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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ:

We are excited about growing CCW-ADW to connect even more Catholic women in the Archdiocese. **Did you notice the new name?** We're now “Council of Catholic Women–Archdiocese of Washington.” With the same mission to support Catholic women to grow in spirituality, leadership, and service to all God's children.

A big congratulations to our Vice President, Cheryl Holley, who has for many years helped women, girls, and pregnant mothers appreciate their own dignity and that of the new life within them. Read about Cheryl's national award for her ministry on the next page.

Our new Parish Ambassador program is a great way to make connections. We have had some great response to this. You're invited! See page 7.

Hope to see you at the National Council of Catholic Women annual convention in Atlanta, August 21–24. We're leaving soon and will come back with photos to share with you in the next issue of LINK, arriving in your email box early September.

Are you an ACCW member yet? If not, this is your personal invitation to make it official. Stay connected with us and with each other by sending the membership info you'll find on page 8. We'd love you to join us!

In Christ,
Carol-Ann Parker, President



Vice President Cheryl Holley Receives Lifetime Award from Bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat

CCW's Vice President Cheryl Holley was one of three champions of the pro-life cause honored at the Pro-Life Leadership Conference awards dinner in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 5th.



Cheryl's 2019 People of Life award was bestowed by Archbishop Joseph Naumann, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, for her lifetime contributions to the movement.

The People of Life award recognizes Catholics who have answered the call outlined by Pope Saint John Paul II in *The Gospel of Life* (*Evangelium Vitae*) by dedicating themselves to pro-life activities and promoting respect for the dignity of the human person. It is bestowed in honor of their significant and longtime contributions to the culture of life.

Over the past three decades, awardee Cheryl Holley has led the way in uniting pro-life communities through ecumenical and multicultural efforts.

Holley is the Director of the Josephite Pastoral Center and she is a board officer of the Gabriel Network, serving children and pregnant women throughout Maryland and Washington, DC. Holley says her passion is "to work with teenage pregnant mothers and to share with them their God-given dignity." She believes that "education and the knowledge of God's unending love are the keys to eliminating abortions and sexually transmitted disease." Her commitment has led her to coordinate two conferences on women's sexuality and life issues with the Archdiocese of Washington.

Cheryl and her co-awardees join 34 other People of Life award recipients since the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities established the award in 2007.

Congratulations, Cheryl! May your life-giving work continue to magnify His name.
Article on USCCB website at <http://usccb.org/news/2019/19-144.cfm>

UNPLANNED – THE MOVIE

In other pro-life news, *Unplanned* is now available digitally. You probably know that it's the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passionate belief that women have a right to choose abortion even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, which led Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

To purchase or learn more, visit <https://saintjoe.com/products/unplanned>



SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

Sisters in the Spirit - Archdiocese of Washington

"Victory at the Cross" – Triumph of the Cross Celebration

"In an acceptable time, I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." - 2 Corinthians 6:2

Saturday – September 14, 2019

Holy Family Catholic Church
12010 Woodmore Road
Mitchellville, Maryland 20721

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

[Registration begins at 9:00 am]



***Inspirational
Speaker:***

Sr. Anita Baird, DHM



Tickets: \$35 (per person)

includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Deadline for Registration: September 3, 2019

For more information contact:

Cynthia Morris: 202-271-7253 / Althea Holland: 301-390-0813

or email: sistersnthespirit@gmail.com

PRE--REGISTRATION REQUIRED / NO ONSITE TICKET SALES

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Parish/Church _____

Please **circle** your box lunch preference:



Boxed lunch choices: Roasted Turkey Breast / Grilled Chicken Breast /
Ham & Cheese / Italian Cold Cut / Chicken Salad /
Tuna Salad / Roasted Vegetables

Each lunch includes: garden salad, fruit salad and dessert

Return form with payment to:

SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT, PO BOX 4373, CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20791-4373



MORE SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

Begins Thursday, September 19



TASTE is a Catholic Women's Program that stands for Taste And See Take...Eat. It is designed for women wanting to learn more about their Faith and about the Catholic Church. Our speakers are by invitation only and are on fire for the Faith.

Mark your calendar! Our first class is on Thursday September 19, and will be taught by Fr. Larry Swink. We have a wonderful lineup of speakers scheduled for the fall at taste.program.com. The programs are held at a Catholic parish in Laurel, Maryland.

Come and listen to teachers who totally love Jesus and want to share that love with you. The Catholic Faith is so rich and exciting but many of us haven't been taught (or we've forgotten...) the beautiful Truths of our Faith.

A frequent comment by participants is, "I *thought* I was a good Catholic, but this has taught me to truly **love** the Faith." Come learn with us and become excited about the richness of the wonderful gifts that God has bestowed on ALL of us!

The TASTE Program has been designed to take the average Catholic woman and walk her through all the gifts, graces, and unbelievable blessings God has promised. Each week a lesson has been prepared for you to fall completely in love with Jesus and what He did and left for you. YOU are God's masterpiece and He loves you beyond all measure.

Come and learn what being Catholic is all about. Discover the Catechism, the Bible, the Mass and Eucharist, Encyclicals, Church history, the Saints, our Church Fathers ... the list is endless. Develop relationships with Catholic women all striving to love God with their own unique gifts.

If you plan to attend TASTE or wish to receive emails about our programs, please
REGISTER at <https://forms.gle/mrQefQcWp1Zp5a8e9>.

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Saturday, October 5



HOST:
Catholics For Family Peace 301-651-8190

SEMINAR: "HOW TO HELP END DV IN CATHOLIC FAMILIES"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 FROM 2:30 PM
TO 4:00 PM

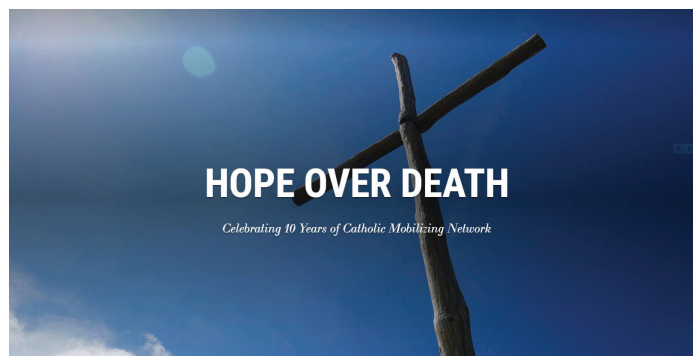
School of Nursing, The Catholic University of America
620 Michigan Ave. NE
Washington, DC 20064

FREE SEMINAR

Before the annual Vigil Mass at the Basilica, in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month -- Free seminar for clergy, staff, and parishioners in Room 126 Gowan Hall, School of Nursing. Increase your understanding of domestic violence, identify opportunities to address this issue in parishes and in the family, and share ways to respond appropriately when people come to you for help. Fr. Patrick Besel (Archdiocese of Baltimore), Laura Yeomans (Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Charities), and Lauri Przybysz (Catholics For Family Peace).

Call Sharon at 301-651-8190 to attend.

Thursday, October 10



Join Catholic Mobilizing Network for a 10th Anniversary Celebration! The reception will be held on World Day Against the Death Penalty, October 10, 2019 from 6:30–9:00 p.m., at the Vatican Embassy in Washington, DC. More information at catholicismobilizing.org

Honorees:

Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston, Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza

Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ

Noted anti-death penalty activist and author
of *Dead Man Walking* and *River of Fire*

Learn more and purchase tickets or donate at catholicismobilizing.org/CMN10
www.facebook.com/CMNEndtheDeathPenalty

MORE OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Friday eve to Sat afternoon, Oct 18–19



CATHOLIC WOMEN 40+, WELCOME!

4th Annual Fall Conference Oct. 18-19, 2019 Arlington, VA

To learn more
about this fun and popular conference:
<https://futurewithhopewomen.com>

To Register:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-future-with-hope-catholic-womens-conference-tickets-64919815917?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

(Former CCW VP Rose Folsom is speaking this year!)

Saturday, October 26

Tickets at encountergrace.co.

Encounter Grace Begin Again ~ Catholic Women's Conference

The Encounter Grace Team will host its first annual Catholic Women's Conference on the beautiful campus of St. Mary's Ryken High School, 22500 Camp Calvert Road, in historic Leonardtown MD, on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The theme of the conference is Begin Again and will feature inspiring and engaging sessions on topics that will help you begin again in mind, body and spirit! Adoration and confession will be available during the event.

Presenters include our keynote speaker, **Laura Kelly Fanucci** (@ThisMessyGrace and www.motheringspirit.com), and breakout session leaders **Dr. Susan Timoney** from The Catholic University of America and **Rev. Scott Woods**, pastor of Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church, St. Inigoes, Maryland.

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 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 of last year, 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. "To be perfectly candid, I'm rather surprised that I am participating in the recitation of the daily Rosary. The Rosary was my least favorite prayer," said Jackie, who participates regularly.

In fact, a core group calls in every night and each night newcomers are welcome. "I feel like I am part of a prayer community. I look forward to it each day," said Terri, who also participates nightly.

Callers also have found a personal healing from the nightly prayer. "I experience a peace after each recitation," said Jackie. The original plan was to host the call for one year until September 4, 2019. As a result of the response, CCW has decided to continue the call for the foreseeable future! *–Carol Monaco, Spirituality Commission Chair*

JOIN US TODAY!



Individual Membership

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Parish _____

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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

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.