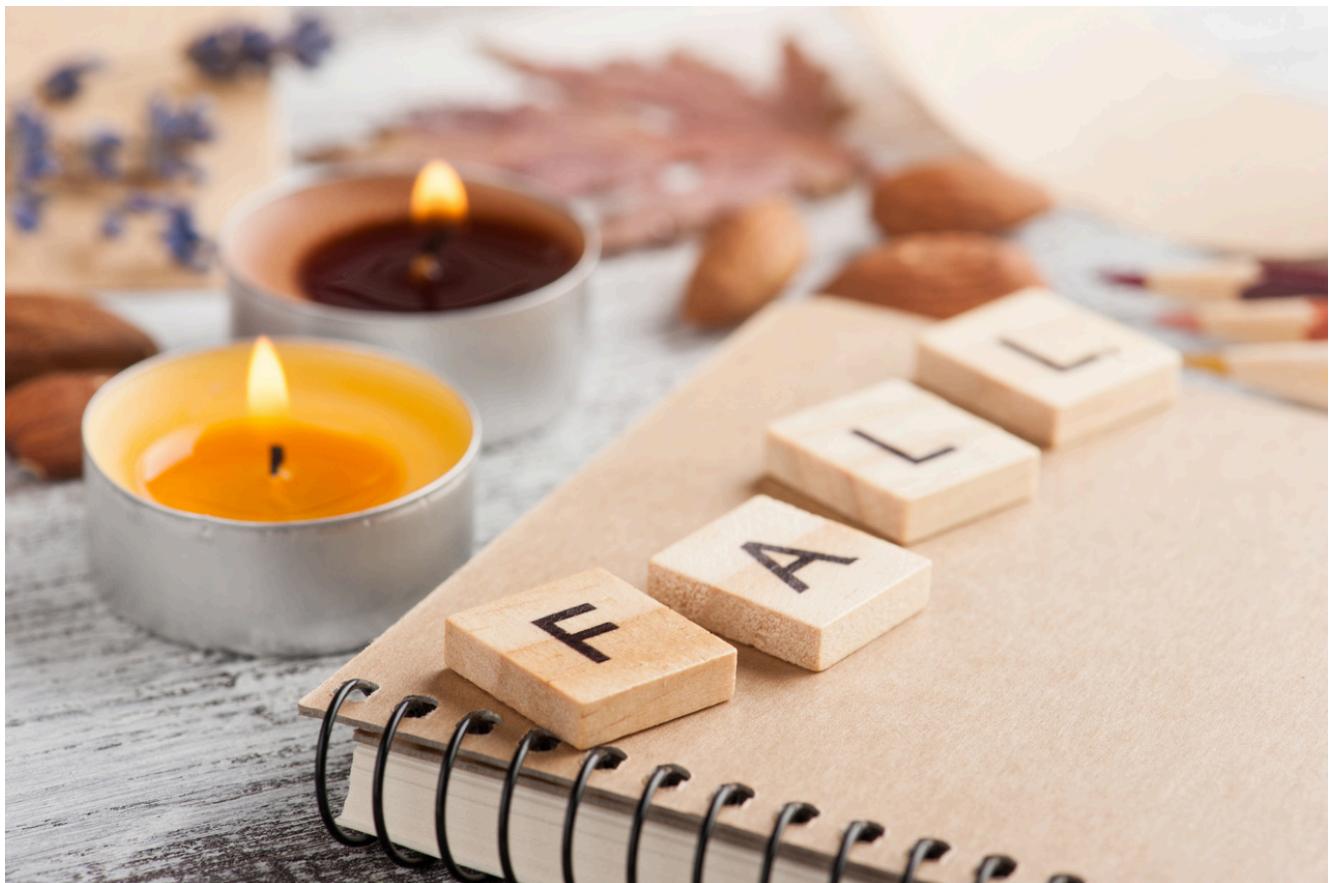

ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

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OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

ODCCW Mission Statement

*To promote among our Catholic women a greater devotion to Christ and the Church,
as we share the Blessed Mother's role of bringing others to Christ
through spirituality, leadership, and service.*



*Let us not grow tired of doing good,
for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up.
Galations 6:9*

President's Message & September General Gathering Recap

Inez Moss
ODCCW President



Welcome to another year with ODCCW! We have a lot of new faces on our team. Please check out our website to see who joined our team. ODCCW is so excited to show and share with you our commitment to Faith and Family this year.

The September General Gathering was held at St. Mary's by the Sea in Huntington Beach. We had a terrific turnout! So many familiar faces and a lot of new faces also. Our speaker was our very own Father Chris Heath who spoke on *Saints - Raising up Holy Women and the Eucharistic Life: American Females Servants of God*. We also had four presentations on Female Servants of God.

- Carol Palmer presented on Michelle Duppont
- Gail Lefebvre presented on Cora Evans
- Pat Martin presented on Sister Ida Peterfy
- Wendy MacNey presented on Dorothy Day

Great job Father Chris and great job ladies! It was an inspirational presentation that we can all strive to be a servant of God. God Bless and let's have a great year.

President-Elect Report

Carol Palmer
President-Elect

I have been hard at work to find host parishes for the 2024-25 year and we have all months covered for the year! Please consider hosting one of our meetings for the 2025-26 year at your parish. The board is happy to assist and cover expenses. Feel free to contact me by email at odccw@gmail.com or call or text me at 714-616-4709 for more details.

November 19 Santiago de Compostela	March 18 St. Kilian
January 21 Santa Clara de Asis	April St. Columban
February 18 Heart of Jesus Ret. Center	May 20 St. John Neumann

Transitions & Prayer

Janine Meckler
Past President

Life is filled with a multitude of transitions. Each transition can come with a redefinition of a person's purpose. A lasting purpose can be prayer and praying not only for ourselves but for others. We can always be useful by dedicating ourselves to prayer. God is always there and waits for our communication with him. Prayers are needed daily and often. Included in those prayers are prayers of gratitude. I thank God for the women of ODCCW. Let us individually and collectively pray for our world and our nation. Pray, Pray, Pray.

First Vice President Report

Pat Martin
1st Vice-President, Spirituality

We had a wonderful meeting at St. Mary's by the Sea on Tuesday, September 17. Fr. Chris Heath gave a very informative talk on the Canonization process and four presentations of Servants of God were given by four members of the board.

We have a new calendar for praying for our priests (see calendar in this issue of *Fragments*). We will be saying the Rosary after Mass at the host parishes that have an 8:00 Mass.

May you all have a very blessed month!



Province Report

Carol Palmer
Province Director

I had the privilege of attending and participating in the NCCW Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, August 12-18, 2024. Of course, the convention was filled with the usual business – board meetings, committee and commission reports, as well as the adoption of four new resolutions:

1. To increase awareness surrounding mental health illness and challenges, advocating for help and effective legislation, and the call to prayer for those who suffer from mental health illnesses.
2. To support, encourage and pray for priests.
3. To work in alignment with the goals of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO).
4. To promote unity in our country during elections and beyond by praying for the safety of all our citizens and for a peaceful election process.

We were blessed to participate in engaging liturgies, adoration, group rosaries, hear amazing speakers and participate in activities that lifted us up, energized us and brought us together as we made plans for the coming year. Save the date for the National Council of Catholic Women's 105th Annual Convention August 19- 24, 2025 in Orlando, Florida.

Our province will be hosting monthly meetings at Christ Cathedral (see ad for info on our October meeting). All meetings will be held 6:30-8:30pm in the Pastoral Center. Please consider joining us and be sure to pass the information on to others that you know who might be interested in attending. The dates are:

Wednesday, October 16
Wednesday, November 2
Monday, December 16
Monday, January 27
Monday, February 17
Monday, March 17
Monday, April 21
Monday, May 19
Monday, June 16



ProLife vs. Abortion

Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD - Emeritus Advisor
Legislative Advocacy - Abortion



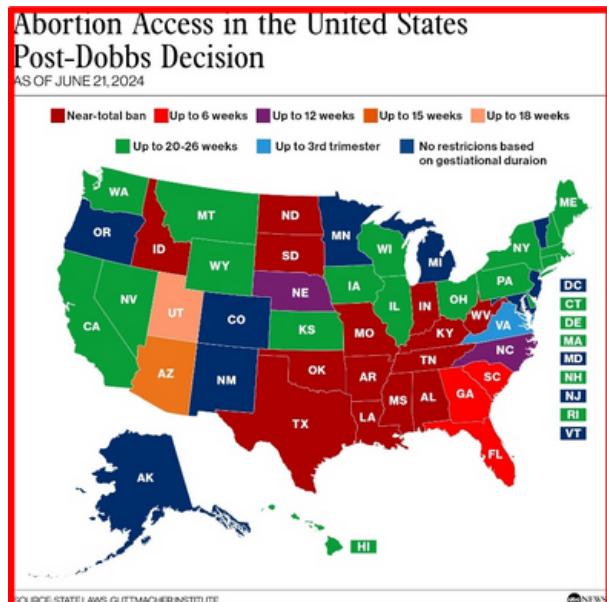
Institutions, social and political, have the fundamental duty to protect and promote the dignity of every human being, offering women, the bearers of life, the necessary conditions to be able to accept the gift of life and ensure a dignified existence for their children," Pope Francis said on March 10, 2024.

- Catholic News Agency

The NCCW Legislative Advocacy Committee stated, "The Call to Political Responsibility – Action in the Public Square with the national elections coming in November, the United States. Conference of Catholic Bishops have stated in their document: Faithful Citizenship, A Call to Political Responsibility, 2003: For Catholics, a special table – the altar of sacrifice, where we celebrate the Eucharist – is where we find the direction and strength to take what we believe into the public square, using our voices and votes to defend life, advance justice, pursue peace and find a place at the table for all God's children."

"In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (nos. 1913-1915), it is noted that it is necessary to promote the common good by participating and that every citizen should take an active part in public life." The NCCW "has long advocated for the repeal of abortion laws." - Sheila Hopkins, NCCW Legislative Advocacy Chair.

"Legalized abortion is having a destructive effect on our society; few other actions legalized by our public policy as profoundly undermine our values as a people or upset the moral compass by which we live. The Church has always condemned abortion. In the Didache (The Teaching of the Apostles), 2, 2, written toward the end of the first century and revered as an honored guide for Christian life, we read, "You shall not kill the embryo by abortion." This teaching has never changed and it will not change." You can read more from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, order your own copy, or read questions about it at the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website](#).



"The Catholic Church's official teachings on abortion are that all forms of abortion procedures that destroy a zygote, blastocyst, embryo, or fetus are wrong. The Catholic Church believes that human life must be protected and respected from the moment of conception, and that every human being has the right to life from the moment they exist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that since the 1st century the Church has affirmed that every procured abortion is a moral evil; the Catechism states that this position "has not changed and remains unchangeable", read more at <https://wikipedia.org>.



Life at Every Stage

**Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD - Emeritus Advisor
Legislative Advocacy - Human Dignity**

Elderly people fill my life. They are all around me. My card groups are elderly. My church and political clubs are filled with elderly ladies. They are the lucky ones, able to live a robust life. Really? Not so. Each one has a story to tell, an illness to share, pains that don't heal, hearing problems and the list goes on. The constant in their lives are loving families and friends who care.

My nursing home visits are usually for family or close friends while they are recovering from surgery or are facing death. While I'm there, I notice so many elderly patients alone in their room or sitting in their wheelchairs in the hallway. I remember stopping by a woman's room and asked her if she wanted to PRAY with me, and she said, "No dear, I'm to old to PLAY." It put a smile on my face.

October is Respect Life month, and the US Bishops designate October 7 as Respect Life Sunday. The focus is on proclaiming and witnessing the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. What will you do to Respect Life this month? Here are ideas from "10 Ways to Respect Life."

1. Visit your local pregnancy resource center and give a donation.
2. Visit a nursing home and say hello.
3. Find the person that sits by himself/herself at lunch and eat with him/her.
4. Offer to babysit for a struggling mom for free.
5. Write a spontaneous letter to your grandparents.
6. Take a moment to affirm, compliment, and thank the next pregnant woman you see.
7. Share some life affirming articles on your Facebook every week for this month.
8. Pray an extra rosary for a vulnerable life.
9. Do a random act of kindness for a stranger.
10. Treat yourself!! You are a valuable life, too!

Sources:

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3. <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/us-bishops-urge-catholic-participation-in-respect-life-month/>
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All women of the diocese are invited to
St. Martin de Porres in Yorba Linda
for our October Meeting

Join us as we welcome Krista Goddard from



Inspiring Hope and Empowering Change to End Domestic Violence

who will share with us

How to Support Those in a Harmful Relationship

Learn about warning signs, harmful behaviors, barriers to leaving, starting the conversation, safety planning and codependency. Learn easy-to-apply principles to aid in offering support to a loved one who is in an unhealthy relationship.

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

8:00 am Mass & Rosary (Optional)
9:00 am Meeting Check In & Continental Breakfast
12:00pm Adjourn
Address 19767 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, 92886
Donation \$35 covers breakfast and catered lunch

RSVP by 10-11 at www.odccw.org or call or text Susan Navarrete at 714-866-0633

October 2024 Pray for Priests Calendar

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1 John Shimotsu St. Anne Church-SB 340 10th Street Seal Beach, 90740	2 Ismael Silva La Purisima Church 11712 Hewes St. Orange 92869	3 Christopher Smith Ministry to Priests 13280 Chapman, Gard. Grove, 92840	4 Philip Smith Sts. Simon & Jude 20444 Magnolia St. Hunt. Beach, 92646	5 Joseph Squillaciotti Holy Spirit Church 17270 Ward St. Fount. Valley, 92708
6 Michael St. Paul Holy Trinity Church 1600 Corporate Dr. Ladera Ranch, 92694	7 Jose Suarez OLG, Delhi 541 E Central Ave. Santa Ana, 92707	8 Kevin Sweeney St. Vincent de Paul 8345 Talbert Ave. Hunt. Beach, 92646	9 Kiet Ta Our Lady of La Vang 288 S Harbor Blvd, Santa Ana, 92704	10 Nicolaus Thai St. Polycarp Church 8100 Chapman Ave, Stanton, 90680	11 Bao Thai Christ Cathedral 12141 S Lewis St, Gard. Grove, 92840	12 Arundas Thomas St. Mary Church 400 W Commonwealth Fullerton, 92832
13 Andrew Tran St. John the Baptist 1015 Baker St. Costa Mesa, 92626	14 Benjamin Tran St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 9 Hillgate Irvine, 92612	15 Charles Tran Holy Spirit Church 17270 Ward St. Fount. Valley, 92708	16 Hoa Tran St. Cecilia Church 1301 Sycamore Ave. Tustin, 92780	17 Joseph Tran Holy Spirit Church 17270 Ward St. Fount. Valley, 92708	18 Loc Tran Blessed Sacrament 14072 Olive St. Westminster, 92683	19 Martin Tran St. Pius V Church 7691 Orangethorpe Buena Park, 90621
20 Quan Tran St. Hedwig Church 11482 Los Alamitos Los Alamitos, 90720	21 Thomas Tran St. Thomas More 51 Marketplace Irvine, 92602	22 Danh Trinh St. Barbara Church 730 S. Euclid St. Santa Ana, 92704	23 Paul Thai Trinh Queen of Angels 2046 Mar Vista Dr. Newport Bch, 92660	24 Jose Troncoso Our Lady of Fatima 105 N. La Esperanza San Clemente, 92672	25 Mauro Trujillo St. Edward Church 33926 Calle la Primavera Dana Point, 92629	26 Joseph Truong St. Joachim Church 1964 Orange Ave. Costa Mesa, 92627
27 Quyen Truong St. John Neumann 5101 Alton Parkway Irvine, 92604	28 Bala Uduamala Holy Trinity Church 1964 Orange Ave. Costa Mesa, 92604	29 John Urell St. Timothy 29102 Crown Valley Laguna Niguel, 92677	30 Bishop Kevin Vann Bishop's Office 13280 Chapman Ave. GardenGrove, 92840	31 Leonel Vargas St. Irenaeus Church 52.1 Evergreen Ave. Cypress, 90630		

Please pray for the listed priest each day. Feel free to send a card if you feel called to do so.

Vocation Purse Club

The National Council of Catholic Women is dedicated to increasing the number of women entering religious communities by offering financial assistance to religious institutes, providing resources to alleviate educational debt, and seeking contributors to invest in the vital religious life of the Church. The National Council of Catholic Women is dedicated to increasing the number of women entering religious communities by offering financial assistance to religious institutes, providing resources to alleviate educational debt, and seeking contributors to invest in the vital religious life of the Church.

Monthly Rosary Conference Call

Conference Call Number

(202) 926-1107

Access Code: 703993

The Rosary Call occurs on the 13th of each month.

**4:30 PM (PT), 5:30 PM (MT), 6:30 PM (CT),
7:30 PM (ET), and 8:30 PM (USVI)**

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Join us as we welcome Fr. Greg Walgenbach, Director of Life, Justice and Peace for the Diocese of Orange. Fr. Greg will speak to us about Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship and Praying for Peaceful Elections.

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 6:30-8:30pm.

Cost:\$35. Dinner included.
Childcare available if needed.
Pre registration required.
Use QR code to register or call
Carol Palmer at 714-616-4709.

October 20, 2024 Registration Form





IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to boxofjoy.org to make your \$9 donation for each gift box **or scan the QR code to pay.**
4. If needed, secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).



GIFT IDEAS

PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love it when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

TOYS

Ball (deflated) with pump*

- Balloons
- Binoculars
- Cars or trucks
- Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)
- Doll***
- Finger puppets
- Handheld toys
- Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument
- Jump rope
- Lego building blocks
- Mini board games
- Mini puzzle
- Small balls (tennis, etc.)
- Small plush animals***
- Slinky
- Unopened fast-food toys
- Yo-yo

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Coloring book***
- Crayons***
- Erasers
- Flash cards
- Glue stick (no liquid)
- Notepads
- Pencil case
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencils, colored pencils
- Pens, markers
- Safety scissors
- Small board books
- Solar calculator
- Stickers

CANDY & GUM

Unexpired candy that will not melt, sealed in a zip closure style bag

APPAREL

- Bandanas
- Dresses***
- Flip-flops
- Hats
- Plastic poncho
- Socks
- Shorts
- T-shirts***
- Underwear

ACCESSORIES

- Barrettes
- Bracelets
- Earrings
- Hair bands or headbands***
- Hair ribbons***
- Necklace***
- Purse or wallet***
- Scarf
- Sunglasses***
- Watch

NECESSITIES/HOME

- Bandages
- Comb or brush
- Cup or bottle with lid***
- Hand wipes
- Lip balm
- Manicure kit
- Nail clippers or emery board
- Toothbrush***

USEFUL ITEMS

- Cross or rosary
- Compass
- Drawstring bag***
- Sewing kit
- Utensils

*Highly desired items.

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, etc.)

Food or beverages • Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER® • Medicine or vitamins • Anything with a battery
Knives, tools or toy weapons • Glass or breakable objects • Cash, checks or gift cards

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