



THE “LINK”

June 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 event.

While we were all squirreled away in quarantine, the CCW-ADW Board was making plans for great gatherings for Catholic women in the fall. I miss you and can’t wait to re-connect. Stay tuned for details.

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

Special notices from the Archdiocese are included on page 2—you won’t want to miss these.

Have you registered for the National Council of Catholic Women convention? It’s in Arlington this year! Two deadlines are coming up fast: Early bird registration ends June 10 and the Program Book Ad deadline is June 15. Details on page 4.

Praying for health and safety for you and yours.

In Christ,
Carol-Ann Parker

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ARCHDIOCESAN PROGRAMS & NOTICES



Archdiocese of Washington

Marriage Preparation Classes

During the time of the coronavirus, the Office for Family Life is offering virtual marriage preparation classes. The next session will start in June. For more information please contact the Office for Family Life at: visiblesign@adw.org or call 301-853-4546.

Clases de Preparación Matrimonial Virtuales en Español

La Oficina de Vida Familiar estará ofreciendo las Clases de Preparación Matrimonial en línea durante el mes de Mayo y Junio. Para más información comuníquese con La Oficina de Vida Familiar 301-853-4499 o signovisible@adw.org

Natural Family Planning Classes

The Office for Family Life will be offering an introductory NFP Class online on Saturday, June 27 from 10am - Noon. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-natural-family-planning-for-married-couples-tickets-64537675926> or call the Office for Family life for more information at 301-853-4546.

Clases de Planificación Natural en Español

La Oficina de Vida Familiar estará ofreciendo las Clases de Planificación Familiar Natural en línea, para inscribirse: <https://liga.thinkific.com/courses/conoce-tu-fertilidad?coupon=intro60>

Suspicious Emails and IT Reminder

We have received calls and emails about fraudulent emails being received by people from a spam account using Archbishop Gregory's or other priests' names. Please note that the archbishop will not communicate a need for assistance in this way. Any legitimate email from the Archdiocese will end in "**@adw.org**"

Please be diligent in not responding to suspicious emails.

Support a Parish in Need

At a time when the coronavirus shutdown of public Masses has impacted the offertory collections vital to parish operations, Archbishop Wilton Gregory has launched a parish support initiative to help Catholics in the Archdiocese of Washington make online donations directly to their parishes: <https://adw.org/ways-to-give/support-a-parish-in-need-today/>

Still Waiting for your Stimulus Check?

If you did **not** file a tax return in 2018 or 2019 and do **not** receive Social Security, YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION to get a stimulus check.

In partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, Catholic Charities has a free program to help you.

To qualify, you must:

Have a Social Security number (ITIN holders are excluded).

Not be a tax dependent on someone else.

Contact us today at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/fsn/>

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR



A MILLION FAMILIES

A MILLION ROSARIES

During Portugal's 1974 Carnation Revolution
Our Lady said to Sister Lucia,
"When a million families pray the rosary,
the revolution will end."

What if a million families joined hands
NOW to pray the rosary
for a cure to the coronavirus?

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY
EVERYDAY FOR AN END TO THIS PANDEMIC!**

Sign up NOW at www.LittleSistersofthePoor.org to join us and
commit yourself and/or your family to imploring Our Lady to
intercede on behalf of all humanity at this moment of crisis.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
www.LittleSistersofthePoor.org

Photo: Sanctuary of the Basilica of the Holy Trinity Basilica,
Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Fatima, Portugal (Alamy stock photo).

Please Help the Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor need support as they provide care for the elderly at their Jeanne Jugan Residence during these challenging times. Since the Little Sisters are unable to go to the local parishes and collect donations for the needs of their Residents, please consider donating any of the following items and have them delivered to:

Jeanne Jugan Residence
4200 Harewood Road, NE
Washington, D.C. 20017
202-269-1831

Donations can be delivered at the main entrance.

Most needed items:

Disposable gloves
Disposable head covers and shoe covers
Isolation gowns
Disposable masks
Laundry detergent
Disinfectant wipes and spray

Packets of instant **plain** oatmeal & Cream of Wheat
Cereals: Corn Flakes (plain), Raisin Bran, Life
Orange Juice
Almond Milk
A variety of yogurt (4 oz. or 6 oz.)
Bottled water

NCCW NATIONAL CONVENTION 2020

The National Council of Catholic Women convention will be in the DC area this summer!

Early bird rate ends June 10: <https://www.nccw.org/nccw-convention/>

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



REMEMBER: Get your (or your group's) ad in early for the for the biggest NCCW Convention Program Book!

Click here for the ad form:

<https://www.nccw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020Convention-Program-Ad-form-FINAL.pdf>

Deadline for receipt of ads and payment: Monday, **June 15th, 2020.**

Catholic women of all ages are invited

to discover NCCW's rich history and its vision for the future through inspiring conferences, daily liturgies, informative exhibits, and fun events. Together with women from around the country, attendees will deepen their faith, grow as leaders and as sisters in Christ, and discover new ways to serve the needs of society both today and in the future.

"Convention is an exceptional opportunity to learn, pray, and celebrate the unique gifts of women as we look to the future, transforming the world through fulfilling our mission to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service," said NCCW President Jean Kelly.

Speakers at the 2020 Convention include

His Eminence, Timothy **Cardinal Dolan**, Archbishop of New York, who will give the keynote address and celebrate the opening Mass on Thursday, August 27.

Abby Johnson, internationally known pro-life activist, who will receive the 2020 NCCW Lifetime Achievement Award and will speak at the AWARDS Breakfast Friday, August 28.

Gloria Purvis, the creator and host of the popular EWTN TV series, "Authentically Free at Last," who will speak on Saturday, August 29.

Convention attendees will have the opportunity to experience 'The Jersey Tenors™', an Opera/Rock mash-up sensation, and to attend the NCCW Centennial Mass in the Great Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, August 26 at 12:30 pm.

The National Council of Catholic Women

was founded by the US Catholic bishops in 1920. For more information about the 2020 NCCW Convention, visit the website <https://www.nccw.org/>

COMING EVENTS

Save The Date!

VALLIMAR JANSEN

PRESENTS

*An Afternoon
with
Sr. Thea Bowman,
FSPA*



**“I WANT TO LIVE
UNTIL I DIE”**

Saturday, October 17, 2020—2:00pm

Our Lady Perpetual Help (Panorama Room) /
1600 Morris Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020

Cost \$50.00 (per person)

For more information contact:

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Sr. Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A.
December 29, 1937–March 30, 1990

Sister Thea Bowman was a Roman Catholic religious sister, teacher, and scholar who made a major contribution to the ministry of the Catholic Church. Sr. Thea became an evangelist among her people, assisted in the production of an African American Catholic hymnal, and was a popular speaker on faith and spirituality in her final years. She helped found the National Black Sisters Conference to provide support for African-American women and Catholic religious. Bowman has been designated a Servant of God. For additional information visit www.usccb.org or www.wikipedia.org, or www.fspa.org.



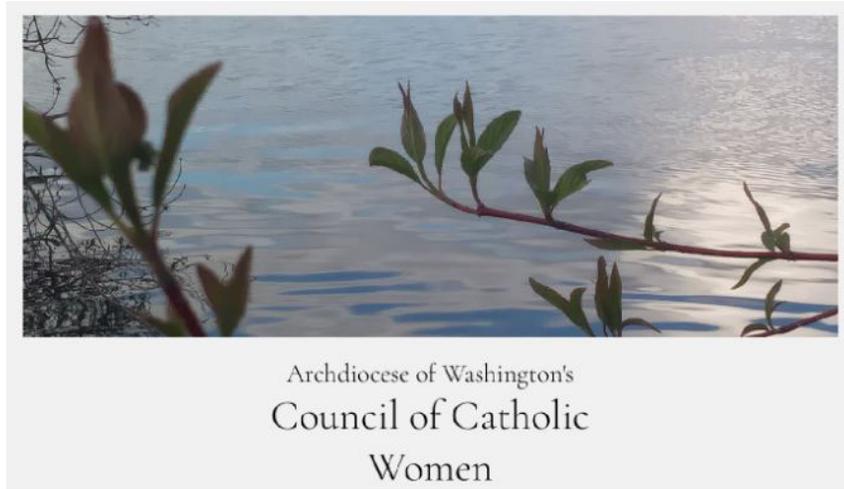
Sight and Sound Theater “Queen Esther”
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
For more information, contact Cheryl at
queenholley@comcast.net



CCW-ADW WEBSITE

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 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. seven days a week
605-468-8016, code 357090#**

Since September 2018, 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," says Sharon A. O'Brien, CCW's Immediate Past President. "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*

PONDER WITH MARY



How to Get Water Turned into Wine

Rose Folsom
VirtueConnection.com

Scripture tells us that wine makes the heart merry. And merry is good — it means we’re living in the freedom of the children of God. According to the quarantine memes women are posting on facebook, it looks like many of us may be a little “merrier” than ever these days. :)

At Cana’s wedding, the Mother of God said, “They have no wine.” A wedding is no place to pull the plug on merriment, so Jesus turned more than 100 gallons of water into wine so the celebration could continue in style.

Among this story’s many lessons is that of Jesus’ and Mary’s desire to change the ordinary into the divine; to turn ho-hum into joy — by the power of God.

What about my everyday “water”?

But do we allow Jesus to perform this miracle day-to-day in our lives, especially when things get tough? We need only listen to Mary’s words to the stewards: “Do whatever he tells you.”

As I was praying this decade of the Rosary on Thursday, I realized that “doing whatever he tells you” means finding joy (or at least not complaining!) in what he asks me to do in this moment he has given me. I know what he is asking of me by the circumstances and people he has surrounded me with in this moment – and it is only for me to follow Mary’s advice and “do that” — to say “yes.”

My godmother told me today that when Moses met God in the burning bush, God didn’t say, “I was” or “I will be” — he said, “I AM.” If we are open to meeting God in the present moment, we will find joy.

Jesus asked the stewards to fill the jars with water. He asks us, too, to bring him this ordinary moment so that he can transform it into a moment of joy — no matter how hum-drum or annoying that moment started out. He asks us to bring him our humanity — so he can divinize it. He asks us to give him our moments — so he can connect them with eternity.

Just as he received the five loaves and two fish to feed the 5,000, so he asks us to bring what we have, paltry as it may be — so that he may bring nourishment out of it — and joy.

Wine every day

If we can get into the habit of seeing “what’s happening now” as a gift from God, no matter how much it may go against our self-will and preferences, we’ll find that he has turned the water of tedium, annoyance, or difficulty into the joy of saying “yes” to his loving will for us. Our heart will be clear enough then to trust that everything he brings us has the hidden “wine” of joy, if we stay united with him in love.

To receive a weekly message on growing in virtue, get Rose’s free download, “10 Top Tips for Patience,” at VirtueConnection.com.

JOIN US TODAY!



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Individual Membership is only \$25.00 per year.

Make check payable to ACCW.
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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.

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.