

Whispers from the Auxiliary

Hello Friends and Happy New Year! I am Angela Varela and I have the honor of serving you as the 2024 president of this wonderful Auxiliary. Last year under the leadership of Andi, I served as Vice President and in the years before as the Membership Chair.

On a personal note, I am married to Larry Varela and together we have 3 adult children, 2 of which were married in 2023! Our daughter Rachel got married in June in Girdwood, Alaska and lives in Anchorage. Our youngest Thomas got married in November in Loreto, Mexico and lives in Fullerton. Our middle son Samuel is living and working in San Diego (at least one stayed close!). Our adventures at Whispering Winds camp started when the kids were little and we attended Family Camp. I can still remember the theme song, YO, HO, Cast a Net...

In April of 2015, I came to camp for Cursillo and have been super involved and in love with what our camp offers to so many campers since then. I spend many, many hours volunteering at camp on the Cursillo weekends and in the summer time helping in the kitchen. I am blessed to see the faces of so many people that encounter Jesus on the mountain every year.

As I become more involved in the leadership of this Auxiliary, I am in awe of the way that this group of amazing women work together to accomplish the mission of our organization. Our mission, as outlined by our founders Bernice Mascari and Kathy Brown, is 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”.

Notice that “prayer” is the first thing listed in the list of our contributions. Every day at 3pm, all of our nearly 200 members are encouraged to pray for the success of our camp. Have you ever wondered why we pray at 3pm? I just learned something new in a bible study on the book of Revelation that I am currently taking. In the Old Testament, our Jewish brothers offered a sacrificial lamb every day, twice a day, once at 9am and once at 3pm. In Hebrew, this “standing” offering was called the Tamid. It is a continual, perpetual, standing offering of a lamb made every single day at 3pm.

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*“Called to His
Purpose”*

Romans 8:28

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We know as Catholics that Jesus fulfills the sacrifice of the Tamid, down to the very hour itself - 3pm. Let us make it a priority this year to stop at 3pm every day, remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and pray for the success of our beloved Camp.

My theme for this year is Philippians 4:4-9
"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice... Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God..."

May the God of peace be with you,
Angela Varela



Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary
Lenten Retreat

*The Joy of Surrender:
A Lenten Preparation*

Tuesday Feb 13, 2024
6-8pm
Guest speaker Erika Toraya

St. Mary Magdalene Church
1945 Illion Street
San Diego 92110

All are welcome! Men, women, children
(no childcare)

A love offering will be accepted

Questions? Call Kesa Waddell 619-504-7620
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WELCOME TO 2024

Winter Greetings Dearest Sisters in Christ: Another bleak, stormy day has come and the rain is rapidly pouring down once again. While composing this message, I'm praying all are managing to remain safe and dry!

With the majority of the 2024 still looming ahead of us it seems very likely that it will most certainly go down in history as being very memorable. First of all, the fact that 2024 is a Leap Year makes it stand apart. On January 21st, during His Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis officially launched 2024 as a "Year of Prayer" in preparation for the upcoming 2025 Jubilee Year. According to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, this Year of Prayer "is a privileged time in which to rediscover the value of prayer, the need for daily prayer in the Christian life." "Pilgrims of Hope", which has been named the Jubilee Year theme, has a logo depicting an image of people from around the world holding onto an anchor-like Cross amid a turbulent sea.



Surely this symbolism illustrates how we most definitely need to always remain anchored by the Cross of Christ, especially when times are turbulent such as they seem to be in the world today...

During this upcoming July, from the 17th to the 21st, the 10th Annual National Eucharistic Congress will be taking place in Indianapolis, IN. This Congress will be focusing on the dire need for Eucharistic Renewal throughout our nation and the world due to the very sad fact that so many Catholics don't believe in Transubstantiation and the true presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharistic. Truly this important gathering of both our religious and lay leaders is worthy of our prayers and intentions!

Later in July from the 26th until August 11th, athletes from the world over will be assembling in Paris, France for the 2024 Summer Olympics games. This international gathering also seems to be an event worthy of our prayers and consideration, especially due to the current tensions between various nationalities at the present time.

Come November, here in America, one of the most important Presidential Elections of our time will be taking place, so that is most definitely a noteworthy focus of our prayers as well. With so much political tension and division festering, it is truly a time when we need to rally and blanket our nation in prayer.

Now more than ever, it seems the evil one is causing a great deal of strife throughout the world. It seems that as Catholic Christians we are living at a time in which we're most definitely being summoned to report for duty with our Rosary beads in hand, rallying as prayer warriors. Let us make sure that we don't allow ourselves to get too "BUSY" or fall to "Being Under Satan's Yoke."

Our prayers for the conversion of hearts and minds most definitely are needed at a time such as this! Our Blessed Mother Mary, as well as Sr. Faustina, Padre Pio and so many other beloved saints have told us we can alter the course of history through our prayers and sacrifices, so let's truly begin in earnest!

On February 14th, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent will be upon us. Having Ash Wednesday coincide with Valentine's Day is truly a beautiful thing! On a day when individuals traditionally seek to impress and please a sweetheart, or loved ones in a special way, what an awesome chance it will be to go to the

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BEST LENT EVER

EXPERIENCE THE
Spiritual Pilgrimage
OF A LIFETIME

This Lent, join Matthew Kelly for a historic journey through *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*—the first-ever guide to Eucharistic Consecration.

At critical times throughout Salvation History, God's people have been invited to consecrate themselves. We are at one of those critical times in history, and consecrating ourselves, our families, our country, and indeed, the whole world to the Eucharist may make all the difference. Join us now for BEST LENT EVER and be one of the first people in history to go on this journey!



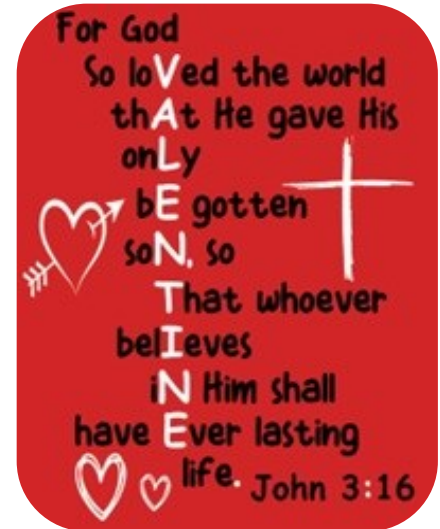
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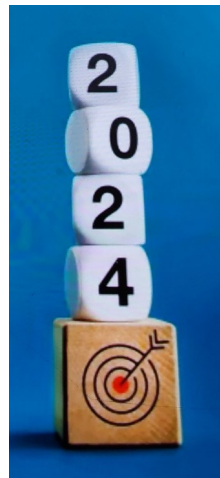
extra effort to “woo” our beloved Lord and Savior with our actions, while also kicking off our special disciplines and Lenten practices.

Happy Lenting Everyone!
Your fellow pilgrim,
Linda Crabtree
Spiritual Advisor

P.S. Fr. Donald Calloway reminds us, “A Rosary a day keeps the devil away”



MEMBERSHIP



Happy New Year WWVA Members!
2024 Has begun.

But our membership goals remain the same...BRING IN MORE MEMBERS!

We ended 2023 with 179 members, just shy of our 200 member goal, but we are not discouraged, we are on a roll.

Ask a friend, ask a neighbor, ask any faith filled woman you know to join this amazing group of women.

Let them know of all the benefits of being a member

- * Discounts on our May Retreat and Fall Brunch
- * Free Advent and Lenten evenings of reflection
- * PLUS you get to be part of a great group of faith-filled women who share a love for the Whispering Winds Camp!

Now is the perfect time to invite a new member!

Susan Galichon and Kelly Sinclair

Join, Renew or
Update Click Here

FUNDRAISING

We hope all of you are having a blessed new year. Our committee is looking forward to raising funds again this year for our beloved Whispering Winds Camp.

Through your support and our activities we are able to support the camp and enable many people to attend camp.

At the Gala on February 24th we will be able to present Whispering Winds with a check in the name of our Whispering Winds Auxiliary. We thank you for all your support that makes this possible.

God bless all of you,
Patricia Viescas, Val Spooner, Mattie Scull and Claudia Penczar

EMBRACING THE LIGHT: A REFLECTIVE RECAP OF THE ADVENT REFLECTION WITH DAWN WRIGHT



Last November 29th, the St. Therese Social Center transformed into a haven of warmth and inspiration as our community gathered to usher in the Advent Season. The event was nothing short of

extraordinary, with Dawn Almes Wright gracing us with her presence as the guest speaker for the evening, weaving a tale of hope and resilience in her talk titled:



In a place where sunshine is a constant companion, Dawn challenged our conventional expectations, drawing parallels between our spiritual journey and the unpredictable weather of Southern

California. Like unexpected storms, our lives may encounter challenges, struggles, and moments of profound searching. Dawn poignant words resonated as she asked, "Could our 'dark days' be the times we actually draw closer to Christ?"



Guiding us through the Advent season, a time of patient anticipation, Dawn reassured us that during moments of darkness, we need not fear. Her reflection centered around the

life of Our Blessed Mother, demonstrating how, like her, we can open our hearts to the grace of Christ while we wait for the light to dispel the shadows.



Dawn Wright, our guest speaker, is not just a storyteller; she is a living testament to resilience and faith. As she shared her journey, the audience was captivated by

Embracing the Light: A Reflective Recap of the Advent Reflection with Dawn Wright (cont.)



her vulnerability and strength. A single parent during her husband's combat deployment, Dawn faced unimaginable loss – her mother, 12-year-old son, and brother, all within a five-year span. Yet, in the face of grief, she opened herself to grace and, remarkably, found joy. Today, she stands as a forever mom of three and a full-time theology teacher, embodying St. Paul's wisdom that "in our weakness, He is made strong."

The success of the Advent Reflection extended beyond Dawn's inspiring words. The community came together, generously donating items for Birthline, an act that showcased the spirit of giving that defines the holiday season. The fellowship that followed, accompanied by delightful refreshments, allowed attendees to connect and share in the collective warmth generated by Dawn's talk.

As the evening concluded, the room was aglow, not just with the twinkle of festive lights but with the collective spirit of hope and unity. Dawn Wright had left an indelible mark on our hearts, encouraging us to find strength in our vulnerability and embrace the light that follows even the darkest nights. The Advent Reflection was not just an event; it was a transformative experience that set the tone for a season of anticipation, community, and, above all, the unwavering belief that light triumphs over darkness.

Submitted by Cathy Sperrazzo



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Historian/Photographer

2024 WWVA GOVERNING BOARD INSTALLATION CEREMONY

January 27, 2024



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WW ANNUAL GALA

REGISTER TODAY

Attend this event and help us
bring more kids to camp!

LIGHTS SHINE BRIGHT

Saturday, February 24, 2024

*Check-in begins at 5:30 PM
Program starts at 7:00 PM*

Hilton San Diego Bayfront

*Have you purchased
your tickets yet?*

**Register by February
12th** to join us for an
evening celebrating camp!

Click on the button below
to register, or call WW
today at (619) 464-1479!

REGISTER TODAY!



Save the Date
Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary's
**Women's
Retreat**

Liz Kelly
Your Heart, His Home
May 17-19th

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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!