

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
May 2026

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate Pentecost, imagine being with Mary, our Blessed Mother and the Apostles. “And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit” [Acts 2:2-4]. How do we respond to this great gift from God?

The Holy Spirit—our Advocate—dwells in our hearts. “The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us” [Romans 5:5]. Following the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we can become conduits for God’s love to work in our lives, our communities, our nation, and our world.

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit” [Galatians 5:25]. May CCW-ADW always follow the Holy Spirit’s promptings. With members’ prayers and support, CCW-ADW continues its efforts to help individuals and families energize their faith life, to encourage peace through prayer, and to inspire leadership potential.

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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FAITH ENRICHMENT

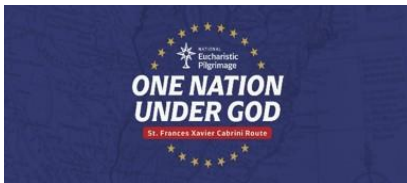


CCW-ADW is so excited to share with you our **Service Project: "Faith Enrichment."** This project supports Cardinal McElroy's goal for the Archdiocese: "To foster a Parish Culture which Piercingly invites people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ."

The purpose of the **Faith Enrichment** project is to increase each parishioner's awareness that Our Father's House extends beyond the Church doors into our homes and hearts. For this endeavor, we invite CCW-ADW members to share a sample **Faith Enrichment** pouch with their parish. Each pouch contains sacramentals and other resources, including instructions on setting up a home prayer space.

To create a home prayer space, dedicate an area that has minimal distractions in order to have prayer and holy objects. For example, use a small table, the mantle above your fireplace, or a corner with shelves. Pick a cozy area that is big enough for the whole family or just one person. Having a home space to a meaningful way to cultivate faith and find peace in daily life.

We recognize that **Faith Enrichment** may be implemented differently across parishes. Please join this worthwhile endeavor! For more information, please email Sharon O'Brien, CCW-ADW Service Commission Chairperson at archdiocesecw@gmail.com



SPIRITUALITY

Please join CCW-ADW during the **National Eucharist Pilgrimage on June 6th for an afternoon of prayer and fellowship** at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC. We will meet at the JPII Shrine by 12:15 p.m.

For information about the Pilgrimage and to register, click [here](#).

You will have the option to buy lunch (first-come, first-serve basis) with a QR code at the JPII National Shrine (3900 Harewood Road, NE). After lunch, a Perpetual Pilgrim will give a witness talk at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 2:00 p.m., and then a holy hour of Divine Mercy from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Corpus Christi Vigil Mass starts at 4:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave. NE Washington, DC 20017. Please email CCW-ADW by June 4 if you plan to attend: Archdiocesecw@gmail.com



NIGHTLY ROSARY: Please 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 in 1917, her message was to do penance and "pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world." As our Nation marks its **250th Anniversary**, let us embrace Our Lady's call for penance and pray for peace for 250 days and beyond!

CCW-ADW's nightly Rosary call begins our intentions with the following: "We pray for peace in ourselves, our lives, our families, our Church, our communities, our nation, and our world." Please join our prayer for peace. Every prayer counts!



CCW-ADW HISTORY

Maryland Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1985 by the Maryland Commission for Women. It honors Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural, and social life of the state and provides visible models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders.



Thanks to the efforts of CCW members, Elizabeth Seton was inducted in 1986 and Mary Elizabeth Lange in 1991.



LEADERSHIP

Do not hide your light under a bushel basket. "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" [Matthew 5:16]. For our light to burn bright, our Lord gives us the Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit guides our way. By following the Holy Spirit, we can help lead others to our Lord through actions, service and faith. That may mean stepping outside of our comfort zone. Be not afraid, the Spirit of our Lord is with us always.

Amen!

SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,

the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,

the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,

the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,

the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit.

Amen.

<https://adw.org/catholic-prayer/prayer-for-the-seven-gifts-of-the-holy-spirit/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

What is happening in your parish?

We post flyers on our website and share the information in our newsletter. Let's make the connection! Send your information to Archdioceseccw@gmail.com

**Rosary & Mass for those living with mental illness,
their family members, friends, supporters**

Pope Francis Center

Landover Hills, MD, Second Saturdays, **11 a.m.**

To attend virtually, email: specialneedsministry@adw.org,

Black Ministry Pastoral Plan

Listening Session—Saturday, May 30th

St. John the Evangelist Church

8908 Old Branch Avenue

Clinton, Maryland 20735

Mass 8:30 am; Listening session -- 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

For more information, contact the Parish Office (301)-868-1070

Washington Men's Camerata

St. Ann Catholic Church

4001 Yuma Street NW

Washington, DC, Sunday, May 31, 3:00 p.m.

The Camerata is DC's premier men's chorus, performing, promoting, and preserving diverse tenor and bass music and camaraderie since 1984. Free and open to the public.

Feast of Corpus Christi—Eucharistic Procession for Immigrants

Sunday, June 7; Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Mass: Noon

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

3211 Sacred Heart Way, NW Washington, DC

Procession: 1:30 From the Shrine to Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

For information, contact Antonio Cube in the Office of Justice and Peace at

(301) 853-4416 or cubea@adw.org.

BECOME A CCW-ADW MEMBER

We welcome your feedback on how we can increase participation in CCW-ADW. Current CCW-ADW projects underway for the July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027 fiscal year include:

- Faith Enrichment Service Project throughout the Archdiocese
- Relaunching The LINK, our electronic newsletter
- Upgrading our CCW-ADW Website, providing access to more resources and information
- Sharing Mini Rosary Retreats
- In-person events, strengthening faith and fellowship
- Ongoing collaboration with the National Council of Catholic Women.

Council of Catholic Women -Archdiocese of Washington

Individual Membership Form FY 2026-2027



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

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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.