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# Fragments

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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## **ODCCW Mission Statement**

*To promote among our Catholic women a greater devotion to Christ and the Church, as we share the Blessed Mother's role of bringing others to Christ through spirituality, leadership, and service.*



Be kind and merciful.  
Let no one ever come to you  
without coming away  
better and happier.  
Be a living expression  
of God's kindness.

- *Mother Teresa*

## **ME...A SAINT?**

By Fr. Scott Borgman  
ODCCW Spiritual Advisor

The Catholic Church insists that we are created to be Saints! You...a Saint! The Church, therefore, gives us role-models to guide us. Basically She tells us: "Do what the Saints do, and you will become holy!"  
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***Start by doing what's necessary;  
then do what's possible;  
and suddenly you are doing  
the impossible.***

***- Francis of Assisi***

In the Old Testament, the people of Israel said to Moses: "Moses, you speak to us..." God's voice was too scary. In 1 Kings 19, when Elijah is on the run from Jezebel and fears for his life, God speaks to him and decides to reveal himself to Elijah, by beaconing Elijah to stand outside the cave where he was hiding. Then the strength of wind and storm batters the cave where Elijah is hiding. But, God was not in the great and powerful wind. God was not in the earthquake and the fire.

Once the storm had passed, Elijah heard the voice of God, in the soft breeze. Literally, a gentle whisper. The Hebrew is much more concrete and claims Elijah heard "the sound of a soft silence."

One of those essential elements in our journey toward holiness is to fall in love with Silent prayer for the development of the Interior life.

Saint Josemaría Escrivá says "silence is the door keeper of the interior life." Silence can be an absence of communication, but we know it can also be the context of a deeper connection... Beyond words.



So the challenge is to find a moment in your day, where you are in complete silence, to listen to the soft silence of the voice of God.

With prayerful regards,  
In Christ  
Fr. Scott

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF NCCW

By Jackie Brandon  
Province Director  
Los Angeles Province



The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is celebrating 100 years of spirituality, leadership and service to our church and communities at the 2020ne Convention, "A Vision for the Future." It is at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA on August 24-28, 2021. Check the NCCW website <https://nccw.org> for all the information needed to register.

Please join the NCCW Spirituality Commission on the 13th of each month at 4:30 pm PT to pray the Rosary to our Blessed Mother. The Zoom information is on the website under members only resources.

Also, please continue to pray for our Priests!

## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

St. Anthony of Padua once wrote: "Christians must lean on the cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey. They must have the passion of Christ deeply embedded in their minds and hearts, because only from it can they derive peace, grace and truth."

At this time of year, our priests can take these words to heart as many are preparing for a journey that is unique to their priestly vocation: transitioning from one parish or job to another. This brings mixed emotions and excitement at new people and a new assignment but also sadness that comes with leaving a beloved flock of friends.

Keep in your prayers all of our priests, those transitioning to new assignments and those staying in existing assignments. May they "lean on the cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey." Lord, bless them with the faith to trust in your will, and calm their anxieties as they continue on in their priestly ministries. Amen

## JOSEPH AND MARY

By Janine Meckler  
ODCCW Executive Board



I often ponder the lives of Jesus' mom, Mary, and Blessed Joseph who literally gave their "all" to God. In times where there is continual attack on the family, I look to Joseph and Mary in their good and quite often difficult times of daily life for assurance of faithful steadfastness. May we as Catholic women continue to look to Mary and Joseph to lead us closer to Jesus. There is such joy in recognizing their trust, strength, courage, faith, and love. May we remember families worldwide in our daily prayers and especially those family members who may live alone.

*May the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

## SEVEN HIGHLIGHTS OF POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO MEXICO



By Jacqueline Lerma  
Submitted by ODCCW Service Commission



"With 84% of Mexico's 120 million people identifying as Catholic, the country prepares to welcome Pope Francis with great anticipation. The pontiff's visits to Mexico City, Michoacán, Chiapas and Chihuahua will serve as important opportunities to address the nation's most pressing challenges."

1. He will pray for migrants.
2. He will comfort the victims of violence.
3. He will encourage the workers.
4. He will urge prisoners toward reconciliation.
5. He will make an invitation to maintain strong families.
6. He will encourage young people.
7. He will invite Mexicans to move forward.



Source:

1. Read full article at <http://www.crs.org/stories/seven-highlights-pope-francis%E2%80%99-visit-mexico>
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## GENERAL GATHERING & MAY CROWNING



On May 18, 2021, ODCCW held their first in-person gathering of 2021! It was a very special morning filled with many activities. The day began with mass at Santiago de Compostela Church followed by a very informative talk by Dr. Ida Pennella on the History of ODCCW. We then prayed the rosary, held our Crowning of Mary ceremony, announced the winners of our first Spring Opportunity Drawing and ended the day with refreshments and fellowship with the women who attended!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING OPPORTUNITY DRAWING WINNERS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first Spring Opportunity Drawing! The donations we received will help support the mission of our ministry. Congratulations to our three winners!



**MaryAnn Vander Linder**  
Virgin Mary Statue



**Joyce Zolmay**  
Tea with Jesus Basket



**Helen Barnes**  
Diamond & Silver Cross  
Necklace

## WHAT, ME RECYCLE, REUSE, AND REDUCE?

By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD | ODCCW Executive Board

It's a good idea to recycle, reuse, and reduce. It's not to please the government but it's to know how to get rid of your old or unwanted stuff. Someone's trash is another one's treasure.



### RECYCLE

Don't throw that away.

Many cities provide recycling trash bins that take aluminum, bakeware, bottles, cans, cardboard, paper, and metal products.

(Clean off any food.)

Bottles and cans can still be taken to a recycling center for cash.

### REUSE

What can I reuse? Wow, let me think about that. I'm not clever or very creative. I went on YouTube and Google and found some hacks. I discovered that I do "reuse" products.

I clean and wash all the items before reusing them. The oranges are stored in a plastic container from the meat department. The powdered sugar is stored in an old jelly jar. The red top, a deli-lunch container, is used for left-overs.

Clean out your closet. Many of us have a lot of clothes that are too big or too small. We hold on to them in case we gain or lose weight. Guess what, it's not going to happen. Donate your clothes to your favorite charity, church group, or thrift store.

### REDUCE

Try using less of something.

Instead of buying bottled water, I use a sport bottle and fill it with my filtered refrigerated water. I use some paper towels, but generally use good old towels (rags). Trash bags anyone! I reuse store bags for trash.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PHYLLIS FIORENTINO MEMORIAL SERVICE & RECEPTION

The Memorial Mass & Service for Phyllis Fiorentino will be held:

**Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 11am**  
**San Antonio de Padua Parish**  
**5800 East Santa Ana Canyon Road**  
**Anaheim, CA 92807**

Following the service, a reception will be held at the parish hall, Glynn Hall, which is located on the premises.

In an effort to assist Bob (Phyllis' husband) in placing an order with the caterer, please RSVP by July 2 to:

Kate MacGregor  
K8MACK8@icloud.com OR  
text to (714) 313-6041

### WHEN WOMAN PRAY ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please save the date **October 16, 2021** for WWP's Annual Prayer Breakfast at St. Thomas More Parish in Irvine! Stay tuned for more details!

<https://whenwomenpraystm.org>

### ODCCW SEPTEMBER GENERAL GATHERING

We are looking forward to seeing you at our "**MULTICULTURE**" September General Gathering on **September 21, 2021 from 9:30am - 12pm!**

Online or in-person at:  
Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
17270 Ward St, Fountain Valley, CA

Please register for the event at:  
<https://www.odccw.org/events/>

### OC CURSILLO CELEBRATION DINNER & AUCTION

Join OC Cursillo for their  
Celebration Dinner & Auction!

**September 25, 2021**  
**6:00pm - 10:00pm**  
**Yorba Linda Community Center**

For more event information and to purchase tickets, go to:  
<https://occursillo.org/event/cursillo-auction-dinner>

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