

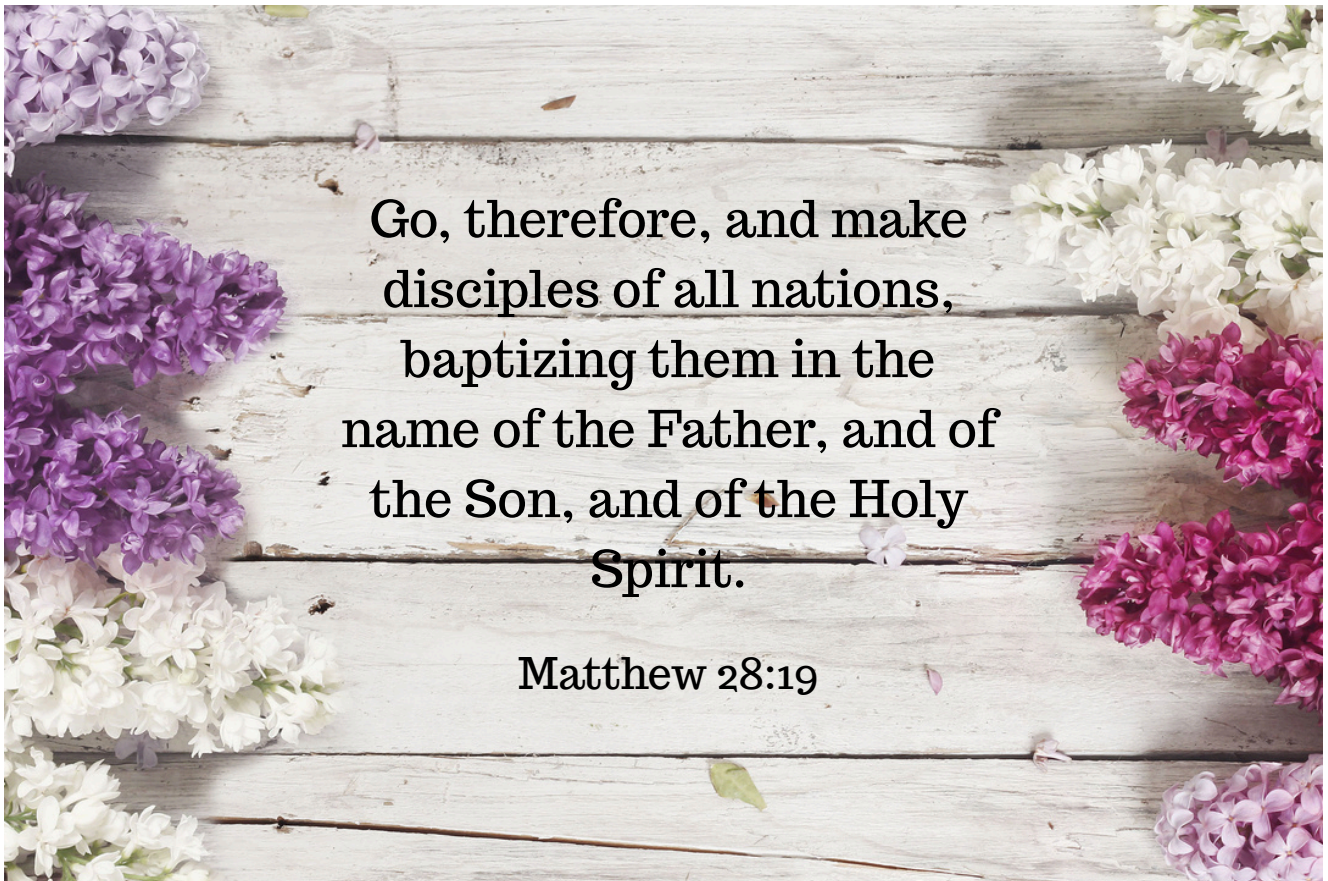
# Fragments

JUNE 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.*



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

Dear Sisters,

On June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are all encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart. Please pray the following prayer for our country.

*O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:*

*You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you. From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you. We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

*We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.*

*May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.*

*May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.*

*Who live and reign with God the Father*

*in the unity of the Holy Spirit,*

*God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!*

Your new 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.

I recently attended the NCCW Board of Directors meeting. I have included two reports of note that I thought might be of interest to you.

I look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday, September 21, 2026.

Yours in Christ,

*Carol*

## NATIONAL CENTER ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

### Karen Painter, NCCW Religious Alliance Against Pornography - RAAP

#### **Study Shows Viewing Pornography Impacts Ability to Make Good Decisions:**

- It starts out as viewing pornography. And then gradually, it begins to infect every area of your life.
- It is a scientific truth; **pornography use can impair one's ability to make good decisions.**
- **Action: Ask your Legislators to Protect Children from Pornography!**

#### **Mark Zuckerberg said, "I'm sorry", but don't believe him.**

- Under Mark Zuckerberg's leadership, Meta has consistently prioritized growth and profit over the safety of children. Facebook, Instagram, Messenger, and WhatsApp have become breeding grounds for child sexual abuse, grooming, sextortion, and sex trafficking.
- **Act at** [endsexualexploitation.org/Zuckerberg](https://endsexualexploitation.org/Zuckerberg)

#### **Ending Sexploitation Podcast: Is Big Tech Adapting to Avoid Improving?**

- There are major developments that beg the question: Are Big Tech making improvements because of the legal and legislative roadblocks they are facing? Or are simply adapting to new strategies and continuing as usual?
- **Action: Watch or listen on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, YouTube, or your favorite podcast platform.**

#### **Snapchat: Protecting Metrics, Ignoring Safety**

- Snapchat is a tool of choice for sextortionists, sex traffickers, and child abusers, and the company knows it. Technology exists to stop this, yet Snapchat chooses to look the other way.
- The NCOSE Team met with Snapchat recently to ask them to implement their safety recommendations.
- **Action: learn more** at [endsexualexploitation.org/Snapchat](https://endsexualexploitation.org/Snapchat)



**REPORT FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 23, 2026**

The following is a report of current USCCB initiatives and projects (specifically undertaken by the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth) of interest to the Council:

Every year, the USCCB commemorates and promotes National Family Planning Week. This year it will be held July 19-25, under the theme "Designed by God, Guided by Love, Open to Life". Resources are available on the NFP Section of the USCCB website and include ways to find NFP classes in person or online, posters, social media graphics, prayers, and more.

The USCCB continues its National Catholic Mental Health Campaign, including videos, resources, and state-level programs. Mental health awareness initiatives were created to shed awareness on the growing fragility of mental health, especially in light of pervasive technology and isolation. The nationwide Novena for Mental Health runs October 10-18.

The USCCB will be convening an Evangelization Summit on October 13-15, 2026, at Marian University in Indianapolis, Indiana. The summit will be an opportunity for attendees to reflect on and re-examine the state of evangelization for the Catholic Church in the US—where the Church in the U.S. is bearing fruit in evangelization, and where she is striving to live her essential mission. Attendees will be prayerfully challenged to discern how God is calling forth authentic witnesses in parishes, apostolates, and dioceses across the country, and evaluate how evangelization efforts are playing out.

The implementation of the national framework for ministry with youth and young adults, Listen, Teach, Send, through regional workshops and webinars for local dioceses have been held during 2026 in New Orleans and Detroit, with plans for Bismarck, Hartford, Baker, and Birmingham.

As always, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is grateful for the ongoing support of NCCW.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia M. Dezelski, S.Th.D.,  
Associate Director for Marriage and Family Life Ministries

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & CONFERENCE RECAP

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



On Tuesday, May 19, 2026, over 40 Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW) members attended the ODCCW Conference at the Cultural Center at the Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove. The conference day began with the attendees gathering in the beautiful St. Callistus Chapel located in the basement of the Christ Cathedral for Mass at 9:30 am, and was concelebrated by Fr. Joseph Robillard and Fr. Timothy Nguyen. A crowning of the Virgin Mary also took place during the Mass. At the conclusion of Mass, the attendees took a short walk over to the 3rd floor of the Cultural Center for registration, a continental breakfast, and fellowship.

The conference began at 11:00 am with Carol Palmer, ODCCW President-Elect, welcoming everyone. She then introduced our guest speaker, Annette Hills, who is an inspirational speaker, award-winning recording artist, songwriter, and author.

From Cor 12:4, Annette quoted "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit." She reminded us that we are sisters in Christ—we are one spirit. We are to honor the past as God taught us to build the future and honor the past. She gave us a history of the ODCCW organization and also enlightened us that a saint-to-be was inspired by ODCCW during her first (50th Anniversary *Recap continued on next page*)

*(50th Anniversary Recap)*

visit to the United States in 1960—that being Mother Teresa. Pope Leo XIV stated that we are called to evangelize. Fr. Scott Borgman previously stated that “ODCCW is a part of something greater.” A Barna Religious Research organization had conducted a study of American Christians, and out of 1015 studied, only 23% prayed to the Holy Spirit. ODCCW is Holy Spirit inspired, and we are to preach the good news. Annette then shared her journey from working in the corporate world, enduring a broken hip after falling in her new kitchen and a year-long recovery (with complications for 10 years), and the road to discernment and becoming an inspirational speaker. She has given over 100 performances for elderly/disabled and at convalescent homes. She has produced 3 music albums and is an author. She regaled us with her beautiful singing voice with songs of praise. Following her presentation, we were able to purchase her book “New Insight into Seeing the Holy Spirit at Work in Your Life”. With the purchase of her book, she also included one of her CDs.

In addition, Bishop Kevin Vann made a brief appearance to share his support of ODCCW and then said a blessing for lunch. Following lunch, the attendees participated in a silent auction of gift baskets which was coordinated by Pat Martin; Pat announced 7 happy winners. The conference concluded by 1:30 pm.



## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF FRANCIS ANG

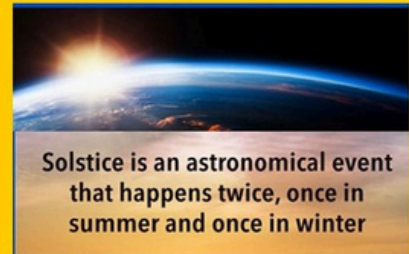


On Saturday, June 6, 2026, Rev. Mr. Francis Macapagal Ang was ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood by Bishop Kevin Vann at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove. ODCCW was blessed to be able to sponsor him with a check for \$1,000 in addition to the \$400 we gifted him in December when he was ordained a deacon. Congratulations to Fr. Francis Ang and may God continue to bless him and guide him in his vocation!



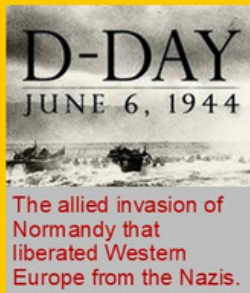
# June Facts

By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD



Solstice is an astronomical event that happens twice, once in summer and once in winter

June was originally the fourth month in the Roman calendar. Did you know that it was known as the Roman/ Republican calendar? The calendar was based on the moon's phases. The Gregorian calendar is used today. The Vatican was the birthplace of the Gregorian calendar, also known as the Western or Christian Calendar.



**National Cancer Survivors Day**  
First Sunday in June

## Presidents Born in June

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| June 12, 1924 | George W. Bush  | 41st POTUS        |
| June 14, 1946 | Donald J. Trump | 45th & 47th POTUS |



### FLAG DAY: JUNE 14, THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. The flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB. Check out the dimensions of the flag. The Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper Flag dimensions, as described in Executive Order

#10834. This Flag is 6.65 acres and is the first Floral Flag to be planted with 5 pointed Stars, comprised of White Larkspur. Each Star is 24 feet in diameter; each Stripe is 30 feet wide. This Flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 Larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.

#### HISTORY OF FLAG DAY

Flag Day (United States) In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. (Wikipedia)



### June 20

**National American Eagle Day**  
The bald eagle was selected as the national symbol of the Great Seal in 1782 to bring awareness to protect birds and their habitats.

Federal Holiday

**JUNETEENTH**

June 19th





**Patriotism is not Political**  
By Ida Pennella, PhD  
ODCCW Emeritus Advisor



On Memorial Day we proudly waved our flag to honor our brave men and women who died for our freedom. Flag Day Sunday, June 14, 2026 is another time to wave your flag.

In her article, *It isn't Political to be Patriotic*, Katie Broussard stated, "Supporting the troops, praying for government leaders, and hanging an American flag on your front porch shouldn't be political statements".

Patriotism is rooted in the love and devotion for our country and it's been true for me all of my life. As a three-year-old, I was proud to wear the cape and cap to march for the veterans in their 1945 Centennial Parade for the Justus Post 43, a veteran's organization, in Manchester, NH. The post is still active today.



Serving our country was important to both sides of my family. My great-grandfather, Damas Thibodeau, served and was injured in the Civil War. My grandfather, Joseph Begin, served in WWI, my dad, Walter Thibodeau, served in WWII and his brother, my Uncle Eudo, also WWII was an army AirForce fighter pilot who was killed in North Africa. And the list goes on with my grandson, Captain Tyler Pennella, currently serving in the AirForce.

A great patriot was Venerable Archbishop Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, inspirational speaker and writer known for his TV broadcasts and books on patriotism. "He often defined patriotism as a virtue allied with *pietas* (love of God and country) and emphasized that true devotion to America requires a higher devotion to divine, moral principles, particularly in his work "The Glory of Being an American".

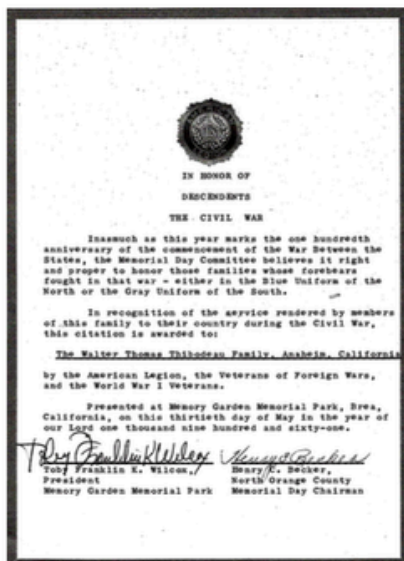


As a mother of five kids, I went on silent retreats at the Carmelite Retreat House in Alhambra. I remember watching Bishop Sheen on TV during lunch.

Another great patriot, "Cardinal Raymond L. Burke presents patriotism as a moral virtue rooted in justice, charity, and filial piety, guiding Christians to love and serve their country rightly. In this eight-part series, Cardinal Burke explores the virtue of patriotism, our obligation to love our country rightly and labor for her renewal. He explains how being a true patriot helps us advance on the path of holiness, uniting earthly duty to heavenly hope."



Sources:  
<https://refinelifeco.com> (Broussard)  
<https://www.mdpi.com> (Sheen)  
<https://lp.catholicvote.org> (Burke)





### Eva Edl's FACE Act Testimony and Pardon

Eva Edl, a 91-year-old Soviet concentration camp survivor and long-time pro-life activist, testified before the U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government on April 28, 2026, urging Congress to repeal the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act.



Edl was convicted under the Biden administration for blocking access to abortion clinics in Michigan and Tennessee, where she and other activists physically obstructed clinic entrances. She faced up to 13 years in federal prison, with some sources citing a potential 11-year sentence. The Biden DOJ prosecuted her alongside dozens of other pro-life advocates, accusing them of orchestrating unlawful clinic blockades and obstructing patients seeking reproductive health care.

On January 23, 2025, President Donald Trump issued a full pardon to Edl and 22 other pro-life advocates, declaring they "should not have been prosecuted" and praising their courage despite their advanced age. The pardon was framed as a restoration of equal protection under the law, reversing what critics called the "weaponization" of the FACE Act against peaceful protesters.

Read more at these sites:  
<https://Washingtontimes.com>  
<https://ncregister.com>  
<https://CitizenGo.org>  
<https://adfmedia.org>



National right to life presents key developments in the ProLife movement which include major legislative pushes, legal battles and national coalition gatherings.

**Bereaved Parents' Rights Act:** U.S. lawmakers (Sen. Roger Marshall and Rep. Kat Cammack) introduced legislation backed by pro-life groups to mandate that hospitals and birthing centers inform parents of their right to claim the remains of babies lost to early pregnancy loss or miscarriage, rather than treating them as medical waste.

**Abortion Pill Legal Battles:** Pro-life advocates are expressing deep disappointment over a Supreme Court order that preserved broad access to mifepristone through the mail and pharmacies while lawsuits play out, with some activists actively pressing the FDA to enforce stricter safety reviews.

**National Right to Life Conference:** Pro-life leaders, advocates, and students gathered at the 55th Annual National Right to Life Conference to discuss strategy, mobilize supporters, and align political priorities.

**State and Global Initiatives:** State-level legal challenges continue to ramp up, while overseas, pro-life campaigns in regions like Malta are challenging political candidates to take firm stances against abortion and euthanasia ahead of impending elections.

Source: <https://www.nrlc.com>

**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.



## PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

6-1	Bruce	Patterson	St. Martin de Porres Church	19767 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda, CA 92886
6-2	Jose Ignacio	Paz	St. Pius V Church	7691 Orangethorpe Ave, Buena Park, CA 90621
6-3	Timothy	Peters, S.T.D.	St. John's Seminary	5012 Seminary Rd, Camarillo, CA 93012
6-4	Christopher	Pham	Our Lady Queen of Angels	2046 Mar Vista Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660
6-5	Hien	Pham	Blessed Sacrament Church	14072 Olive St, Westminster, CA 92683
6-6	Tuan	Pham	St. Barbara Church	730 S Euclid St, Santa Ana, CA 92704
6-7	Tuan V.	Pham	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	9 Hillgate, Irvine, CA 92612
6-8	Vincent	Pham	St. Bonaventure Church	16400 Springdale St, Huntington Beach, CA 92649
6-9	Tuan J.	Pham, JCL	San Antonio De Padua	5800 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807
6-10	Khoi	Phan	St. Cecilia Church	1301 Sycamore Ave, Tustin, CA 92780
6-11	Edward	Poettgen	St. Boniface Church	120 N Janss St, Anaheim, CA 92805
6-12	Michael	Pontarelli, O.S.M.	St. Julianna Falconieri	1316 N Acacia Ave, Fullerton, CA 92831
6-13	Rudy	Preciado	c/o Christ Our Savior	2000 W Alton Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92704
6-14	Aristotle	Quan	St. Edward Church	33926 Calle La Primavera, Dana Point, CA 92629
6-15	Tim	Ramaekers	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
6-16	Erialdo	Ramírez-Alfaro	St. Norbert Church	300 E Taft Ave, Orange, CA 92865
6-17	Sergio	Ramos	St. Justin Martyr	2050 West Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92804
6-18	Daniel	Reader	St. Angela Merici Church	585 S. Walnut Ave., Brea, CA 92821
6-19	Marito	Rebamontan	c/o St. Catherine of Siena	1042 Temple Terrace, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
6-20	Jim	Ries	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
6-21	Mike	Rizzo	St. Edward the Confessor	33926 Calle La Primavera, Dana Point, CA 92629
6-22	Joe	Robillard	Christ our Savior Church	2000 W Alton Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92704
6-23	Domingo	Romero	Our Lady of Guadalupe Delhi	541 E Central Ave Santa Ana, CA 92707
6-24	Donald	Romito	c/o St. Joseph, Placentia	717 N Bradford Ave, Placentia, CA 92870
6-25	Patrick	Rudolph	St. Catherine of Siena Church	1042 Temple Terrace, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
6-26	Ruben	Ruiz	St. Joseph, SA	727 N Minter St, Santa Ana, CA 92701
6-27	Steve	Sallot	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
6-28	Randy	Sampinto, AM	St. Irenaeus	5201 Evergreen Ave, Cypress, CA 90630
6-29	Francisco	Sandoval, O.A.R.	Our Lady of the Pillar Church	1622 W 6th St, Santa Ana, CA 92703
6-30	Kenneth	Schmit	c/o Ministry to Priests Office	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840



Please join the National Council of Catholic Women in praying the rosary together by phone. The Rosary Call will take place on the 13th of each month at 4:30 PM (PT). All are welcome. Please join in. Free Conference Call Number: (202) 926-1107 – Access Code: 703993