



THE “LINK”

December 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

CCW-ADW’s next Virtual Tea is “Advent of Joy,” when we’ll celebrate with Mary the joy of the Eucharist. See page 4 for more info.

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!

Annual “Walk With Mary” procession is December 10. See info on page 3.

The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) Convention brought together women from around the country. I was privileged to represent CCW-ADW. Photos of this spiritually energizing event on page 5.

CCW-ADW has some exciting new initiatives to promote peace in our communities. Several ways to participate are being planned. Discover how you can be a community peacemaker with your CCW sisters on page 6.

Not a CCW-ADW member yet? We hope you’ll join us. Use the membership form on page 10!

Please share the flyers and information in LINK with your community.

On behalf of Msgr. Robert Amey and the Board of Directors of CCW-ADW, I wish you a spiritually fruitful Advent and Christmas filled with blessings, family, and friends.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,



Cheryl Holley
President

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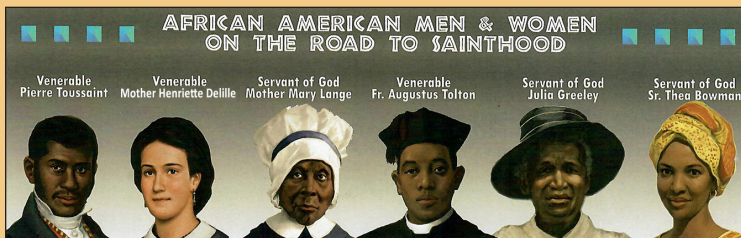
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Let’s keep our six African Americans on the road to sainthood in our daily prayers.



FRIDAY DEC 2 - SATURDAY DEC 3

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Walk with Mary

Accompanying and Praying for the Migrant Community

SATURDAY * SÁBADO
DECEMBER * DICIEMBRE 10, 2022

PROCESSION * PROCESIÓN
11:00 a.m. ET

From the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church
to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

De la Parroquia del Santuario del Sagrado Corazón a
la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción

ROSARY * ROSARIO
1:00 p.m. ET

MASS * MISA
2:00 p.m. ET



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For ASL interpretation, contact
deafcatholic@adw.org two weeks in advance.

For more information, visit adw.org/walkwithmary
or contact us at 301-863-5335 or culturaldiversity@adw.org
Sponsored by the Office for Cultural Diversity and Outreach.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18



*Advent of Joy
By Way of the Eucharist*

CCW-ADW Virtual Tea & Reflection

Sunday, December 18, 2022

3:00-4:00 p.m.

To register for this free event, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/471584651387>

We invite you to join us in prayer and reflection during this beautiful season of Advent as we await the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. We will explore the wonders of the Holy Eucharist as we ponder the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.



“It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and then to open doors of hope.” Pope Benedict XVI

“May this Advent help us transform hope into the certainty that whom we await loves us and will never abandon us.” Pope Francis



NCCW CONVENTION

Over 600 women from around the country gathered at the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) annual convention at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 2-5. I was privileged to represent CCW-ADW at this important event that brings women together to catalyze prayerful action on behalf of our communities, our country, and the world. — *Cheryl Holley*



LEFT: Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda, Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, with President Cheryl Holley.

TOP RIGHT: Cheryl Holley and Ellen-Jane Pairo with representatives of the Virgin Islands: Elizabeth John'Baptiste, Vice President, and Lita Daniel, Secretary.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Cheryl and Ellen-Jane with Julia Dezelski, Assistant Director for Marriage and Family, Laity at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Keynote speaker Liz Kelly said, "I think we all think of the Good Shepherd passage as Jesus coming to save us. Of course, he does, but I do wonder how often he asks us to go in search of the lost in his place."

BE A CCW-ADW PEACEMAKER



Peace in Our Communities

CCW-ADW thanks everyone who participated in our Rosary Prayer-a-Thon October 31 to November 2.

More than 140 people throughout the Archdiocese signed up to pray the Rosary and other prayers for healing to break the cycle of violence and bring peace to our communities. This Rosary prayer-a-thon is just the beginning. In the coming weeks and months, the CCW-ADW Peace Builders Committee is pursuing the following:

- + Establish a nationwide perpetual Rosary for healing of all people impacted by violent crime.
- + Hold a day of prayer and reflection with the Celebration of Mass to bring peace to our communities.
- + Call on every pastor to offer up the prayer intention at daily Mass to change the hearts and minds of individuals who would commit such violence.
- + Encourage communities to hold interfaith and outdoor prayer services for peace.
- + Advocate and track local, state, and federal initiatives to improve safety in our communities and prevent violence.

We hope you will join our efforts to bring peace to our communities. For more information about the Peace Builders Committee and these initiatives, please contact CCW-ADW at archdioceseCCW@gmail.com.

Thank you and God bless you!

*We must restore hope to young people, help the old,
be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among
the poor. We need to include the excluded
and preach peace.*

Pope Francis

FROM THE PROVINCE DIRECTOR

The National Council of Catholic women (NCCW) was founded in 1920 and is the parent organization of the local Council of Catholic Women ministries throughout the country. We, the Washington Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women (Council of Catholic Women–ADW) is part of the Washington Province of NCCW and Shelia Parker is our Province Director!

National Council of Catholic Women



Shelia Parker

Mission: The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Purpose: To unite the Catholic women of the United States to develop their spiritual growth and leadership potential, and to motivate and assist them to act upon current issues in the church and society through service.

Please contact me at (240) 687-6167 or Scparker61@verizon.net if you have any questions or want more information about NCCW.

May your life be filled with blessings!!

Shelia



2022 Saint Bakhita Youth Video Contest

U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

A great opportunity for high school students to learn more about trafficking and share with us their creativity in a 3-minute video.

The deadline is March 30th, 2023. Cash Prizes!

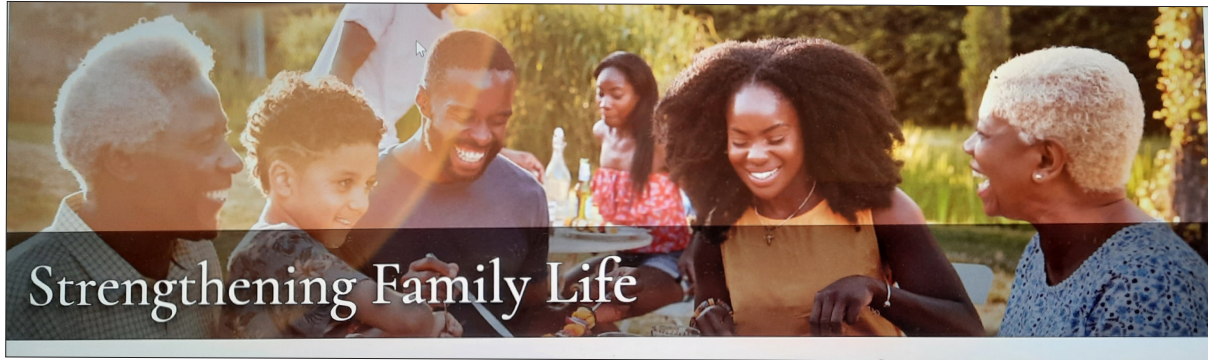
Share this with your local schools, teachers, youth groups, etc.

Video Contest Information Link:

<https://www.sistersagainsttraffickingfilmfest.com/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=754220ed-ab5b-4891-a806-d295f575384b>



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



Like Mary and Joseph, families have a mission to welcome Jesus into their homes and lives, to “listen to him, speak with him, take care of him, protect him and grow with him, and in this way improve the world” (Pope Francis, 2014). The Holy Family of Nazareth shows families how to be holy and how to help others be holy. The witness of families who answer God’s call, who open the doors of their hearts, reaches far beyond the walls of their home. This witness speaks the Gospel by their example to their extended family, to neighbors, to friends, to schoolmates, to everyone. It brings Christ to the world.

Explore resources for Family Life at <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/family/>

Resources for the family provided by the Archdiocese include:

Anti-Pornography. Here you’ll find links to resources for men and women to find healing and for families to educate themselves on the harms of pornography so that they are better able to protect their children:
<https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/family/anti-pornography/>

“At the Well” Ministry for Separated and Divorced Catholics. Advocates for and encourages the spiritual, emotional, and social recovery and development of those who are separated, divorced, or are Catholics in irregular marriages following a divorce.
<https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/ministry-separated-divorced-catholics/>

Courage is an apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church to assist those with same-sex attraction. Endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family, Courage seeks to help people develop an interior life of chastity and move beyond the confines of the homosexual identity to a more complete identity in Christ. Courage meetings provide members a place to share their concerns and struggles, to support one another and find support for themselves. Strict confidentiality is maintained.
<https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/family/courage-apostolate/>

Domestic Abuse. Catholics for Family Peace aims to inform everyone on ways the Catholic community can promote family peace and prevent and respond to domestic abuse. We provide resources and promote prayer for all families. Our initiative provides education, resources, and research that help pastoral leaders, clergy, and parishioners recognize domestic abuse and respond with compassion. <http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org/>

“The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the church.”

Pope Francis



Ponder With Mary

Thanking God Ahead of Time

by Rose Folsom
VirtueConnection.com

My pastor once said that Advent is a time of gratitude “for the gift to come.” Blessed Solanus Casey famously said, “Thank God ahead of time.” During Advent, we gratefully contemplate meeting the Lord face to face at the end of our lives and we look forward to the memorial of His birthday as true God and true man.

The Word was made flesh and pitched his tent among us (John 1:14).

Father suggested three ways to gratefully anticipate Christmas:

1

Be open to sharing what you have and who you are. Don't think it's not enough. Be like the little boy with 5 loaves and 2 fish (John 6:9), whose small offering was more than enough when combined with God's grace. Or the little drummer boy in the Christmas carol whose humble offering made the baby Jesus smile.

2

Be fishers of men. Invite someone to come back to Faith who's been away for a while. It's amazing what a friendly invitation can do.

3

Be open to an encounter with Christ in Confession. Allow God to pour His love and forgiveness into your heart. Knowing we're forgiven opens up the floodgates of forgiveness in us — just in time for the holidays!

And, Father added, “Wish to be a saint.” Imitate Bl. Solanus, whose friend described him this way: “When he was speaking with you, you felt that he was constantly God-centered, on fire with love for God. He seemed to see everything as flowing from God and leading back to God.”

Let's pray for each other that we include a good share of gratitude and joy on our to-do list as we go about preparing for Jesus' birthday party!

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Merry Christmas

Rejoice! The Savior is Born!



"The time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn." Lk 2:7