



THE “LINK”

November 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This issue of LINK keeps you up-to-date on happenings for Catholic women in the Archdiocese, especially as we celebrate Black Catholic History month. Be sure to email your event info to us at the address on the blue sidebar. We’ll let everyone know about it!

Do you like quiz shows? You’ll love this one – find out more about the first recognized Black priest in America, Ven. Augustus Tolton, and other Black Americans on their way to sainthood on Saturday, November 13. Details on page 2.

The Sound of Music! Not the ‘60s musical, but Nativity church ringing with Gospel music before Bishop Campbell celebrates the Black Catholic History Month Mass November 20. See page 4.

But wait! That’s not all that’s happening Nov 20. Tune in via Zoom for an afternoon discovering more about Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman, including stories from people who knew her. See page 4 for registration.

Help the missions in Haiti and view beautiful art (and bring some home) in the same fun afternoon. It’s a win-win. Haitian food will be served at Br. Richard McCann’s art show and fund raiser. Details on page 3.

Virtual Tea will be held on Sunday, November 21, featuring Rawn Harbor, Director of Music at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in DC. See page 5.

Have you prayed the Rosary with us yet? See page 7 for the call-in number for our nightly Rosary. All are welcome!

As we remember All Saints in November, we remember especially the loved ones we have lost this year. May they rest in peace.

In Christ,
Carol-Ann Parker
President

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13



Join
Tolton Ambassadors-DC
Fr. Augustus Tolton's
Pathway
to
Sainthood
An Evening of Fun, Facts, and Faith

Speaker and Quiz Show
Saturday, November 13, 2021

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST
Please register for the Event Here:

<https://bit.ly/ToltonDC>



For More Information: ToltonAmbassadors.DC@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/view/toltonambassadorsdc/home>
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SAT AND SUN, NOVEMBER 13 AND 14

SUPPORT MISSION WORK IN HAITI

Art Show and Sale

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days

Missionary Servants Retirement Home

1733 Metzert Rd. Adelphi, MD 20783

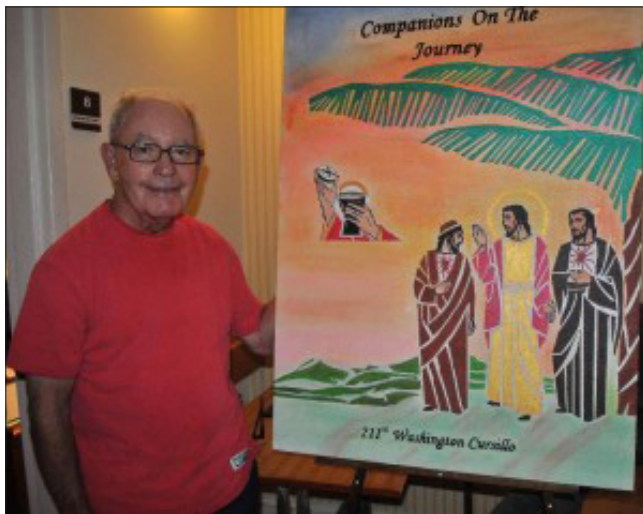
<https://trinitymissions.org> Must be fully vaccinated to attend.

Come browse colorful paintings created in oil, acrylic, pastel and charcoal.

Mounted and matted prints available.

Brother Richard McCann, S.T., has been a Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity for over 55 years. A talented photographer and painter, Brother Richard will share his works of art with friends and supporters to help raise funds for Trinity Missions' work with the poor and abandoned in Haiti.

There will be Haitian food and a presentation by a priest from Haiti who will discuss the mission activity in Haiti.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20



*Sr. Thea Bowman,
FSPA*
**“ADVOCATE AND
VOICE FOR HER
PEOPLE”**

Join in on Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 12:00-4:00 pm

Learn more about our beloved Sr. Thea. Support her cause for sainthood through prayer, fundraising, and raising awareness.

This zoom event is FREE.

Register now at the following link – and share with others!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sr-thea-bowman-fspa-advocate-and-voice-for-her-people-tickets-194055343757>

In 2018, the Catholic Church declared Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA, a Servant of God.

This is the initial step toward sainthood. To God be the glory!

While attending The Catholic University of America, she engaged in numerous activities and events. Come share your stories, hear from those who knew Sr. Thea, and learn how you can support her cause.

“I know that God is using me in ways beyond my comprehension.”

Servant of God Thea Bowman, FSPA

Mass November 20

Nativity Catholic Church
6001 13th St NW Washington DC 20011

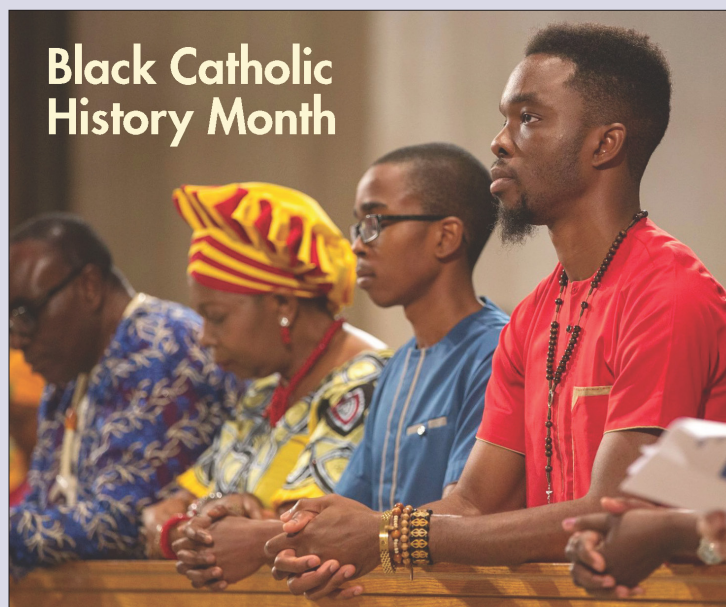
4:30

Praise and worship by the
Archdiocesan Gospel Mass Choir
Howard University Beacon
Liturgical Dance Ministry

5:00

Vigil Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington



CCW-ADW VIRTUAL TEA



Register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-tea-black-catholic-history-month-tickets-198991247177>



To celebrate Black Catholic History Month,
come join us at the CCW-ADW November Online Monthly Tea when



Rawn Harbor

composer of "Psalms of the Soul" (OCP)

"Black Catholic Liturgical Music – Early Years"



Sunday November 21st 3:30 – 4:30



a presentation on the history and development of Black Catholic Liturgical Music in the years 1964 -1980. During this presentation, Mr. Harbor, who is currently the Music Director at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, will use the piano to share story and song, and present examples of history and liturgical adaptation to emphasize the importance of each of God's children, regardless of race or ethnicity, in the Catholic Church.



On Sunday, October 24, Sharon A. O'Brien, Immediate Past President of CCW-ADW and Director of Catholics for Family Peace.org, was commissioned by Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan as a Tolton Ambassador at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church 10 a.m. Mass. Flanking the two are Tolton Ambassadors Anita Coleman (L) and Cheryl Holley (R). Their mission is to promote the canonization of Ven. Augustus Tolton.

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT HOUSE

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep



Nov 11-14 (Virtual Only)
Dec 9-12 (In-Person Only)

A Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. An intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-week-end schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$315 per couple. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/marriage/marriage-prep.

Personal "Retreat" Day



Nov 5, Dec 10, Jan 21

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed? From 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The schedule allows for 1-on-1 spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession, Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required. ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/personal-retreat-days



"Attitudes of the Heart" Women's Mini-Retreats

Evenings: Nov 17, Dec 15 / Mornings: Nov 18, Dec 16

We're going back to the basics of our faith and taking a deep dive into the theological virtues: FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE. These are the three attitudes of the heart that connect us directly to God and are the foundation of Christian life. Each Mini-Retreat (evening or morning) includes: Mass, directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection, and a meal. Plus, this year we are adding Eucharistic Adoration, that will be ongoing throughout the retreat! Cost is \$20 per person. Advance Registration is required. Babysitting will be available for the Morning Mini-Retreat. Visit our website to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817

TAKING TIME FOR PRAYER

As our world opens up from COVID, our time fills up quickly.

Do we still have time to pray?

If you would welcome a time-out from your busy schedule, come join us in prayer.



Since September 2018, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) has been hosting a nightly Rosary call for the healing of the Church. We also pray for healing from the COVID pandemic and for callers' personal intentions.

All (men, women, children, non-CCW members) are welcome to join us any night of the week or every night of the week. How often is up to you.

How about once a month on your birthdate?

Please join us at 8:00 p.m. as we read meditations on the Rosary's mysteries and pray together.

**Remember, in prayer we are never alone
in our joys, our works, and especially in our sorrows.**

Call 605-468-8016, code 357090#

8:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

Carol Monaco, Spirituality Commission Chair
ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com

*Mary joins us, she fights at our side. She supports Christians in the fight against the forces of evil.
Especially through prayer, through the Rosary. Hear me out, the Rosary...*

Do you pray the Rosary each day?

Pope Francis



Have you experienced dread, confusion, deep hurt, betrayal or anger when you think of the abuse you have suffered?

Alternatively, maybe you are feeling nothing at all.

You have every right to these feelings. They are natural reactions to the trauma you have survived.

You may be asking yourself:

What do I do with all of this?

How will confronting my abuse experience affect my life?

How will I ever recover my trust in people, God, my Church again?

Does it really matter?

Do I matter?

The Way Women's Retreat

February 18–20, 2022

Please register by contacting Deborah McDonald at mcdonald@adw.org or 301-853-4466.

https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/?fbclid=IwAR2siwSgIxGoOr7bbycNGa_b2AVI9UIIjaLdaA8vxJqFXsX741ScEc_smBw

FAQ

Will I have to talk about the details of my abuse in a group setting?

Answer: No. There will be times during the retreat when you have the opportunity to talk to others, but you are not required to share about your abuse. The retreat focuses on opportunities for prayer through scripture and the Passion of Christ, God's original plan for you, Reconciliation, and Mass.

I am not a victim of clergy sexual abuse—can I still come?

Answer: Yes! This retreat is for anyone who has been abused in any way by anyone. You are not taking a spot from someone else who needs it ... YOU need it ... we are here for you.

Is there a fee for the retreat?

Answer: No. There is no fee or cost associated with this opportunity.

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
5757 Gladstone Way
Capitol Heights MD 20743

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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

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- ❖ 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.