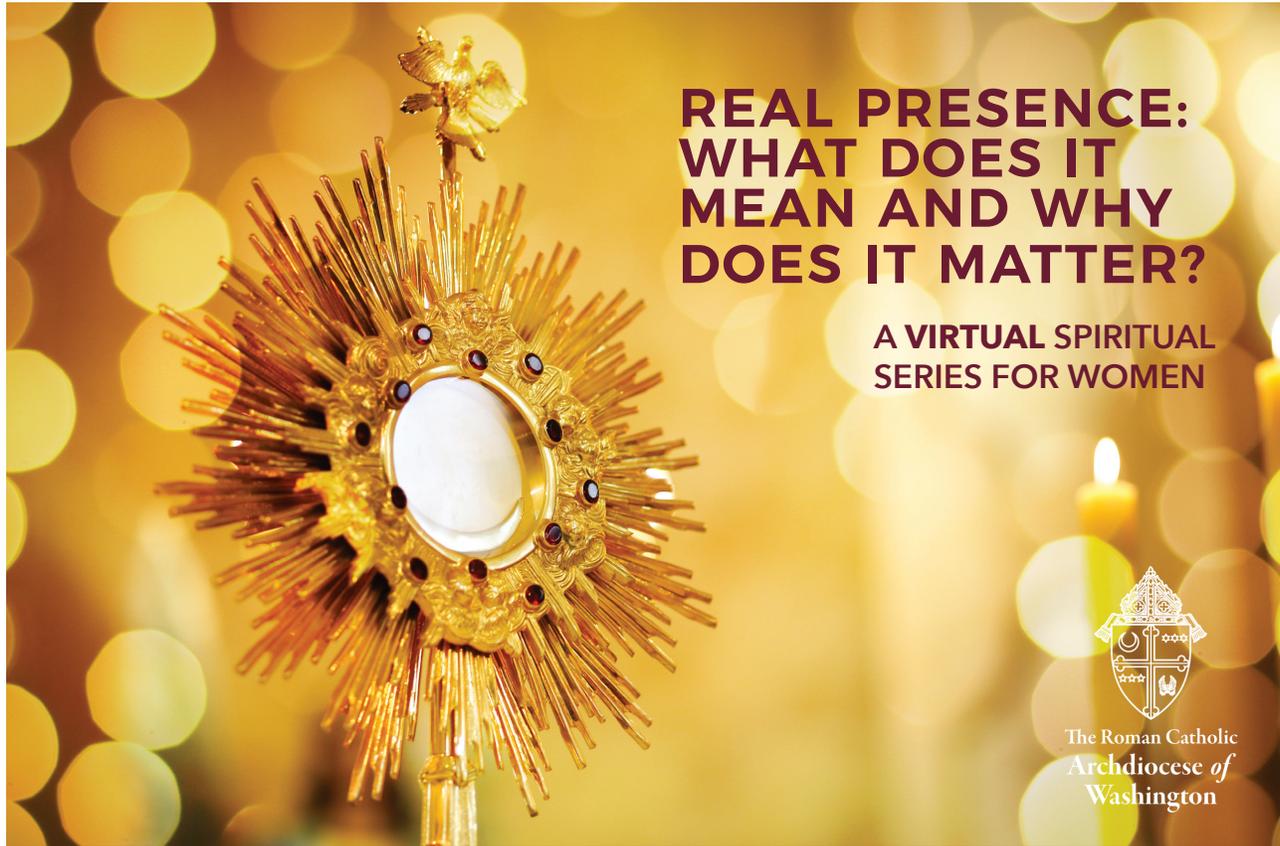
Thanks for joining us at our April 23 virtual tea when Mary Leibolt shared ways in which we can join Pope Francis in his concern for “our common home,” the earth. Two ways to help protect our environment are:

- 1 To help keep our oceans clear of plastic waste, use a water filter for tap water in your home instead of buying bottled water.
- 2 Enjoy plants in your garden that are native to our area to help keep soil free of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Not sure how to get a water filter installed or how to find plants that are native to our area? Stay tuned for practical how-to tips on environmental care in future issues of the LINK. Meanwhile, here’s a link to our Archdiocesan *Laudato Sí* action plan: <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/around-the-archdiocese>

WEDNESDAYS STARTING MAY 25

Attend in person or online



## REAL PRESENCE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

A VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL  
SERIES FOR WOMEN



The Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of  
Washington

Hybrid sessions on Wednesday evenings:  
**May 25, June 1 and June 8, 2022, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Final in-person meeting  
**June 15, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

All in-person meetings will be held at:  
St. Matthias Catholic Church  
9475 Annapolis Rd, Lanham, MD 20706

The Archdiocesan Office for Family Life is co-sponsoring a virtual spiritual series for women with the Council of Catholic Women, exploring the mystery of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We will be using the book and discussion guide: *Real Presence, What does It Mean and Why Does It Matter* by Timothy P. O'Malley, published by Ave Maria Press.

Hybrid session, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- MAY 25:** Obstacles to Real Presence  
**JUNE 1:** Real Presence in Scriptures and in the Fathers  
**JUNE 8:** Eucharistic Devotion and Real Presence

In-person only, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- JUNE 15:** In-person final meeting: adoration, dinner, conclusion and reflections

Register online at <https://realpresenceseries.eventbrite.com>

The fee for all sessions is \$15.00, which includes lunch. Participants are responsible for getting their own book through the following link: [www.avemariapress.com/products/real-presence](http://www.avemariapress.com/products/real-presence) or by calling (800) 282-1865.



For more information, contact the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org).

## CCW-ADW IN ACTION

### Become a member today and be part of the “Won’t Miss a Thing” Club

We thank CCW-ADW Members for their contributions and dues, which support our social, spiritual, and educational gatherings and our service projects. Without our members, none of this good work would be possible! Your membership dues and the fire of the Holy Spirit in our souls make it possible to be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to address current needs in our church and community.

### 2021

Last year, CCW-ADW supported the Tolton Ambassadors-DC to promote the cause for Sainthood of the first acknowledged black priest in the US. <https://sites.google.com/view/toltonambassadorsdc/home>



*Venerable Augustus Tolton*

### 2022

This year’s project was the Our Lady of Perpetual Help **Global Meals for the Hungry** Service Project—without your support this would not have been a landmark success. (Thank you, Holy Spirit!)



The goal was to pack 35,000 meals with 150 volunteers. We packed 55,000 meals with 180 volunteers! These meals have been shipped to Puerto Rico with over \$15,000 raised to support the delivery.



CCW-ADW Board members who helped carry out the project were Cheryl Holley and Michelle Dorsey, Planning Team, and other CCW-ADW members who were crucial to our success.

**If you’re not a member yet, join today with the form on the next page and be a part of CCW-ADW Catholic women in action!**

Looking forward to learning, serving, and praying with you!

*Cheryl Holley*  
President

# JOIN US TODAY!



## Individual Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership is only \$25.00 per year.

Make check payable to ACCW.  
Send to Michelle Dorsey, Treasurer  
5757 Gladstone Way  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Membership Contact:

[ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com)

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**ACCW**  
WASHINGTON  
ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN

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
- ❖ Monthly e-newsletter with upcoming events
- ❖ Monthly tea
- ❖ Access to NCCW 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](http://www.NCCW.org).

*If you would welcome a time-out from your busy schedule, come join us in prayer.*



Since September 2018, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW-ADW) has been hosting a nightly Rosary call for the healing of the Church. We also pray for callers' personal intentions.

All (men, women, children, non-CCW members) are welcome to join us any night of the week or every night of the week. How often is up to you.

**Please join us at 8:00 p.m. as we read meditations on the Rosary's mysteries and pray together.**

*Remember, in prayer we are never alone  
in our joys, our works, and especially in our sorrows.*

**Call 605-468-8016, code 357090#**

8:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

*Carol Monaco, Spirituality Commission Chair*  
ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com

## **Volunteers needed for Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Outreach**

You are invited to join the Catholic Charities Parish Domestic Violence Outreach Team.

*Come and save lives!*

The team brings helpful and lifesaving information to parish groups raising awareness about domestic violence and community resources that can help families suffering abuse. Using provided curriculum and training, volunteers offer short presentations to parish groups virtually or in-person during September and October each year. Catholic Charities staff and trained volunteers assist presentations.

Volunteer training will be the first Wednesday of each month  
from 7-8:15 pm by zoom May-September.

For more information and to receive the zoom link contact: [Laura.YeomansDV@CC-DC.org](mailto:Laura.YeomansDV@CC-DC.org).

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

March 14-24, 2023

Accompanied by NCCW Spiritual Advisor Father Miguel González

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 - March 14: Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Florence. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

#### Day 2 - March 15: Arrive Florence

After check-in at our hotel we will celebrate Mass at a local church with the balance of the day free.

#### Day 3 – March 16: Florence

Today we will celebrate Mass, take a full day tour of Florence, the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance” including visits to the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, and the Baptistery with its renowned bronze doors, the Galleria Dell' Accademia featuring Michelangelo's famous statue of "David", Santa Maria Novella Church and Santa Croce Church. Following the conclusion of our tour we will have some free time.



#### Day 4 - March 17: Florence / Siena / Assisi

Depart Florence this morning and drive to Siena, the home of St. Catherine. Here we'll visit the sanctuary built on the site of her home and celebrate Mass at the Church of San Domenico where she lies in rest. We'll also visit the

Duomo which is one of Italy's greatest cathedrals, the Basilica of St. Francis where we'll venerate the Eucharistic miracle of Siena, and the Piazza del Campo which is one of the most beautiful squares in the world. Following the conclusion of our tour we will have some free time in Siena before driving to Assisi for overnight.



#### Day 5 - March 18: Assisi

This morning we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry and where St. Clare began her religious life. Then proceed to the Basilica of St. Francis where the saint lies in rest to celebrate Mass, visit the Basilica of St. Clare and the Convent of San Damiano. For those with the stamina, take a walk up Monte Subasio to Eremo delle Corceri, the Saint's favorite retreat.

#### Day 6 - March 19: Assisi / Orvieto / Rome

Depart Assisi this morning and drive south to Orvieto where we'll celebrate Mass, visit the Signorelli Chapel in the Cathedral of Orvieto and venerate the sacred Eucharistic miracle. Then continue south to our hotel in Rome where we will stay for the next 5 nights.

### Notice from the Vice President

On behalf of the CCW-ADW Board, it is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of William Michael “Mike” Holley, husband of President Cheryl Battle Holley.



Mike went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 17, 2022, Resurrection Sunday. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish where he worshipped with family and friends for many years. Our hearts and prayers go out to Cheryl and her family during this sad time.

*“May perpetual light shine on Mike and may his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”*



### Meditation for the Easter Season

Halleluia! All glory, praise and honor to You, Most Glorious Lord Jesus! You have risen from the grave,  
You have conquered sin and death, You have opened the gates to Heaven! Halleluia!  
All praise and honor to You, Most Glorious Lord Jesus!

My Lord, hope is restored, joy and excitement are instilled in many hearts as You quietly, gently and gloriously rise from the dead and bring forth new life for this fallen world. Sweet Jesus, give me the eyes of faith that I may see and believe in Your Resurrection. Help me to know the effects of Your triumph in my life. As I come to know You, my resurrected Lord, help me to entrust to You all that I am and all that I hope to be. Help me to trust in the abundant Mercy that flows from Your divine humanity.

Dear Lord, help me to enter deeply into the mystery of Easter during this season. I pray that every day will be a day of deepening trust and union with You.

My Resurrected Jesus of Mercy, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You!

