

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
February 2026

Dear Sisters in Christ,

With the blustery cold of January behind us, the Season of Lent soon will be here. The coming 40 days of prayers, fasting, and almsgiving is a time for spiritual growth and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior at Easter. Let us ask ourselves, how do we renew our daily commitment to living the Gospel and following our Lord more closely?

The commitment of the Council of Catholic Women-ADW is to promote spiritual growth, leadership potential, and service opportunities for the Love of God and neighbor. To renew and reenergize our commitment, we have drafted a Strategic Plan to better serve our members and the archdiocese. We appreciate your input. Please consider the following questions:

- * What virtual or in-person programs would be beneficial to you?
- * What resources would help you live a Gospel-filled life?
- * Are you interested in participating in CCW-ADW spiritual programs, leadership roles, and service projects?
- * Please email your comments to **archdiocesecw@gmail.com**.

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
archdiocesecw@gmail.com



SPIRITUALITY

NIGHTLY ROSARY: CCW-ADW hosts a nightly Rosary call at 8:00 pm. To join, call 605-468-8016, code 357090#. We also connect on a quarterly basis via zoom to share our personal witness to God's healing graces. In the months ahead, CCW-ADW is planning mini Rosary

retreats. More information to come!

CCW-ADW HISTORY

August 28, 1963: The Council of Catholic Women-ADW served on hospitality committees



to support the 250,000 people who attended the **March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.**

At this march the Reverend Martin

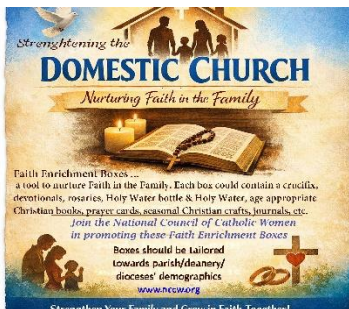
Luther King, Jr gave his historic ***I Have a Dream*** speech, calling for an end to legalized racism and racial segregation. Many hotels did not accept African-Americans. Accommodations were set up in gymnasiums at Catholic University and Georgetown University as well as at schools and parish centers. CCW-ADW has worked to raise awareness about the injustices caused by bigotry and prejudice, and about the inspirational power of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.

LEADERSHIP

Our commitment to earnest reflection and ongoing development not only benefits our personal journey but also equips us to inspire others to realize their own potential. In this way, leadership rooted in faith becomes a catalyst for positive change, encouraging a legacy of service and love that extends far beyond ourselves. On January 22nd we attended the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Standing together: Sharon O' Brien-Chairperson of NCCW's and CCW-ADW's Service Commission, Carol Monaco - CCW-ADW President, and Bernadette Patrick-NCCW Province Director for the Archdiocese of Washington.



HOW DO WE SERVE?



Stay tuned for information on our upcoming Faith Enrichment Project. The project is similar to Box of Joy in which boxes would contain religious material – books, rosary, holy water, holy cards and would be distributed to students, OCIA candidates, as well as help families energize their faith life.

If you are interested in participating in the Faith Enrichment Project, or if you have any questions, please email Sharon O'Brien, CCW-ADW Service Commission Chairperson at archdiocesecw@gmail.com.

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Individual Membership Form FY 2026-2027



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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Parish _____

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

**Make checks payable to CCW-ADW
Send to Cheryl R.B. Jackson, Treasurer
4727 Londonberry Lane
White Plains, MD 20695**

Membership Questions:

ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com



**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

ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Annual Mass Celebrating Black History Month

Saturday, February 21, 2026; Begins 4:15 pm followed by Mass at 5:00 pm.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Upper Marlboro, Md.

ADW Office of Cultural Diversity & Outreach: 301-852-5347; fowlerk@adw.org

Lenten Day of Reflection:

For those living with mental illness, their family members, friends, supporters

Pope Francis Center; Landover Hills, MD, March 14, **9:30 am – 2:30 pm**

Please RSVP by March 9 for planning refreshments.

For more information send email to specialneedsministry@adw.org

Guadalupe Radio Network

2026 Fishers of Men Dinner

Kenwood Golf & Country Club

Bethesda, Md., April. 18, **7 pm – 9 pm**

For more information: Visit GRNOnline.com/Events

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.*