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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.*



WITH GRATITUDE...

Susan Navarrete

ODCCW Past President

To my dear friends of ODCCW,

It has been my honor to serve as your president over the past two years. Although there were barriers we encountered with Covid and other situations, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was there with us every step of the way. I had to come up with creative ways to keep the ministry from fading away, starting with Zoom! I thank God for giving me the strength, fortitude, and wisdom to move forward. *(continued on next page)*

We at ODCCW could not have survived the past two years without all of you who have been so dedicated to this ministry. I thank you for your continued support. I am very excited about the 2022-2024 ODCCW Executive Board. I feel that this board will take this ministry to the next level and put ODCCW where it deserves to be - as one of the most popular women's ministries in Orange County.

I ask that you continue to support our new board. I will also continue my role as past president, so stop by and say "hi". I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

With God's Blessing,

Susan Navarrete
Past President, ODCCW



THE GOOD NEWS

Janine Meckler

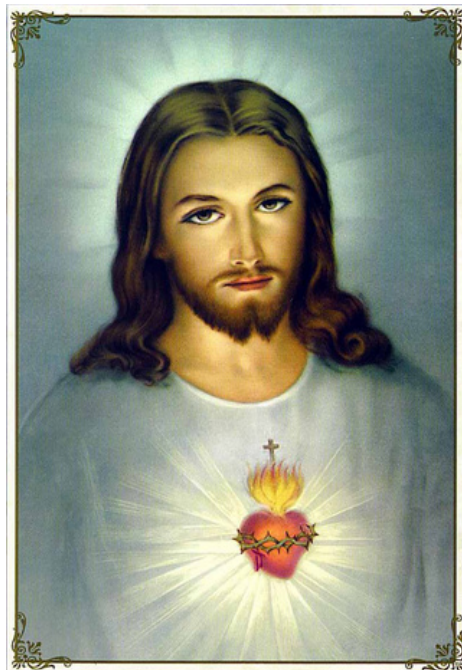
ODCCW President

The past few months in particular, it has been on my heart to quietly observe other Christians share The Good News of Jesus. There are numerous ways of doing this, especially while seeking the advice of the Holy Spirit for wisdom in any and all encounters. Sometimes these encounters involve words and at other times actions, even as small as a smile or genuine eye contact are what is most needed.

I had an opportunity recently to chat with a food server while picking up a take out order at a restaurant. He was

interested in sharing the anger he hears on a daily basis. He wondered why people are not just thankful for health and why they cannot be kind. I was able to add, "and to love God". He looked at me almost as if I expressed a foreign concept before he had to tend to another customer. I stood there quietly pondering the look on his face. I got the impression God isn't a word he hears a lot.

The conversation about God is often missing in our increasingly secular world. The world needs faith, and God needs us to share it either in grand or small ways. It is my hope and my prayer that we work together as women of ODCCW to bring The Good News to as many people as we can. Together we will serve God in remarkable ways and teach others about His Son Jesus. God bless you each and every day.



FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY (First Sunday in October)

During the month of October, the Catholic Church has a devotion to the Holy Rosary. Leo XIII personally instituted this practice in an Encyclical (1 Sept., 1883) in which he admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Queen of the Holy Rosary in order to obtain through her intercession the grace that God may console and defend His Church in her sufferings, and for nineteen years he published an encyclical on this subject.

By the decree of the Congregation of Rites (20 Aug., 1885; 26 Aug., 1886; 2 Sept., 1887) he ordained that every year during the entire month of October, including the first and second of November, in every cathedral and parochial church, and in all other churches and chapels which are dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, five decades of the Rosary and the Litany of Loreto are to be recited, in the morning during Mass or in the afternoon whilst the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, and by the encyclical letter of 15 August, 1889, a prayer in honour of St. Joseph was added. Indulgences (S. C. Indulg., 23 July, 1898): (a) seven years and seven quarantines every day for the public or private recitation of five decades; (b) plenary indulgence on the feast of the Holy Rosary or during the octave for those who during the entire octave recite daily five decades and fulfill the other usual conditions; (c) plenary indulgence on any

other day of the month for those who, after the octave of the feast, recite for at least ten days five decades ("Raccolta", 354; Albers, "Bluethenkränze", III, 730 sq.).

Also in October there are devotions in honour of St. Francis of Assisi (feast, 4 Oct.); indulgences, three hundred days each day by assisting at the public devotions in honour of St. Francis in a church or public oratory; plenary indulgence on the feast of St. Francis or during the octave (11 June, 1883, for ten years; 29 Feb., 1904, in perpetuum; "Acta Minorum", 1904, 106). Any other month may be selected instead of October.

NCCW Monthly Rosary Conference Call

Conference Call Number
(202) 926-1107
Access Code: 703993

The Rosary Call occurs on the
13th of each month.

4:30 PM (PT), 5:30 PM (MT), 6:30 PM
(CT), and 7:30 PM (ET)



**NOVEMBER 8, 2022
PRAY! THINK! VOTE!**

Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
Legislation/ProLife Commission



CA PROPOSES A LAW TO TERMINATE BABIES UP TO 28 DAYS AFTER BIRTH

By Greg Bert

California policymakers who make up the “Future of Abortion Council” just dropped a bombshell. They intend to not only codify the killing of unborn children throughout all nine months of pregnancy but to decriminalize killing newborns days or even weeks after birth.

New language added to AB 2223 last week revealed the disturbing intent. The proposed legislation would shield a mother from civil and criminal charges for any “actions or omissions” related to her pregnancy, “including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion, or perinatal death.” Although definitions of “perinatal death” vary, all of them include the demise of newborns seven days or more after birth. Read more at:

<https://www.lifenews.com/2022/03/24/california-bill-would-allow-killing-babies-in-infanticide-up-to-28-days-after-birth/>

The California Catholic Conference urges everyone to vote **NO on Proposition 1**. Read more at *<https://www.cacatholic.org/article/no-on-prop-1>*

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Use these intercessions to pray for human life throughout the month of October.

For all Catholics:

That on this Respect Life Sunday
our resolve may be strengthened
to uphold the dignity
of every human life;

We pray to the Lord:

That during this Respect Life Month
our resolve will be strengthened
to cherish and protect
the gift of every human life;

We pray to the Lord:

That the life of every person,
from conception to natural death,
will be protected in our laws
and cherished in our hearts;

We pray to the Lord:

For women and men suffering after abortion:
May the Church's abortion healing ministry,
Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing
through Christ's endless mercy;

We pray to the Lord:

For those nearing the end of life:
May they receive care that respects their dignity
and protects their lives
as they place their hope
in the promise of eternal life;

We pray to the Lord:

May God grant us the wisdom and courage
to lovingly protect His gift of human life
at every stage, in sickness and in health;

We pray to the Lord:



WHO IS ST. DISMAS?

Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
ODCCW Emeritus Advisor



Who is St. Dismas? Have you heard of him? St. Dismas, The Good Thief, is the Patron Saint of Prison Ministry. Matthew 25-36, "I was in prison, and you came to me".

This research is a result of the investigation into the life of St. Dismas. The first piece of evidence was found on Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. St. Dismas, "The Thief on the Cross, also known as the Good Thief or the Penitent Thief, is an unnamed character mentioned in the Gospel of Luke who was crucified alongside Jesus and asked Jesus to remember him in his kingdom." The Catholic tradition and the Gospel of Nicodemus name the thief, Dismas. "He was never canonized by the Catholic Church but is venerated as a saint by local traditions as Saint Dismas (sometimes spelled "Dysmas" or in Spanish "Dimas"). The name Dismas for this thief may date back to the 4th century." There are variations to his name, Titus in Arabic Christian tradition, Zoatham in the

Codex Colbertinus, and Rach in Russian Orthodox tradition.

The second piece of evidence is from Terry H. Jones (2010) who wrote a synopsis about St. Dismas for the Star Quest Production Network (SQPN). Jones stated that St. Dismas' feast day is March 25 which is the "date derived from tradition that this was the calendar date of the Crucifixion, though the Passover and Easter celebrations move from year to year." Dismas, "one of the thieves crucified with Jesus, the other being traditionally known as Gestas; Dismas is the Good Thief, the one who rebuked the other, and asked for Christ's blessing."

Jones said that there is a legend "from an Arabic infancy gospel" that says when the Holy Family was fleeing to Egypt that a band of thieves came upon them, "including Dismas and Gestas. One of the highwaymen realized there was something different, something special about them, and ordered his fellow bandits to leave them alone; this thief was the young Dismas." According to tradition, Dismas was crucified in the year 30 in Jerusalem and was canonized pre-congregation (prior to the modern investigations for sainthood, possibly by a Patriarch or popular devotion).

Jones concludes with Luke 23:39-43, "And one of the criminals who were hanged [there] was hurling abuse at Him, saying,

"Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40. But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41. "And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42. And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom!" 43. And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in Paradise".

The third item is a story of St. Dismas that appeared in the Religious Section of the Time/CNN website. "His real name is lost in antiquity, but he is known as St. Dismas. He is the patron saint of those condemned to death. Dismas was the "Good Thief" who was crucified on Calvary alongside Jesus, who said to him: "This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." This poor saint's feast day (March 25) gains him no great devotion, for it coincides with the vastly more important feast of the Annunciation...The Good Thief attracted the whimsical but devout interest of a convert to Roman Catholicism, Dempster MacMurphy of the Daily News. Orator, raconteur, ex-song-&-dance man...

Read more: <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,760855,00.html#ixzz1losbUR1d>

As I read Days of Glory: The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, author Richard T. A. Murphy, O.P. (1980) said that one of the robbers crucified with Jesus said that there was something about Jesus that

struck him. "This innocent man, he thought would be a king despite of everything. Dismas (as some name him) ... asked, 'Jesus remember me when you come in your kingly power', it was a short prayer but a good one." This ended my investigation.

For information about the [Office of Restorative Justice/Detention Ministry, Catholic Diocese of Orange](#) contact Richard Flores, rflores@rcbo.org.

Sources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Dismas
<http://saints.sqpn.com/saint-dismas/>
<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/>

ODCCW 2022-2023 GENERAL GATHERING & EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Location: CHRIST CATHEDRAL
Speaker: Father Sy Nguyen
Topic: Angels
Address: 13280 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Location: ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
Speaker: Father Nicolaus Thai
Address: 19767 Yorba Linda Blvd.
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Location: ST. THOMAS MORE
Speaker: Father Eugene
Address: 51 Market St.
Irvine, CA 92602

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Location: ST. TIMOTHY
Speaker: TBD
Address: 29102 Crown Valley Pkwy.
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Saturday, March 11, 2023

ODCCW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Location: CHRIST CATHEDRAL
Speaker: TBD
Entertainment: Bishop Vann
Address: 13280 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Location: HOLY TRINITY
Speaker: Renee Bondi
Address: 1600 Corporate Dr.
Ladera Ranch, CA 92694

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

MAY CROWNING
Location: CHRIST CATHEDRAL
Speaker: TBD
Address: 13280 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA