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OCTOBER 2025 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.*

***“Love one another
as I have loved you.”***

John 13:34



SEPTEMBER GENERAL GATHERING RECAP

Gail Lefebvre
ODCCW Recording Secretary



The September ODCCW General Meeting took place on September 16, 2025 at St. Anthony Claret Parish in Anaheim at 10 am. Carol Palmer, ODCCW President-Elect opened with introductions and prayers. She also spoke of Water for Life and that ODCCW will be sponsoring a seminarian: Francis Ang, who will be ordained as a priest in 2026. She briefly spoke of NCCW and the work they do and, for those interested in joining, they could take a pamphlet with further details. Ida Pennella, Emeritus Advisor, then made a legislature announcement. Kay Ehret, Corresponding Secretary, conducted an ice breaker activity that the attendees enjoyed. In attendance were 78 women who joyfully gathered to hear our guest speaker, Fr. Sy Nguyen, speak about angels. Following Fr. Sy's talk, we all attended Mass in the church at noon. Lunch was served afterward, and the 50/50 raffle drawings had 4 delighted winners. Closing prayer was conducted at 1:45 pm. A number of attendees commented how much they had enjoyed attending this general meeting.

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OCTOBER GENERAL GATHERING



ALL WOMEN IN THE DIOCESE ARE INVITED

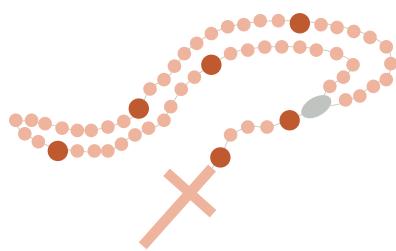
Join us as Dr. Ida Pennella shares the history of the Holy Rosary.



St. Thomas More Church in Irvine
Tuesday, October 21, 2025

10:00 am Start (check in at 9:45)
12:00 pm Lunch
\$30 includes lunch

RSVP by October 16. Mail checks payable to ODCCW
c/o Susan Navarrete, 14245 Utrillo Dr., Irvine, CA 92606
or contact Susan at 949-345-9130
or by email at snavarrete150@gmail.com



By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
Popular Interesting Fun Facts About October

OCTOBER is **Breast CANCER** AWARENESS MONTH

CELEBRATE **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

Yom Kippur
Wish you peace and goodness

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN EVERY SEASON OF Life
Celebrate RESPECT LIFE MONTH!
Visit respectlife.org.

OCTOBER is **Domestic Violence** AWARENESS MONTH

Presidents Born in October

October, The month of the **Holy Rosary**

First Model T Ford was sold on October 1, 1908

WILLKOMMEN ZUM **OKTOBERFEST**

Oct. 30, 1770, John Adams, 2nd President
Oct. 04, 1822, Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th President
Oct. 05, 1829, Chester A. Arthur, 21st President
Oct. 27, 1858, Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President
Oct. 14, 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th President
Oct. 01, 1924, Jimmy Carter, 39th President

You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore.
-Christopher Columbus

2nd Monday in October

October 31 **HALLOWEEN**

Oktoberfest is the largest beer festival that started in Germany

MEMORIES ARE FOREVER

By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
Emeritus Advisor

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die (Ecclesiastes3:1-2)

Like many of you, I was watching the TV news on September 10th, when an alert came that said Charlie Kirk was shot ... a short time later, another alert, that said, he died. The horror of that moment will live forever in the minds of those people that were actually there and witnessed that terrible day.

As I prayed for Charlie's soul, his wife and two children, my meditation brought me back to yesteryear, a time that I can never forget.

It was a warm day in autumn of 1946; I was nearly four years old. We lived in a French-speaking community on the second story of a "cold-water" flat, in Manchester, NH.



Kids yelled, "Ida, Ida, come play". I asked Mom, "Can I go and play?" She said, "Okay. Stay in the front yard." We had a very big front yard.

As I ran outside, a big dog jumped on me and licked my face. Ugh!

Leaves were everywhere. We started yelling and whooping in the leaves. Someone yelled, "Look, leaves in the gutter." I ignored Mom's warning to stay and in the front yard and joined the kids to play in the gutter.

We took turns rolling in the gutter and covering our heads with leaves. One of the kids on the sidewalk, yelled, "Get up, get out! The car is moving."

We didn't notice the car on the curb and the driver didn't notice us. We all jumped out of the way except little Johnny who was three. The car rolled over him and killed him. I will always remember my little friend being brought to his mother, his face was blue!

A few days later, he was laid to rest in his little blue coffin.

As I grieve for the loss of Charlie Kirk and my little friend, Johnny, I'm consoled by the words in Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. for his name's sake. they comfort me. My cup overflows.

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EMBRACE AUTUMN

By Dr. Ida Pennella, PhD
Emeritus Advisor



As we enter into the autumn season, I'm reminded that each season creates different opportunities. Autumn is a time to regroup after the hot and crazy days of summer. Take time to enjoy the season.



Start your morning earlier. Light a candle while saying your morning prayers. The Bible says in Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path".

Enjoy the Autumn festivities. Walk in a pumpkin patch with your kids or grandkids. Select a nice pumpkin. Make pumpkin soup or bake a savory pumpkin pie.

Visit Irvine Park and ride the little train. Go to Riley's "Apple Farm" in Oak Glen; bob for apples or make your own apple cider. Enjoy the fragrance of cinnamon and nutmeg in your house as you bake your apple pie.



Create an atmosphere of warmth in your home with simple decorations. Plan a family game night with an autumn themed dinner.

At the end of the day, as you prepare for bedtime, create a silent time, turn off the TV and phone. Reflect on your day. Think of what you can do better tomorrow.

Read scripture or religious material. Praise and thank our Lord for keeping you safe this day for it is written in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest".



Now That Planned Parenthood Has Been Defunded, 1/3 of its Abortion Centers Could Close

By Ashlynn Lemos | Sep. 16, 2025

Washington, DC: Pro-Life advocates have cause to celebrate: Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion



This victory has been years in the making. Congress passed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act earlier this year, making history as the first federal budget to cut off funding to Planned Parenthood. Lawmakers boldly declared that taxpayer dollars should never prop up the abortion industry.

Yet, almost immediately, a federal judge in Boston, appointed by former President Barack Obama, blocked that part of the law from taking effect. That ruling gave Planned Parenthood temporary cover to continue distributing millions of taxpayer dollars while its lawsuit went through the courts.

This week, that shield crumbled. The First Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously lifted the rulings, allowing the defunding measure to take immediate effect. Remarkably, all three judges on the panel were appointed by President Joe Biden, showing that even jurists handpicked by an abortion-friendly administration could not justify Planned Parenthood's baseless claims. Read more at <https://www.lifenews.com/>



Appeals court allows Planned Parenthood defunding to proceed, for now

OSV News | Sep. 12, 2025

Section: World and Nation

(OSV News) — While lawsuits proceed, a federal appeals court has allowed implementation of a provision of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act that would eliminate Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood and its affiliates for one year.

The First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston has put on hold a preliminary injunction previously issued by U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani of Massachusetts, which would have continued Medicaid funding throughout Planned Parenthood's lawsuit against the Trump administration.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which enacted key items of President Donald J. Trump's legislative agenda on issues including taxes and immigration, includes a provision eliminating funds to health providers who also perform abortions — but just for one year.

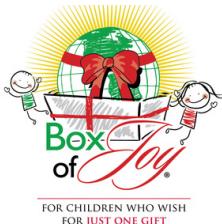
Although it was not named in the provision, Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, sued in response, arguing the parameters for ending these funds effectively singled it out.

Source: <https://catholiccourier.com/>

NOTE: The NCCW Legislative Advocacy Committee is under the Spirituality Commission and is guided by Catholic Social Teaching for legislation on: 1) **Abortion:** opposes abortion and infanticide, includes ProLife issues, 2) **Human rights:** Includes human dignity, domestic violence, human trafficking and opposition to genocide, 3) **Women's health:** screening for osteoporosis and routine health care, and 4) **Equal opportunities:** minimum wage, social security, and health insurance.

BOX OF JOY

It's "Box of Joy" time - a time to send gifts to children in developing countries so they might feel loved, cared for and supported! Just pack a shoebox with toys, clothing, school supplies, hygiene and practical items as a demonstration of Christ's love. Every child deserves to receive gifts and feel loved all year, yet especially during the holidays! Let's all participate as it may be the only Christmas gift they receive and it could be the one memory that will last a lifetime! Let's send a message of hope and encouragement to as many children as we can! For more information, call Nancy, 714-475-8192



FRIENDLY 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 any 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 process your donation.
4. 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 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

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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

HARD CANDY & GUM

Please do not include any candies that will melt (Jolly Ranchers, chocolate, etc.). Please place candy in a sealed bag.

APPAREL

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

NECESSITIES/HOME

- Comb or brush
- Cup or bottle with lid***
- Bar soap***
- Toothpaste (still in the box)***
- Toothbrush and floss***
- Bandages
- Hand wipes
- Lip balm
- Manicure kit
- Nail clippers or emery board

ACCESSORIES

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

USEFUL ITEMS

- Sewing kit
- Utensils
- Compass
- LED flashlight keychain
- Drawstring bag***

*Highly desired items.

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

The items listed below are not acceptable for packing in a Box of Joy. Please do not include:

- Toy Weapons • Knives or Tools • Combative or Military-Style Toys • Bottled Liquids (Shampoo, Body Wash, Nail Polish, Etc.)
- Glass or Breakable Objects • Food or Beverages • Cash, Checks or Gift Cards • Chocolate or Jolly Ranchers
- Medicine or Vitamins • Bubbles • Gels (Hand Sanitizer, Etc.) • Vaseline • Lotions • Battery Flashlights • Liquid Paints or Glues

Box of Joy is a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach.





PRAY FOR PRIESTS CALENDAR

10-1	Patrick	Moses	Our Lady Queen of Angels	Our Lady Queen of Angels, 2046 Mar Vista Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660
10-2	Thomas	Naval	Santiago de Compostela	21682 Lake Forest Dr, Lake Forest, CA 92630
10-3	Juan	Navarro	Christ Cathedral Parish	13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-4	John	Neneman		c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-5	Joseph	Nettekoven	Retired	c/o San Antonio de Padua, 5800 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807
10-6	Francis	Ng	St. Timothy Church	29102 Crown Valley Pkwy, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
10-7	Ben	Nguyen	Holy Family, Orange	566 S Glassell St, Orange, CA 92866
10-8	Binh	Nguyen	St. Timothy Church	29102 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677
10-9	Bishop Thanh	Nguyen	Pastoral Center	13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-10	De Dang	Nguyen	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-11	John Duy	Nguyen	St. Columban Church	10801 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-12	Joseph C.	Nguyen	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-13	Joseph D.	Nguyen	St. Barbara Church	730 S Euclid St, Santa Ana, CA 92704
10-14	Joseph L.	Nguyen	St. Columban Church	10801 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-15	Joseph S.	Nguyen	Holy Family Church (SB)	13900 Church Pl, Seal Beach, CA, 90740
10-16	Joseph Thai	Nguyen	Vietnamese Catholic Center	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-17	Martin	Nguyen	La Purisima Church	11712 Hewes St, Orange, CA 92869
10-18	Michael	Nguyen	Santa Clara de Asis Church	22005 Ave de la Paz, Yorba Linda, CA 92887
10-19	Nicolas	Nguyen	St. Boniface Church	120 N Janss St, Anaheim, CA 92805
10-20	Phuong	Nguyen	Our Lady of La Vang Church	288 S Harbor Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92704
10-21	Sy	Nguyen	Holy Family Church (Orange)	566 S Glassell St, Orange, CA 92866
10-22	Thanh-Tai	Nguyen	Christ Our Savior Church	2000 W Alton Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92704
10-23	Timothy	Nguyen	Pastoral Center	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-24	Tuan J.	Nguyen	San Antonio Church	5800 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Anaheim, CA 92807
10-25	Tuyen	Nguyen	Blessed Sacrament Church	14072 Olive Street, Westminster, CA 92683
10-26	Pascal	Nguyen, O. Praem.	St. John the Baptist Church	1015 Baker Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
10-27	Alejandro	Nicolat	St. Justin Martyr	2050 West Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92804
10-28	Eamon	O'Gorman	Retired	c/o St. Joseph's, 717 N Bradford Ave, Placentia, CA 92870
10-29	Ted	Olson	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840
10-30	David	Otto	St. Vincent de Paul	8345 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92646
10-31	Tom	Pado	Retired	c/o Ministry to Priests Office, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92840