

THE “LINK”

June 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As the Easter Season comes to a close, blooming spring flowers speak to us of hope and renewal, even as our hearts break at the losses we mourn. In solidarity with the USCCB and NCCW, ADW-CCW stands “with the mothers, fathers, and all loved ones grieving those lives lost in senseless acts of violence. We call for prayer and action for an end to the violence and cold indifference to human life.” A Stations of the Cross for Life is at <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/stations-cross-life>.

A powerful way to pray for peace is in adoration. Join us online or in person for the series “Real Presence” for a deeper love for our Eucharistic Lord as he offers himself at Mass and in the monstrance and tabernacle. See page 3 for details.

And see page 10 for Vice President Carol Monaco’s lovely meditation on the Eucharist.

Our “2022 Meet and Greet” is 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.

Not a CCW-ADW member yet? Join us during our membership drive. Why become a member? Read all about it on page 6!

In Christ,



Cheryl Holley
President

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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 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/347904731417>

WEDNESDAYS STARTING MAY 25

Registration ends June 10 / Attend in person or online



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 or by calling (800) 282-1865.



For more information, contact the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or visiblesign@adw.org.

CCW-ADW



VIRTUAL TEAS



We're off for the summer after a great season of monthly virtual teas that inspired us in our faith and connected us as Catholic women who are bringing Christ to the world. Thank you to all the presenters and organizers. We'll see you in September!

MAY CCW-ADW TEA
"Mary, Woman of the Eucharist."

Thanks for joining us at our May 22 virtual tea when we discussed how Mary guides us to the Eucharist; how Our Lord's presence in the Eucharist shines through us; and how Mary's Magnificat expresses our spirituality.



Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.



ARCHDIOCESAN OFFERINGS



Introduction to Natural Family Planning / June 29, 2022

Couples interested in learning about Natural Family Planning are invited to join in a virtual class on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 from 7pm – 9pm. Click [here](#) to register. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4546 or flm@adw.org.

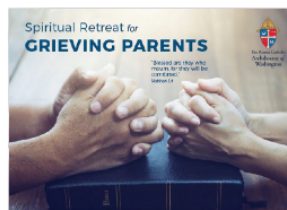
Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Class / July 23 & 30, 2022

St. Elizabeth Parish, 917 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD will be offering an in-person marriage preparation class for two consecutive Saturdays on July 23 & July 30 from 8:30am – 5:00pm. Please meet with your parish priest or deacon who is preparing you for the sacrament of matrimony prior to registering. To register, email or call the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org or 301-853-4546.



World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly / July 24, 2022

Pope Francis instituted the Church-wide celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly every year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen for this year is “In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities. All parishes are encouraged to celebrate the grandparents and elderly in their parish community at one of the weekend Masses on July 24, 2022. Click [here](#) to obtain additional information, or contact the Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org or call 301-853-4546.



for Grieving Parents / September 10, 2022

Parents who are grieving the loss of a child, no matter how old the child is or how long ago the child passed, are invited to a retreat for grieving parents on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at St. John Neumann Parish, Gaithersburg, MD. The retreat is open to any parent who has lost a child. Click [here](#) to see the flier. Click [here](#) to register. For more information call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Family Life at 301-853-4546 or email flm@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

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Individual Membership is only \$25.00 per year.

Make check payable to ACCW.
Send to Michelle Dorsey, Treasurer
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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
- ❖ 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.

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
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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.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

March 14-24, 2023

Accompanied by NCCW Spiritual Advisor Father Miguel González

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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.

PONDER WITH MARY



The Living Word

by Carol Monaco

<https://www.journeytoourlady.com/>

Each time we attend Mass, our Lord gives us the gift of Himself. At Mass, we witness the sacramental re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice, crowned by the resurrection, according to St. John Paul II. In his encyclical *On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church*, St. John Paul II explains it is as the risen and living One that Christ can become the "bread of life" in the Eucharist.

Truly, Christ is present in the Eucharist; faith assures us of this. Through Holy Communion, we consume the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Following the will of God, communion with Christ is our salvation. "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me," said Jesus [John 6:57].

Therefore, as we prepare for Holy Communion, we make our petition and promise with the Lord's Prayer—the prayer that Jesus himself gave to us. We see in the Lord's Prayer the means for our redemption. "Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who / trespass against us; / and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil," we pray.

Peace Be with You

Consuming the Eucharist augments our union with the Lord, separates us from sin, and strengthens our charity. When we are in communion with Christ, we are in God's loving hands, protecting us against evil and temptation.

Truly God wants us free from sin and safe from all distress so that peace is with us always.

Remember, when Christ rose from the dead, he still had the wounds from his crucifixion, yet he was at peace. This peace he gave to his disciples. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you," said Jesus [John 14:27].

This peace we receive at Mass is among the fruits of the Holy Spirit. What's more, the gift of the Holy Eucharist increases the gift of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, as we prepare for Holy Communion, do we realize our Lord's love runs deeper than any pain in our lives?

Greatness of Love

Before receiving Communion, the priest breaks the host. This fraction underlines the sacrifice of the Lamb. By his passion and death, Christ took on the sins and sufferings of the world. In return, our Lord gives us the greatness of his love. This love we are meant to share.

A fragment of the host is then commingled with the wine, signifying the unity of Christ's Body and Blood. "May this mingling of the Body and Blood / of our Lord Jesus Christ / bring eternal life to us who receive it," prays the celebrant. When we receive Holy Communion, our body, mind, heart and soul are united with our Lord.

Through Christ we experience a transformation for the sake of our eternal life. Therefore let us ponder this loving gift we receive at Mass. Let us be guided by our Lord who nourishes our faith, hope, and love with his own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. And may "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit" [2 Corinthians 13:13] be with all of us. Amen!