

Fragments

NOVEMBER 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,

On November 7th, I will travel to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage with my husband David and a few of my Cursillo brothers and sisters. This trip is a dream come true, in which I can check off my bucket list.
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On this trip, I will experience walking in Jesus' footsteps, going to the places where He preached and healed the sick. I will go to the Jordan river where He was baptized by John the Baptist. I am in awe of what I will experience as I walk through the streets of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Most importantly I am excited to hear His voice. I want to hear what His plans are for me and my ministries going forward. I look forward to the beautiful masses I will attend and places I will visit. My hope is that I will come back from the Holy Land with the grace and love that Moses experienced when he came down from Mount Sinai.

since we lost several family members to Covid and other illnesses over the past 19 months and many other families experienced the same fate. We must continue the prayers of the faithful on earth which will help cleanse the souls in order to fit them for the vision of God in heaven.

ODCCW wishes all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving! Let's give thanks to our heavenly Father for the countless ways he has blessed our lives!



On **November 2nd**, we commemorated All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. This year is especially difficult for my family

THE FRUIT OF LOVE

Fr. Scott Borgman

ODCCW Spiritual Advisor

A miracle is occurring on Altars all around us. In the Mass, God Himself transforms simple bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Consecration! Philosophy provides us with the profound expression: "Transubstantiation," when the change of substance from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ happens by the grace of God. This miracle will not appear with fireworks and smoke and mirrors, loud music or scripture-based entertainment. Much like God's many other works, such as the Annunciation, the bread and wine transform with a few words and in silence. Mass is not entertainment! ...Mass should actually be somewhat Boring, in order for us to abandon our five senses for a moment to go down into our heart of hearts to listen to a different voice: The voice of God. So let us get away from our five senses and expand the horizons of our Interior Life where Jesus speaks to us personally. Let us make especially good use of the silence in the Mass, of the monotony, to deepen our interior life, and to touch the Divine Face of God!



REMEMBRANCE

Janine Meckler

ODCCW Executive Board

November is a month that lends itself to one of remembrance, prayer, and giving thanks. The Catholic Church emphasizes two days - All Saints and All Souls. Individual churches plan a Mass of Remembrance for those who have passed away within a year. What a beautiful faith we are a part of which will acknowledge, remember, pray and give thanks for those who have gone before us. This November let us join our hearts together and intentionally pray a rosary in remembrance and thanksgiving.

'TIS THE SEASON

Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
ODCCW Executive Board

The "season" is upon us as All Hallows' Eve ushers in All Saints' Day, followed by Veteran's Day, then Thanksgiving Day on November 25, when we give praise to God for His bounty. A mere three days later, November 28, Advent begins and ends on December 24, as we relive the most glorious event, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on **CHRISTMAS DAY**.

All Saints Day - Nov. 1

This year the Holy Day is on a Monday and the US Bishops have suspended the obligation to attend Mass. It is also my birthday. My Catholic school was closed, but all the families attended Mass. It didn't matter what day of the week the Holy Day was celebrated.



Veteran's Day - Nov 11

My son-in-law, Mike Reeser, received a Bronze Star on July 27, 2006, while serving in Iraq. As a medic he saw the devastation of

wounded soldiers. *What can you do to show active military that you care?*

Mike told me, "Receiving cards from people they don't know, Ida, boosted their morale and gave them hope, and you know what, it showed them that someone cared."

Send "Thank You for Your Service" greeting cards to soldiers.



Operation Gratitude forwards the cards to all areas of the military. Send them your card addressed to:

9409 Owensmouth Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311.



Thanksgiving Day

Some families will celebrate the holiday virtually this year because of the Pandemic or

distance; create a family ZOOM activity. If you're celebrating at home, give everyone a piece of paper and have them write a short prayer or bible verse to share at mealtime.

Advent Ideas

1) Plan some simple pilgrimages to sites of spiritual significance. If you can't visit the holy places like the Holy Land, Lourdes, or



Fatima, you can pray in front of the tabernacle, visit a church other than your parish and place flowers on a gravesite 2) Consider visiting the sick, a Corporal Work of Mercy, found in the Gospel of Matthew 25:36 which states, "I was sick, and you visited Me." *(continued on next page)*

Do you feel uneasy visiting the sick, chronically or terminally ill people whether in their home, hospitals, or nursing homes?

When I was sick with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, I was in the hospital for quite a while. My life expectancy was three to six months. No one knew at that time that I would survive. I was bald and terminally ill.

Can you use your email to encourage prayers for the sick? My son, Ralph, a world traveler at that time, used the Internet to get in touch with fellow travelers and asked for them to pray for me.

Can you visit someone in the hospital that you don't know? My son, Jim, told a worker about my illness and a lady, who also suffered from leukemia, came weekly to visit me and brought me reading material. I have bittersweet memories of this wonderful lady who died shortly after my recovery.

Can you pray the rosary with someone who is sick or send a Get-Well card? Five girlfriends came weekly and prayed the rosary with me. Get-Well cards filled my hospital walls. The family, friends, and strangers who visited me gave me hope in a hopeless situation.

2020ne NCCW CONVENTION

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.

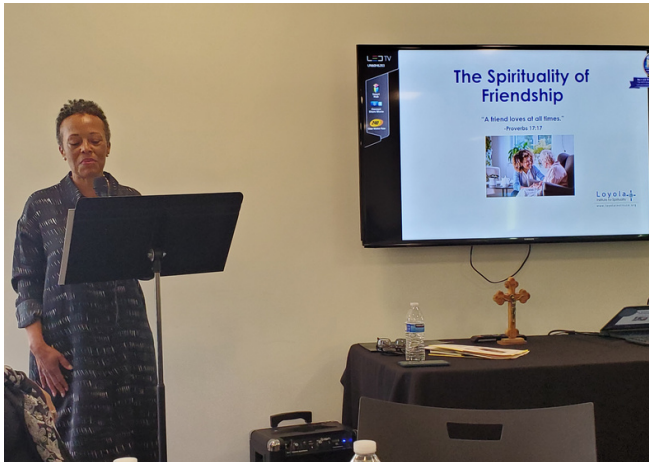
We prayed the Rosary and beautiful liturgies were held each day where we prayed for our deceased members and other intentions, and we recognized our Past NCCW Presidents. We were blessed to have as Celebrants: The Most Reverend William A. Wack, Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahsee & Episcopal Liaison to NCCW 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.

OCTOBER 19 GENERAL GATHERING

Last month, our general gathering was held at Christ Cathedral. We enjoyed a delicious lunch, fellowship, and a wonderful talk by Lori Stanley on the Spirituality of Friendship! Many thanks to Lori and all the women who attended. Please join us for our next general gathering on November 16!



WHEN WOMEN PRAY 11TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST



On Saturday October 16, the When Women Pray ministry welcomed over 600 women to their 11th Annual Prayer Breakfast at St. Thomas More Parish! It was a beautiful morning that began with mass led by Fr. Eugene Lee. Everyone then joined together to pray the rosary. Afterwards, the women enjoyed a lovely breakfast and fellowship on the lawn. The guest speaker that morning was Sara Vuoso who shared her deeply personal and inspiring story of how "Faith Over Fear" helped her through her battle with cancer.

When Women Pray thanks all the generous sponsors, numerous volunteers and the dedicated WWP committee who made our 11th Annual Prayer Breakfast possible! WWP is especially grateful to Susan Navarrete for her leadership, guidance, and help in bringing this event to so many faithful women in our community!

*For more information on When Women Pray, please go to our website: whenwomenpraystm.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

NOVEMBER GENERAL GATHERING

November 16, 2021 9am
St Norbert Catholic Church
300 E Taft Ave, Orange, CA 92865

Speaker: **Alejandra Baker**
Presentation: 40 Days for Life



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

JANUARY GENERAL GATHERING

January 18, 2022
Time TBD
Christ Cathedral
Tower of Hope 4th floor

Speaker: **Marjory Arnold**
Presentation: The Need for Mental
Healthy Ministry in the Catholic Church

FEBRUARY GENERAL GATHERING

February 15, 2022
Time TBD
Holy Trinity
Ladera Ranch, CA

Speaker: **Renee Bondi**

MARCH GENERAL GATHERING

March 19, 2022
Time TBD
Christ Cathedral
Freed Theater/Patio

Speaker: TBD