

Whispers from the Auxiliary

Selfless teamwork of our individual gifts and talents leads to God doing great things! I can truly say the “gifts” of the Spirit and the gifts of so many who served us at the retreat were very much alive and infused the weekend with many Holy moments! I told the hospitality team afterwards that it was as if a “seamless garment” had been placed over all of us because it all ran SO smoothly! I hope those of you who were able to attend felt the grace of God in the beauty of the environment, the message given to us by Paula, the prayers, fun and fellowship that was offered. I hope you found a new friend (or two) and that you are tending to your story in a new way!

We have many new members who have joined us either right before or even during the weekend! I believe that says volumes about the nature of this beautiful auxiliary that has continued to expand and grow for 35 years! Our mission is camp, but in this mission, mentors and friendships that can be found and formed are beyond compare to any group of people that I have ever worked with.

Thank you to the “yes” of the entire hospitality team led by Cathy. Thank you to the Spirit for moving Cathy to ask Paula to speak to us and Paula’s yes! Thank you to our attendees and those of you who invited a friend and those of you who came knowing no one! Thanks to our camp staff those we saw, and didn’t see, that make it special. This is the gift of Whispering Winds and the Holy Ground that it is on, it is a supernatural place filled by God’s grace where beautiful things happen.

As I said on Sunday - if, and when, you are invited to attend or to help at camp, always say YES! Your gifts matter! I can say in the many years that I have been serving, or been served, on that mountain that my life is made better EVERY time I am there. I am pretty sure every person on our auxiliary agrees with me, it’s why we do what we do and why we serve and live like we do. What the auxiliary does will matter to each person that goes to camp for the very first time and will continue into the next generation that follows us. Like Martin and the team says “get them up to camp and God will do the rest”. Thank you for seeing and believing in a mission greater than us! We will see you at our next gathering, our annual brunch! (see page #) Say “yes”; and bring a friend!

Shalom, Andi



“Called to His Purpose”

Romans 8:28

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Happy Birthday Dearest Sisters!

In case you're wondering why I'm greeting you in this fashion, it's because I'm writing this on Pentecost Sunday, a very special liturgical day because it's the official birthday of our Catholic Church. This day marks the completion of the Paschal Mystery and as the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "...when the seven weeks of Easter have come to an end and Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of His fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance." Moreover, on this day the Holy Trinity is fully revealed!

In his most recent Pentecost Sunday homily, Bishop Barron stated that the Holy Spirit is equivalent to the power as well as the love that connects God the Father to God the Son. This love of God is the very force that gave rise to creation and is also the sustaining power of the universe. Without a doubt it is the most powerful force imaginable! Furthermore, many great saints have cooperated with the promptings of the Holy Spirit and by doing so have unleashed extraordinary power. For example, Pope John Paul II's cooperation led to an unleashing of power that undid the Soviet Union and the block of nations surrounding it. Also, tiny, little, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta cooperated with the Holy Spirit and another great force was unleashed throughout the world by the wonderful works of the religious order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity. Similarly, Mother Angelica followed the promptings of the Holy Spirit and launched EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network, which broadcasts daily, evangelizing throughout the world. Now, here in our corner of the world, let's consider how Whispering Wind's founders, Don Kojis and Jerry Tisi, responded to the Holy Spirit's prompt-

ings and acting upon them. Just look at what has transpired and how the camp has evolved into the amazing facility that it's become today. Obviously, cooperation with the Holy Spirit most certainly can and does produce outstanding results!

Speaking of our beloved camp, wasn't our recent WWVA Retreat, *More to Your Story*, an inspiring one? Among many other things, our own beautiful auxiliary sister and Camp Director of Ministry Development & Programs, Paula Bott, is an awesome speaker and storyteller. During the course of the retreat, she guided retreatants through a series of wonderful reflections on faith and the development of personal stories. So graced and spirit-filled, Paula shared how many blessed, as well as challenging personal experiences, shaped her life and personal faith journey. Like the saints mentioned above, Paula has also collaborated with God during her lifetime and handed her life over to Him, come what may. Despite some trying times, with God's assistance she's weathered storms, and has also been restored and renewed thereby allowing her to give witness to God's glorious mercies.

During our retreat, Paula spoke about Holy Moments and also gifted each retreatant with the little gem of a book, "**Holy Moments**". In the book, author Matthew Kelly defines a Holy Moment as, "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to Him. You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do." Wow! Ponder that... Daily, each and every moment, wherever we turn, we are faced with unending choices. How we choose to respond and the paths that we select determine whether or not we are cooperating with our Lord in creating Holy Moments.

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Another noteworthy point about the role of the Holy Spirit was addressed by Pope Francis in the Pentecost Sunday homily he delivered today. This truly resonated with me because it conveyed how the role of the Holy Spirit is that of the Spirit of unity. From experience we know all too well that our efforts alone are not always sufficient to achieve harmony. The Holy Spirit opposes the spirit of division because He is harmony and the agent of peace. As a result, Pope Francis calls us to invoke the Holy Spirit daily upon our whole world, upon our lives and upon any kind of division. Doing so holds great importance in our world today!

The following quote from Mother Teresa expresses a great deal of wisdom and seems very likely that it may have been revealed to her by the Holy Spirit:

The fruit of the silence is prayer.
The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of the faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.
The fruit of service is peace.

Mary's Mystery



In 2003 the Cedar fires burned 273,246 acres of land in Southern California. Many of those acres were on our beloved holy ground of Whispering Winds.

Len Lube, a lover of all things holy, and a mast carver like his predecessor Joseph, salvaged manzanita from the carnage and carved 2 rosaries in honor of Mary.

The Rosaries have been on a journey. Mary blessed Marty Fowler at a brunch auction and a set went to live on her desk in Jamul, Ca. She pondered and prayed that rosary for many years. It was in prayer one day she felt the ro-

These statements seem to illuminate St. Mother Teresa's thought process and also reveal what influenced the choices that she made. She was known to say, "Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier." With such a goal in mind, one should have no problem creating unlimited Holy Moments... The remainder of our lives lie ahead, waiting for us with countless moments. Will we choose to make them Holy or unholy moments? The choice is ours to make, so we will be the ones determining the outcome of our stories.

My prayer for each of you is that the Holy Spirit continues guiding you as a disciple on a mission of collaboration with our awesome God in order to create amazing Holy Moments!

Happy Pentecost!
Linda Crabtree



sary needed to return to the Auxiliary.

One set now resides with the Auxiliary Spiritual Chairperson. She will pass them on when her term is complete. The blessing will continue into perpetuity. Mary's hand is on these beads and we are all blessed to benefit from her love.



I'm am not sure what happened to the second set but I am confident they are blessing us all.

Nelda McComb -
Board Liason

Woman of the Year Nominees Needed

Each year at WWWA Annual Fall Brunch we honor one of our outstanding auxiliary Members as Woman of the Year.

If you have a woman you think should be honored please submit her name along with why you think she should be considered for Woman of the year.

You can email your nominee to WWWA President Andi Finch at mom-finch4@gmail.com.



What is your Story?

Does it include being a member of the Whispering Winds Woman's Auxiliary?

We just experienced the recent amazing Spring retreat and the Fall brunch is on the horizon. You too can be part of this beautiful faith-filled group of women.

We are 167 strong!

\$30 for annual membership or \$200 for a Life-time membership.

Join today! (or renew)

[Join, Renew or Update Here](#)

Please welcome our newest members!

Lisa Albers
Barbara Christian
Bonnie Fountain
Robin Gailchon
Tara Gailchon
Leah Greenbergs
Yvette Helfers
Jennifer Kwiatkowski
Lori Maguire
Marianna Moran
Christina Murphy
Donna Otto
Taya Purdy
Heather Regan
Marisa Salehyan
Grace Sinclair
Samantha Scheer
Nancy Shute

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Membership Co-Chairs

Many Thanks!

What a beautiful Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary retreat our Spirituality Committee sponsored in May! We had a record number of participants. Paula Bott, our retreat speaker, shared her faith with us. Her boundless energy and love of our Lord truly inspired us to be close to Jesus.

A special thanks goes to those who contributed gifts for our raffle. Tanny Wise made another quilt for our women's retreat. We are thankful for the love she puts into her generous gift. Mattie Scull brought us plants from her beautiful yard and nursery gift cards to enhance our planting. Thanks to the many who donated gift cards for our raffle. The auxiliary also donated tickets for two to attend our October 28th brunch.

The generosity of those who bought raffle tickets brought us a total of \$2605 to donate to the camp!

God's blessings to all of you,
Patricia Viesca, Val Spooner, Mattie Scull, & Claudia Penczar
Ways and Means Committee

Library for Gloria

The Library is finally here and located just outside of the Welcome Center at the camp!

Our Governing Board (WWWA) agreed to purchase a small library recognizing one of our founding members, Gloria Walton. She was a kind-hearted soul who was an elementary school librarian for many years before she retired. She gave to the camp in so many ways - from crochet/knitting to her sharing her booming voice and laughter at member meetings. She was the editor for our newsletter and sent out prayer requests. Gloria was our 1994 Woman of the Year. This library is dedicated to her memory.

The library will house free books for teens spending time at the camp for confirmation or other activities. WWVA will continue to provide age-appropriate books for the library. If you'd like to donate books for teens, please contact me 619-504-7620 or kesa1@cox.net or the current WWVA President Andi Finch momfinch4@gmail.com.

Blessings to you and yours!
Kesa Waddell
Immediate Past President



*"In the name of the
Father and of the
Son and of the Holy
Spirit. Amen."*



Women For Women:
Retreatants Collect
Baby Items for
Birthline



In an effort to support Birthline, a San Diego pregnancy resource center, we asked our retreatants if they would like to donate an item on the Birthline Wishlist.

Many did!

The result was overwhelming. The executive director of Birthline was so appreciative of our efforts and generosity. We truly came together collectively to be Jesus' fingerprints and to be the light for this incredible organization that comes alongside women challenged by unplanned pregnancy. Thanks again!

If you would like to donate, volunteer and /or would like more information about Birthline, please click on the image below.



Birthline of San Diego County, Inc.
Everything Life Affirming

Is There “More To Your Story”?

WWWA Hosts Record-Breaking Women’s Retreat During 35th Anniversary Year! One-hundred fifty women, our largest yet, gathered at Whispering Winds on May 19-21 to ponder the theme of the weekend, “**More To Your Story**,” led by Whispering Winds Director of Ministry Development Camp Programs, Paula Mascari Bott.

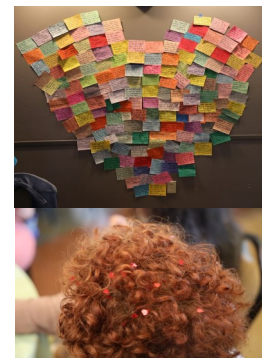


We didn’t need to read the survey results to know that this was one of the most Holy Spirit-filled weekends in the auxiliary’s history. It was also one of the most **diverse** in terms of representing women of all ages and stages of life. What a blessing!

God truly showed up in the amazing women who attended, the extremely gifted team who worked so hard on all the details, the Whispering Winds staff who accommodated and hosted

our group, and our amazing speaker who took us on an important journey to dig into our stories and share them with each other. The result was a tremendous amount of joy, healing, fellowship, reconciliation, grace, and newly formed friendships.

The weekend was broken up into three sub-themes: Experience a fresh breath, Experi-



ence unwavering love, and Experience eternal purpose. Paula shared her story of faith, her practices of remaining in God’s word and using scripture as a weapon, miracles witnessed in her family, the Miracle Hour prayer, the incredible story of her niece Natalie, and the importance of authentically living out God’s plan and purpose for our lives. The Saturday evening healing service was very powerful as retreatants visited the fire of denial and the fire of redemption, taking their stories to the cross as an offering.

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We all witnessed an incredible miracle when Karen Goodman was prompted to share the story of her 23-year-old neighbor who needed a heart transplant. We prayed for him, and he had a miraculous surgery the following morning. We also witnessed the God wink of butterflies at our place settings moments before Paula shared the story about Natalie's connection to butterflies.



And, let's not forget how the Holy Spirit worked through Monsignor Mark Campbell, who blessed us with the sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday and Mass on Sunday. During his homily, he spoke about an ancient art form in Japan that used broken porcelain to recreate a vessel using gold as the glue. He said when the light shined on the newly formed pottery it would illuminate because of the gold. He used this as a metaphor for how we showed up broken and the Holy Spirit came in and filled our cracks with gold so we could shine His light as we left camp. He then spoke of Jesus' fingerprints and how we are called to be Jesus' fingerprints in the world. Little did Monsignor realize that we had done an exercise moments before he arrived for Mass where we took broken glass, lined in gold/copper foil, and placed our finger-

prints on each individual piece to make a mosaic of the Holy Spirit. God is truly amazing!



Lastly, we were blessed to celebrate the auxiliary's 35th anniversary with a special slideshow created by WWA Historian Chris Villalobos, a cake delivered by WWA President Andi Finch, and birthday hats for auxiliary and camp founding members Bernice Mascari and Mo Kojis respectively.



And, let's not forget the incredible fun at the Friday night gathering and Saturday Karaoke social.



Thank you to everyone who participated in this anointed weekend. Thank you for sharing your stories!

Cathy Sperrazzo and Linda Aguilera



WWVA
Women's Retreat
Move to Your Story
Experience a fresh breath, unwavering love,
& eternal purpose



Meet your Board Member



Linda Aguilera
Spirituality Events Co-Chair

Sweet Linda Aguilera is one of the newest members of our auxiliary Governing Board. I've known her for a few years; primarily through Cursillo. It was a delight to get to know her better with this interview. Wow, I am more in awe of her than I was before!

She decided to join the WWA Board after Cathy Sperrazzo asked her to be the co-leader of the Spiritually Committee. To quote Linda, "anytime that I can work with Cathy, I will jump at the opportunity!" She felt it was God's way of guiding her to where she should be at this time of her spiritual journey.

Linda is a kindergarten teacher at an elementary school in Tierrasanta; I wish I had her so many years ago! She absolutely loves her job and I know how great she is with her "kiddos". My friends have had their kids/grandkids in her class and just rave about her knowledge and compassion for each and every child. However, a new journey is in the future! Linda is planning on retiring next year: 6/06/24 to be exact! She is planning a great retirement trip to Europe with some dear friends; and she can't wait!

Linda was a cradle Catholic, raised with 3 sisters, who played "mass" in their parents walk in closet. I love that vision! When her parents left the church, the children each went their own ways in faith formation.

When she married, her husband brought her back to the church and her faith; but, she says, they were "Check book Catholics" attended mass on Sundays and volunteered for some positions. After a very difficult divorce, her whole life changed as her "heart melted, and I felt such brokenness". She walked the Camino del Compostello; all 67 miles! It changed her whole spiritual life. She attended a Beginning Experience (for divorced and widowed/separated Catholics), and made a Cursillo weekend. That led to a prayer group that surrounds her with love and compassion and strength to this day.

I asked her about her prayer life. She starts her day early in her "Prayer Chair", with readings and a few special books. She ends the day there too. Linda also sets her phone alarm for every 2 hours to remind herself of her blessings throughout the day! I love that!

We discussed what she is currently working on in her life; she says she hasn't conquered her "impatience" in life, and "my words of the year...self control"...walking past food and trying to stay away from social media and Facebook. A holy work in progress, as many of us are!!

We talked about her greatest gifts in her life and she replied kids and granddaughters; and groupies too! Is it any wonder that I would encourage all of you to get to know this dynamic, Christ-centered woman? My friends, Linda is a joy to know, and she loves serving our Whispering Winds Camp through the Women's Auxiliary's Board. Thanks be to God, and blessings be to Linda!

Mattie Scull

Mass of Gratitude

Please join WWCC on Sept. 10th for a huge Mass of Gratitude at the Camp.

This Mass will celebrate:

45 years of Camp
35 years Women's Auxiliary
30 years Family Camp
20 years Cedar Fire Recovery
75 years International Cursillo

All are welcome!

(more information to follow)

WW Camp Support

THANK YOU for your continued camp support! Can you participate too??!!

Our retreat is not meant as a fundraiser for the auxiliary that provides scholarships but we had a rally cry at the retreat to assist with the always increasing costs that were not a part of the 2023 camp budget for the year (40% increase to run right now as to what was expected). The women came through and so can you! An ongoing monthly donation IS SO VALUABLE !! It all matters, it can be as much as sacrificing, **one time a month**, your cup of coffee \$5 (like a religious sister did for years) or lunch out one day \$15 or dinner \$35!!

Prayerfully consider if you can help in this way! Please go to the camp's website www.whisperingwinds.org.

[org](http://www.whisperingwinds.org) to manage your donations and tell them the auxiliary sent you! From our rally cry there was a \$20 new monthly donor and a \$10 new monthly donor. Two people increased (doubled) their existing monthly donation support. Two brand new donors gave one-time donations totaling \$800. And two existing donors gave one-time donations totaling \$600. Thank you for your generosity! We will never be outdone in our generosity because we know God sees and blesses this camp beyond measure when we give of our time talents and treasures!



Save The Date

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Annual Brunch

SAN DIEGO MISSION DE ALCALA

Saturday, October 28, 2023
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

California Room

2023 WWA Governing Board

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WWA Mission Statement

Our Mission: As women united by faith in Jesus Christ and by a common interest in WWCC, we propose to contribute to the growth and development of the Camp through prayer and fellowship, assisting in fundraising, disseminating information, and providing support for functions held at the camp, providing monies for scholarships/camperships and projects!