



THE “LINK”

November 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The CCW-ADW is here to connect Catholic women. We have a brand-new way to do that with the launch of our WEBSITE!! You can now visit councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com for the latest fun events and opportunities for leadership, spirituality, and service. A big thank-you to Mary Leibolt for designing this for us. Details on page 7.

As a Southern-Marylander, I was delighted to attend the “Begin Again” Catholic women’s conference Leonardtown. It’s run by Laura K. Roland and Penny Bailey and their talented team at EncounterGrace.co. Photos of the conference are on page 6.

Speaking of Southern Maryland, Rose Folsom will be speaking at a prayer breakfast at St. Aloysius in Leonardtown on November 16. There’s still time to register! See details on page 3.

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 8 for details.

In Christ,
Carol-Ann Parker
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NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

Thursday, November 7 – Sunday, November 10



In response to many requests for increased intercultural competence training, the Josephite Pastoral Center, in collaboration with the National Black Catholic Congress, is sponsoring a conference titled

“Pastoring in Black Catholic Parishes, ‘Here I am, Send Me’”

This Conference is for clergy, religious, and laypeople who minister within Black parishes by providing spiritual growth and leadership. It will help participants improve their liturgical skills and enhance their ability to outreach to and share in the African American Catholic culture.

Westin Alexandria Hotel / 400 Courthouse Square / Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Register (\$275.00) at: www.josephitepastoralcenter.org

Reserve hotel room (\$129 per night) at [https://www.marriott.com/events/start mi?id=1565376959472&key=GRP](https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1565376959472&key=GRP)

More information: Denise Bogans at dbogans@josephite.com / 202-526-9270.

We ask that you please consider sending the priests, religious, and lay-leaders you feel would benefit from this powerful, God-centered conference.



Helping Those Who Hunger

Prayer and Fasting: As we bring out our favorite recipes, prepare our menus, and start cooking for the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us offer up a day out of our busy lives for prayer and fasting on November 21st. The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW.org) sets aside the Thursday before Thanksgiving (this year November 21st) to pray and fast as a way to help end hunger. Truly we live in a hungry world as millions of people struggle to put enough food on their tables to feed their families.

The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild (FMGG): Consider becoming an FMGG volunteer. Even as we wind our way through the Fall and Winter months, the Garden Guild welcomes helping hands to tend its greenhouse. The Garden Guild grows thousands of pounds of vegetables for the Monastery kitchen as well as local charities including the DC Central Kitchen, Little Sisters of the Poor, and Sacred Heart Parish’s Meal Program. For more information, send an email to gardenguild@gmail.com.

MORE OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Saturday, November 16

Heavenly Morning Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, November 16, 2019

8:30 a.m. to Noon

St. Aloysius New Parish Hall

22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown, Maryland 20650



“How to Harvest the Garden of your Soul”

GUEST SPEAKER: *Rose Folsom*



Before founding Virtue Connection in 2014, Rose Folsom was calligrapher to Presidents, Queens, and Popes. She curated a Smithsonian exhibit, showed her artwork around the globe, wrote a dictionary, and served a stint in the White House. Rose spent most of her career behind a desk—a scriptorium desk where she created hand-lettered items for presentation and exhibition (rosefolsom.com).

A Catholic convert and lay member of the Dominican Order, her interest in the classical Christian virtues blossomed into a new calling. Through Virtue Connection, Rose has conducted workshops for religious education classes, Women’s Conferences, and the first National Symposium on Family Peace. Her audiences have included Lay Dominicans, parish women’s groups, Rotary Club, and the Knights of Columbus.

The morning includes: continental breakfast, fellowship, music, rosary, keynote speaker, and closing prayers for your intentions and healing. The cost including breakfast is only \$15.00 if you Register by Tuesday, November 12, 2019, after that date the cost will be \$17.00. To Register, call the Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents during store hours Tuesday through Saturday. You can also sign up online at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. For further information, please contact Frannie Taborek at (240) 538-2981, Fran.Taborek@stracongroup.com or Becky Kendall (301) 904-7025, Becky.Kendall@hotmail.com.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9



Note: Check-in begins at 8:15 am, please be encouraged to attend Mass offered at St. Aloysius at 7:30 am.



You are invited to help provide Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need! We will be collecting non-perishable food items or donations for our local St. Vincent de Paul/Helping Hands. Thank you for your support!

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 8



The Gift of Joy

The season of Advent will be upon us soon! Please save this date and join us on Sunday, December 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bethesda as we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Our Lord.

Let us come together for a warm afternoon of contemplation, prayer, and refreshments. Embracing the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, help us spread our Lord's message of love.

We will make Christmas and holiday greeting cards to share with those in need. Pre-cut paper, stickers, colorful pens, and scripture quotes are all provided. In addition, we are collecting casual clothing to provide warmth for the homeless.

Please consider bringing an item of adult clothing to donate when you join us on December 8 for fellowship and hot chocolate, home-made cookies, and other yummy goodies.

COME AND ENJOY!

Sunday, December 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Our Lady of Lourdes School Cafeteria
7500 Pearl Street
Bethesda, MD 20814

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Please RSVP by November 23 at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com.

Questions? Email Spirituality Chairperson Carol Monaco at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you on December 8.

O, Come Let Us Adore Him!



Walk with Mary

DECEMBER//DICIEMBRE 14, 2019

PROCESSION//PROCESIÓN 11:30 a.m.

*From Shrine of the Sacred Heart//Santuario del Sagrado Corazon
To Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception//
Basilica Santuario Nacional*

ROSARY//SANTO ROSARIO 1:00 p.m.

MASS//MISA 2:30 p.m.



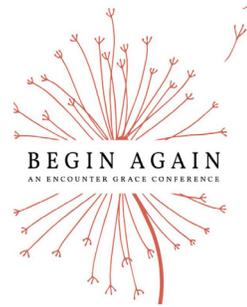
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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



The Encounter Grace team hosted its first annual Catholic Women's Conference on the beautiful campus of St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown, Maryland, on Saturday, October 26. The theme of the conference was "Begin Again" and featured inspiring and engaging sessions on topics that us open our hearts to refreshment in mind, body and spirit! Below are, from left to right, conference organizers Laura K. Roland and Penny Bailey, and two members of their team, Judy Dement and Mary Jameson Bowling.



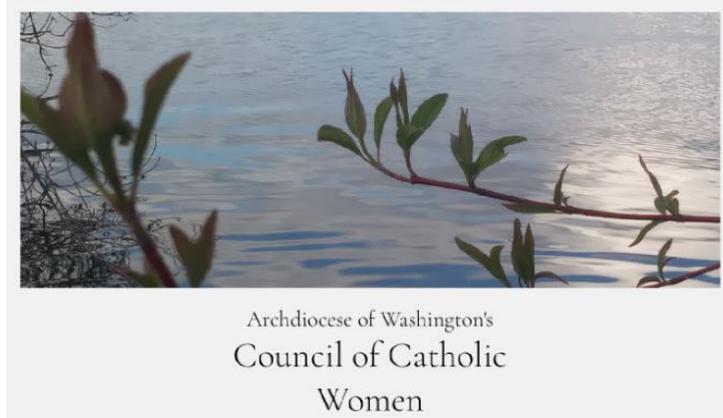
Left: Melanie Rigney, author of Sisterhood of Saints, chats after her presentation on how Saints inspire our prayer lives. Below: CCW President Carol-Ann Parker with Dr. Susan Timoney, whose presentation invited us to realize the power of our spiritual lives, even in the small things we do for love of God.



OUR NEW WEBSITE!!

Big news— 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 to others 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#**

For over a year now, 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," said Sharon. "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*

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. *—Carol-Ann Parker, CCW-ADW President*



CCW-ADW 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

Denise Durham—Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Washington, DC.

PONDER WITH MARY



Saint Paul exhorts us to “continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name (Hebrews 13:15).”

But how can praise be a sacrifice?

Rooting around in Jewish sources, I discovered that the word “sacrifice” may have lost something in the translation. To the Jews of Paul’s time, a sacrifice wasn’t something, like doing the dishes, that you don’t want to do, but do because you have to. The Hebrew word *qaravan* means sacrifice or offering.

The 19th c. rabbi and linguist Solomon Hirsch explains it this way: “The driving force for us to bring a sacrifice or offering to God is to bring us closer to God.” One writer likened this kind of “offering” to a husband bringing flowers to his wife. The offering is from the overflow of his heart and is meant to bring them closer to each other in love.

What’s in it for me?

It’s easy to forget that everything we are commanded to “sacrifice” for God is not for God’s benefit, but for ours. In fact, it’s not really a question of “gain” either way—it’s a question of love. Praising God enlarges our heart to love, which makes us more like the God who is Love—in whose image we are created.

Human beings

If growing in love is the reason for making a “sacrifice of praise,” it reinforces the truth that we are human-beings, not human-doings. It’s not actions themselves that prepare us for heaven, but rather that following God’s will makes our hearts more like the heart of Jesus.

Ways to be a human being

Putting more emphasis on “being” than “doing” means a slap-down with our to-do list. The way to win that one is to put praise **on** our to-do list. I’m getting better at “scheduling what’s important”—putting “walk in park” or “adoration” on my calendar and then treating it as an unbreakable appointment with God. Once God’s on the calendar, it’s harder to say, “Oops, sorry, God, I really need to do Facebook now.”

What brings you out of white-knuckle mode and makes your mind free just to soak in the beauty of God, praising him (with or without words)? Music? Watching the clouds? Contemplating a picture in your house? Sitting by the lake? Whatever enlarges your heart to praise God, I challenge you to put it on your calendar and practice living as a human being who, by praising God, is getting closer to him.

Today, let’s offer praise to God, so that our heart will increase its capacity to love as he has loved us. It brings so much joy, it won’t seem like a “sacrifice” at all!

Rose Folsom’s weekly message on growing stronger, better, and holier is at VirtueConnection.com.

JOIN US TODAY!



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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.

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- ❖ Visits to sacred sites
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- ❖ E-newsletters
- ❖ Facebook group
- ❖ Access to NCCW program information and resources.

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