

Fragments

JUNE 2022 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.



THAT "SOFT SILENCE" IS GOD'S VOICE

Fr. Scott Borgman
ODCCW Spiritual Advisor

Dear Ladies,

The Catholic Church insists that we are created to be Saints! Yes you...a Canonizable Saint! The Church, therefore, gives us role-models to guide us. Basically, She tells us: "Do what the Saints did, and you will become a Saint!" Fulfilling the destiny God has for his Sons and Daughters is part of the coming of the Kingdom of God, which we invoke every time we pray the Our Father.

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In the Old Testament, the people of Israel said to Moses: "Moses, you speak to us..." God's voice was too scary for them and they preferred to hear the voice of God through Moses. How often we prefer other 'voices' to the beloved voice of God, because it can be 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 which he was hiding in. Then the winds blow, the ground shakes and all hell breaks loose around Elijah. 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. Quieting our five senses and getting away from them so that we can hear with the internal ears of our hearts. When God asked King Solomon what he wanted, what he asked for is often translated as "wisdom," and therefore, God gave him everything. But the Hebrew again is much more concrete, that "wisdom" requested by Solomon is actually "Lebh Shomea" which translates "a heart that hears," in order to discern the voice of God.

Solomon wanted a heart that hears the Heart of God, perhaps we too can develop this in our silent hours of Adoration and prayer of the heart. Saint Josemaría Escriva 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. Mother Theresa of Calcutta urges us: "in order to hear God it is necessary to be silent, because God speaks in the silent of the Heart!" The idea is to set aside a little time each day, where we are in complete silence; to listen to the soft silence of the voice of God.

So, as we continue our journey toward holiness, let us too pick up the challenge of developing our interior life in order to hear the soft silence of the sweet Heart of God within us.

Please pray for me,
(Fr) Scott



JUNE 2022

PHOTOS FROM MAY GENERAL GATHERING AND CROWNING OF MARY

We had a great turnout for our May General Gathering and special Crowning of Mary!
Many thanks to our guest speaker, Fr. Scott Borgman, for a wonderful talk on our
Blessed Mother Mary.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA: MIRACLE OF THE SUN

Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
ODCCW Corresponding Secretary

As the sun danced and spun around in the sky then plummeted to earth, 70,000 people were scared and thought the world was ending. Called the “Miracle of the Sun”, the Blessed Virgin Mary fulfilled her promise of a miracle on May 13, 1917. The miracle celebrated its 100th anniversary on May 13, 2017.

“In a series of apparitions to three young children in Portugal in 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary urged the world to repent, pray the Rosary, and spread a devotion to the Holy Eucharist.” At the site of the apparitions, the children, Lucia de Jesus, aged 10, and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, aged 9 and 7, prayed the Rosary and spoke about the Blessed Virgin Mary’s requests.

“For weeks, news of the apparitions the children saw had spread throughout newspapers, and in conversation. Suspicious if anything would actually happen, a huge crowd gathered on May 13, 1917 to see if a miracle would occur.”

Suddenly the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared; Lucia asked her who she was and she said, “Lady of the Rosary”. She asked for a chapel to built on this site.

“Then, Our Lady opened up her hands and reflected the sun. Lucia, turning to the crowd, told them to look at the sun.” The huge crowd

standing in the rain and muddy soil, their clothing soaked from the torrential rains that had poured in Portugal for days, looked at the sun that spun for about 10 minutes, dried the land and the people completely. Many people were converted that day.

Believe and pray the Rosary.



Source:

<https://epicpew.com/100-years-ago-today-sun-spun-fatima/>

Editor’s Note:

To celebrate the Crowning of Blessed Virgin Mary, ODCCW held the May Crowning and prayed the Holy Rosary together as President, Susan Navarrete, placed a floral crown on the Virgin’s head. The General Gathering followed in the hall with Fr. Scott giving an account of all of the Virgin’s feast days.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!

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Meet **Julia Bulla**. She was 100-years-old last December. She attended the ODCCW General Gatherings for many years. An active member of St. Hedwig Parish, Julia

helped their Women Council host one of our General Gatherings many years ago.

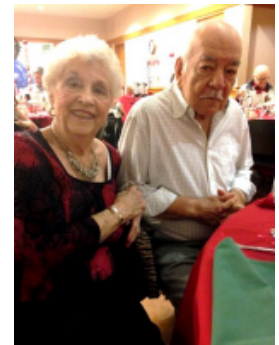
Julia worked at an insurance company until she was about 80. She said that when she got old, she would move nearer to church so she could walk to it.



Meet **Mary Jorgenson**. She will be 101-years-old in June. She is a member of St. Pius V Parish in Buena Park, a member of the Legion of Mary, belonged to the Women's Guild. She danced three-times a week with her friend Jaime at several Senior Centers.



Prior to giving up her car after her 100th birthday, she was an active driver, who drove many younger seniors to church and community activities and to the ODCCW General Gatherings.



A person who is 100 years old or older is a centenarian. Below you will find some quotes from news stories about centenarians, to show how this word is used. Meanwhile, here are some other words for people who are not quite as old as centenarians:

- a person who is between 70 and 79 years old is a septuagenarian
- a person who is between 80 and 89 years old is an octogenarian
- a person who is between 90 and 99 years old is a nonagenarian

These words are for specific age groups, and they are used primarily in formal contexts. In casual conversation and informal writing, the polite word for an old person is senior or senior citizen.

<https://www.britannica.com/dictionary/eb/qa/Centenarians-seniors-and-other-words-for-old-people>

PRAYER AND EVANGELIZATION

Janine Meckler
ODCCW Leadership-Deaneries

I have had the opportunity to visit Siena, Italy this beautiful month of May, a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. While in Siena I attended a cultural tour held in a Catholic Church. While the discussion was fascinating, it left me with a feeling I could not make sense of. At the end of the tour while thanking the guide who had explained the event which takes place in the church, I asked him if the churches were used for Mass. Sadly and tragically, he explained that not many people attend church anymore. I learned only 3 percent of people attend church in Tuscany. Well, basically in Italy and all of Europe is what he told me.

While I had heard of the decline in Europe of church attendance, to hear it in person was an eye opener. It was in that moment I felt called to pray for our brothers and sisters in Europe. It has reminded me to evangelize daily whenever possible and help bring people into the church as the apostles once did. With the help of Mary who takes our prayers to her son Jesus, may we go forth proclaiming the Good News of Jesus our Savior to all of the world.



Rest in Peace
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
Past President (2007-2009)
Bobbie Hunt

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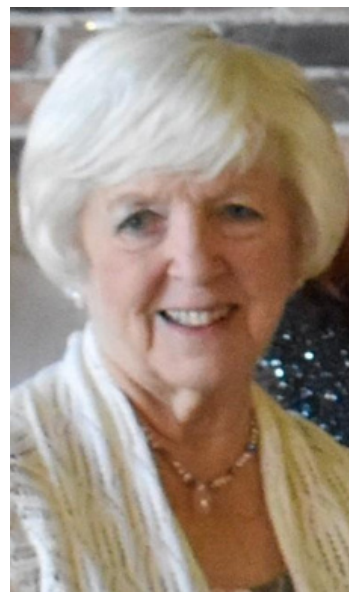
I'm certain that many of you remember NCCW Past President Bobbie Hunt. Until 2015, ODCCW was part of the San Francisco Province, of which Bobbie was a member. She came to several Province meetings in California and ODCCW members traveled to Salt Lake City and other dioceses for Province meetings where we saw Bobbie. She served as our Province Director from 2002 to 2004. Her kindness to all will long be remembered. See her obituary below, reprinted from the National Council of Catholic Women.

Roberta "Bobbie" Ann Hunt
September 27, 1944 - April 20, 2022

Bobbie was born in Dayton, Ohio to James F. and Billie K. Deal. She was the oldest of five: Susan Deal Shuey of Apple Valley, CA; Raymond James Deal (deceased); Mike (Loretta) Deal of Billings, MT; and Steve (Becky) Deal of Roy, UT.

In 1959 the family moved to San Bernardino, CA. Bobbie graduated from St. Bernardine High School in 1963. On August 22, 1964, Bobbie married the love of her life, Don Hunt, and they celebrated 57 beautiful years together. Bobbie's legacy includes Daniel Hunt of Layton, Mary (Darrin) Jensen of Clinton, David (Malinda) Hunt of Layton, and Anne (Jeff) Hesser of West Haven. She was

blessed with 11 grandchildren and 8, soon to be 10 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Bobbie retired as Office Manager for the Davis County Health Department in 2006. *(continued on next page)*



Bobbie was extremely devoted to her faith as a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Layton, where she served as President of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) from 1978 to 1980. She was named Woman of the Year at St. Rose in 1981. From 1988 to 1990 she was President of the Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW). In April 1989 Bobbie received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal from Pope John Paul II. From 2002 to 2004 Bobbie was the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) San Francisco Province Director. From 2005 to 2007 she was NCCW Region 2 Vice President, and in 2007 Bobbie was elected NCCW President at the convention in Columbus, Ohio, and ended her term in 2009 at a convention in Salt Lake City. In 2009 Bobbie was given an honor few women have received when she was awarded the title of "Dame of the Order of St. Gregory" by Pope Benedict XVI.

Bobbie's greatest legacy and greatest joy was her family. A devoted wife, a loving and caring mom, and a fun and special grandma. She made every holiday special for us all. She inspired and loved each and every one of us. She was always there for us no matter where our journey took us. She was a safe harbor in all our lives. She showed us what a God-fearing woman looked like. Every memory she is in is a good memory. She made you feel peace in the middle of turmoil. She always showed love and patience when needed most. She was such a huge light in this world. It is an honor and a blessing to have known this beautiful woman. Her great grandchildren will know their Gramma Gramma through the stories they will be told, memories that will be shared and pictures that will be shown. They will all know they were loved and cherished by their wonderful Gramma Gramma.

Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Layton, Utah.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Memory of Bobbie to: Give Me a Chance at 2913 Grant Avenue in Ogden, Utah, or Catholic Community Services at www.ccsutah.org.

Rest in Peace
ISABEL
PARTIDA

Please pray for the soul of Susan Navarrete's mother, Isabel Partida, who passed away on May 27. God has called his beloved daughter home. May she rest in His eternal peace.



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**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ODCCW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 10, 2022

More information to follow.

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