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ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF

CATHOLIC  WOMEN

# Fragments

MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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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.*



Hope does not  
disappoint, because  
the love of God has  
been poured out into  
our hearts through  
the holy Spirit that  
has been given to us.

Romans 5:5

## MESSAGE FROM ODCCW'S PRESIDENT-ELECT Carol Palmer

Dear Sisters,

May is the month to celebrate our mothers, those special women in our lives who nurtured us and helped shape us into the women we are. It is with this in mind that I think back to our April General Meeting and the two moms in need that joined us for the day with their babies. What a joy it was to see them and hear a bit of their stories! Our ladies did a great job 'mothering' them a little bit and it was such a joy to see them begin their journey of motherhood. Please keep them and all mothers in your prayers this month.

I look forward to seeing you all at our 50th Anniversary Celebration and Conference on May 19 at Christ Cathedral. I can't wait to hear Annette Hills share her story of seeing the Holy Spirit at work in her life. Bishop Vann will also be in attendance so, don't miss it.

Your board of directors will spend the summer planning for our meetings in the next fiscal year. Please keep them in prayer and email them at [info@odccw.org](mailto:info@odccw.org) with any suggestions for speakers, topics or locations for the year.

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

Yours in Christ,

*Carol*



## APRIL GENERAL GATHERING RECAP

**Gail Lefebvre**  
**ODCCW Recording Secretary**



On Tuesday, April 21, 2026, over 35 Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW) members attended the ODCCW General Gathering at Santa Clara de Asis parish in Yorba Linda. The gathering began with Carol Palmer, ODCCW President-Elect, opening with a welcome. Opening Prayer, Salute to the Cross, Salute to the Flag, and an additional prayer were led by Pat Martin, 1st Vice President of Spirituality. Pat Schaus spoke on behalf of Nancy Castenholz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Service, of the progress of Box of Joy. Carol Palmer reminded the attendees that if they have a car they would like to donate, it would be most appreciated by one of the seminarians. Ida Pennella, Emeritus Advisor, briefly made a few comments.

Carol Palmer then introduced our guest speaker, Eric Summerfield, who is a deacon at Santa Clara de Asis Parish. His topic was "Time, Talent, and Treasure", and he spoke about his time spent in Africa and Thailand and serving others. After graduating from Chapman University with a business degree, he joined his family business in sales for 15 years. He mentioned that "the doors kept opening for him to become a deacon", and after much discernment, he and his wife decided he would become a deacon at the age of 38. He has been a deacon for the last 5  
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years. During his presentation, he spoke of TIME: prayer, presence, and listening; TALENT: wisdom, patience discernment, mentor, sharing about faith; and TREASURE: What can you give? - More than money, - Emotional generosity, - Forgiveness, and -Encouragement. His talk was very informative and greatly enjoyed by the attendees.

Following Deacon Eric's talk, an Opportunity Drawing was held by Pat Martin; Pat announced 3 happy winners. Lunch was then served. During lunch, Megan Morris, Director of The Life Center of Santa Ana spoke about the great services The Life Center provides to unwed mothers as well as other family services. Megan invited 2 of the moms with their babies to briefly speak about how The Life Center provided emotional support and needed baby supplies for them. The ODCCW attendees were asked the previous month if they would kindly donate needed supplies which they generously did! Megan's SUV was filled to the brim with those gifts which she promptly delivered to The Life Center after the meeting.



**ODCCW 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION & CONFERENCE**



**The Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Conference**



**Keynote Speaker, Annette Hills**

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mass at 9:30am in the St. Callistus Chapel

Mass will be followed by a light  
continental breakfast, keynote speaker,  
luncheon and visit from special guest

**Bishop Kevin Vann**

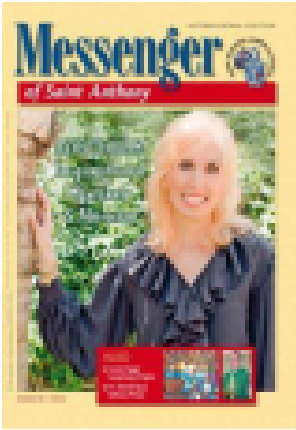
Registration: \$50

QR Code or call Susan at 949-345-9130



**ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**  
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## ODCCW 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER - ANNETTE HILLS

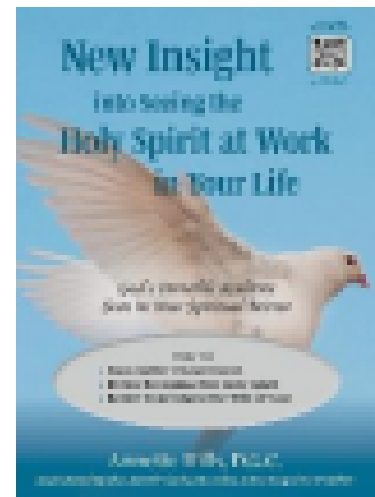


**Annette Hills** is an Author, Catholic Evangelist, Inspirational Speaker, an Award-Winning Recording Artist, and Songwriter. She has been featured with an extensive interview article and display on the cover of the March 2024 International Edition of the Messenger of St. Anthony Magazine which was 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](http://www.annettehills.com) and on her publisher author page: [enroutebooksandmedia.com/newinsight](http://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.





By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD, Past President

## Presidents Born in May

May 8, 1884 Harry Truman 32nd POTUS  
May 29, 1917 John F. Kennedy 35th POTUS



**3rd Saturday in May**

Let's celebrate our own children and grandchildren who are currently serving in the Armed Forces.



"Words are even more feeble on this Memorial Day, for the sight before us is that of a strong and good nation that stands in silence and remembers those who were loved and who, in return, loved their countrymen enough to die for them."

**- Ronald Reagan**



Dr. Ida's Paternal Uncle

**WORLD WAR II**  
**EUDO E. THIBODEAU, #0 426 446**  
Sep. 27, 1941 to Feb. 17, 1943  
First Lieutenant  
Fighter Pilot,  
U.S. Air Force  
P-38 Lightning Aircraft

Purple Heart Recipient Post Humus  
Plane Bombed, died in Tunisia, Africa  
Honor Roll 350th Fighter Group 1943-1945

### Memorial Day: Honoring Those Who Died in Military Service

Memorial Day, which is celebrated on the last Monday in May, honors service members who have died in military service to the nation. The holiday has roots dating back to the post-Civil War era, when citizens would informally place spring flower memorials on the graves of fallen soldiers.

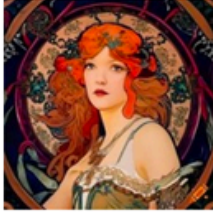
On May 5, 1866, the town of Waterloo, New York, formalized this ritual and hosted a city-wide "Decoration Day," encouraging its citizens to create memorials on soldiers' graves with flags and flowers. A few years later in 1868, Gen. John A. Logan declared that the first-ever national Decoration Day should take place on May 30, as the date was a neutral day for both sides of the Civil War to honor their fallen soldiers.

Source: [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)

## The Art of Dressing

By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD / Emeritus Advisor

Clothing designers will tell you, that its an art to design clothing, as they work with fabrics, colors, and patterns to design and create magnificent clothes. However, not all art is magnificent, it is in the eyes of the beholder. The picture depicts art in clothing titled, *Art Nouveau, Clothes on Craiyon* ([www.craiyon.com](http://www.craiyon.com)).



Many women have forgotten the art in dressing. On his blog, Kingsford Asubonteng, addresses the topic, *How our clothing choices honor God*, and he said, "Let's talk about modesty. What we wear matters. Our apparel choices should be considered in our heart". Furthermore, "The world has gone too far [with] extremes of sexuality. They are showing us that it is right, fun, acceptable and sexy to dress in a revealing and inappropriate way. Both genders are being way to provocative on television, music videos, and various advertisements of all kinds."

Let's recover the beauty of dressing artfully every day. What we call "modern" clothing lacks the excellence of beauty. In her book, *Clothed with Beauty*, Anna Kalinowska, says that dressing is an art, and "as beings made in the image and likeness of God, we must seek to reflect the all-beautiful God." She continues, "today's clothing only reflects the dehumanizing and ultimately diabolical power of industrialism, utilitarianism, rationalism, feminism, and gender ideology."

Dress as if you were meeting our Lord today because in fact you do meet Him daily in everything you do and everywhere you go.

In her article, *What does the Bible Say about Clothing and Fashion?* Sophia Russell quotes from Proverbs 31:22-25.

*'She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.'*

She said, "Clothes are more than fashion; they are also a livelihood. In this Proverb the woman, clothed in fine linen, is praised for creating wealth through her business and caring for her family's needs. What truly sets her apart, though, is her character. More valuable than the clothes she wears is her strength and dignity, which allows her to look forward to the future with hope and optimism".

The way you dress is a prayer that reflects the joy of living another day. How do you dress to present yourself to the world?

You don't have to dress your Sunday best but rather rethink your daily wardrobe.

To recover everyday beauty in clothing, toss your ripped jeans, and shapeless tops; these are not flattering and doesn't inspire beauty. Consider comfortable clothing at home and outfits to be seen in public.



Dressing properly to go shopping makes a difference. Don't wear pajamas to shop at Walmart. Instead, evangelize by wearing proper clothing.

Use your appearance to inspire others.

1. Know your body type
2. Wear proper fitted clothing
3. Use colors to enhance your appearance
4. Select styles that reflect your values and beliefs
5. Buy basic items can be mixed and matched



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



**Wealth Tax Showdown in California:  
Why Billionaires May Flee  
and What It Means for State Revenues**  
By Jackie Allen

The debate over a proposed Wealth Tax in California is intensifying, with critics warning that the Golden State could lose billions in tax revenue if voters approve a controversial levy targeting the ultra-wealthy.



The measure, which would impose a one-time 5% tax on the net worth of the state's billionaires, has already sparked serious conversations among high-net-worth individuals about leaving California altogether—taking their money, investments, and future tax contributions with them.

At the center of the controversy is a proposed ballot initiative that would impose a one-time wealth tax on California's estimated 200 billionaires. If approved, the tax could generate a massive short-term infusion of cash for state coffers. However, opponents argue that the long-term consequences could be devastating.

According to reporting by the *New York Post*, ultra-wealthy residents are already exploring exit strategies ahead of the vote, which is expected to take place next November.

High-profile figures such as Google co-founder Larry Page and venture capitalist Peter Thiel are reportedly among those considering relocation if the measure advances.

Read more at <https://nypost.com/2024/xx/xx/california-billionaires-plan-exodus-if-state-wealth-tax-passes/>

**Times Square Reclaimed for Christ**  
By Sheila NY on X

Thousands Pack NYC Streets to Worship Jesus on Easter Sunday New York City — While Mayor Zohran Mamdani spent Good Friday dodging the name of Jesus in a watered-down "day of sacrifice" tweet that mentioned fasting and silence but skipped the crucifixion and resurrection entirely, Christians showed up in force.



On Easter Sunday 2026, thousands flooded Times Square for a powerful outdoor worship service led by evangelist Mike Signorelli and V1 Church. The video captures massive crowds singing, praying, and proclaiming the risen Savior right in the beating heart of Manhattan. This wasn't some quiet gathering. It was a bold takeover of the same iconic spot that's hosted Ramadan prayers and every other globalist spectacle under progressive rule. No permission problems, no apologies — just unashamed faith in Jesus Christ.

Mamdani, the city's first Muslim mayor, must be seething. After his generic Good Friday post drew sharp Christian backlash for erasing Christ from the holiest day on the calendar, believers answered loud and clear: New York still belongs to the people who built it on Judeo-Christian foundations, not imported ideologies. This Easter moment sends a strong signal. The silent majority is done staying quiet. Faith isn't going anywhere in America, and neither is the name above every name. Maybe, just maybe, there's real hope left for the Big Apple after all. Jesus is still King — and Times Square just proved it.

Source: <https://facebook.com/reel/127533734>

**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

**Hundreds join first-ever March for Life in Pittsburgh: 'If we don't witness, babies die in silence'**  
By Antonino Cambria

Pro-lifers from across Pennsylvania – including any young people – rallied around University of Pittsburgh's campus in scorching heat to push back against the culture



PITTSBURGH (LifeSiteNews) — Nearly 1,000 pro-lifers gathered this weekend for the inaugural Pittsburgh March for Life in the city's Oakland neighborhood near the University of Pittsburgh's (Pitt) campus.

On April 18, several hundred pro-lifers from the Pittsburgh area and across the Keystone State, including many enthusiastic young people, marched for the unborn in scorching 80-degree heat. While some leftists had drawn pro-abortion messages on the sidewalk for the marchers to see before the event, only a handful of protesters approached the march, and they were relatively quiet.

Several pro-life leaders and marchers emphasized to LifeSiteNews the importance of making voices heard for the unborn in the city of Pittsburgh and surrounding Pitt's campus, despite the uphill battle to change hearts and minds.

Picture credit: Pro-lifers with signs and banners at rally Sheila Fitzgerald/Shutterstock

**ProLife: Puerto Rico governor signs law to recognize fetus as human being as critics warn of consequences**  
By Danica Coto

AP World News: Puerto Rico's governor (Jenniffer González-Colón) has signed a bill that amends a law to recognize a fetus as a human being.



SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's governor on Thursday signed a bill that amends a law to recognize a fetus as a human being, a move doctors and legal experts warn will have deep ramifications for the U.S. Caribbean territory.

The amendment was approved without public hearings and amid concerns from opponents who warned it would unleash confusion and affect how doctors and pregnant or potentially pregnant women are treated.

The new law will lead to "defensive health care," warned Dr. Carlos Díaz Vélez, president of Puerto Rico's College of Medical Surgeons.

"This will bring complex clinical decisions into the realm of criminal law," he said in a phone interview.

He said that women with complicated pregnancies will likely be turned away by private doctors and will end up giving birth in the U.S. mainland or at Puerto Rico's largest public hospital, noting that the island's crumbling health system isn't prepared.

Source: AP World News

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## PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

5-1	Fr. Juan	Navarro	Christ Cathedral Parish	13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-2	Fr. John	Neneman	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-3	Fr. Joe	Nettekoven	c/o San Antonio de Padua	5800 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807
5-4	Deacon Francis	Ng	St. Timothy Church	29102 Crown Valley Pkwy, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
5-5	Fr. Ben	Nguyen	Holy Family, Orange	566 S Glassell St, Orange, CA 92866
5-6	Fr. Binh	Nguyen	St. Timothy Church	29102 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
5-7	Bishop Thomas	Nguyen	Pastoral Center	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-8	Fr. De Dang	Nguyen	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-9	Fr. John Duy	Nguyen	St. Columban Church	10801 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-10	Fr. Joseph C.	Nguyen	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-11	Fr. Joseph D.	Nguyen	St. Barbara Church	730 S Euclid St, Santa Ana, CA 92704
5-12	Fr. Joseph L.	Nguyen	St. Columban Church	10801 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-13	Fr. Joseph S.	Nguyen	Holy Family Church (SB)	13900 Church Pl, Seal Beach, CA, 90740
5-14	Fr. Joseph Thai	Nguyen	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-15	Fr. Martin	Nguyen	La Purisima Church	11712 Hewes St, Orange, CA 92869
5-16	Fr. Michael	Nguyen	Santa Clara de Asis Church	22005 Ave de la Paz, Yorba Linda, CA 92887
5-17	Fr. Nicolas	Nguyen	St. Boniface Church	120 N Janss St, Anaheim, CA 92805
5-18	Fr. Phuong	Nguyen	Our Lady of La Vang Church	288 S Harbor Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92704
5-19	Fr. Sy	Nguyen	Holy Family Church (Orange)	566 S Glassell St, Orange, CA 92866
5-20	Fr. Thanh-Tai	Nguyen	Christ Our Savior Church	2000 W Alton Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92704
5-21	Fr. Timothy	Nguyen	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-22	Fr. Tuan J.	Nguyen	San Antonio Church	5800 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807
5-23	Fr. Tuyen	Nguyen	Blessed Sacrament Church	14072 Olive Street, Westminster, CA 92683
5-24	Fr. Pascal	Nguyen, O. Praem.	St. John the Baptist Church	1015 Baker Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
5-25	Fr. Alejandro	Nicolat	St. Justin Martyr	2050 West Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92804
5-26	Fr. Eamon	O'Gorman	c/o St. Joseph's Church	717 N Bradford Ave, Placentia, CA 92870
5-27	Fr. Ted	Olson	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-28	Fr. David	Otto	St. Vincent de Paul	8345 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92646
5-29	Fr. Tom	Pado	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
5-30	Fr. Anthony	Palos	Our Lady of Guadalupe	1322 E 3rd St, Santa Ana, CA 92701
5-31	Fr. Tony	Park	St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center	412 N Crescent Way, Anaheim, CA 92801