



# THE “LINK”

July 2022

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

**Were you with us at our Meet-and-Greet on June 25?** It was a wonderful day of worship, Catholic sisterhood, laughter, and great food and music. If you missed it, check out pages 2 to 4 for photos.

**NCCW Province Director Shelia Parker has a message for you.** See page 5 to learn more about our National Council of Catholic Women—and how to register for their convention in November.

**Pope Francis** has designated July 24 as a day to honor grandparents and the elderly for their unique gifts. More info on page 6.

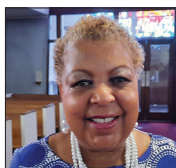
**Children of divorced parents.** A healing retreat is being held for adult children of divorced or separated parents. Details on page 6.

**Spiritual opportunities for women in the Archdiocese.** Turn to pages 7 and 8 to see what’s being offered.

**Not a CCW-ADW member yet?** Join us during our membership drive. Why become a member? Read all about it on page 9!

**See page 11** for Vice President Carol Monaco’s lovely meditation on the Blessed Mother.

In Christ,



*Cheryl Holley*  
President

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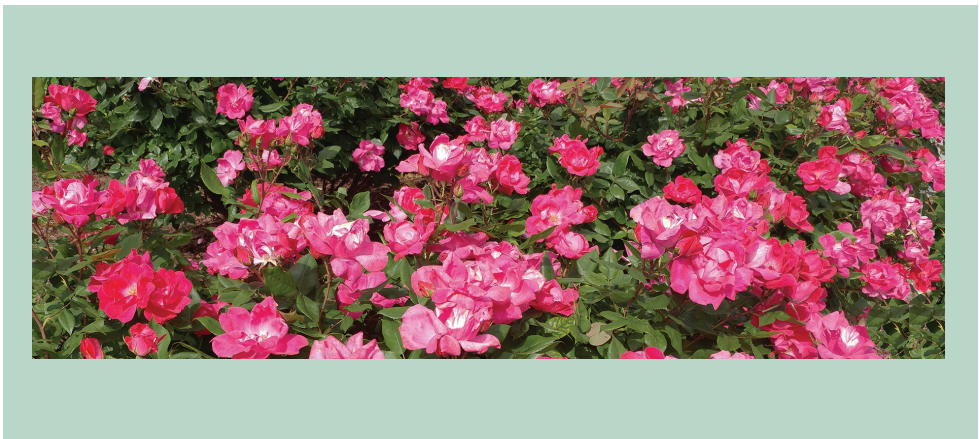
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## CCW-ADW JUNE MEET AND GREET

Our gathering at the Franciscan Monastery was a day when Catholic women connected in worship, song, dance, feasting, laughter, and catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. We celebrated our history and shared our hope for the future.

In his homily for the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Msgr. Amey said, “Do we realize what one wife and mother can do if she remains open and trusts in God, even when she doesn’t understand God’s mysterious and, at times, ‘impossible’ will? We can be hopeful because *God is with us!*”

Three officers were installed during the Mass, the music was uplifting, and you could feel the Holy Spirit in our midst. From the Mass we proceeded to the Conference Center for Part II of the “2022 Meet & Greet.” It began with a tasty feast. Next we introduced our newly installed officers. We moved on to hear from our Province Director, then learned more about our History, and lastly, got an update on our current Commissions and events. As a result of this sharing and loving sisterhood, CCW-ADW added 14 new members. Oh, let’s not forget, we had fun and danced too.



Checking in



Enthronement of the Bible



Glorious music at Mass



Msgr. Amey celebrates Mass



Feast your eyes!



*Beautiful surroundings, table settings, and Catholic women at our “Meet and Greet”....*



*Catholic women connecting at the CCW-ADW “Meet and Greet” ...*



*President Cheryl Holley with newly installed officers (L to R) Michelle Dorsey, Treasurer; Carol Monaco, Spirituality Chair; and Anita Coleman, Membership Chair.*



*See you next year!*

## FROM THE PROVINCE DIRECTOR

*The NCCW is divided up into Provinces; we are part of the Washington Province  
and our Province Director is Shelia Parker.*

Invitation to join

# 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.

## *As a member, you:*

- Are part of a national organization that speaks for your Catholic values and supports, empowers and educates all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service;
- Join women across the country in monthly membership calls on current topics, such as new programs to serve the poor and vulnerable, leadership development, parliamentary procedures and so much more;
- Join with women across the country in leadership, spirituality and service; and
- Attend the NCCW Annual Convention (see below) and participate in events such as the March for Life
- NCCW's membership page is at <https://www.nccw.org/membership/>

May your life be filled with blessings!!

*Shelia*

**Registration for NCCW Convention NOW OPEN!**

<https://www.nccw.org/nccw-convention/>



SUNDAY, JULY 24

## World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis instituted the Church-wide celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly every year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen for this year is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities. All parishes are encouraged to celebrate the grandparents and elderly in their parish community at one of the weekend Masses on July 24, 2022. Contact the Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org, call 301-853-4546, or visit <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/grandparents-elderly>

FRI, JULY 29 - SUN, JULY 31



**LIFE-GIVING**  
*Wounds*  
**RETREAT**

A Unique Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

**DC AREA:**  
**July 29-31**

**\$150\* PER PERSON**  
\*\$75 for students / consecrated  
After July 14: \$200/\$100  
Includes meals and materials  
Lodging available on-site for \$150  
LOCATION:  
Holy Family Seminary  
401 Randolph Rd, Silver Spring MD 20904

Come for a greater understanding of the wound left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to greater self-understanding and healing.

To register or for more information, visit this link or scan this QR code:  
<https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/dcmariylandretreat>



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## 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/>



OUR LADY of BETHESDA  
RETREAT CENTER

### Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

#### Week-Long Spiritual Exercises for Women

July 11-18

With longer periods of silence and limited moments of preaching, you will be challenged to stretch your soul, and thus engage in deeper intimacy with God.

\$675 per person

Register: <https://regnumchristi.tfaforms.net/4690227?caid=7011R000001RzKQQA0>

#### Week-End Spiritual Exercises for Women

August 5-7

This format is great for first-timers or those whose busy schedules won’t allow more than a weekend. Experience the essentials of the Spiritual Exercises in this intense weekend experience.

\$250 per person

Register: <https://regnumchristi.tfaforms.net/4690227?caid=7011R000001RzNeQAK>

#### Evening of Reflection for Couples

Wednesday, August 17

Engaged & Married Couples are welcome to enjoy an evening of inspiration and fellowship.

\$60 per couple

Register:

<https://regnumchristi.tfaforms.net/4690398?caid=7011R000001SAdP&eregid=&ai=a3Y1R000002buysUAA>

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**

*"There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."*

Acts 4:12

**#ADWDivinoSalvadordelMundo**



Commemoration of the  
**DIVINE SAVIOR  
OF THE WORLD**  
Patron of El Salvador

Commemoración del  
**DIVINO SALVADOR  
DEL MUNDO**  
Patrono de El Salvador



The Roman Catholic  
Archdiocese of  
Washington

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 // SÁBADO 6 DE AGOSTO DE 2022**

Procession // Procesión: 5:30 p.m. ET

Mass // Misa: 6:00 p.m. ET

**SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART // SANTUARIO DEL SAGRADO CORAZÓN**

3211 Sacred Heart Way NW, Washington, DC 20010

Principal Celebrant

**The Most Reverend Mario E. Dorsonville**  
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

Celebrante Principal

**Reverendísimo Mario E. Dorsonville**  
Obispo Auxiliar de Washington

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## CCW-ADW IN ACTION

### Become a member today and be part of the “Won’t Miss a Thing” Club

We thank CCW-ADW Members for their contributions and dues, which support our social, spiritual, and educational gatherings and our service projects. Without our members, none of this good work would be possible! Your membership dues and the fire of the Holy Spirit in our souls make it possible to be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to address current needs in our church and community.

### 2021

Last year, **CCW-ADW supported the Tolton Ambassadors-DC** to promote the cause for Sainthood of the first acknowledged black priest in the US. <https://sites.google.com/view/toltonambassadorsdc/home>



*Venerable Augustus Tolton*

### 2022

This year’s project was the Our Lady of Perpetual Help **Global Meals for the Hungry** Service Project—without your support this would not have been a landmark success. (Thank you, Holy Spirit!)



The goal was to pack 35,000 meals with 150 volunteers. We packed 55,000 meals with 180 volunteers! These meals have been shipped to Puerto Rico with over \$15,000 raised to support the delivery.



CCW-ADW Board members who helped carry out the project were Cheryl Holley and Michelle Dorsey, Planning Team, and other CCW-ADW members who were crucial to our success.

**If you’re not a member yet, join today with the form on the next page and be a part of CCW-ADW Catholic women in action!**

Looking forward to learning, serving, and praying with you!

*Cheryl Holley*  
President

# JOIN US TODAY!



## Individual Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership is only \$25.00 per year.

Make check payable to ACCW.  
Send to Michelle Dorsey, Treasurer  
5757 Gladstone Way  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Membership Contact:

[ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com](mailto:ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com)

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**ACCW**  
WASHINGTON  
ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN

Join us to respond to the needs of the Church and society through a focus on spirituality, leadership, and service.

## Membership Benefits

Putting faith into action by:

- ❖ Learning about issues
- ❖ Visits to sacred sites
- ❖ Service projects
- ❖ Monthly e-newsletter with upcoming events
- ❖ Monthly tea
- ❖ Access to NCCW resources.

Members receive a discount on ACCW sponsored programs.

Join the **National Council of Catholic Women** directly to receive NCCW's *Catholic Woman* magazine with national and international news and inspiring stories. Dues are \$50.00 per year. Visit [www.NCCW.org](http://www.NCCW.org).

## PONDER WITH MARY



### A Devotional: The Light of Life

by Carol Monaco

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

**We all know the pleasure of being outdoors** on a beautiful day under a big blue sky with the warmth and light of the sun on our faces. A feeling of peace and serenity comes over us and we want to hold onto that feeling for as long as possible. We can hold onto that feeling when we do the work of our Lord. As His disciples, we can brighten and give warmth to our world with rays of faith, hope, and charity. Our work is not easy, especially when the news events of the day seem to be all bad. However, that is when the need is greatest.

Without the sunshine, our world would be a very cold and dark place. When a seed is buried in the ground, it requires the sun and the rain to bring it to life for everyone to see. And so it is with us—we need the Lord to shine upon us and replenish us with His living waters so we can live as God wants us to live, otherwise, we remain buried in the cold darkness of sin.

#### **Mary our Blessed Mother**

When we put our full faith and trust in God, we are given the grace—the light—to see our world as our Lord sees it—with love and mercy in our hearts. Truly, Mary our Blessed Mother is our beautiful role model. During her earthly life, Mary met everyone and every challenge with compassion, mercy, patience and most of all, with God's love in her heart. Mary's heart never hardened because of her faith in God.

*“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled,” said Elizabeth to Mary at the Visitation [Luke 1:45].*

Jesus shone through Mary during the visitation because Mary believed in the Word of God and said yes to His calling. We are called to do the same.

#### **Light of Life**

Once faith takes hold of us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Son of God can shine through us, and we can grow and blossom into being Christ-like in our daily living. Good works replace sinful acts, selflessness overcomes selfishness, and hope is given to the hopeless. Like Mary, we can bring joy into our world when we say yes to God's call and allow Jesus to live within us and through us each and every day, even in our darkest days. Yes, our faith will be tested, but our Lord will reinforce our faith with His love and mercy so that we can live life as it is meant to be lived—with the peace and serenity of knowing our lives are in good hands—in God's hands. In turn, we too can be a source of light and warmth for those of us still struggling in the dark. May the Light of Life shine upon us and through us in all the days of our lives.

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