

Fragments

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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.*



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Susan Navarrete
ODCCW President

My dear Sisters in Christ,

As you can see by the beautiful pictures, the ODCCW multi-cultural event was a great success. Thank you, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Fountain Valley for hosting our event.
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We pray for Joanne Peters and her family. On Friday, September 24th Joanne's husband Tom Peters passed away suddenly. On behalf of the ODCCW Board and members, we send our deepest condolences to the Peters family.

I learned so much about how Our Lady represents so many different cultures. For example, December 12th became a national holiday in Mexico in 1859. Pope Pious XII crowned Our Lady of Guadalupe "Empress of the Americas" in 1945, and she has long been recognized as the patron saint of Mexico.

Our Lady of Manaoag of the Philippines derived from a miraculous name sighting of the Blessed Virgin Mary carrying the infant of Jesus in her arms. Its history began with an account of a farmer walking home after tilling the land. Pope Benedict XVI granted the Shrine of Our Lady of Manaoag "a special bond of spiritual affinity through which the visitors of the Marian Shrine are assured of the same blessings of the Lord and the entitlement to a plenary indulgence equal to that received when visiting a papal basilica in Rome."

Our Lady of Kiboho, Africa is the name given to reported Marian apparitions concerning several adolescents, in the 1980s in Kibeho, south-western Rwanda. Our Lady of Kibeho sought repentance and a return to faith, warning of tragedy. She teaches that grace can transcend sorrowful experiences, yielding joyful reconciliation. She made known that her message was not only for Rwanda or Africa—but for the entire world."

The list goes on. Our Mother Mary comes to us not only in the Holy Rosary, but She is also with all her children constantly guiding us to become one with her Son Jesus Christ.

I look forward to what Fall will bring to us as we prepare for the holidays. The ODCCW Board is excited about our speaker line up in the coming months and look forward to seeing you at the next gathering on Tuesday, October 19th at Christ Cathedral.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Regards,

Susan Navarrete



By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
ODCCW Executive Board

Respect Life Month is “a time to pray and meditate on the sanctity of life.” This month let us focus on several issues facing our culture.

Abortion

“About 1 million per year (1). Roughly 2,700 per day.” Don’t be afraid to stand and pray in front of an abortion clinic. There are several in Orange County.

Bio-Ethics / Stem Cell Research

“The Church favors the use of adult stem cells and supports the discovery of Induced Pluripotent Cells (IPS) which are formed from adult skin cells but tend to behave as embryonic stem cells.” But it does not favor embryonic stem cell research. I was healed of Acute Myeloid Leukemia by using my own stem cells for my bone marrow transplant. I have given many talks on this issue.

Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide

“Direct euthanasia is the putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons. Physician-assisted suicide is the action of a physician either directly or by prescribing drugs specifically meant to end life. The Church teaches that while we are not obligated to use all available medical procedures in every set of circumstances, we are responsible as stewards of life to

never directly intend to cause one’s own death, or the death of an innocent victim, by action or omission.”

The Elderly

“Over 900 Elder Abuse complaints are filed each month in Orange County.” Often the elderly fall victim to euthanasia, because seeing the elderly only as a burden “is ugly. It’s a sin,” Pope Francis said.

Domestic Violence

“Violence against women, inside or outside the home is never justified. Violence in any form, physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful; often it is a crime as well” stated the USCCB.

Death Penalty

Last but not least is that the death penalty is a pro-life issue. “Capital punishment vitiates our hearts’ capacity for mercy and love” said the Texas bishops against the death penalty.

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ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

By Susan Navarrete
ODCCW President

October 1st is the feast day of **St. Therese of Lisieux**. St. Therese had a simple yet powerful message that still resonates in the hearts of millions today. Her "Little Way" of allowing God to work through her life has become a guiding light for the faithful.

St. Therese is special to me. I can relate to her commitment to God, as He too has worked through my life to be His shepherd and guiding light to other through the many ministries I am involved in. I am in awe as to some of the things God puts before me to do, beyond my understanding.

The quote below from St. Therese touches my heart in a BIG way. I too had to surrender to God's will so that I would be able to do the task He sets before me.

"Jesus points out to me the only way which leads to Love's furnace - that way is self-surrender - it is the confidence of the little child who sleeps without fear in its father's arms."



Therese of Lisieux, also known as the Little Flower, lived her life in childlike simplicity. By surrendering herself completely to the everlasting love of God, she learned to do all things - no matter how big or small, with great love. She is the patron saint of missionaries, Aids sufferers, florists and the sick. She is also the patron saint of the trenches, and many soldiers in the First and Second World Wars carried pictures of her to protect themselves from harm.

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."
- St. Therese of Lisieux.

Therese's last words were: **"My God, I love you."** She died at the age of 24 (1873-1897). "Therese has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the **"simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life"**.

2020ne NCCW CONVENTION

By Jackie Brandon
Province Director, Los Angeles Province

The 2020ne Convention of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) was held in Washington, DC on August 24-28, 2021. Four hundred and seventy one (471) full registrants, including 31 Spiritual Advisors, gathered to celebrate the theme; NCCW 100 Years: A Vision for the Future.

The Welcome Liturgy was celebrated with the Most Reverend William A. Wack, Episcopal Liaison to NCCW from the USCCB as principal Celebrate and the Very Reverend Miguel Gonzales, chair of the Spiritual Advisors as Homilist.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Awards Luncheon honored 2 awardees; Kathy Bonner and Mary "Winkie" Lefils, as well as Ambassadors, Legacy, Birthday, and Decade Club donors.

Wednesday evening, we celebrated the long awaited 100th birthday party with cake and ice cream. Attendees came dressed in their favorite decade garb. Susan was the best dressed in our opinion. She should have pictures.

We enjoyed our speakers: Ana Lisa Pinon discussing "Women of Influence: A Witness to Christian Leadership". Gloria Purvis presenting "Women Persevere in Faith"; Most Reverend William A. Wack, presenting "Where Do We Go From Here? Disciples and Apostles"; Elizabeth Tomlin presenting

"Growing in Faith with a Small Group".

We learned from our Commission presentations: Spirituality presented "Go Make A Difference" highlighting the Rosary Meditations, Prayers for Priest, Calendar of Advent Activities, and the Healing Prayer to end Racism. Leadership focused on "MEntoring Begins with ME". Service reviewed all the Love in Action resources such as Walking with Moms in Need, Wands for Wildlife and Friends with Pens.

We prayed the Rosary and beautiful liturgies were held each day where we prayed for our deceased members and other intentions, and we recognized our Past NCCW Presidents. We were blessed to have as Celebrants: The Most Reverend William A. Wack, Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee & Episcopal Liaison to NCCW from the USCCB; His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, DC; The Most Reverend Joseph Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island, Nebraska; The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington Diocese, The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis, Bishop of Salt Lake City.

We heard reports from the Leadership Training Development Team, Reps from Religious Alliance Against Pornography, United Nations of NY, Associates of NCCW, Friends of NCCW for WUCWO, Legislative Advocacy Committee and the NCCW rep for WUCWO.

The entertainment was wonderful and we enjoyed a lovely Banquet on Saturday evening. We prayed, shared and learned, had fun and enjoyed meeting old and new friends.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OCTOBER 7, 2021



As we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary this month, let us ponder for a moment some of her most notable blessings. "Saint Pius V established this feast [Our Lady of the Rosary] in 1573. The purpose was to thank God

for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716."

Our Lady of Lourdes first appeared to Bernadette Soubirous on February 11, 1858 and was followed by 17 more apparitions. On March 25, Mary said these words to Bernadette: "I am the



Immaculate Conception." The Immaculate Conception is the Patron Saint of the United States and the solemnity is celebrated on December 8. Even before Mary's apparition, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 1854.

Possibly the most famous apparition is that of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal who appeared "to three young Portuguese shepherds, Lucia Santos, and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto" on May 13, 1917. Most talked about and visited shrine because of the "three secrets" revealed to Lucia. Secret #1: on July 13, 1917 she saw a vision of hell with flames and demons. Secret #2: she prophesied that World War I would end but that another war would follow during the reign of Pope Pius XI.

This became known as World War II. The second part of the secret that "Russia be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary". Secret #3: on January 3, 1944, the third secret was sealed until it was published on June 26,



2000 by Cardinal Angelo Sodano who said that the "20th Century persecution of Christians culminated in the failed Pope John Paul II assassination attempt on May 13, 1981, the 64th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima". Following the attempt on his life, Pope John Paul II consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and composed a prayer called "Act of Entrustment", read on June 7, 1981. In 2002 Pope John Paul II consecrated the world to Divine Mercy.



The Patron of the Orange Diocese, Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an old Mexican man while on his way to an early morning Mass. He was later given the name of Juan Diego. He tried several times to tell the Bishop of the apparition and he was never believed, until Our Lady filled his robe with beautiful fresh roses to drop at the feet of the Bishop.

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THE SAINTS & GOD'S WILL

By Janine Meckler
ODCCW Executive Board

I enjoy listening to Cardinal Dolan on the Sirius XM Catholic Channel 129. In his daily Mass homily from Saint Patrick's Cathedral on the Feast of the Archangels September 29, Cardinal Dolan spoke briefly on Saint Gabriel, the announcer, the strength of God; Saint Michael, the protector, who is like God; and Saint Rafael, the healer, God's remedy. So simple yet so profoundly summarized. I found myself resting in a visual of each.

On September 28, the Feast of Saint Wenceslaus, Cardinal Dolan spoke of God's will for us. Jesus teaches us about His Father. Jesus teaches us that God works to invite with a nudge, hint, and/or a whisper. God provides the grace to do His will but never forces Himself upon us. God wants our love never to impose, just propose. I am not by nature a morning person and appreciate when I am listening early in the morning on Sirius XM for a concise, relevant message. I hope these messages touch you as well.

In addition to these homilies, if you are not yet familiar with the story of Father Emil Kapaun, Medal of Honor recipient and priest considered for sainthood, I encourage you

to read about him. His remains were recently returned home to Wichita, Kansas - 70 years after his passing in a North Korean POW camp. His funeral Mass was held on September 29 in Wichita followed by his body being interred at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita, Kansas. I find his story compelling and inspiring. I cannot wait to ask for the intercession of Father Kapaun.

God Bless the women of ODCCW, my sisters in Christ. - Janine



UPCOMING EVENTS



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

A Modern Woman's Guide to the Bible



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Register at sanantoniochurch.org/ministry/social-fellowship/wwp/

For information contact Jody Millsbaugh at jmillsbaugh@sanantoniochurch.org or 714 974-1416 x121

ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN



Save the date! Join us for our next General Gathering:

OCTOBER GENERAL GATHERING

October 19, 2021 9am

Christ Cathedral

Tower of Hope, 4th Floor

Speaker: Lori Stanley

Loyola Institute of Spirituality

Please register for this event at:
<https://www.ocdccw.org/events/>

WWP 2021

11th ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

October 16, 2021

8am - 1pm

**St. Thomas More Parish
Irvine, CA 92602**



Join When Women Pray for a beautiful morning of prayer, food, and fellowship with our guest speaker, Sara Vuoso.

Register now at:

<https://whenwomenpraystm.org/wwp-2021>

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

Leaders in our Environment,
through our Actions, and in Fellowship with
one another.

Healing & Hope

Saturday, October 23, 2021

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Msgr. Jinks Hall

Please join likeminded women to pray the rosary, listen to great speakers, and experience peace of heart.

Adoration and Confession available.

Please RSVP via message or email me at
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Shop 'til you drop with **Catholic Charities Chapter 4**
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Join in the fun, **SELECT Catholic Charities Chapter 4**
At the Charity Shopping Extravaganza Oct 9 at the
Outlets at San Clemente <http://shoposc.com/ShopEx>

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to serving those in need.

- 7TH ANNUAL -
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Saturday October 9, 10AM

\$45,000 in Prizes

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**VIP Wine &
Cocktail Tastings**

**Catered Lunch,
Entertainment & More**

If you have additional questions please call:

**Darlene Jamroz 949-363-3825 or
Rebeca Stafford 949-310-1374**

UPCOMING EVENTS



You're invited to share in a one-day retreat

Saturday, October 9th
9:00 am to 3:00pm

St. Anthony Claret Catholic Church - Anaheim
Breakfast and lunch included



Please join us for a day of reflection and prayer.

Our Speakers will reflect and meditate on Mary in our lives and her message to pray daily the Rosary:

- Fr. Quan Tran
- Fr. Brandon Lopez
- Deacon Doug Cook
- Deacon Kevin Durkin
- Paul Helderline – Team Rector
- Dona Nurre – Team Rectora
- Carolyn Tormey

**St. Anthony Claret
Catholic Church**
1450 E La Palma Ave.
Anaheim CA

This is a free event and food will be provided, so bring a friend and anyone aspiring to be on the team the next set of weekends need to attend.

For more information and to RSVP please contact
Katie Greening – secretary@occursillo.org

This is a Free Event, but RSVP is required.

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