

THE “LINK”

A Publication of the Council of Catholic Women—Archdiocese of Washington

Our Mission:

Connecting Catholic Women: To support, empower, and educate women in spirituality, leadership, and service with programs that respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



From the President
April 2026

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you.

In the days that followed the Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord appeared to His disciples and said: “Peace be with you” [Luke 24:36]. Peace is among the fruits of charity and the Holy Spirit [CCC 1829 and 1832]. “And let the peace of Christ control your hearts” [Colossians 3:15]. How?

By giving ourselves time and space for daily prayer. To truly rest and listen to our Lord in prayer renews us in His love, giving us peace which we are meant to share. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” [Matthew 5:9].

Ponder when Jesus appeared to His disciples. Christ assured them that He would not leave them alone on their journey. He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the holy Spirit” [John 20:22]. Therefore, as we prepare for Pentecost, may we be inspired to deepen our prayer life, to serve our Lord through our words and deeds, and to lead by example with a faith-filled life.

We have persevered for nearly 70 years, connecting Catholic women within the archdiocese. May CCW-ADW continue to persevere, putting our faith into action serving God and one another, especially helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Amen!

Peace and Blessings,
Carol Monaco, CCW-ADW President
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HOW DO WE SERVE? FAITH ENRICHMENT



Thanks to the Jeanne Jugan Residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor, we have 140 **Faith Enrichment** pouches ready for distribution. For this **CCW-ADW service project**, Residents filled each pouch with a Rosary, Crucifix, prayer card, instructions on creating a home prayer space, plus a list of resources and information. The purpose of the Faith Enrichment project is to promote the Domestic Church. That is **to help individuals and families energize their faith life**. For more information, please

email Sharon O'Brien, CCW-ADW Service Commission Chairperson at archdiocesecw@gmail.com



SPIRITUALITY

NIGHTLY ROSARY: 250 Pray for Peace: Starting April 19 and every day that follows to Dec. 24, CCW-ADW's nightly Rosary call will begin our intentions with the following: "We pray for peace in ourselves, our lives, our families, our Church, our communities, our nation, and our world." April 19 to Dec. 24 is

250 days which coincides with the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. **To join our nightly Rosary at 8:00 p.m., call 605-468-8016, code 357090#.** When Mary, our Blessed Mother, appeared to the three shepherd children of Fatima, her message was to do penance and "pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world." Let us embrace Our Lady's call for penance and pray for peace for 250 days and beyond!

CCW-ADW HISTORY

The Council of Catholic Women-ADW has performed numerous service projects over the years such as putting together greeting cards and gifts for women at local DC Shelters. Coming together from different walks of life in faith and fellowship—that is to share the love of God and to serve one another. Love and service bring us together as a community, united in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

LEADERSHIP

What is leadership? Leadership rooted in faith becomes a catalyst for positive change, encouraging a legacy of service and love that extends far beyond ourselves. Positive change does not always come as quickly as we would like. However, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up." [Galatians 6:9] May the Holy Spirit guide us as we reach out to one another, work with one another, help one another, inspire one another for the sake of doing good. "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." [Romans 8:14]



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**Individual Membership is only
\$25.00 per year**

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4727 Londonberry Lane
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**Join us and respond to the needs
of our Church and society
through our three commissions--
spirituality,
leadership, and service**

Membership Has Its Privileges

- ❖ Have your voice heard by USCCB via the NCCW.
- ❖ Provide input on programs and events offered by CCW-ADW
- ❖ Participate in Service projects
- ❖ Receive discounts on CCW-ADW sponsored events
- ❖ Gain access to NCCW resources
- ❖ Vote in CCW-ADW board elections.
- ❖ Publicize your events on our website and newsletter to 400+people

For more information on the
National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW)
contact our Province Director, Bernadette Patrick

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Peace in the Storm Project

*Parish ministry for caregivers and persons living
with chronic illness and pain*

April 25, 2026; 9:30 am – 2 pm

Pope Francis Center, 7202 Buchanan Street, Landover Hills MD 20784

Learn more here about The Peace in the Storm Project:

<https://www.thepeaceinthestormproject.com>

May is Mental Health Month

All are welcome to attend the Mass for Persons Living with Mental Health Challenges.

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Confession: 10 a.m.; Mass: 11 a.m.

Cardinal Robert McElroy, Principal Celebrant

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

1725 Rhode Island Ave, NW Washington, D.C. 20036

For additional information, contact specialneedsministry@adw.org

PRAYER TO OUR LADY

Our Lady of Guadalupe

CCW-ADW Patroness

Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe,
that in your heavenly apparitions on the mount of Tepeyac,
you promised to show your compassion and pity towards all who,
loving and trusting in you, seek your help and
call upon you in their necessities and afflictions,
you promised to hear our supplications,
to dry our tears, and to give us consolation and relief.

Never has it been known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
we fly to you, O Mary, ever-Virgin Mother of the true God!

Though grieving under the weight of our sins,
we come to prostrate ourselves before you.

We fully trust that, standing beneath your shadow and protection,
nothing will trouble or afflict us, nor do we need to fear illness or misfortune,
or any other sorrow.

O Virgin of Guadalupe,
you want to remain with us through your admirable image,
you who are our Mother, our health, and our life.

Placing ourselves beneath your maternal gaze,
and having recourse to you in all our necessities,
we need do nothing more.

O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions,
but in your mercy hear and answer us. *Amen.*