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
July 2026

Dear Sisters in Christ,

God bless America--the land of opportunity to share our faith, hope, and love. Faith, the foundation of our hope, works through our love.

To help strengthen our faith, CCW-ADW and the Franciscan Associates of the Atonement are co-hosting a Day of Reflection in October. **Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 17** at the St. John Paul II National Shrine Retreat House, 4000 Harewood Road, NE in Washington, DC**.** For more information, see pg. 2 and the enclosed flyer.

In addition, CCW-ADW wants to gather together with members in person on a monthly basis for Mass and lunch. Interested? **Please contact us at archdioceseccw@gmail.com.** Stay tuned for more information.

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
archdioceseccw@gmail.com

FAITH ENRICHMENT



CCW-ADW continues outreach for our **Service Project: "Faith Enrichment."** Our goal is to contact every parish in the Archdiocese of Washington regarding faith enrichment to strengthen our domestic church.

This **Faith Enrichment** 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." To succeed in our outreach, we need your help.

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. We recognize that **Faith Enrichment** may be implemented differently across parishes. For example, Faith Enrichment pouches can be distributed to First Communion families; Confirmation families and/or OCIA candidates. Or consider posting information on Faith Enrichment in your parish bulletin.

Please join this worthwhile endeavor! For more information, please email Sharon O'Brien, CCW-ADW Service Commission Chairperson at **archdioceseccw@gmail.com**



SPIRITUALITY

250 Pray for Peace: CCW-ADW thanks everyone who participated in praying for peace June 29-July 3 as we commemorate USA's 250th Anniversary. We successfully filled 250 slots on SIGNUP Genius to pray the Rosary for peace.

Let's keep those prayers coming! **Please join our nightly Rosary at 8:00 p.m. Call 605-468-8016, code 357090#.** 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.

Remember: 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." Let us embrace Our Lady's call for penance and pray for peace for 250 days and beyond! Every prayer counts!

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 17** for a day of reflection: ***Rebuild God's Church, Rebuild Our Faith.*** As part of St. Francis Jubilee year, CCW-ADW is joining with the Franciscan Associates of the Atonement in hosting this program from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A continental breakfast and lunch are included.

Please join us as we contemplate being a channel for God's peace in our world. Our day of reflection also will include time for Mass, Rosary, private prayer and confession. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details. If you have any questions, call Cindy at 301-821-5967 or email: archdioceseccw@gmail.com

CCW-ADW HISTORY



In 2008, CCW-ADW celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Council's 24th biennial convention. The theme: Women of Faith Impacting the World with the Love of God. Our hope then is our hope today: To bring Christ more fully into the life of each and every woman of this Archdiocese.



Our 70th anniversary is just a year and a half away. Send us your suggestions on how we can celebrate this upcoming milestone. Email us at: archdioceseccw@gmail.com

LEADERSHIP

To grow steadily in faith: "make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love." [2 Peter 1:5-7]

Then with our hearts united with Our Lord, we lead by sharing the fruits of God's love in our daily living. Whether we volunteer, mentor, check on neighbors, or offer companionship, our every act "should be done with love" [1 Corinthians 16:14].

The fruits of God's love nourish those who give and those who receive in ways the world cannot. May this nourishment quell anxious hearts and give strength to live the Gospel each day. Amen!

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,

Rosary and Brown scapular enrollment

Pray the rosary and participate in the brown scapular enrollment, hosted by the World Apostolate of Fatima (the "Blue Army"), Washington, DC, division at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. On the 13th of every month at 1 p.m., the WAF hosts this prayer and reflection time.

The Shrine is located at 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast Washington, D.C. 20017.

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The Franciscan Associates of the Atonement and the Council of Catholic Women- Archdiocese of Washington Present

Rebuild God's Church, Rebuild Your Faith

with

Sr. Sara Dwyer, ASC

A Day of Reflection

Saturday, October 17, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
$60.00 / person
(2 meals included)

John Paul II National Shrine Retreat House
4000 Harewood Road, NE
Washington, DC 20017

9:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:30 am	Welcome and Introductions
10:00 am	Session 1: Make me a channel of your peace
10:50 am	Comfort break
11:00 am	Rosary for Peace, Private Prayer Time, and Confession
12:00 pm	Mass
1:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm	Session 2: What is necessary, possible, and impossible?
2:50 pm	Comfort break
3:00 pm	Discussion: What is Ours To Do?
3:45 pm	Closing Prayer/Blessing

RSVP by September 26, 2026
Make check payable to CCW-ADW

Mail payment to:
Cheryl R.B. Jackson, Treasurer
4727 Londonberry Lane
White Plains, MD 20695

Payment due with RSVP

Questions: Call Cindy at (301) 821-5967 or email: archdioceseccw@gmail.com

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Name: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Amount Due: $60.00 Amount Enclosed: $_____

Special Needs (dietary, handicap, other): _____

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
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Membership Questions:
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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

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.