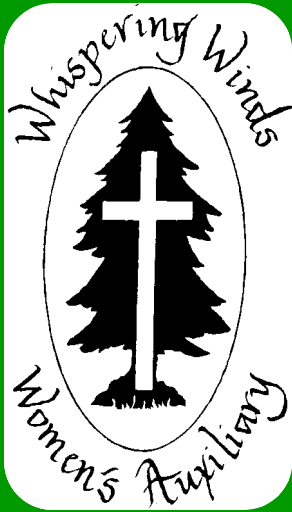


# Whispers from the Auxiliary

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## “Called to His Purpose”

Romans 8:28

Whispering Winds  
Women's Auxiliary

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## From the President.....

Greetings and Blessing to all my WWA Sisters.

I pray you have all had a time of peace and spiritual growth while in the desert of seclusion. Like all desert experiences there is light and life renewed in the end.

I am excited to share with you the light and renewal the auxiliary board has planned for you. October is usually the month we have our general meeting and major fund-raising effort. That is impossible this year due to the climate of unrest and concerns for safety. But fear not, we have something wonderful planned for you.

Our team of beautiful women under the guidance of our interim VP, Mattie Scull, have come up with a safe and fun way to continue carrying out our mission and purpose.

In keeping with the spirit of our gathering, the board has put together a virtual program that you can enjoy from the comforts of your home. Our guest speaker, Cathy Sperrazzo, will bring a message of spiritual renewal with moments of reflection. This is also the time we celebrate our 2020 Woman of the Year.

A \$50-dollar donation will grant you two chances to win 1 of 5 prizes valued at \$500 apiece. Additional raffle tickets may be

purchased. Stay tuned for details coming to you in your postal mail.

We have all been affected by the Covid pandemic. Some of us physically, some emotionally, and some financially. Our Camp is one that has been affected financially. Our general meeting will be an opportunity for those who have made it through the pandemic without financial crisis to pay your blessing forward.

I urge you to pray a mighty prayer of thanksgiving and consider how you can contribute to helping WWC come back strong in the spring of 2021

Peace of Jesus.....Nelda McComb



# SAVE THE DATE

## WWWA VIRTUAL BRUNCH



Sunday,

November 1, 2020

The event video will  
be sent via email



Guest Speaker:  
Cathy Sperrazzo

Keep your eye on  
your mailbox for  
more information.

# Surrender to Love

Dear Sisters in Christ,

I am at a loss for words. 2020 has been an overwhelming year. So, what I have to offer you are two prayers that I have found to be both comforting and challenging. I find if I read them out loud it helps me to internalize them. I also read them two or three times before I begin to make them my habit to read daily. I find by praying a prayer daily for two weeks can make a difference how I view life. The first prayer I do not know who wrote it or where I picked it up. However, the paper is brittle so I must have found it years ago. I pray it often and it has helped me get through these dark days with peace and a bit of joy.

## Prayer of Surrender

JESUS, I surrender myself to you: Please put an end to my restlessness and incessant desire to always be in control. I give you my WILL. I can no longer answer for myself, what I am doing and what is happening through me. Lead me and show me YOUR WAY!

JESUS, I surrender to you any UNFORGIVENESS & REVENGE that lurks in my heart. By your dying on the cross, you have shown me how to forgive and forget.

JESUS, I give you my THOUGHTS. I do not believe that I can comprehend and understand myself, my life, and the lives of others. Give me your thoughts and your wisdom.

JESUS, I give you my PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. I put everything of my life into your hands for you have made me know me.

JESUS I give you ALL MY FEARS of failure and incompetence and weakness. Lord, you have called me to be faithful, not successful.

JESUS, I give you ALL UNSOLUBLE PROBLEMS, all my imperfection and limitations and things that I don't like about myself. I give up pounding my head against a stone wall. You have said to ask and I will receive, to knock and you will open the door. I welcome you into my life.

JESUS, I give to you ALL MY ANXIETIES about people and all future happenings. I look to the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Why should I be anxious. I am worth more than they.

JESUS, I give you ANY ADDITIONS AND ANY EMPOWERMENT that others exercise over me to belittle me and make me feel small. You are all powerful and all knowing. You are my Lord and my God.

JESUS, I give you MY HEALTH AND MY SECURITY. My life is literally in your hands. You have sustained and protected me in the past. You will continue to be my divine healer and fortress.

JESUS, I entrust my MARRIAGE, MINISTRY, AND VOCATION to you. You will finish the work you have begun in me. Attune my heart to your word and inspirations.

JESUS, I PRAISE YOU FOR MY LIFE, I PRAISE YOU FOR MY SUFFERINGS, I PRAISE YOU FOR MY DEATH. AMEN. Glory be x 3

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The next prayer is from *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See*  
by Richard Rohr.

### The Virgin Prayer

*God regarded her in her lowliness.* –Luke 1:48

You must seek to be a blank slate.  
You must desire to remain unwritten on.  
No choosing of this or that.  
Not “I am good because.”  
Nor “I am not good because.”  
Neither excitement nor boredom.

Remaining Nothing,  
An unchosen virgin,  
And unchoosing too, just empty.  
No story line by which to start the day.  
No identity enhancers nor losses  
To make yourself valuable or not.  
Nothing interesting, nothing uninteresting,  
Neither against, nor for something.  
Nothing to recall from yesterday.  
Nothing to look forward to today.

Just me, naked, exposed,  
No self to fix, change, or find,  
Nothing to judge right or wrong,  
Important or unimportant,  
Worthy or unworthy,  
I stand and wait,  
neither powerful nor powerless.

For You to name me,  
For You to look upon my face,  
For You to write my script,  
For You to give the kiss,  
In your time and your way.

You always do.  
And it is always so much better.

“And she gave birth to her firstborn”  
(Luke 2:7), who was the Christ.

Surrender to love.



Peace to the World,  
Marty

# PRAY PRAY PRAY PRAY PRAY

## Who of us could have ever imagined that in our lifetime, our Catholic sacramental life would be placed on hold due to a worldwide pandemic?

We have been taught in our Catholic formation that God does not choose evil for us but permits it because He, in His Divine Wisdom, knows that it will bring about a greater good. We humans do not possess that foresight nor is that “good” guaranteed to be manifested during our lifetime; so, WE have to become that good because WE are the church, the Mystical Body of Christ.

Perhaps you have heard it said during these pandemic months that God got tired of all our bickering, so He sent us to our rooms (source unknown)...I would add too, “think about what we are doing to grow His kingdom.”

We are a hopeful community of women, keeping our focus on Christ. Ask for the grace to respond NOW to those in need. They could be family members, neighbors, elderly in your parish, children at home trying to learn via Zoom whose parents know very little about the internet. AND PRAY, PRAY, PRAY about and for everyone and everything.

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.” Jeremiah 29:12. On that note, did you know that our Auxiliary is praying the rosary together via Zoom every Tuesday evening at 7pm? Please join us—the link and password are below.

After all these years, I recently learned something new about the rosary from Father Don Calloway’s book, *Champions of the Rosary*. The second half of the Hail Mary prayer did not appear until the fourteenth century during the Black Death pandemic, which wiped out one third of Europe. That second part of the prayer: “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death”, was added as an outcry from the people to Mary to protect them at a time when the present moment and death were almost one. I wonder how many sick with Covid or their family members feel that same desperation?

Since the Churches are re-opening, we, gratefully, are able to receive Sacramental Eucharist instead of Spiritual Communion. Our sacramental life is restored and we continue our prayer for our members and Whispering Winds Catholic Camp at 3:00 pm every day.

Glory to God in the highest,  
Judy Lemm, Spirituality Co-chair

**You’re invited to pray the Rosary every Tuesday at 7:00pm via Zoom with your fellow Auxiliary Members.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Join from PC, Mac, Linux, Apple iOS or Android:**

**<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/99727200528>**

**Passcode: Rosary2020 (case sensitive)**

**Meeting ID: 997 2720 0528**

WWA Board Meeting

After many months of not being able to gather, the WWA Board held their August meeting at Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center in Mary's Grotto. It was an inspirational time for all.



From the Camp

WHISPERING WINDS GETAWAY WEEKENDS
SEPTEMBER 18-20 2020
SEPTEMBER 25-27 2020
(MORE WEEKENDS TO COME!)
WHISPERING WINDS
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
WHISPERINGWINDS.ORG
OFFICE: 619-464-1479

Whispering Winds successfully pulled off 2 Family Camps and a very Special Needs Family Camp. The staff and WW Board members have been working diligently to stay on top of ever changing COVID19 restrictions and guidelines to safely offer weekends of relaxation, respite and spiritual renewal on the mountain, our Holy Ground. They currently offer Getaway Weekends available to everyone. Please check out the website at WhisperingWinds.org for more details. The pandemic has affected all of us and the financial toll on our camp has been profound. Now more than ever, our WWA efforts to support the camp are essential. Stay safe, praise God!

Karen Goodman
WW Board Liaison

GETAWAY WEEKENDS
OCTOBER 9-11: WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT
OCTOBER 23-25: MEN'S GETAWAY
OCT. 30-NOV. 1: HALLOWEEN HARVEST FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 6-8: FRIENDSGIVING
NOVEMBER 13-15: FRIENDSGIVING

# Meet Your Board Member



Each newsletter we highlight a member of our WWA Board. It's a wonderful way to share with you the woman behind the job. It is my honor and privilege to introduce to you our Corresponding Secretary, Andrea "Andi" Finch. Andi's job is to send out personal notes from our WWA Board of sympathy, "get well" or "thank you" to our members and supporters. It allows her to make a connection and offer love and grace. Previously she served on the Whispering Winds camp board and was encouraged by Denise Casinelli and Chris Villalobos to join our group. Her servant heart radiates in all areas of her life. She has been married to husband Tom for 27 years. She and Tom have 4 beautiful children: daughters Avery, Lindsey, and Shelby along with son, Jacob. Avery recently gave birth to little Ruby and

Lindsey, baby Adelaide. Her family is a sense of pride, love and commitment that is evident in the way her voice picks ups at the mention of their name. Growing up in Oklahoma, her greatest role model was her grandmother Lorene, because of the way she tirelessly and compassionately took care of others, never complaining. Andi attended college at Louisiana Tech on a softball scholarship, playing 2nd base. If you follow softball, you would know that a 2nd base player has to be quick, alert, agile and flexible. They have somewhere to be on every single play, either backing up someone, or being an essential player, like turning double play. It makes perfect sense that Andi would find this spot a comfortable place to excel. While in college she got a job working with disabled children. This would set her course towards a nursing degree and draw her into serving families with special needs. Andi is a registered nurse for Friendship Development Services, serving close to 100 clients, responsible for 18 personally. A turning point for Andi was her conversion from being a good nurse, to being a Godly nurse. She attributes this change to Cursillo as it gave her a new view on life. Her father-in-law, Marvin Finch, long time Cursillista, was instrumental in showing Andi and Tom how to live a Christ filled life. They have honored him by doing the same for their children. All Finch family members are frequent volunteers at the Family Camp and especially, the Specials Needs Family Camp. They have filled many roles including CCA's, camp nurse, special buddies and staff members. Serving is never a hindrance nor a burden. "To see the joy and love in the face of these families makes it all worthwhile." Andi is also involved in prison ministry. "People who are hurt and broken, desperately need someone to show them love." She has found compassion and empathy from her own trials and challenges. Prison ministry allows her to share her own story, give hope and healing, and let them feel mercy and forgiveness, maybe for the first time. In her spare time, Andi enjoys snow skiing (always the athlete) and reading books that offer religious, spiritual insight. Her family belongs to St. Kieran Catholic Church in El Cajon.

What a pleasure it is to have Andi on our WWA board!

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**Please consider volunteering for a committee.  
We especially need help on committees marked with \*\***

## **Purpose of the Auxiliary**

As women united by faith in Jesus Christ and by a common interest in Whispering Winds Family Camp, we propose to contribute to the growth and development of the Camp through prayer and fellowship, assisting in fundraising, disseminating information, and providing support of functions held at the Camp, providing monies for scholarships and projects.