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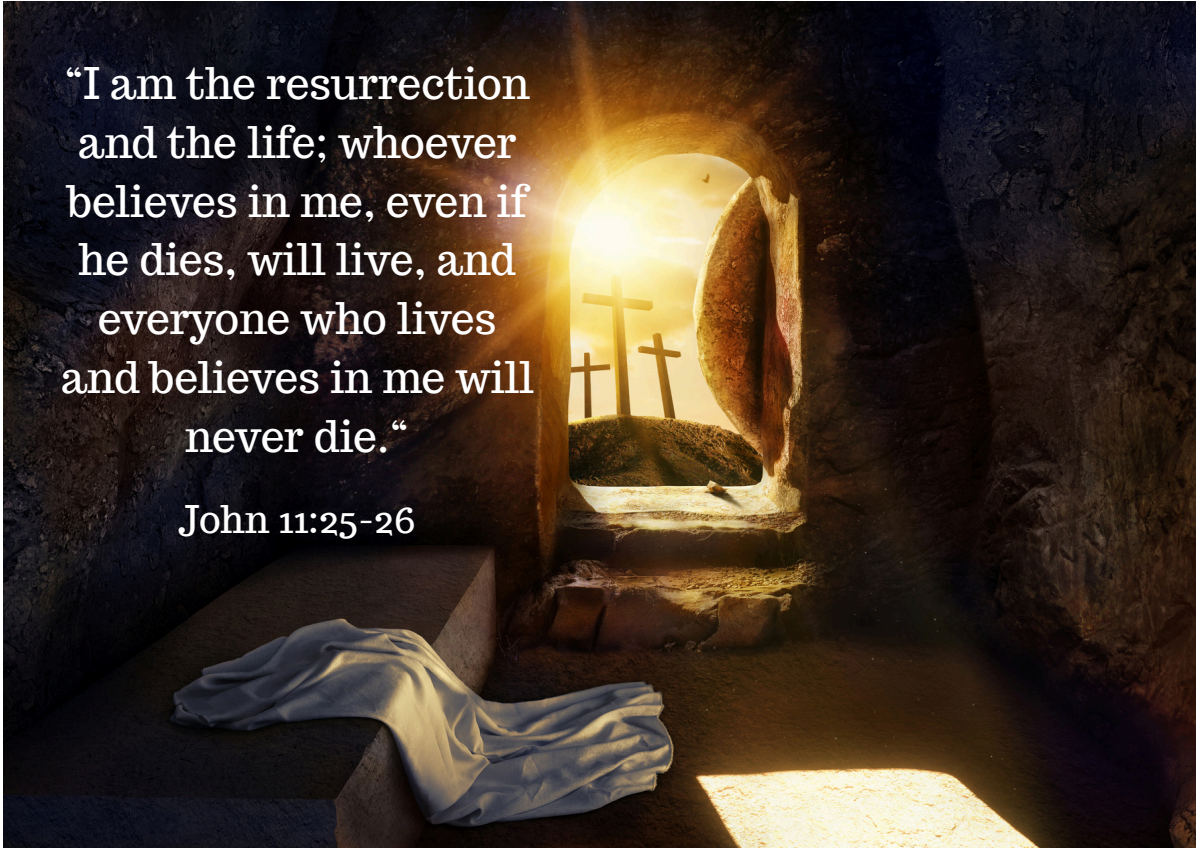
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Fragments

APRIL 2026 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.*



“I am the resurrection
and the life; whoever
believes in me, even if
he dies, will live, and
everyone who lives
and believes in me will
never die.”

John 11:25-26

MESSAGE FROM ODCCW'S PRESIDENT-ELECT Carol Palmer

Dear Sisters,

Happy Easter to you all! Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Please join us in April at Santa Clara de Asis at our baby shower to assist The Life Center in Santa Ana. See the flyer in this issue of Fragments for details.



Help!

We are still accepting nominations for our upcoming elections. See the form in this issue of Fragments. Feel free to call or text me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 714-616-4709. Remember, many hands make light work. Get involved, we need you!

Be sure and mark your calendar for our 50th Anniversary Celebration and Conference on May 19 at Christ Cathedral. Our keynote speaker, Annette Hills, is sure to inspire us. We are also expecting our special guest, Bishop Kevin Vann, to dazzle us with his musical abilities. Don't miss out, register now!

Wishing you a blessed Easter filled with faith, peace, and the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Yours in Christ,

Carol



MARCH GENERAL GATHERING RECAP

Gail Lefebvre
ODCCW Recording Secretary



On Tuesday, March 17, 2026—St. Patrick’s Day--38 Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW) members attended the ODCCW General Gathering at Holy Spirit parish in Fountain Valley. The gathering began at 10:15 am with Carol Palmer, ODCCW President-Elect opening with a welcome. Opening Prayer, Salute to the Cross, and Salute to the Flag were led by Pat Martin, 2nd Vice President of Spirituality. Gail Lefebvre, Recording Secretary read a gospel reading by St. Mark of the paralytic man healed by Jesus. Together, everyone read “Prayer Service for Lent” prayer. Nancy Castenholz, 2nd Vice President of Service spoke of the success of Box of Joy from this past December. Ida Pennella, Emeritus Advisor spoke of the St. Joseph Novena.

Carol Palmer then introduced our guest speaker, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, who is an author and marriage and family therapist. Being that it was St. Patrick’s Day, her topic was “Traveling with St. Patrick this Lent—From Slave to Saint!” She spoke about St. Patrick who was born in England, Scotland, or Wales around 390 A.D. He was captured by Irish pirates at the age of 16 and sold to a king in Ireland who enslaved him for 6 years as a shepherd. After being freed, he returned
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to England as a missionary. A fun fact: the first colors to symbolize Ireland were actually blue and gold. In the 17th century, Irish independence supporters adopted the color green as a symbol of rebellion against the English blue. Over the years, St. Patrick was transformed by God's merciful love.

At the end of her talk, Claire led the members to read together "The Breastplate of St. Patrick" prayer. Followed by an Opportunity Drawing, Pat Martin announced 3 winners. Lunch was then served and the gathering concluded around 12:30 pm.



APRIL 2026

APRIL GENERAL GATHERING



ALL ARE INVITED



Deacon Eric Summerfield

Serving God with our Time, Talent & Treasure

Join us as Deacon Eric shares his story and challenges us to give our time, talent and treasure in service to Our Lord.

Santa Clara de Asis in Yorba Linda

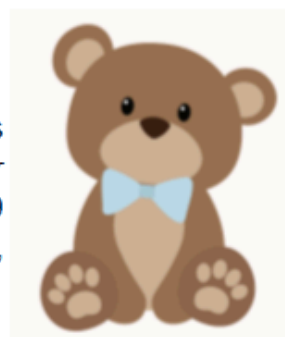
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

10:00 am (check in 9:45)

12:00 pm Lunch

\$30 includes lunch

This meeting will also be a baby shower for moms in need. All gifts will be donated to The Life Center of Santa Ana. They are in particular need of the following items: new or gently used clothing sizes 9 months to 5T, diaper bags, new born and size 6 diapers, board books, and baby bottles for newborns. Thank you for your generosity!



RSVP by April 17. Mail checks payable to ODCCW
c/o Susan Navarrete, 14245 Utrillo Dr., Irvine, CA 92606
or contact Susan at 949-345-9130
or by email at snavarrete150@gmail.com

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**ODCCW 50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION & CONFERENCE**

Save
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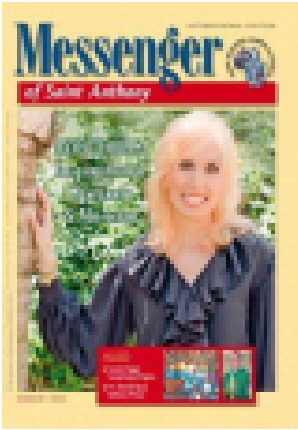
Christ Cathedral

May 19, 2026

9:00am - 3:00pm

*Keynote Speaker: Annette Hills
Special Guest: Bishop Kevin Vann*

ODCCW 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER - ANNETTE HILLS

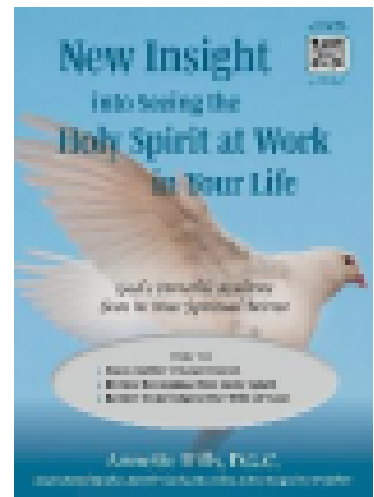


Annette Hills is an Author, Catholic Evangelist, Inspirational Speaker, an Award-Winning Recording Artist, and Songwriter. She has been featured with an extensive interview article and display on the cover of the March 2024 International Edition of the Messenger of St. Anthony Magazine which was distributed to 40,000 people worldwide.

Annette is a Dame Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and a motivational speaker for the Catholic Speakers Organization. She started her ministry by presenting performances for the elderly and disabled for ten years before she started recording albums and becoming a cantor for liturgies.

Annette's book, **NEW INSIGHT INTO SEEING THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE** shares: How to have Better Discernment, Better Recognition of the Holy Spirit, and Better Understanding of the Will of God. Additional details and purchase information may be found on her website www.annettehills.com and on her publisher author page: enroutebooksandmedia.com/newinsight.

Annette has also published three music albums and one spoken word album titled "The Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy." She recorded this album with four priests reciting the Rosary mysteries and with the Most Reverend Bishop Kevin Vann reciting the Chaplet. This Chaplet has been broadcast anonymously on EWTN since 2017.





APRIL Facts

By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
Past President

PRESIDENTS BORN IN APRIL

April 13, 1743	Thomas Jefferson	3rd POTUS
April 28, 1758	James Monroe	5th POTUS
April 23, 1791	James Buchanan	15th POTUS
April 27, 1822	Ulysses Grant	18th POTUS



April Fools' Day is an ancient Roman spring festival called the Hilaria.



There's a lot of history in the month of April.



On the night of April 18, 1775, Paul Revere, was a silversmith in Boston and a patriot. He is know in history to have warned the colonial militia about a British attack that started the Revolutionary War the next day the Battle of Lexington and Concord. The famous poem, Paul Revere's Ride, was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

- April 30, 1789, George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States.
- April 24, 1800, the Library of Congress was established.
- April 30, 1803, Louisiana Territory was bought from France and became the 18th state in 1812.
- April 09, 1865, General Lee surrendered to General Grant in the Civil War.
- April 18, 1906, San Francisco's earthquake and fire.
- April 30, 1939, Television first publicly broadcast, from the Empire Bldg. in New York City.



April 30, 1975, Vietnam War ended with South Vietnam's surrender to North Vietnam. The war started on November 1, 1955 and was nearly 20 years long when it ended



THE KING OF KINGS IS RISEN

By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD | Emeritus Advisor



Our Lord Jesus Christ is raised from the Dead.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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).

The King of Kings is the Risen Lord! St. Pope John Paul II said, "We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." As an Easter people, we serve the Risen Lord by serving one another. What does this mean? "The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:14).

How can we serve the King of Kings as He calls us to serve one another and to love our neighbors as ourselves? Consider following some of the *Corporal Works of Mercy* that provide for the needs of the body by feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, giving shelter the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead.

To explore the significance of Easter 2026 and its connection to King of Kings, consider these points:

- King of Kings associates Jesus' divine authority.
- Many churches celebrate Easter as Jesus' resurrection.
- The resurrection symbolizes King of Kings as Jesus' victory over death.

Easter Sunday was April 5, 2026. Did you know that it was the same day in 1953 when my family attended Easter Mass? It was a cold day in Manchester, New Hampshire as we went to church. We bundled up with our overcoats, hats and gloves.



As I think of that day, St. Patrick's church was lit with many candles and the Mass was offered in Latin and the hymns were sung by a multitude of people in the choir. Vatican II had not existed.

How did you dress for Easter Mass when you went to meet the King of Kings? Let's bring back decorum when attending Mass.

Dressing appropriately for Mass is not only decent, it's moral. As I watched Bishop Robert Barron's talk on *YouTube*, I noted four points:



1. Plan your outfit the night before just like you would for an interview or a special Dinner invitation.
2. Avoid indecent and revealing clothing like halters, sundresses, very short or tight dresses.
3. Don't wear sweats, athletic wear, or shorts.
4. Don't wear shirts with prints or graphic words.

How would you dress if you were meeting the Pope? Dress the same way when you attend Mass because it is a banquet where you meet Jesus face-to-face in the sacrament on the Holy Eucharist. Therefore, every Sunday, dress up to honor the King of Kings.

Note: In 1961, King of Kings was a religious movie.

**LEGISLATIVE
ADVOCACY**

Is California Turning Red?
By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
Legislative Advocacy Chair

**BREAKING
NEWS**

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible." - George Washington

In "The Virtue of Patriotism", Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, reveals how love of country is not merely sentimental or political, but a virtue ordered toward honoring God" <https://catholicvote.org>.

As I was watching Ron Yates podcast, "American Dream" on YouTube, he said, "According to Cal-Matters it's quite likely that two Republicans could win the primary election because California is a jungle primary." He continued, "California's very odd election year starts with Republicans possibly leading the governor's race." He showed a clip from "Real Clear Politics" that Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco are leading in all polls. In a surprising turn, in another clip, "Your Voice, Your Vote", Rusty Hicks, the CA Democratic chair, said to the Democrats, "If you do not have a viable path...do not file to place your name on the ballot..." Are these polls a result from President Trump asking the members of Congress in his State of the Union address, if they agreed with the "fundamental principle" that "the first duty of the American government is to protect American citizens not illegal aliens"?



All Republicans stood, but not a single Democrat. However, there was a Republican woman sitting with the Dems, who stood boldly in her red dress. She was Kat Cammack, US Rep from Florida's 3rd Congressional District. A jungle primary is a nonpartisan primary, where top-two primary candidates for the same elected office run against each other at once, regardless of political party. No partisan primaries.



In Yue Stella Yu's article, "It's Official: Meet the Candidates Officially Running for California Governor", she stated, that eight Democrats and two Republicans had filed paperwork for the June 2 primary ballot in the California governor's race, "setting up a wide-open contest in which two Republicans (Steve Hilton and Chad Bianco) who have consistently led in polls could shut out all other Democrats." You can read her entire article at <https://calmatters.org/politics/2026/03/california-governor-candidates/>



Sacramento's Tri Ta (R) CA Assembly in the 70th District, has proposed two bills: **AB1727** that would criminalize stealing peoples DNA and **AB 2053** that would allow the Coast Community College District to offer a four-year Degree in Cybersecurity. This legislation would open up a great career opportunity for students as Cybersecurity as it is among the fastest growing careers in California.



In her article, the "Supreme Court blocks law against schools outing transgender students to their parents in California", Lindsay Whitehurst, said, "The Supreme Court cleared the way Monday for California schools to tell parents if their children identify as transgender without getting the student's approval, granting an emergency appeal from a conservative legal group. The order blocks for now a state law that bans automatic parental notification requirements if students change their pronouns or gender expression at school." You can read the full article at <https://apnews.com/article/supreme-court-transgender-students-california>.



The U.S. House passed the Federal Government's SAVE America Act **HR 22**. Now the Senate has to approve or disapprove it. The bill is intended that only U.S. citizens should be allowed to vote in our elections.

NOTE: The NCCW Legislative Advocacy Committee is under the Spirituality Commission and is guided by Catholic Social Teaching for **legislation** that includes, ProLife, Human Rights, Women's health, and Equal opportunities.



"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish" - St. Mother Theresa

13 states are under investigation by RFK Jr's HHS for 'coercing' doctors to perform abortions
By Brendan Rascius

Robert F. Kennedy Jr's Department of Health and Human Services has opened an investigation into 13 states for "coercing" doctors to perform abortions.

The probe centers on claims that the states violated the Weldon Amendment, the agency's Office for Civil Rights announced on Thursday. The amendment — a federal "conscience" provision, bars states receiving federal funding from penalizing health care providers that decline to offer, fund or cover abortion services.

"OCR launches these investigations to address certain states' alleged disregard of, or confusion about, compliance with the Weldon Amendment," Paula Stannard, the OCR director, said in a news release. Read more at <https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/13-states-under-investigation>

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Hundreds of Catholics Join Eucharistic Procession to Pittsburgh Planned Parenthood
By Antonio Cambria

PITTSBURGH ([LifeSiteNews](https://www.lifesitenews.com)) — Over 150



Catholics processed with the Blessed Sacrament to a local Planned Parenthood after an evening Mass to kick off 40 Days for Life Pittsburgh's Lenten campaign.

The Eucharistic procession, led by Pittsburgh Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid, who also celebrated the preceding Mass at Epiphany Catholic Church, saw numerous Catholics, including many young people, process through the streets of Pittsburgh for about half a mile to the local Planned Parenthood, chanting the litany of the saints and praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary along the way.

Bishop Waltersheid then offered Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in front of the abortuary. The director of 40 Days for Life Pittsburgh and multiple attendees emphasized to LifeSiteNews the importance



of bringing the light of Christ to a wicked place like Planned Parenthood to cast out the demons present there. <https://www.lifesitenews.com>

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Trump Names Pro-Life Oklahoma Senator as New Homeland Security Secretary
By Raymond Wolfe



WASHINGTON, D.C. ([LifeSiteNews](https://www.lifesitenews.com)) - President Donald Trump on Thursday named conservative Oklahoma Republican Sen. Markwayne Mullin to replace Kristi Noem as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

"I am pleased to announce that the Highly Respected United States Senator from the Great State of Oklahoma, Markwayne Mullin, will become the United States Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS), effective March 31, 2026," Trump said on social media. <https://www.lifesitenews.com>

"I believe life begins at conception. I am proud to reside in and represent one of the most pro-life states in the country, and I've worked hard during my time in Congress to advance legislation to protect the unborn. As the father of six loving children three of whom came into our lives through the blessing of adoption, I believe every child is fearfully and wonderfully made by our Creator and worthy of life." <https://www.mullin.senate.gov>

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PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

4-1	Fr. Jerome	Karcher	c/o St. Vincent de Paul	8345 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92646
4-2	Fr. Michael	Khong	Pastoral Center	13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
4-3	Fr. Simon	Kim	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
4-4	Fr. Dave	Klunk	St. Hedwig Church	11482 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720
4-5	Fr. Joseph	Knerr	St. Bonaventure Church	16400 Springdale St, Huntington Beach, CA 92649
4-6	Fr. Salvador	Landa	Blessed Sacrament Church	14072 Olive Street, Westminster, CA 92683
4-7	Fr. Ignatius	Lau	c/o Immaculate Heart of Mary	1100 S Center St., Santa Ana, CA 92704
4-8	Fr. Duy	Le	San Francisco Solano Church	22082 Antonio Pkwy, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
4-9	Fr. John	Le Vecke	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
4-10	Fr. Eugene	Lee	St. Thomas More Church	51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602
4-11	Fr. Carlos	Leon	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	1100 S Center St., Santa Ana, CA 92704
4-12	Fr. Francis	Li	St. Thomas More Church	51 Marketplace, Irvine, CA 92602
4-13	Fr. Brandon	Lopez	St. Kilian Church	26872 Estanciero Drive, Mission Viejo, CA, 92691
4-14	Fr. Manuel	López	St. Angela Merici Church	585 S. Walnut Ave, Brea, CA 92821
4-15	Fr. Antonio	Lopez-Flores	Our Lady of Fatima Church	105 N La Esperanza, San Clemente, CA 92672
4-16	Fr. Rafael	Luevano	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
4-17	Fr. Carlos	Luy	La Purisima Church	11712 Hewes St, Orange, CA 92869
4-18	Fr. Paw	Lwin	Our Lady Queen of Angels	2046 Mar Vista Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660
4-19	Msgr. Justin	MacCarthy	Retired	900 W La Habra Blvd, La Habra, CA 90631
4-20	Fr. Khai-Hon	Mai	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
4-21	Fr. Fredy	Mancilla	St. Joachim Church	1964 Orange Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627
4-22	Fr. Greg	Marquez	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	1100 S Center St., Santa Ana, CA 92704
4-23	Msgr. Michael	McKiernan	Mission Basilica SJ Capistrano	31520 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
4-24	Fr. Gaston	Mendiola-Arroyo	Our Lady of Guadalupe	900 W La Habra Blvd, La Habra, CA 90631
4-25	Fr. John	Monestero	c/o St. Justin Martyr	2050 West Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92804
4-26	Fr. John	Money penny	St. Norbert Church	300 E Taft Ave, Orange, CA 92865
4-27	Fr. Florante	Moren	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
4-28	Fr. David	Moreno	St. Cecilia Church	1301 Sycamore Ave, Tustin, CA 92780
4-29	Fr. Patrick	Moses	St. Timothy Church	29102 Crown Valley Pkwy, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
4-30	Fr. Thomas	Naval	Santiago de Compostela	21682 Lake Forest Dr, Lake Forest, CA 92630



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NOMINATION FORM

To be considered by the ODCCW Nominating Committee, this completed form and all required attachments must be sent electronically to the ODCCW Nominating Committee Chair: info@odccw.org, **no later than midnight, April 15, 2026.**

Nomination for the Position of **ODCCW**: (circle one)

President-Elect

1st Vice President, Spirituality

Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell or Alt. Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parish: _____

Nomination form must be accompanied by the following three (3) items:

1. **No more than 200-word statement of experience and intent written by the nominee** explaining the nominee's reasons for seeking ODCCW office. This should include experience in this and other organizations, education, skills, awards, etc. pertinent to this application. This is what will appear on our slate of nominees.
2. **A signed letter of endorsement** from the applicant's Pastor.
3. **A current picture (digital in jpeg format)** to be included in the slate of nominees.

Please do not include any other endorsements. Return all documents electronically to the ODCCW Nominating Committee Chair: info@odccw.org, **no later than midnight, April 15, 2026.**

Voting will take place at our April General Meeting on April 21, 2026 at Santa Clara de Asis. Officers will be installed at our May conference on May 19, 2026 at Christ Cathedral.