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ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF

CATHOLIC  WOMEN

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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.*



## **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Susan Navarrete  
ODCCW President

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I hope you had a blessed Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. He has risen!! Alleluia! As for me, my Lenten season was very hard and distracting due to taking care of my mother who is very ill. *(continued on next page)*

I would have liked to move forward with my Lenten plan, but God had other plans for me, which was taking care of my mother as her illness worsened. God put me where I needed to be, with my mom. He carried me through the difficulty of making important decisions regarding my mother's care. She is currently in hospice. Please keep my mom Isabel Partida in your prayers.



From this experience I have learned that holding on to my faith and being one with God is what is most important during the trials in our lives. Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and given us our faith that is so beautiful, a faith that we must hold onto so tight, it hurts. I always wonder about people who don't have faith. How do they get through life? It must get very lonely not having faith. I will pray for those who don't have the beautiful gift our Lord has given us.

On Easter Vigil, my prayers were answered after twenty years when my husband David was initiated into the Catholic faith! I am so proud of David! Over the past four years, I have watched him grow in his faith

and love for God. David has come full circle and I hope I was a good example for him by showing my faith and love for our Lord. I remember being envious of couples who would attend mass together, receive the Eucharist together and pray together. I am so happy we can now do all those things and more!

***"Faith that it's not always in your hands or things don't always go the way you planned, but you have to have faith that there is a plan for you, and you must follow your heart and believe in yourself no matter what." - Martina McBride***

I wish you a very blessed Easter season.

- Susan Navarrete

## **BE HOLY...**

Fr. Scott Borgman  
ODCCW Spiritual Advisor

Dear Ladies,

Throughout the Scriptures, God has continuously thought of you, and revealed his plan of holiness for us summarized in the astonishing invitation in Matt. 5:48 to "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Already in Leviticus 20 verse 7 God commands the Israelites, and us, to: "Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy..." During these unprecedented times, there is no better time to become a saint. To sanctify our daily duties while we grow in holiness.

How is your daily struggle going? Are you remembering to "Pursue peace with everyone, Heb. 12:14 and ... holiness..." St. Paul writes: "For this is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thes. 4:3).

Now is the time to see every event from a Supernatural point of view. Even the challenges facing us and our beloved America. God's will for you is your deepest Joy! He is working daily to help you to become a saint and to live out this extraordinary adventure toward holiness which we are called to develop as Sons and Daughters of God.

In the words of St. Josemaría: If you want to be happy, be holy... if you want to be really happy, be really holy... if you want to be really really happy, be really really holy...

With my prayers,

(Fr.) Scott



## EASTER SEASON



The celebration of the Easter Vigil is the beginning of the season of Easter. The Vigil is the Christian feast par excellence, the feast of new birth, new beginnings, salvation renewed, and humanity restored to the Lord. While the Vigil marks the end of the paschal fast, the end of the celebration of Holy Week, and the end of repentance and conversion for which Lent prepared the community, it is much more a beginning. It is the beginning of a new season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving, for Easter is not one day or one solemnity—it is a fifty day celebration, and the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday together comprise what the General Instruction terms "the great Sunday".

### DIRECTIONS

From apostolic times the feasts of Easter and Pentecost were primary, and the paschal mystery was the first celebration to have both a time before the feast of preparation and a time afterwards for the extension and completing the celebration. In the new Sacramentary and Lectionary the Sundays following Easter are no longer termed "after" for they are "of" Easter, since they do not follow a solemnity, but they are to be taken as a unity to form one season of solemnity and exaltation at the triumph of Jesus over sin and death.

In the former understanding of the season the feast of the Pentecost was set off because it had its own octave. In the reformed calendar this situation is remedied for the solemnity of the Ascension does not end the season of Easter; it is one special day within an entire special season. The Easter candle is no longer extinguished on the Ascension for it should remain in prominence in the sanctuary until Pentecost and then be placed in the baptistry. It can be used at funerals and at the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. The feast of Pentecost now concludes the Easter season and the week between Ascension and Pentecost should be a time of preparation and expectation for the coming of the Spirit.

The major principle of the calendar reform called for at the Vatican Council—that the paschal mystery be the center of the

Christian year—is made obvious in the new Sacramentary because of the emphasis on Easter as the great feast of fifty days.

The Easter candle, lighted for the first time from the new fire of the Easter Vigil, is placed in a prominent place in the sanctuary between Easter and Pentecost and should be lighted for all liturgical services in this season and should be incensed whenever incense is used in the fifty days.

The color of the vesture for the season is white, and the cloth or frontal for the altar should be white as well. Liturgical hangings or banners should be made of white and contrasting colors and should reflect the season of new life, fulfillment, rejoicing and joy at the season.

All penitential elements in the eucharist should be eliminated in this season of sung Alleluias, water, candles and lights.

*Activity Source: A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary by Kevin W. Irwin, Pueblo Publishing Company, 1970*

## THE TIM TEBOW STORY

Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD  
ODCCW Corresponding Secretary

The Tim Tebow story fascinates me.

Quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow was #25 quarterback for the Denver Broncos. When he played for the Florida Gators, the team became national champions in a win over Oklahoma.



However, Tebow might never have been born, and his accomplishments may never have occurred had his mother, Pam Tebow, followed the doctor's recommendation to have an abortion. She refused and cited her Christian faith as the reason for her hope that her son would be born without the devastating disabilities that physicians predicted.

Pam ultimately spent the last months of her pregnancy in bed. Tim said, "then I was born, and it was a miracle—the placenta wasn't attached the entire pregnancy". As a result, Tim was malnourished.

On August 14, 1987—Heisman Trophy winner, Tim Tebow, was born!

Tim said, "Doctors called me a 'tumor' not a 'baby'" and added that growing up his siblings joked and called him, "tummy the Tumor".

Source: <https://www.breitbart.com/sports/2018/01/12/tim-tebow-confronting-abortion-doctors-called-tumor-not-baby/>

## PAM TEBOW, TIM TEBOW'S MOTHER

Christian speaker, author, and pro-life advocate Pam Tebow paid a visit to Heartbeat International's Annual Pregnancy Help Conference, expressing admiration for the pro-life movement and pregnancy help. Tebow did a special meet-and-greet at the GOA Speakers booth during the conference. Tebow and her husband Bob, an evangelist, live in Jacksonville, where the 2022 Conference took place. The Tebows are the parents of five children, including football player and philanthropist Tim Tebow, and they have four grandchildren.



Read more at <https://www.lifenews.com/2022/04/05/pam-tebow-the-enemy-hates-the-pro-life-movement-but-god-is-greater/>

## BEHOLD, HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD  
ODCCW Corresponding Secretary



Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the Dead.  
Alleluia!

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him ..."  
Matthew 28:5-7.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"  
John 11:25-26.

St. Pope John Paul II said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song".



My husband and I went on a Holy Land Pilgrimage and journeyed to the Holy Sepulcher Church. We saw the "slab of limestone" that the Holy Body of Jesus was laid on after His death and crucifixion. As I bent and kissed the empty stone, I was reminded of the promise given to us in the Apostle Creed, "the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting".



Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, the greatest feast day in the Christian Calendar. During the 40 days of Lent, Catholics prepared themselves for this great feast by prayer, fasting, almsgiving and self-denial "to die spiritually with Christ on Good Friday, the day of His Crucifixion, so that we can rise again with Him in new life on Easter."

Why does the Easter date change from year to year, unlike Christmas that is always on December 25?

“The Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) set the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox.

We know that Easter must always occur on a Sunday, because Sunday was the day of Christ's Resurrection. But why the paschal full moon? Because that was the date of Passover in the Jewish calendar, and the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) occurred on the Passover. Therefore, Easter was the Sunday after Passover.

The Church does not use the exact date of the paschal full moon but an approximation, because the paschal full moon can fall on different days in different time zones, which would mean that the date of Easter would be different depending on which time zone you live in. For calculation purposes, the full moon is always set at the 14th day of the lunar month (the lunar month begins with the new moon). Likewise, the Church sets the date of the vernal equinox at March 21, even though it can occur on March 20. Both approximations allow the Church to set a universal date for Easter.”

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## EASTER CELEBRATION

Janine Meckler  
ODCCW Leadership-Deaneries

Jesus Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the celebration begin! What a glorious celebration we can give to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ not just on Easter but now. We can even celebrate with cake and a toast of champagne. We celebrate birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, retirements, ordinations, etc. Let us give Our Lord a glorious celebration with honor and praise. May we continue to celebrate by serving Him and loving others. Happy and Blessed Celebrating Everyone!!



## JOIN THE ODCCW BOARD!



Do you want to be more involved in your Catholic community and make a difference in the lives of others?

Then please consider joining the board of ODCCW! We are looking for enthusiastic, faith-filled women to be a part of our ministry.

For a list of our board positions except Vice President-Elect, please refer to the last page of this newsletter.

For any questions, please contact **Susan Navarrete** at [snavarrete150@gmail.com](mailto:snavarrete150@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### MAY GENERAL GATHERING

Join us for our May General Gathering and Crowning of Mary!

May 17, 2022 8:30am  
St Norbert Catholic Church  
300 E Taft Ave, Orange, CA 92865

#### SCHEDULE

(In the Church)  
Mass at 8:30am  
Rosary immediately following mass  
Crowning of Mary  
  
(Move to Parish Hall)  
Guest Speaker  
Lunch

Registration required. Please register for this event at:  
<https://www.ocdccw.org/events/051722-general-gathering>

**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\***

### ODCCW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 10, 2022

More information to follow.

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