

ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF

**CATHOLIC WOMEN**

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## 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.*



*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.*

*They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:5*

Orange Diocese Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW)

Christ Cathedral - Pastoral Center

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## President's Message

**Inez Moss**  
**ODCCW President**



On behalf of ODCCW, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year! Thank you for all your support throughout the years. It has been wonderful seeing familiar faces as well as new ones at our gatherings.

This past year we focused on Faith and Family. We brought attention to topics such as domestic violence, Box of Joy along with support to new mothers. The incoming new year of 2025, ODCCW will continue to focus on Faith and Family.

Let's be kind to one another. For those who are going to be traveling, please be aware and travel safe. God Bless.

Inez Moss





## November General Gathering Recap

**Gail Lefebvre**  
**ODCCW Recording Secretary**



On November 19, 2024, we held our November 2024 ODCCW General Meeting at Santiago de Compostela (SDC) parish in Lake Forest.

Mass was conducted outdoors at 8 am as the church was being renovated. Following registration (with 3 new attendees), a beautifully presented continental breakfast was provided by the SDC ladies.

The meeting began with President Inez Moss leading us with opening prayers and a salute to the flag. She then welcomed the members to the meeting.

Past President Janine Meckler was then introduced and provided us with an informative presentation about Carlo Acutis who is going to be canonized as a saint in 2025. He died at the age of 15 years old in 2006. He is referred to as the "first millennial saint".

Lunch was served by the SDC ladies consisting of two kinds of pasta, salad, and garlic bread. Opportunity drawing was held with several winners. Closing prayer was read by Pat Martin.

The meeting concluded after 12:30 pm.



## Advent: A Time of Preparation

Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD

ODCCW Emeritus Advisor, Legislative Advocacy



This year Advent begins on Sunday, December 1 and ends on Tuesday, December 24

### Advent Preparation Ideas

- Plan some simple pilgrimages to sites of spiritual significance. If you can't visit the holy places like the Holy Land, Lourdes, or Fatima, you can pray in front of the tabernacle, visit a church other than your parish and place flowers on a gravesite.
- Consider visiting the sick, a Corporal Work of Mercy, found in the Gospel. Matthew 25:36 states, "I was sick, and you visited Me." You can visit someone in their home, hospital, or nursing home. Pray the Holy Rosary with them. Bring them a "Get Well" card.
- Donate food or clothing to a charitable organization like St. Vincent de Paul who donates these items to the less fortunate.
- Donate a gift to the "Christmas Tree Project" at your local parish.
- Help serve "Christmas Dinner" at a charitable organization like the Knights of Columbus.
- Send a Christmas card to Operation Gratitude. They forward the cards to all areas of the military. Mail them to 9409 Owensmouth Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311.
- Wear a Christmas hat and have fun! And let's make a conscious effort to wish everyone a **MERRY CHRISTMAS**. Let people know that we are celebrating the birth Of Jesus Christ. So I am asking you, if you agree with me, please do the same. We can prevent one more American tradition from being lost in the sea of "Political Correctness". Let's put an end to this "Happy Holidays" business – it's "**MERRY CHRISTMAS**"!

## ODCCW

# January General Gathering

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us for our January General Gathering on January 21 at Santa Clara de Asis. Our speaker will be Deacon Eric Summerfield.

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

8:30 am - Mass (Optional)

9am - 12pm - Meeting Check-in, Continental Breakfast, General Gathering and Lunch

**Santa Clara de Asis Catholic Church**

22005 Ave de la Paz

Yorba Linda, CA 92887

Donation - \$35 covers breakfast and catered lunch

RSVP by Jan. 17 at [www.ocdccw.org](http://www.ocdccw.org) or call or text Susan Navarrete at 949-345-9130.

