



THE “LINK”

March 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a difference a month makes! There’s news to share since the last issue of LINK. If you saw Carol-Ann Parker’s email to you last week, you know the happy reason why she has stepped down as our President after three years of stellar service in that office. If not, see page 2 for details!

My name is Cheryl Holley. I have been serving CCW-ADW as Secretary, then Vice President, until I was privileged to begin my service as President yesterday. On behalf of the Board and members, I want to extend to Carol-Ann my deepest respect and thanks for leading us to fulfill in a greater way than ever before our mission to Connect Catholic Women. That has been the “North Star” for Carol-Ann’s leadership from the beginning. We are a better CCW and better women for it. Thank you and Godspeed, Carol-Ann!

Some things have *not* changed! As always, this issue of LINK keeps you up-to-date on happenings for Catholic women in the Archdiocese. Be sure to email your event info to us at the address on the blue sidebar. We’ll let everyone know about it!

Our March 20 tea features Lynda Rozell, the “Tin Can Pilgrim,” who will share with us ways to Live Lent Well. Details and registration for this free event are on page 3.

In-person events are starting to bloom across the Archdiocese. Look inside for fun and informative events for women to grow in our faith and connect with each other! We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming in-person events—stay tuned!

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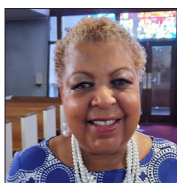
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FAREWELL AND HAPPY TRAILS TO CAROL-ANN PARKER

In case you missed the farewell letter that Carol-Ann Parker, outgoing President of CCW-ADW, emailed last week, we include it below.



Greetings Ladies,

It is time for me to fill you in on some imminent changes happening in CCW-ADW. Due to unplanned changes in my life I will be stepping down from the presidency of CCW-ADW. Stepping into that role as of February 28th will be our amazing VP, Cheryl Holley. I know CCW-ADW will grow and expand under her very capable leadership.

The unplanned change in my life is my husband's early retirement. Because of that change in our lives, my husband and I have decided to become full time RV'ers and explore this great nation of ours.

I have had a wonderful time getting to know new ladies and being part of the rebirth of the Council of Catholic Women in the Archdiocese of Washington.

Thank you all for your support!

Keep connecting Catholic Women!

Carol-Ann Parker

PS: This is Ruby and Silver, our Home for the foreseeable future. The 9th home so far in 36 years of marriage. I learned a long time ago that I can make any house a home! Here is the Blog we have put together: <https://nomadicparkers.blog/> Mostly my husband so far but I will work to add posts from "the wife". Feel free to follow us as we travel. This will be an amazing adventure! Thanks for your prayers!!

"Always remember this: life is a journey. It is a path, a journey to meet Jesus."

Pope Francis



SUNDAY, MARCH 20



CCW-ADW Monthly Virtual Tea

Living Lent Well

Council of Catholic Women invites YOU
to our free Zoom event with
Lynda Rozell, the Tin Can Pilgrim

March 20, 2022
at 3:00 p.m.



Lynda Rozell, author of *Journeys with a Tin Can Pilgrim*, sold her house, quit her job as a lawyer, and embarked on a full-time pilgrimage as a Catholic lay evangelist in an Airstream travel trailer.

Join us as she shares ideas on Living Lent Well.

All are welcome: members, guests, family, and friends.
To register for this free event, email ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com
or call 301-651-8190 for more information.



MARCH EVENTS AT OUR LADY OF BETHESDA



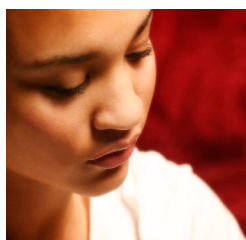
Marriage Prep Weekend

In-Person Only: Mar 10-13 / Mar 24-27 / May 12-15. **Virtual Only:** Apr 21-24

Our beloved pre-Cana program for engaged couples preparing to marry in the Catholic Church. \$315 per couple includes conference materials, FOCCUS materials, and follow-up consultation.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

More info and registration: <https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/marriage-prep-new>



Take a Personal "Retreat" Day

Mar 11 / Mar 29 / Apr 7

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates <https://ourladyofbethesda.org>. Or call 301-365-0612.



Evening Reflection for Couples

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Married and Engaged couples are invited to an Evening of Reflection especially for you! Plan to join us for a holy date night that will help you prepare your marriage for Lent and beyond. The evening will begin with mass and include a delicious dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$60 per couple. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20187. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare. Visit us at <https://.ourladyofbethesda.org> or call 301-365-0612.

**Lenten Virtues
for Women:**
*discover fresh ways
of Prayer, Fasting,
and Almsgiving*

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday evenings
March 9 & 23; April 6
St. Andrew Apostle Church
Wheaton, Maryland

Talk, with discussion
and fellowship.



Free presentations followed each evening by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church Women's Ministry

11600 Kemp Mill Road / Silver Spring MD 20902

Corner of Arcola Ave and Kemp Mill Rd: enter from Kemp Mill Rd where you see a green awning on the side of the main entrance. Park in the lot and enter under the awning.

Register at <https://standrewapostle.org/lenten-virtues-for-women-registration-2/>

Our focus in this series of talks will be the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to enter into Lent with Christ. Rose Folsom will provide education and inspiration for reflection, with plenty of small group discussion, followed by time in personal prayer during Eucharistic Adoration.

March 9: Prayer is Lent's Solid Foundation

Prayer is the foundation of our Lenten practice, and of the whole Christian life.

Rediscover what a good prayer life looks like and how you can up-level your prayer this Lent.

March 23: Fast-track to Successful Fasting

For Jesus, fasting is a crucial part of imitating Him. But fear not. Rose shares what finally made it possible for her to fast and how it can work for you, too. Really.

April 6: The Win-Win Spirituality of Almsgiving

The book of Tobit says, "Almsgiving ... purges all sin." The New Testament says it makes us a true daughter of the Most High. And even better news! There are more ways to give alms than you may have known about.

Rose will help us uncover ways that best suit our circumstances and talents.

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Rose Folsom is a convert, author, and spiritual director who has helped thousands of Catholics develop a deeper connection with God through learning how to grow in virtues like prayer, forgiveness, and patience. While studying the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas, she discovered how much of it was on the virtues. To share this goldmine of practical wisdom with others, she started VirtueConnection.com in 2014. On her website, Rose publishes a weekly article on how to grow in virtue; is a regular contributor to CatholicMom.com; and has presented at Catholic women's conferences, including diocesan conferences in Washington, DC; Harrisburg, PA; and Superior, WI. <https://virtueconnection.com/>



Catholics For
Family Peace

Education and Research on Domestic Abuse
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE FAMILY

How are Catholics responding to Domestic Violence?

¿Cómo están respondiendo los católicos
a la violencia doméstica?

Survey for anyone affected
and those who minister with them

Catholics For Family Peace: Education and Research Initiative on Domestic Abuse is conducting an online national survey on the Catholic response to dating and intimate partner violence (domestic abuse). **Please respond by April 1.**

The results of the survey will contribute to our report as a national organization to the USCCB's Synod Team in preparation for the October 2023 Synod on synodality. The Synod is explicitly seeking feedback from those on the margins of church life.

The survey is bilingual - English and Spanish.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/jlYVzoB>

You are welcome to share this link with anyone you think will benefit from participating: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/jlYVzoB>

We want to hear from as many people as possible.

Queremos comentarios de tantas personas como sea posible.

Want to go deeper into this conversation?

¿Quieres continuar esta conversación?

Listening Session, May 4 at 3:00 pm ET

Thanks to the support of Catholic Charities USA!

with Spanish Interpretation

You may share this invitation, as appropriate.

Please register / Por favor regístrese con anticipación:

<https://catholiccharitiesusa-org.zoom.us/join/register/tZErdeqpgD4uG9KK2Vtdgt6OXwl9b5W0m-vY>

*After registering, you will receive an email containing information about joining the meeting.
Después de registrarse, recibirá un correo electrónico de confirmación con información sobre cómo unirse a la reunión.*



Catholics for Family Peace wants you to know that there is hope, help, and healing if you or someone you know is experiencing abuse in the home. The confidential hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

See what official Catholic Church teaching is for those experiencing abuse in the home:

Canon Law 1153 — §1. “A spouse who occasions grave danger of soul or body to the other or to the children ... provides the other spouse with a lawful reason to leave ...”

TAKING TIME FOR PRAYER

If you would welcome a time-out from your busy schedule, come join us in prayer.



The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) hosts a nightly Rosary call for the healing of the Church. We also pray for healing from the COVID pandemic and for callers' personal intentions.

All (men, women, children, non-CCW members) are welcome to join us any night of the week or every night of the week. How often is up to you.

Please join us at 8:00 p.m. as we read meditations on the Rosary's mysteries and pray together.

**Remember, in prayer we are never alone
in our joys, our works, and especially in our sorrows.**

Call 605-468-8016, code 357090#

8:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

YOUR SUPERPOWERS ARE NEEDED!



Many thanks to the volunteers who keep the gears turning here at CCW-ADW. Not participating yet? Please pray about how you can share what only you can give!

In this “unprecedented time” CCW-ADW has been able to reach and touch the hearts of more Catholic women than ever before, bringing us closer to God and to each other as a Catholic sisterhood. To continue that growth, we need women with foresight, tenacity, and the wisdom to listen. Under the guidance of the Executive Board, many individual women took on one specific task or program to make the past year a success.

Tasks like what?

- **Join the “list keeper” team.** Helping to keep our email list up to date is a manageable job with a **big** impact!
- Know how to **set up an eventbrite invitation**? With very little time, you can have a big impact on bringing together your Catholic sisters in the Archdiocese.
- **Bake cookies** (or know where to buy good ones)? We'll need those for upcoming in-person gatherings. Email me at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com to learn more! –*Carol-Ann Parker, President*

PONDER WITH MARY



The Living Word

by Carol Monaco

<https://www.journeytoourlady.com/>

When we are open to the Word of God, our Lord takes hold within us and transforms our lives by way of the Holy Spirit. The Liturgy of the Word in the Mass celebration helps us to come together with our Lord. Do we believe?

As part of the Liturgy, we affirm our beliefs. We recite the Nicene Creed. The word “creed” is derived from the Latin credo which means “I believe.” The Creed reminds us that the readings we have heard invite a response. That response is faith.

Our faith is what we believe and share as Catholics. For this Profession of Faith, we stand together. We pledge ourselves to what we believe.

Unity with the Holy Trinity

We believe that we are God’s creation, made in God’s likeness. Our lives begin with God. Our love begins with God. As we bow our heads in humility, we acknowledge that our Lord came down from heaven. By the Holy Spirit he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. Our Lord became one with us for our salvation.

We raise our heads in hope, believing that Christ sacrificed himself and rose from the dead after his crucifixion. Blazing the way for us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, our Lord will come again in glory. He will judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end.

What’s more, we refer to the Holy Spirit as the Lord, giver of life. The Holy Spirit “proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.” Do we believe in the Holy Spirit? We say we do in the Creed.

Therefore, in our pledge, we commit ourselves to the Holy Trinity. We promise to abide by the Catholic Church. In our Profession of Faith, we accept in words what we accept into our entire beings in Holy Communion.

Our Intentions

After our Profession of Faith, we present our needs to the Lord. Our intentions include the needs of the Church, for public authorities and the salvation of the world, for those burdened by any kind of difficulty, and for the local community. We ask our Lord to hear our prayers.

Take comfort. When we pray at Mass, Christ unites his prayers with ours and offers them to God. Remember, our salvation is our Lord’s concern. Our Lord gives us his grace so that we do not lose our faith, our hope, or our love especially in times of suffering.

Therefore, let us ask ourselves how do our Profession of Faith and Prayer of the Faithful help in the healing of our body, mind, heart, and soul? In addition, our profession and our prayers serve as a bridge between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In these moments before the Liturgy of the Eucharist, our Lord strengthens us as we prepare to receive Holy Communion.

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"I am the way and the truth and the life." John 14:6

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